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Statement of
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TAXATION**

Thursday, March 20, 2008

1:15 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of
GM 331
DORVIN D. LEIS

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Espero, and Members of the Committee:

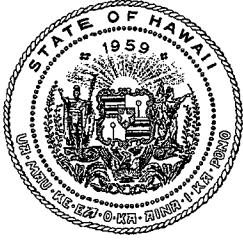
The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supports the gubernatorial nomination of Dorvin D. Leis as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Mr. Leis has been in the mechanical contracting business for over forty years. He was born in California and started his mechanical business in Pomona, California after completing the Union Apprentice Schooling Program in 1963. He holds the position of Chairman of the Board in Dorvin D. Leis Company, Inc., which has been operating in Maui since 1972. Aside from this business, Mr. Leis owns many other companies that are diverse in product lines and manufacturing, including egg pasteurizing, real estate management and a music and recording company.

In addition to presently serving on the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, Mr. Leis has served on numerous boards over the past several years. In 2006, he received

the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Maui County Council of the Boys Scouts of America, and in 2007 he was elected Grand Marshall of the Maui County Fair.

With his diverse professional background and demonstrated commitment to Hawaii's community, we believe that Mr. Leis' reappointment will continue to bring a balance of skill and experience among the other members on this board. We strongly urge your favorable consideration for his nomination and thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Mr. Dorvin Leis.



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TO: Chair Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair Will Espero, and
Members of the Committee on Economic Development and
Taxation

FROM: Lynne Woods, Chairperson *Lynne Woods*
Small Business Regulatory Review Board

DATE: March 20, 2008

SUBJECT: GM 331 – Dorvin D. Leis

On behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (Review Board), I am providing testimony in strong support of Mr. Dorvin D. Leis to serve another term as a member of this Board.

Mr. Leis is an active participant in the Review Board's monthly meetings and has been exceptionally generous in supporting the board's efforts in improving its visibility. We are confident that Mr. Leis will continue to contribute to the Review Board's future strategic plans and the board's ongoing commitment to the small business community.

Thank you for allowing the Review Board to testify in strong support of Mr. Dorvin Leis.



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David McClain
President

March 12, 2008

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga
Chairperson, Senate Committee
on Economic Development and Taxation
415 South Beretania Street, Room 216
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

I wholeheartedly support the reappointment of Dorvin Leis to the State of Hawai'i Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

I have known Dorvin Leis for several years, in my capacity as president of the University of Hawai'i System. He currently serves as a member of the UH Foundation Centennial Campaign Cabinet Committee. In this capacity, he and his wife Betty have been a tireless source of supporter of the University of Hawai'i in general, and Maui Community College in particular, where they have endowed the Dorvin and Betty Leis Class Act Restaurant for Maui Community College's culinary arts students.

An accomplished business leader, and self-made successful small business owner, Dorvin Leis is very supportive of small businesses in Hawai'i, and understands the key role entrepreneurs play in promoting a vibrant business climate and a better quality of life in our State. He has the experience and the wisdom to balance the needs of the citizenry for governmental regulatory oversight with the needs of small businesses.

With enthusiasm, and without hesitation, I recommend the reappointment of Dorvin Leis to the State of Hawai'i Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David McClain".

David McClain

c: Dorvin D. Leis

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March 3, 2008

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Economic Development and Taxation
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street, Rm. 216
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee:

Subject: Hearing Date: Thursday, March 20, 2008
 IN SUPPORT OF DORVIN D. LEIS
 State of Hawaii's Small Business Regulatory Board

My name is Lance A. Mizumoto and I am an Executive Vice President at Central Pacific Bank.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and express my strong support for Dorvin Leis' application to renew his term as a member of the Hawaii Small Business Regulatory Board.

Through our personal and professional relationship spanning over the past ten years, I have gotten to know Mr. Leis very well, and it has been my pleasure to have him as a highly valued client of Central Pacific Bank.

Dorvin has contributed significantly as a member of the Hawaii Small Business Regulatory Review Board. He has demonstrated his leadership and willingness to ensure that the organization meets its mission by paying for public relations and research companies to help create awareness of the organization.

Dorvin and his wife Betty are also well-known philanthropists on Maui and were honored with the Outstanding Philanthropist award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Aloha Chapter. Dorvin Leis is the founder and chairman of Dorvin D. Leis Co., Inc., the largest mechanical contractor in the state of Hawai'i. He serves on many nonprofit boards, including MCC's Provost Council and is a trustee of the UH Foundation.

The State of Hawaii's Small Business Regulatory Board would continue to benefit from Mr. Leis' business experience should his term be renewed. Your confirmation of renewing Dorvin Leis' term as a board member is highly recommended.

Mahalo for your consideration to renew Mr. Leis' term.

Sincerely,



Lance A. Mizumoto



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March 6, 2008

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chairperson
Committee on Economic Development and Taxation
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Fukunaga,

This is to recommend the continuation of Mr. Dorvin Leis as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. As a prominent leader in our state's construction industry, Mr. Leis' knowledge and judgment regarding the responsibilities of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board would be invaluable. His commentary on small business impact to the Rule-drafting Agency would be well-informed and present a track record of sound decision making. His recommendations, given his broad and deep experience, would additionally represent the range of businesses with which he has become involved over the years.

Mr. Leis has been a member of our former Provost's and now Chancellor's Advisory Council for almost 20 years. He has generously contributed his insight, personal and professional resources, time and leadership to improving higher education in Maui County.

I could not recommend anyone more highly than Mr. Leis. Your favorable consideration of his continuation on this Board would serve a well-considered view of small business in Hawaii and be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely and with my warmest aloha,

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Clyde M. Sakamoto
Chancellor



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Executive Vice President

March 7, 2008

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chairperson
The State Senate
Economic Development and Taxation
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

I am proud to endorse Mr. Dorvin Leis as you consider his reappointment to the State of Hawaii's Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Mr. Lei's and I have had a long term relationship both personally and thru his business. He has proved to be a successful business owner and a person whom cares deeply about the people whom he works with, and lives with. It is no secret that his philanthropic support for the community of Maui has been of the highest levels.

I have absolutely no reservations about recommending Dorvin Leis to be considered for another term of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Sincerely,

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Steve J. Williams
Executive Vice President & Manager

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Mitchell E. Nishimoto
Senior Vice President &
Maui Region Supervisor

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February 15, 2008

Carol Fukunaga, Chairperson
Economic Development and Taxation
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Fukunaga:

I am writing to you in support of Mr. Dorvin D. Leis' nomination to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. Mr. Leis has been in business in Hawaii since the late 1960's and his company Dorvin D. Leis Co, Inc. has grown over the years into the leading mechanical contractor in the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Leis is widely respected in the business community, and has given generously of his time and resources to the betterment of our community on Maui, and the State. Mr. Leis is a pillar of the community, and would be a great asset to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. He is an engaged and involved small business advocate and would serve well in this role.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 873-2231.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Nishimoto', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mitchell E. Nishimoto
Senior Vice President and Maui Region Supervisor

cc: Mr. Dorvin D. Leis



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March 10, 2008

Carol Fukunaga, Chairperson
Economic Development and Taxation
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Ms. Fukunaga,

I would like to offer a formal recommendation for Dorvin Leis to be reappointed as a board member on the State of Hawaii's Small Business Regulatory Review Board. As the President and CEO of the University of Hawai'i Foundation, I have worked closely with Dorvin as he is currently serving as a member of the University of Hawai'i Foundation Board of Trustees. Dorvin has proved to be an outstanding volunteer and very generous with his time, connections and resources to improve our University and community.

I believe Dorvin exhibits many of the qualities that are essential to serving as a Board member in the state of Hawaii. His sensitivity, diligence, and energy make working with him a joy. I'm sure that his service for this Board would reflect his same commitment to Hawaii.

It is for these reasons that I offer my recommendation for Dorvin without reservation. He knows the challenges and opportunities of being a small business owner here in Hawaii because he has been one. His experience and success can only add value as he continues serving on this Board and the state of Hawaii. If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Donna Vuchinich
President and CEO



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March 10, 2008

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Dorvin Leis

Gentlemen:

This letter is being written to certify that Mr. Dorvin D. Leis has maintained a valued banking relationship with Central Pacific Bank since 2001.

We have extended loans since 2001 to Mr. Leis and his related companies and all obligations have been handled as agreed.

We feel confident that Mr. Leis will be responsible for his business credit needs.

Finally, Dorvin D. Leis is well known to the Hawaii business community and he maintains a good reputation in the State of Hawaii.

I trust that the above information will be handled with the confidence and discretion in which it was provided.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 372-8889.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roy Yonaoshi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Roy Yonaoshi
Vice President
Hawaii Commercial Banking
Central Pacific Bank