

HB 2594 COFA Law Enforcement Eligibility

Chair Representative Barker, Vice-Chairs, Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Nakita Capelle. I was born in the Marshall Islands and been in Salem since 2011. I am here today to give my voice and encourage you to support House Bill 2594. Although I personally have not been in the Military many of my family and friends have served proudly for this great country. I currently work as a full time security guard for the past five years and I have a strong interest in working for the Law Enforcement. Some of my countrymen and women have received military honors and served with pride and honor in the defense for of our home Islands and this great country for whom we love. We are here now as the member of this community and seek the many opportunity it provides us. We're here to live, work freely, and to give our children the hope of a better life and future.

We don't believe that our services should end with our military terms. We strongly believe that we should be allowed to offer our service to the local law enforcement agencies and the communities where we live in the United States. I have a strong interest in this because I feel that our community is growing fast and we need representation in the Law Enforcement in order to better understand how to care for our community as a whole. I am a strong believer in safety and security, proud resident of Oregon, from the Marshall Islands, and again I urge your support on HB 2594.

Thank you so much for listening and for this great opportunity.

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