

GM 585

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, L. RICHARD FRIED, JR., for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Report Title: Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority

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2/19/2013	S	The committee(s) on THA has scheduled a public hearing on 03-04-13 2:45PM in conference room 224.

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February 28, 2013

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chairman
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Room 221
Hawaii State Capitol

RE: GM 585 HTA Board Nominee Richard Fried
Date: Monday, March 4, 2013
Time: 2:45 pm

Dear Chairman Brickwood Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs:

I am pleased to write in SUPPORT of Rick Fried's nomination to the HTA Board of Directors. Rick has long been active in community affairs having served in fundraising and leadership positions with the Hawaii Theater, Honolulu Symphony, Shriners Hospital, American Cancer Society and American Civil Liberties Union. I have known Rick for forty five years and can attest to the seriousness with which he takes his HTA Board responsibilities. He will be an active participant and contributor to the HTA Board.

Please feel free to contact me should there be any questions.

Very truly yours,



Gerald Y. Sekiya

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February 4, 2013

VIA EMAIL

Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Hawai`i State Capitol, Room 221
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Re: **Confirmation to Hawai`i Tourism Authority Board of Directors**

Dear Senator:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Richard Fried to be a member of the Hawai`i Tourism Authority Board of Directors. I have known Rick for over 40 years. Although it is not politically active, he is an acute observer of Hawai`i's business climate and very insightful. He will be a great asset to the HTA. He should be confirmed.

Very truly yours,

PAUL ALSTON

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**Testimony of Ronald Williams,
President and CEO, Atlantis Adventures**

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Monday, March 4, 2013, 2:45 p.m.

Conference Room 224

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Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs committee:

As the current Chairman of the Board of the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority, I support the nomination of L. Richard Fried to the HTA Board of Directors.

During his interim appointment to the HTA board, since May 2012, Mr. Fried has been an active and conscientious member and I truly appreciate his contributions and his time given to the board and its committees.

I am confident he will continue to bring an excellent perspective that will be helpful to guide the board in ensuring the economic engine of tourism remains strong in the years ahead.

I support his nomination without hesitation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Testimony of Mike McCartney,

1054 Auloa Road

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Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs committee:

I wholeheartedly support the Governor's nomination of L. Richard Fried to the HTA Board of Directors. I have known Rick, as he is familiarly known, for many years and am intimately familiar with the significant contributions he has made to support many local charities and community organizations. His reputation and civic mindedness demonstrates his interest and affiliation with the advancement of all that is best for our state.

As a prominent businessman in our community, he will bring a good perspective that will be helpful to guide the board and the HTA in ensuring the economic engine of tourism remains strong in the years ahead.

I support his nomination without hesitation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Submitted on: 3/1/2013

Testimony for THA on Mar 4, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ralph K. Makaiau Jr.	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: March 4, 2013 SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TESTIMONY OF Ralph K. Makaiau Jr. GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 587 GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DANNA HOLCK O'ahu Island Burial Council Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, Danna Holck, for a term to expire June 30, 2016. The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria and Members of the Committee: I would like to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating Danna Holck to the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) as a large landowner representative. I have worked very closely with Danna Holck in her current position as General Manager at the Turtle Bay Resort. It is with great honor and pride that I submit not only this testimony of support, but also my humble solicitation for this committee to confirm Danna Holck to the OIBC. Born and raised in Kahuku, I am a product of the plantation life style and multi-generational Hawaiian ancestry, subsistence living in the Ko'olau Loa "moku. I own my home in Kahuku and have been employed at the Turtle Bay Resort since May of 1972. My current occupation at Turtle Bay is Senior Project Manager with the real estate development team where I work with Danna Holck on many on-site and off-site issues. My 40 years of work experiences at Turtle Bay afford me the opportunity to wear many hats in community and at the resort promoting project development planning and project resolution with Danna Holck as a partner. For reasons within Ahupua'a-O-Kahuku, we were fortunate to have fostered the Kahuku Burial Committee in 2005. I was invited to participate in the making of this Kahuku resident group of "tutu's" because of my previous involvement with "Iwi Kupuna" and the SHPD of 1991 to rebury ancestral "iwi". The groups' spiritual leader is Richard Paglinawan. Repatriation kokua from PA KU'I-A-LUA and Ku'iwalu. Danna Holck is an active member of this group; she has participated in the repatriation rituals of an inadvertent find, engagement of archeologist, monitor site processing, and monitored approvals with SHPD and OIBC. Danna Holck and the group have also monitored the site processing of an approved SAIS for just under 200 acres of undeveloped land, from which many Hawaiian culture stories were learned. Danna Holck is a committed student of traditional Hawaiian culture and our host culture role of today; where she has included cultural sharing in the work place. I ask that you confirm Danna Holck to the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

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