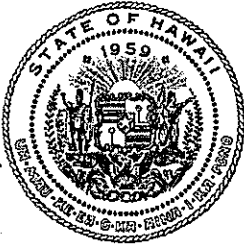


GM758

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
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Statement Of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS AND HOUSING**

Monday, April 8, 2013
2:45 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of
GM 758
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JEFFREY TORRES
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-17.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism **strongly supports** the nomination of Jeffrey Torres to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation's Board of Directors.

Mr. Torres brings extensive experience in the health care field, an area of interest for HSDC. His strong background in compliance will also be of benefit to HSDC.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Mr. Torres' behalf.



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

HSDC **strongly supports** the appointment of Jeffrey Torres to its Board of Directors. Mr. Torres brings extensive experience in the healthcare field and with compliance issues that will benefit the board's oversight of HSDC's investment programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Mr. Torres' behalf.

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
April 8, 2013 at 2:45 pm
by
Lui K. Hokoana, Ed.D.

GM 758 – Relating to the Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jeffrey Torres, for a term to expire 6-30-2017,

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and members of the committee:

I stand in strong support of Jeffrey Torres to serve as a board member for the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation. Mr. Torres has experience as a Bank Lawyer and working with corporate governance. He currently works in the health care field. His work experience and his passion to find economic alternatives to tourism will serve him well in his capacity with the Strategic Development Corporation.

I strongly urge you to confirm Mr. Torres.

April 7, 2013

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government
Operations and Housing

From: Christine Ogawa Karamatsu

Re: GM 758, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of
Directors of the Hawai'i Strategic Development Corporation,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Jeffrey Torres
In Support

Hearing: Monday, April 8, 2013 at 2:45 pm
Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee,

I am writing **in support** of GM 758, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Strategic Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jeffrey Torres.

I have the privilege of working with Jeff in the Government and Regulatory Affairs Department at 'Ohana Health Plan. Born and raised on Maui, he is a local boy who brings back to the islands his many years of experience of working in a large mainland law firm with many diverse clienteles. I have found Jeff to be an extremely intelligent and capable individual. He is a creative problem solver who approaches his work with an open mind and a smile on his face, and strives to bring people together to create workable solutions. He is therefore a well-liked and respected member of our 'Ohana team, and I am confident that he will be an asset to the board of the Hawai'i Strategic Development Corporation.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

April 5, 2013

To: The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz
Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government
Operations and Housing (EGH)

From: Wendy Morriarty, RN, MPH

Re: In support of GM758: Appointment of Jeff Torres to the Board of Directors
of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation

Hearing: Monday, April 8, 2013 at 2:45 pm
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016

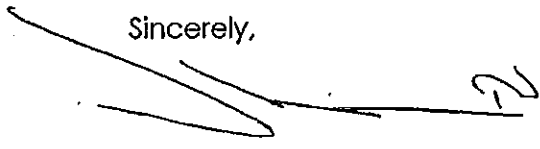
Dear Senator Dela Cruz,

As a personal friend and business associate of Mr. Jeff Torres, I am proud to write this letter of support for his nomination to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation. While Mr. Torres will likely be too modest in his own testimony, I can attest to his high integrity, moral character, intellect and strong analytical skills.

Mr. Torres was born and raised on Maui and understands the unique needs and challenges that Hawaii is facing. His professional experience includes work both here, on the mainland and even internationally. His technical legal experience would be an asset to any committee that he would serve on. In addition to his legal background, he brings a vast array of compliance and public sector health policy knowledge.

I am confident Jeff has the ability and drive to serve the state of Hawaii. I strongly support his nomination.

Sincerely,



Wendy Morriarty, RN, MPH
President
'Ohana Health Plan