

TESTIMONY
GM 378

February 13, 2009

To: Senator Clayton Hee
Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

From: Stephanie Stacy Helm Crivello
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Telephone Contact:

Subject: Nomination to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council

Chair Hee, Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, thank you for this opportunity to provide a background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council.

I was born and raised on Moloka'i. I attended and graduated from Moloka'i High School and The Honolulu College of Commerce, receiving a degree in Secretarial Science.

I retired from Verizon Telecommunications as Island Manager for Moloka'i and Lana'i in 2001 after serving 30 years with the "telephone company."

Because of our rural lifestyle on Moloka'i, many of us wear several volunteer "hats" to serve our island community. I currently serve on the following non profit community based organizations on Molokai:

- Na Pu'uwai Hawaiian Health System Board of Director
- Ke Aupuni Lokahi, Inc., Board President
- Moloka'i Land Trust Board of Director

I am also a member on the following Board and Commission:

- HACBED Board of Director
- Maui County Fire & Public Safety Commission Commissioner
- Hi State Community Based Economic Development Advisory Council

My prior participation in other community activities includes:

- Friends of Moloka'i High Foundation Board member
- Moloka'i High School Community Council Member
- Moloka'i Chamber of Commerce Member
- Moloka'i Little League Officer
- Moloka'i Dialysis Center Project Facilitator
- Maui County Board of Water Supply Commissioner

I support community-based economic development and wish to return for my second term as a member of the CBED Advisory Council. The Council is comprised of diverse individuals that bring individuals strengths to the CBED program. My role is to foster holistic understanding of the CBED Program. When reviewing grant applications as a Council, we consider if: there is community support for the project, the project will benefit the community through economic development, the project is feasible and the community has the capacity to carry the project through. My past 4 years serving on the CBED Council affords me the experience and knowledge to continue my participation.

Creation of viable business requires learning and implementing business skills and developing capacity. It is my hope that with serving another term, as CBED Council, we can assist communities to develop the acumen of entrepreneurship.

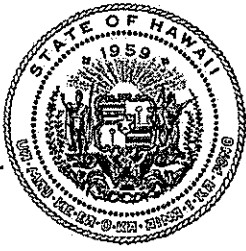
Senator Hee, in response to your request of February 11, 2009, the following is my list of references:

- Mr. Bob Agres, HACBED Executive Director
- Mr. Wayne Thom, Hawaii State CBED Program Director
- Colette Machado
- Judy Mikami
- Billy Akutagawa
- Linda Puleloa, Molokai High School Principal

I apologize for not being present at your hearing. My personal budget constraints do not allow me to afford travels to Oahu at this time. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank you and malama pono.

Stacy Crivello (Stephanie Stacy Helm Crivello)



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AFFAIRS**
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State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of
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**RELATING TO STEPHANIE S.H. CRIVELLO, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO
THE COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2013.**

Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Tokuda, and Committee members:

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism strongly supports the nomination of Stephanie S.H. Crivello to the Community-Based Economic Development (CBED) Advisory Council.

Ms. Crivello has served faithfully and well for four years as a member of the CBED Advisory Council. Her expertise and experience with community economic development on the Island of Molokai has proven to be a valuable resource for the department, Community-Based Economic Development Program, and for the Molokai community. Her past and present accomplishments, as a long-term substitute teacher for Alternative Students-Molokai High School from 2001 to 2002, and her current service as Interim Executive Director of the Molokai Enterprise Community (a nonprofit), provide invaluable insight towards the needs, culture and vision of our Neighbor Island communities.

Since its inception, the CBED grant and loan revolving fund and technical assistance program has committed nearly four million dollars to more than 170 community-based organizations Statewide. Approximately 77 percent of program funds provided financial assistance to Neighbor Islands.

Most recently, in FY 2008, Ms. Crivello has been a passionate advocate for community empowerment. She has played and will continue to play, with your confirmation, an important part in the support of community economic development and capacity-building through the CBED Advisory Council. In 2008, eleven communities were awarded grants, totaling more than \$113,000. Projects ranged from updating a marketing website for Native Hawaiian producers to

strategic planning for a charter school, in Puna on the Big Island, to launch an eco-tourism business based on the area's existing assets. Revenue from this venture to be put towards sustaining educational activities at the school.

Again, we are proud to support the nomination of Stephanie S. H. Crivello for a second term to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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