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Committee on Tourism
The Senate
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Testimony of
Nestor R Garcia, Member, Honolulu City Council
Governor's Message 912
Regular Session 2012

Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Kouchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Tourism:

I write in strong support of the nomination of Victor Kimura to the Hawai'i Tourism Authority Board of Directors and ask for your favorable support.

Victor is Vice President and Director of Operations Support for Kyo-ya Co. He oversees the asset performance of the Kyoya hotel group which includes the Sheraton Waikiki, Royal Hawaiian, Moana Surfrider, and other hotels in Hawaii and San Francisco in addition to the Grand Cypress Resort and Golf Course in Florida.

He has vast knowledge of Asian marketing, public relations and hotel operations, and is proficient in languages, which took him from local managerial jobs to sales and marketing positions responsible for worldwide operations in Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, China, Australia, and New Zealand. In 1988, Vic was named Director of Sales of the Year for ITT Sheraton Asia Pacific Division.

He is a devoted family man and remains actively involved in the community. I can think of no one better to help guide Hawaii's tourism industry that Victor Kimura.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Nestor Garcia, Councilmember
Honolulu City Council



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Honorable Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
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RE: **IN SUPPORT** of **GM912** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, VICTOR KIMURA, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Hearing: Monday, April 16, 2012, 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 224

Honorable Chair(s), Vice Chair(s) and Committee Members;

The Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO which was originally chartered in October of 1958 is comprised of various construction trade unions throughout Hawaii. With an estimated membership of 20,000 statewide, our primary mission is to provide employment opportunities and living wages for the many working men and women we represent.

The Council SUPPORTS GM912, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, VICTOR KIMURA, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

The Council recognizes tourism as a primary economic driver in our state and supports all efforts to maintain and improve this very critical component of Hawaii's economy, its culture and its people.

The Council has had the privilege of knowing and working with Mr. Victor Kimura both on a personal and professional level and hereby stand by and strongly support his consideration and confirmation to this very important position. Mr. Kimura not only maintains the knowledge required of such a position, but maintains the relationships necessary to achieve the goals and objectives that are vitally important to this agency, to tourism in general and its role in Hawaii's future and its people.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in GM912 and the confirmation of Mr. Victor Kimura to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Mahalo

Respectfully;
Kika G. Bukoski
Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council