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**HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
WELCOMES NEW COMMISSIONERS
JUDY KERN AND MARILYN LEE
The Commissioners' Terms Begin July 1, 2013**

Hawaii State Senate President Donna Mercado Kim along with Senate Members of the 27th State Legislature confirmed the appointments of Judy Kern and Marilyn B. Lee to the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW), effective July 1, 2013. Governor Neil Abercrombie nominated both Ms. Kern and Ms. Lee to succeed outgoing Commissioner Carol Anne Philips and Commissioner Adrienne King.

Commissioner Judy Kern is Public Health Emergency Preparedness Branch Education and Training Coordinator with the Hawaii State Department of Health. Commissioner Kern brings a wealth of experience working in state agencies as well as the nonprofit sector to improve public health and advocate for the state's most vulnerable populations. Commissioner Kern currently also sits on the Board of Directors for Mohala Farms and has formerly served on the boards of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, Hawaii People's Fund, and the American Friends Service Committee.

Commissioner Marilyn B. Lee is a woman of many talents and passions for serving our community and has been the recipient of many well-deserved accolades, including HSCSW Luncheon recognizing the Governor's proclamation for "Marilyn B. Lee Day." Since leaving the Hawaii State Legislature after 16 years of service, Commissioner Lee sits on Mililani Neighborhood Board 25, serves as Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative to the Mililani Mauka Neighborhood Board 35, and sits on the City of Honolulu's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee.

HSCSW Executive Director Catherine Betts, HSCSW staff, and Commissioners look forward to the energy and commitment Commissioners Kern and Lee will bring to supporting the missions of HSCSW and are grateful to Commissioners Philips and King for their services to the people of Hawaii, especially Hawaii's women and girls.

HSCSW is a non-partisan state commission that consists of seven appointed commissioners from across the state, and works toward equality for women and girls in the state by acting as a catalyst for positive change through advocacy, education, collaboration and program development.

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