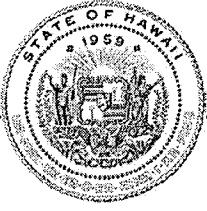


**GM 305**



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Statement of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM**  
Thursday, March 25, 2010  
2:45 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of  
**GM 305**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAI'I TOURISM AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, VERNON FOOK LEONG CHAR, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014.**

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Tourism.

We support the Governor's nomination of Vernon Fook Leong Char to the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) Board of Directors.

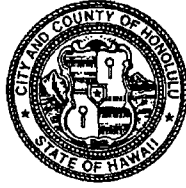
Mr. Char has been serving on the HTA board and has proven himself to be an active and dedicated participant. His commitment to the board includes being involved in the strategic planning and budget and audit standing committees.

Therefore, I urge you to support the Governor's nomination of Vernon Fook Leong Char to the HTA Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Testimony of

**Kirk W. Caldwell, Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu**

Before a Hearing of the  
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FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014**

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee on Tourism.

I would like to express my support for the nomination of Gubernatorial Nominee, Vernon Fook Leong Char, to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Vernon F.L. Char has served on the Hawaii Tourism Authority Board of Directors since 2003 and brings with him a world of experience. This past year he was the chair of the Budget and Audit Standing Committee, which develops polices to ensure financial integrity and ensures that funds are properly expended. He has shown both fiscal responsibility and continuity which are needed in these economically troubled times.

Vernon also champions the integration of partnerships between the state, city, business community and public, which I feel is integral to the future success of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on GM 305.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk W. Caldwell", is written over a wavy horizontal line.

Kirk W. Caldwell  
Managing Director