Presentation before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

January 27, 2012

Randal Taniguchi

Board of Taxation Review, 2nd District

Senator Ige and members of the Committee on Way and Means, thank you for this opportunity to present a brief background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Board of Taxation Review, 2nd District.

I was born and raised in Hawaii. I grew up in Pearl City and graduated from Pearl City High School. I received my Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting from the University of Hawaii, Manoa in 1987. I have been married almost 18 years and have three children ranging in ages from 7 to 13.

Upon graduation I worked for Coopers & Lybrand as an auditor during which time I became a Certified Public Accountant under the State of Hawaii. During my time with Coopers & Lybrand I volunteered to work in the Maui office for two years (1991-1992) and have lived in Maui since then.

While in Maui I worked in the private industry for about five years as controller for Hawaiian Carpet and Drapery Corp and Sunsource International, Inc. I got back into the public accounting profession in 1997 when Russell Yamane, the former Coopers & Lybrand partner for the Maui office purchased the practice. This year we celebrate our fifteenth anniversary.

I believe my background in private sector has given me a better perspective of the many challenges faced by business owners in managing and operating a business. I believe my many years in public accounting has given me the ability to review situations in an objective manner and to exercise professional judgment that is based upon the appropriate law, regulation, rule and procedures.

I forward to your favorable consideration of my nomination and welcome the opportunity to work with the other Board members and the challenges ahead.

Thank you for your support.

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Testimony in Support of Governor's Message (GM 587)

For Consideration and Confirmation of RANDAL TANIGUCHI to the Board of Taxation Review, 2nd Taxation District (Maui) for a Term to Expire June 30, 2015

The Department of Taxation (Department) supports the nomination of Randal Taniguchi to the Board of Taxation Review and encourages this committee to confirm his nomination.

Randal Taniguchi is a qualified candidate to serve on the Board of Taxation Review for the 2nd District, which is comprised of Maui County. Mr. Taniguchi is a certified public accountant and has been employed in the accounting field since 1987, on Oahu and Maui. H has worked both as a certified public accountant for an accounting firm and as a private accountant for a small business, after earning his Bachelor in Business Administration degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. His knowledge will be of great help to the Board as it fulfills its duty to Hawaii's taxpayers and the tax community.

Mr. Taniguchi has the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively and competently serve as a member of the Board of Taxation Review. The Department supports his nomination and respectfully requests the Senate's favorable confirmation.