

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 435

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 435, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAI'I  
AUTHORITY

G.M. No. 435      JOHN H. DELONG,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2011,

begs leave to report as follows:

Upon review of the testimonies and the statement submitted by the nominee, your Committee finds that John H. DeLong has the necessary character, experience, and qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Authority.

Testimony in support of the nominee was received from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Authority, the current Chair and a former member of its Board of Directors; Maritime Consultants of the Pacific, and one individual.

John H. DeLong is President of Hawaiian Cement and West Hawaii Concrete, a position he has held since 2005. He is responsible for overall management of two construction materials companies with combined revenues of over \$180,000,000 and more than three hundred employees. This is his second term with the company, where he served in executive positions from 1992 to 2000. Mr. DeLong holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

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from the University of Utah, and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Hawaii. Mr. DeLong filled a vacancy on the Board created by the retirement of a previous director, and he is currently Vice-Chair and head of the Finance Committee. His experience will be particularly important as the Authority continues its quest for self-sufficiency in the face of rapidly rising costs and other challenges.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development and Taxation,

  
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CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



