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Senator Will Espero
Chair, Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Support Testimony for Howard Garval, GM 574

Dear Chair Espero and members of the PGM Committee:

I would like to express my strong support for Howard Garval's nomination for the Procurement Policy Board. My organization, HANO is a statewide, sector-wide professional association for nonprofits. HANO member nonprofits provide essential services to every community in the state. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai'i.

I have known Howard for four years now since I first started in my position at HANO. Howard's organization, Child and Family Service is the largest nonprofit organization in the State of Hawaii and was one of the founding nonprofit organization members of HANO when it was formed in 2006.

Howard is a leader in our sector, particularly in the area of health and human services, making him an able representative. As a partner to government with multiple POS health and human service contracts, Howard knows well the labyrinth of the state procurement process and would make valued contributions. You couldn't find a more qualified or knowledgeable person than Howard for this task.

I strongly urge your approval of his nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Howard Garval.

Mahalo,
Lisa Maruyama
President and CEO