

GM 573

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee,
RONALD HIRANO, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

February 22, 2012

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231

Aloha, Senator,

Thank you for this opportunity to present information regarding my interest in serving on the State's Procurement Policy Board.

Having served as a Construction Engineer, Design Engineer and Deputy Director at Hawaii's Department of Transportation and then as Executive Officer of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation from 1967 to retirement in 2004, I've had the privilege of seeing a number of changes in how different State of Hawaii government organizations conduct procurement activities.

I am currently, and have been since 2004, a Project Manager for the US Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District here at Ft. Shafter. This experience has allowed me to gain an insight to how the Federal Government conducts its procurement practices.

I believe that what I learned during State service and in this project manager position with regard to the various types of procurement conducted by both State and Federal government agencies will assist me in any decision-making that may be required as a member of the Procurement Policy Board.

Hopefully, this board will be able to propose to the State Legislature, a number of measures that will aid in streamlining the State's procurement policies, which would lead to simplifying while still maintaining integrity in its practices.

As to conflicts of interest, I do not see any at this time. However remote the possibility that any may arise, I believe my experiences at the DOT and the ATDC will help me overcome such conflicts. I hope to simply assist the Board and with that mindset, if any conflict arises that requires my getting off the Board, I will be prepared to do so.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to present myself.

Very Respectfully,



Ron Hirano

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 573

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE PROCUREMENT
POLICY BOARD, RONALD HIRANO

Chair Espero and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 573. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports Mr. Ronald Hirano's confirmation to the Board.

Section 103D-201, HRS, requires the Board to have one member who has significant high level federal procurement experience. Mr. Hirano is currently employed by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in the Programs and Project Management Division and has been with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers since 2004. His responsibilities have included project planning, design, contracting, and warranty phases of projects. His appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation on the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.