

# Late Testimony

TESTIMONY BY DWIGHT TAKAMINE  
IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

NOMINEE, GERALD DE MELLO  
TO THE HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD, HAWAI'I

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

1:15 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 16

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

It is with great pleasure that I testify in support of Gerald's confirmation to the Historic Places Review Board. Gerald has the academic and professional credentials to go along with a wide knowledge and passion for historical preservation. Gerald taught Sociology at Hawai'i Community College and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo for 15 years and designed a course that continues to be offered called Hawai'i's People, which focuses on the culture of the ethnic groups in Hawai'i. In addition, Gerald served for four years on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Gerald has a personal style that helps people work together and will assist the workings of the Board. In short, Gerald is supremely qualified and well positioned to help the Board achieve its goals.

I have had the honor and pleasure of working side by side with Gerald for many years in numerous efforts to improve the quality of life in the Big Island's communities. Gerald has always been keen to bringing the past and the future in as part of the discussion. One good example is Gerald leading the charge on including a heritage center component for the North Hawai'i Education & Research Center in the old Honoka'a Hospital. This effort will help preserve the unique history and culture of the Hamakua region in a community that is proud of its past and where no other potential institutions exist to undertake such an effort.

In summary, Gerald has the character, knowledge and enthusiasm to serve as a valuable asset not only to the Historic Places Review Board, but ultimately to the entire state. Gerald is well qualified and deserving of confirmation to the Historic Places Review Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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GM 541 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Historic Places Review Board, Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, GERALD L. DE MELLO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Clyde Hayashi and I am the director of Hawaii LECET (Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust). Hawaii LECET is a partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 and our union contractors.

I am submitting this testimony in **strong support** of the nomination of Gerald De Mello to serve on the Historic Places Review Board.

I have known Mr. De Mello for years and he is an extremely thoughtful, concerned and caring person. As the Director of University Relations at the University of Hawaii-Hilo, he has been the leader in uniting the community around the larger mission of the University of Hawaii-Hilo.

I have been impressed by the love that Mr. De Mello has for his Big Island home. Over the years he has shared with me stories of his days growing up in East Hawaii and I could clearly see the appreciation he has for the rich history of Big Island and our State. As a member of this Board, I am confident he will make the right decisions to protect our important historic sites. I feel he will be an excellent addition to this Board.

Hawaii LECET respectfully asks your favorable consideration of the nomination of Gerald De Mello.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.