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TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TECHNOLOGY
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012
1:15 P.M.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 540

Chairperson Fukunaga and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 540, submitting for consideration and confirmation as Chief Information Officer to the Office of Information, Mr. Sanjeev Bhagowalia. The Department would like to express its strong support for Mr. Bhagowalia's nomination.

Mr. Bhagowalia brings 26 years of industry experience revolving around Information Technology (IT), Information Resource Management (IRM) and Business Process Re-engineering (BPR). Additionally, he has extensive experience working in the public and private sector, having found success in both areas.

In the short time that Mr. Bhagowalia has served as the acting Chief Information Officer (CIO), he has already initiated conversations with Department of Agriculture staff to gather the necessary data to begin the process of streamlining and improving the current system. We look forward to the positive change that Mr. Bhagowalia can bring to the efficiency of our current systems.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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AND REINVESTMENT (ARRA)

April 2, 2012

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
And Members
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Hawaii State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 016
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**RE: GM 540: Nomination of Mr. Sanjeev Bhagowalia as the Chief
Information Officer for the Office of Information Management and
Technology**

Dear Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development
and Technology:

Please accept this testimony in support of the nomination of Mr. Sanjeev Bhagowalia
as the Chief Information Officer for the Office of Information Management and Technology.
I have worked with Mr. Bhagowalia for the past year as part of the Governor's cabinet and
have been impressed with him as a strategic thinker and contemporary. Mr. Bhagowalia's
background and experience in the federal government as a CIO is very impressive and has
already proven to be of significant value to the State of Hawaii. Mr. Bhagowalia has
demonstrated a sophisticated knowledge of the role OIMT could play in transforming and
updating the State as an organization.

As a former federal CIO, Mr. Bhagowalia has worked on large information
technology project and managed budgets far in excess of what the State currently
manages. This experience and perspective is so strategically important for developing
information technology within our large government operations. Mr. Bhagowalia knows
what is contemporary within government systems and I am confident that he can develop a
project path to get there.

I encourage the Committee and your colleagues in the full Senate to support Mr.
Sanjeev Bhagowalia's confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with
comment on Mr. Bhagowalia's nomination.

Aloha,

KALBERT K. YOUNG
Director, Department of Budget & Finance

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY
RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF
SANJEEV BHAGOWALIA
AS
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
TO THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. W. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL

April 2, 2012

Good Afternoon, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in strong support of Mr. Sanjeev Bhagowalia, a gubernatorial nominee as Chief Information Officer to the Office of Information Management and Technology.

I have known Mr. Bhagowalia since his appointment and can personally attest to his character, outstanding work ethic, selfless service, his sense of fairness and respect, and his integrity.

Mr. Sanjeev Bhagowalia has a wealth of experience in the federal and private sectors. He has served with distinction as Chief Information Officer or Chief Technology Officer at Boeing, U.S. Department of Justice (FBI), U.S. Department of Interior (Indian Affairs), U.S General Services Administration, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

As an exceptional leader in the information and technology industry coupled with his experience at the highest levels of government, Mr. Bhagowalia will be a tremendous asset; therefore, I respectfully request your favorable consideration and his confirmation as the Chief Information Officer for the State of Hawaii.



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April 2, 2012

The Honorable Carole Fukunaga, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Nominee, Sanjeev Bhagowalia (GM 540)
As Chief Information Officer to the Office of Information Management and
Technology

Monday, April 2, 2012
1:15 p.m. Rm 016, State Capitol

Written Testimony of Dwight Takamine, Director,
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

It is with great pleasure that I testify in support of Sonny's confirmation as Chief Information Officer for the Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT). We are truly fortunate to have the opportunity to have a person with such outstanding credentials and experience in excellent organizations in both Industry and Government to help move our state government forward in this critical area.

As a new director, I have had the wonderful opportunity to learn in much greater detail just how our line departments work in this state. Although I do not personally have a great deal of knowledge or experience in the information management and technology realms, as Director I can report to you the absolutely critical need we have to upgrade our information management and technology systems in state government.

I have had the opportunity to work with Sonny, and have been very impressed with his overall knowledge, his ability to work with a wide range of people, and

his sense of humility with a focus on the people he is serving. In particular, we have worked together on an opportunity to access federal funding through an innovation grant.

In this effort, I witnessed his ability to mobilize multiple department directors, and other staff people, and bring them together to submit a timely application on a short deadline. Sonny clearly demonstrated much insight and was able to bridge sharp differences as well as different levels of willingness to share information in facilitating this process. This grant opportunity could lead to accessing up to \$11,000,000 in federal dollars.

I believe these qualities will serve him well as he provides important leadership to modernize and upgrade the state's overall technological capability and program. This will have a tremendous impact in the state's ability to deliver the highest quality of services to the people we collectively serve.

I urge you to confirm Sanjeev Bhagowalia at CIO of the Office of Information Management, and enabling him to continue serving as a valuable asset to state government and in turn, to the people of Hawai'i.

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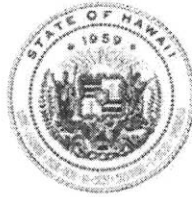
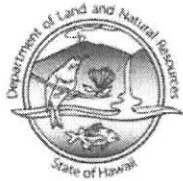
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Comments:

I submit my testimony in strong support of "Sonny" as Chief Information Officer for the State of Hawai'i.

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April 2, 2012

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STATE PARKS

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga and Committee Members:

This letter represents our support of Sanjeev "Sonny" Bhagowalia as the Chief Information Officer of the Office of Information Management and Technology. Through his leadership, the State of Hawaii will benefit from his expertise and drive to transform technology as a commitment toward improving the use of government services.

We have had discussions with Sonny on the department's information technology projects in efforts to continue our mission to enhance and protect our unique and limited natural resources. We believe his confirmation will allow the DLNR to continue to work with his office in benefit of our partnerships with the public and private sectors and ultimately the future generations of our great State.

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of Sonny Bhagowalia as the Chief Information Officer of the Office of Information Management and Technology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm J. Aila, Jr.", written in dark ink.

William J. Aila, Jr., Chairperson
for Department of Land and Natural Resources

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In the short time that Mr. Bhagowalia has served as the acting Chief Information Officer (CIO), he has already demonstrated his keen interest in implementing fundamental, systemic positive changes to the state IT infrastructure that is mindful of the needs of the agency. We look forward to great things from Mr. Bhagowalia.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.