

GM 502

ANTHONY A. RIECKE-GONZALES

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANTHONY A. RIECKE-GONZALES, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 502 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Disability and Communication Access Board; Gubernatorial Nominee
Anthony A. Riecke-Gonzales

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Mr. Anthony A. Riecke-Gonzales to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. The Board is a seventeen (17) member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their families, or caregivers.

Mr. Riecke-Gonzales is being appointed in the capacity of a professional, an architect in the State of Hawaii with a private architectural firm. The Board has responsibility, under §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes to review all plans and specifications for the construction of state and county buildings, facilities, and sites to ensure physical access for persons with disabilities. Mr. Riecke-Gonzales architectural expertise will be valuable in setting policies, guidelines, and interpretive opinions. Mr. Riecke-Gonzales will also be the representative from the County of Maui.

We believe that Mr. Riecke-Gonzales will be an asset to the Board and recommend your confirmation of his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 16, 2009

EMAILED TESTIMONY TO: **David Ige, Chair Senate committee on Health**

Email: sendige@capitol.hawaii.gov

Subject: **Anthony Riecke-Gonzalez Appointment
Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB)**

Dear Senator Ige,

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Anthony Riecke-Gonzales to the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) beginning with the 2010 fiscal year on July 1. I am currently serving as the Maui member of DCAB, but my term on that body will end on June 30, 2009 and I feel that Anthony would be an asset to DCAB and could ably serve as a Maui member of that Board.

A principal in the firm Riecke Sunnland Kono Architects, Ltd, Anthony is a past President of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Maui Chapter and has been active with the AIA Hawaii State Council. As an architect he has versed himself with the various disability access codes including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Federal Fair Housing Amendments. He has assured me that he would be able to attend meetings in Honolulu as required and would participate as needed on one or more of the DCAB committees.

I urge you to support the confirmation of Anthony Riecke-Gonzales for the DCAB Board.

Sincerely,

Marie Kimmey AIA