

# **GM 581**

**Report Title:**

**Civil Defense Advisory Council**

**Measure Title:**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Civil Defense Advisory Council, Gubernatorial  
Nominee, JAN TENBRUGGENCATE, for a term to expire  
6-30-2016**

February 20, 2013

To: Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

From: Jan TenBruggencate

Aloha Chair Sen. Espero and Vice-Chair Sen. Baker,

In response to your questionnaire, I submit these comments on my nomination to the state Civil Defense Advisory Council, which is part of GM581.

Why do you wish to be a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council: I have long had an interest in the resilience of our community and in its Civil Defense response and hope to serve my community by bringing decades of experience in the Islands to the Council.

Qualifications, statement of skills: I have participated in numerous Civil Defense briefings and interviews over nearly 40 years as a newspaper reporter. I worked closely with Civil Defense authorities during catastrophic events like volcanic destruction at Kalapana on Hawai'i and Hurricanes Iwa and Iniki on Kaua'i. I have taken several FEMA training courses as part of my volunteer work with the Kaua'i Civil Defense Agency. I serve as vice-chair of the Board of Directors of the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative, which is directly involved in community emergency response to climate events. And as a science writer and communications consultant, I have the training to analyze strategies and situations relating to civil defense matters.

What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? Our island community faces a range of threats related to weather, climate, international tensions, food and fuel supply disruptions and other issues. I am familiar with many of these issues, and as someone who has lived or worked on each of the Hawaiian islands, I believe I bring a mature, seasoned perspective to helping ensure our community is well protected. I have no other mission than to represent my community competently and fairly.

Conflicts: I imagine a conflict could arise over my involvement as a Civil Defense volunteer, although I have raised that issue at both the state and county levels and been assured there are no concerns. If a conflict did arise, I would remove myself from the CD volunteer rolls if necessary. I do not anticipate conflict regarding my professional life as a communications consultant or as an elected member of the KIUC electric cooperative board.

I hope these points respond adequately to your concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any addition questions.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Will Espero, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
February 26, 2013  
2:45 PM

Testimony in SUPPORT of Gubernatorial Nominee:

**Jan Tenbruggencate-GM 581**

**Civil Defense Advisory Council**

Chair Espero, Vice-Chair Baker and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

It is my pleasure that I submit my support for confirmation of Jan Tenbruggencate to the Civil Defense Advisory Council. It is my understanding that the Advisory Council members advise the Governor and the Director of Civil Defense on matters pertaining to civil defense activities throughout the State.

As a long time news reporter on the island of Kaua'i, Mr. Tenbruggencate has covered local news with clear, factual reporting and is highly respected by our island residents for his ability to transmit information to the public expediently and with a keen sense of knowing what is critical to the viewing public. With the experience of living through two devastating hurricanes and numerous severe flood damages on Kaua'i, Mr. Tenbruggencate covered disaster recovery efforts by local state and county entities and in the forefront to report the restoration of essential public services.

As a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council, Mr. Tenbruggencate will be a true asset as he brings to the discussion a critical understanding of the necessity to quickly mobilize resources for the re-stabilization of communities in distress; he also possess the knowledge base on the importance of preparedness to mitigate natural disasters. Mr. Tenbruggencate's experience in the field of journalism will expand the dialogue of the Civil Defense Advisory Council to the next level of discussion areas about public safety and civil defense activities.

I believe he will serve well and be a responsive and dedicated member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Mahalo for your time and consideration and please call my office at 586-8435 if I can be of any further assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek S.K. Kawakami", written over a horizontal line.

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STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE 581  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO  
THE CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISORY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
JAN TENBRUGGENCATE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014

PRESENTATION TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
February 26, 2013

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, Director of State Civil Defense State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony **in support** of GM 581, which considers and confirms Mr. Jan TenBruggencate to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

State Civil Defense **supports** the nomination of Mr. Jan TenBruggencate to serve as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Board.

Mr. TenBruggencate is a veteran journalist, author and public relations professional. He retired from The Honolulu Advertiser in 2007 after 37 years as its Kauai Bureau Chief and science writer. After his retirement, he formed Island Strategy LLC, a communications consulting firm. He is a published author of several books with Hawaiian themes. His community activities include serving as an elected board member of the Kauai Island Utility Cooperative and a board member of the Kauai County Charter Review Commission and the Lihue Business Association. Mr. TenBruggencate will be a valuable asset as the Kauai representative on the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

We urge your committee to recommend Senate confirmation on the appointment of Mr. Jan TenBruggencate to a term as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony **in support** of this consideration.

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE 581  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO  
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PRESENTATION TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

Mr. DOUG MAYNE  
VICE DIRECTOR OF STATE CIVIL DEFENSE  
February 26, 2013

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

I am Doug Mayne, Vice Director of State Civil Defense. I am providing written testimony **in support** of GM 581 to confirm Mr. Jan TenBruggencate to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Mr. TenBruggencate will be a valuable addition to the Civil Defense Advisory Council. He served as the science writer and the Kauai Bureau Chief for The Honolulu Advertiser. After his retirement in 2007, he started his communications consulting firm, Island Strategy LLC. He continues to serve the island's community as an elected board member of the Kauai Island Utility Cooperative and a board member of the Kauai County Charter Review Commission and the Lihue Business Association. Over the years, he authored several books with Hawaiian themes. Mr. TenBruggencate, with his extensive knowledge and background, will be a valuable asset to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

I ask your committee to confirm Mr. Jan TenBruggencate to a term as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony **in support** of Mr. TenBruggencate.

# **RICHARD K. MINATOYA**

TESTIMONY  
ON  
GM 581 - NOMINATION OF JAN TENBRUGGENCATE  
CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 26, 2013

The Honorable Will Espero  
Chair

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
Vice Chair

and Members

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

I am Richard Minatoya, and I serve as the Maui County member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council. I STRONGLY SUPPORT GM 581, the nomination of JAN TENBRUGGENCATE to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

As a Kauai native, I have known Mr. Tenbruggencate for many years, where he is well-known to be personable, hard working, and honest. As a reporter for the old Honolulu Advertiser, Mr. Tenbruggencate always reported with integrity and without his own "spin." His background in media and public information brings much valued experience to the Council, which is made up of individuals from diverse backgrounds.

I ask that the committee recommends CONFIRMATION to the full Senate.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.