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Please find attached here testimony submitted to your Committee for Tuesday's meeting. I don't think legislation is need should you believe it is, I would suggest that it be amended to require Corporation Counsel and Prosecuting attorneys have experience, that includes successful practice before the Hawaii Supreme Court

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**Subject:** Testimony - regarding PEA 27  
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Aloha,

Please find attached here testimony concerning PEA 27 that is scheduled to be considered at Tuesday's Committee meeting. If the testimony can't be retrieved please let me know

Mahalo

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March 20, 2018

Testimony Regarding PEA 27 (2) related to establishing specific additional qualifications for Corporation Counsel and Prosecuting Attorney.

Aloha,

I testified regarding the appointment of Corporation Counsel Wong and Prosecuting Attorney Kim when Mayor Arakawa's appointment of each came before the Council. The question was considered and the appointments affirmed. There appears no reason to codify a practice that has been successful. If an appointee has no compelling experience in appellate litigation or office management and you feel it vitally important, then reject the appointment.

If during deliberation on an appointment, questions are raised and more information is needed; the system accommodates that circumstance. Action can be deferred, Council Rules applied.

Our system is beautifully conceived with checks and balances. I hope you will conclude there is no reason to go forward with this legislation because it isn't needed.

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