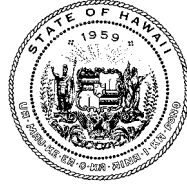


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Testimony in Support of Governor's Message (GM 702)

For Consideration and Confirmation of  
JOSE DIOGO to the Board of Taxation Review, 4<sup>th</sup> Taxation District (Kauai)  
for a Term to Expire June 30, 2015

The Department of Taxation (Department) supports the nomination of Jose Diogo to the Board of Taxation Review (Board) and encourages this committee to confirm his nomination for a second term.

Jose Diogo is a qualified candidate to serve on the Board for the Fourth Taxation District, which is comprised of Kauai County. Mr. Diogo is a State-licensed appraiser since 1993, State-certified since 1998, and has worked in this field for over 24 years. As a small business owner and with his experience in the real estate business field, Mr. Diogo has helped the Board fulfill its duty to Hawaii's taxpayers and the tax community. Currently, Mr. Diogo serves as the Chairman of the Board of Taxation Review, 4<sup>th</sup> Taxation District.

Beyond his professional experience and service to this Board, Mr. Diogo has also served on a County of Kauai Board of Review since 2011 on matters involving County of Kauai real property taxes. Mr. Diogo has a commitment to public service and has been active in voluntary service to his community.

Mr. Diogo has the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively and competently serve as a member of the Board of Taxation Review for the Fourth Taxation District. The Department supports his nomination and respectfully requests the Senate's favorable confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.