

HB1764,HD1

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The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Judiciary and Labor
The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Ways and Means
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Hee and Ige and Members:

Subject: House Bill 1764, HD1
Relating To Residency of Appointive Officers

The City and County of Honolulu strongly supports HB1764, HD1. This bill allows the waiver of the residency requirements for department heads and deputies or assistants to a department head, when the appointive officer is required to have highly specialized or scientific knowledge or training and a qualified applicant who meets the residency requirement is not available to fill the position.

The current one year residency requirement has made it extremely difficult for the City to hire a Chief Medical Examiner and Deputy Chief Medical Examiner. These positions require highly specific education, experience as well as a Doctor of Medicine license and certification by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic or Forensic Pathology. Due to the level of expertise required, it has been practically impossible to find a local applicant qualified to serve in either of these positions. House Bill 1764, HD1 provides for the aforementioned exception and permits the appointment of an individual who does not meet the residency requirement in certain limited circumstances.

We accordingly ask for your favorable consideration of House Bill 1764, HD1 and that the measure be effective upon approval. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noel T. Ono".

Noel T. Ono
Director