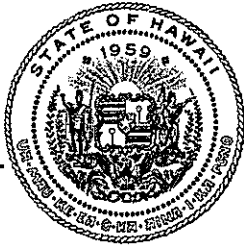


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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, RALPH MESICK, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.



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Statement of
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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
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Monday, April 8, 2013
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CORPORATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RALPH MESICK, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE 6-30-2016.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Senate Committee on
Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing.

DBEDT supports the nomination of Ralph Mesick as the Oahu representative to
the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) Board.

Mr. Mesick currently chairs the HHFDC Board. His thorough understanding of
the financing and credit markets is a valuable asset to the HHFDC. His continued
service will help to ensure that HHFDC balances the need to be good stewards of the
resources entrusted to the agency and the provision of quality affordable housing
developments.

DBEDT respectfully requests that the Committee support Mr. Mesick's
nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) Board of Directors **strongly supports** the nomination of Ralph Mesick as the Oahu representative to the Board.

Mr. Mesick is the current HHFDC Board Chair. Through the economic downturn, when the understanding of real estate financing and credit markets was critical, his expertise was a valuable asset. Going forward, he will continue to draw on that expertise to guide the Board in the use of its financing and development tools to increase the inventory of affordable housing statewide.

Mr. Mesick's dedication to community service is further exemplified by his service on the Hawaii Community Reinvestment Corporation, a nonprofit community development agency, and as a Regent of Chaminade University. Mr. Mesick is well qualified to serve on the HHFDC Board. Therefore, we respectfully request the Committee's support of his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Castle & Cooke
Hawai'i

April 5, 2013

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The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair,
The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair and
the Committee on Economic Development,
Government Operations and Housing
Hawai'i Senate
Hawai'i State Capitol Room 16
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Dear Senators Dela Cruz, Slom and Members of the Committee:

Subject: *Nomination of Ralph Mesick to the Board of Directors of the
Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation*

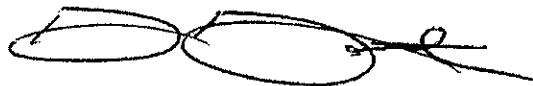
On behalf of Castle & Cooke Hawai'i, I am submitting this testimony in support of the nomination of Ralph Mesick to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC).

Mr. Mesick's extensive background in banking and specifically his experience in financing housing projects within our community have provided invaluable insight and perspectives as a current member of the HHFDC Board. His continuance as a HHFDC Board member would be beneficial in carrying out HHFDC's mission of providing affordable housing opportunities to the qualified residents of Hawai'i.

We respectfully request your favorable approval of Mr. Mesick's nomination to the HHFDC Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

CASTLE & COOKE HAWAI'I



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Dane Wicker

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
stephen clear	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i have known ralph for 8 years. he is extremely intelligent, industrious and very caring about his community. he is a wonderful asset for any government or community board.

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Harry A Saunders III	Individual	Support	No

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Robert M Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe Ralph Mesick will continue to be an outstanding member of this board and highly recommend his as so. He is an honest, hard working family man of great character.

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Jan Yokota	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of Ralph Mesick's nomination for a second term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. With Ralph's experience in real estate finance and construction lending, prior experience as a board member, and strong commitment to serving the community, he will continue to be an asset to HHFDC.

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Laurie LaGrange	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Ralph Mesick for close to 10 years. He is a man who is governed by his dedication to do what is right and is highly respected by many in the community. Sometimes it is easy to forget all that he has accomplished because he is such a humble man. I wholeheartedly support the Governor's nomination of Mr. Mesick to a second term as a board member of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development. His professional expertise and his high integrity make him the kind of person who will serve the community well in this position.

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Lisa Wong	Individual	Support	No

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Mark Tokito	Individual	Support	No

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Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing

Monday, April 8, 2013
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Conference Room 16

GM 716 - Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, RALPH MESICK, for a term to expire 6-30-2016

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Luis Salaveria, current deputy director of the Department of Budget and Finance, and fellow board member for the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation serving as Governor's representative. As such I've had the opportunity to work with Ms. Mesick over the past year. Mr. Mesick's finance experience with the commercial real estate division at First Hawaiian Bank and extensive banking background has been a key component of reviewing complex federal and state requirements on housing projects. As a board member he works closely with the executive director, concerned community residents, housing developers and financiers to make affordable housing a reality in Hawai'i. Favorable consideration for Mr. Mesick to continue supporting the board will help facilitate the movement of current projects.

I urge the members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing to support Ralph Mesick's nomination and advancing GM 716 for full Senate confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Ralph Mesick to the Board of Director of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

April 5, 2013

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Sam Slom, Chair

Committee on Economic Development, Government, Operations and Housing


**GM 716 EGH Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of Hawaii
Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ralph Mesick, for a term to
expire 6-30-2016**

Aloha,

This letter is in support of retaining Mr. Ralph Mesick as Chair of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for a second term.

Making Housing Affordable is readily accepted as the State of Hawaii's number one issue. What cannot be accepted is having an HHFDC Board without the skillset to address this issue. I have known Ralph for nearly 27 years. One of his passions is real estate development, including workforce housing development and affordable housing. He has always been a great resource to developers and organizations interested in addressing how we can develop housing appropriately. His knowledge of financing these projects saves money and time for the State in reviewing development proposals.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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