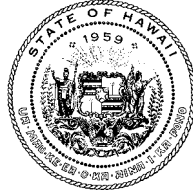


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Testimony in **Support** of Governor's Message 765

For consideration and confirmation of ERIC YAMA
to the Board of Taxation Review, 4th Taxation District (Kauai)
for a Term to Expire June 30, 2016

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

Eric Yama is a qualified candidate to serve on the Board of Taxation Review. Mr. Yama has served as a member of the Board of Taxation Review since 2008. Mr. Yama has over thirty years of management, is knowledgeable in business and finance, and is seasoned in conflict resolution. He has been a realtor with Kauai Realty, Inc. for more than thirty years. He oversees thirty agents and three employees. Mr. Yama generated over \$600 million in gross sales in the past seven years.

Mr. Yama is active in the community. He served as the past director/chair – professional standard and arbitration committee, and the past chair – mediation committee for Kauai Board of Realtors.

Mr. Yama has a Bachelor of Art degree in psychology from University Hawaii, Manoa.

Mr. Yama 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.