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Testimony in Support of Governor's Message 763

For consideration and confirmation of RUSSELL KYONO to the Board of Taxation Review, 4th Taxation District (Kauai) for a Term to Expire June 30, 2014

The Department of Taxation (Department) supports the nomination of Russell Kyono to the Board of Taxation Review, 4th Taxation District (Kauai).

Russell Kyono is a qualified candidate to serve on the Board of Taxation Review. Mr. Kyono has served on the County of Kauai Real Property Tax Board of Review from 2010-2012 and on the Kauai Board of Realtors Professional Standards Committee from 2000 to the present. In addition, Mr. Kyono has been an assistant scout master with the Aloha Council BSA and a council member of New Hope Kauai.

Mr. Kyono is an entrepreneur with vast experience in his field. He is the owner/principal broker of K-ONI, Inc. dba Kauai Rentals & Real Estate based in Lihue since 2010. He has been a licensed real estate salesperson since 1981 and a licensed real estate broker since 1991. His bachelor's degree in travel industry management was earned at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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