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STATEMENT OF

ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

2:45 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 414

**G. M. 428 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII'
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(HCDA), GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
JOSEPH L. DWIGHT, IV, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE 6-30-2012.**

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) supports the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Joseph L. Dwight, IV, to serve as a member of the HCDA.

As a member of the Authority, Mr. Dwight will serve the people of Hawaii well, because of his sincere desire to make Hawaii a better place to live. HCDA is confident that he will play a strong role in making HCDA stronger and more effective in achieving its missions and goals in Kaka'ako and Kalaeloa.

Mr. Dwight was raised in Hawaii, graduated from Kamehameha Schools and received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Hawaii and a Juris Doctor from the William S. Richardson School of Law, and has since established his career at First American Title Company in Hawaii.

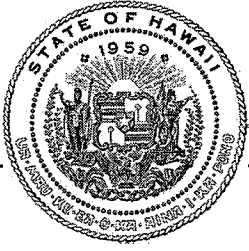
Prior to joining First American Title Company in 2000, Mr. Dwight was a former practicing attorney with Stubenberg & Durrett, Attorneys at Law, where his focus was on real estate law.

As a Member of the Young President's Organization, he is committed to learning to be a better leader through idea exchange with more than 20,000 members in 300 chapters worldwide, and as a Trustee for the Le Jardin Academy, it shows his value of education not only for himself, but for the children of Hawaii.

With Mr. Dwight's continuous desire to learn and his extensive experience in real estate matters, we believe that Mr. Dwight will be committed to working for the betterment of the people of Hawaii and can serve as their advocate on the Authority as the HCDA continues to plan for the futures of the Kaka'ako and Kalaeloa Districts.

In summary, we feel that Mr. Dwight will provide significant contributions to the Authority, and we look forward to working with him in this capacity. We urge your favorable consideration of his nomination to serve as a member of the HCDA.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Dwight.



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Chair Hee, Vice Chair Kokubun and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) respectfully supports the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Joseph L. Dwight, IV, to serve as a member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA), an agency administratively attached to DBEDT.

HCDA's main focus is to create better communities for the people of Hawaii. As a HCDA member for the past 6 years, I recognize the challenges and the dedication needed to meet this goal and I believe that Mr. Dwight will serve well on the Authority.

Mr. Dwight is a life-long resident of the State of Hawaii and a graduate of the Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawaii. He received his law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law. While in private practice, Mr. Dwight focused on all aspects of real estate law in Hawaii, including project development, financing, construction, land titles and real estate related litigation. He has deep roots in Hawaii and understands the changing dynamics and challenges that businesses face, particularly small businesses. He is firmly committed to communicating with and serving as a representative of the wide range of constituents that are contributing to HCDA's work in Kaka'ako and Kalaeloa.

Mr. Dwight is the kind of individual who will enhance the effectiveness of HCDA because he would assume a policy role for the agency. His success in the private sector, as President and State Manager of First American Title Company, Inc. (Hawaii) whose main branch is in the heart of the Kaka'ako District and in the community, serving as Trustee for Le Jardin Academy, has well-equipped Mr. Dwight to contribute to HCDA's legislative mandate of combining the strength of private enterprise with public development and regulation to produce better community development.

For these reasons, I urge your favorable consideration of his nomination to serve as a member of HCDA. Thank you.

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