

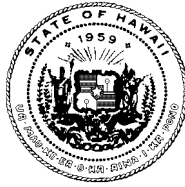
# GM 602

## MYOUNG OH

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, MYOUNG OH, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

**Report Title:** Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

**Current Referral:** HMS



STATE OF HAWAII  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

P. O. Box 339  
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March 27, 2014

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 602 – Gubernatorial Nomination of Mr. Myoung Oh to the  
Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority**  
Hearing: Thursday, March 27, 2014, 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

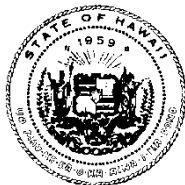
The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Mr. Myoung Oh to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

Mr. Oh is currently the Government Affairs Director for the Hawaii Association of Realtors. Mr. Oh brings private sector real estate experience to the HPHA Board. He has analyzed housing policy issues including affordable housing. He has developed and maintained strong working relationships with key public and private officials and their staff, including the Legislature where he served as a legislative aid. These relationships will help the HPHA Board in articulating important public housing issues and proposals.

The DHS requests a favorable consideration of Mr. Oh's nomination to the HPHA Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR



HAKIM OUANSAFI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Statement of  
**David J. Gierlach**  
Hawaii Public Housing Authority  
Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

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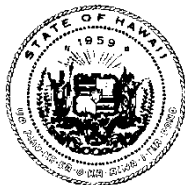
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Honorable Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Governor's Message 602, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Myoung Oh, for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

My name is David Gierlach, and I am the Chair of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of Directors (BOARD) and support the confirmation of Mr. Myoung Oh to the HPHA Board of Directors. Over the past several months, Mr. Oh has been participating in our BOARD meetings and has positively contributed in our discussions. With Mr. Oh's legislative and real estate background, I am confident that Mr. Oh will continue to be an asset to the State and to this Board.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services with my position regarding G.M. 602. I respectfully request the Committee to confirm Mr. Myoung Oh to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
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The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the confirmation of Mr. Oh to the HPHA Board of Directors. The HPHA Board needs directors with a variety of life experiences and professional expertise in order to effectively fulfill its role as a policy guide for the agency. Mr. Oh's years of professional experience as the Government Affairs Director for the Hawaii Association of Realtors and as a legislative aide to State Representative K. Mark Takai have been extremely valuable to the HPHA Board when reviewing state government issues and legislation. Furthermore, Mr. Oh's hard work ethic and integrity have been great assets to the HPHA Board and he has brought a fresh perspective in developing sound and thoughtful policy decisions.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services with the agency's position regarding G.M. 602. We respectfully request the Committee to confirm Mr. Myoung Oh to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.

# **BIA-HAWAII**

**BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

THE VOICE OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

## **TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Thursday, March 27, 2014**

**1:15 p.m.**

**State Capitol - Room 016**

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## **RE: GM 602, CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MYOUNG OH TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Dear Chair Chun Oakland, Vice-Chair Green, and members of the Committee,

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **supports** the appointment of Mr. Myoung S. Oh to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority ("HPHA").

Mr. Oh brings years of experience in public and community service. In his current capacity as Director of Government Relations at the Hawaii Association of Realtors, and as a Development Committee Member of the Hawaii Homeownership Center, Mr. Oh has direct knowledge of the realities of the high-cost Hawaii housing market, as well as experience with families struggling to get into their first home. He would bring both perspectives to the HPHA in helping to carry out their mission of developing affordable rental and supportive housing, public housing, and the efficient and fair delivery of housing services to the people of Hawai`i.

BIA-Hawaii has worked with Mr. Oh on the Affordable Housing Task Force, created in 2013 by Senate Concurrent Resolution 135 S.D. 1. Mr. Oh has also worked with BIA-Hawaii on legislation in 2013 that was beneficial to the industry and passed into law.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our **support** for this appointment

**Testimony of  
Gary M. Slovin / Mihoko E. Ito**

DATE: March 26, 2014

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland  
Chair, Senate Committee on Human Services  
*Submitted Via:* [HMStestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HMStestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

RE: **GM 602 – Hawaii Public Housing Authority – Myoung Oh**  
**Hearing Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 1:15 pm**  
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Dear Chair Chun-Oakland and Members of the Committee on Human Services,

We submit this testimony in strong support of Myoung Oh's confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

We have worked closely with Myoung in a professional capacity for the last five years in his positions as Government Affairs Specialist and Government Affairs Director for the Hawaii Association of Realtors (HAR). During those years, we provided legal and government affairs assistance to the HAR Government Affairs Committee. We have worked extensively with Myoung and the Government Affairs Committee on tracking and analyzing legislation, drafting and presenting testimony and developing overall legislative strategy.

We strongly support Myoung's nomination because he exemplifies commitment and leadership. Myoung has grown tremendously in transitioning from a Government Affairs Specialist to Government Affairs Director for HAR. He has significant substantive knowledge regarding housing and other areas impacting real estate due to his experience in dealing with these issues before the Legislature. Myoung demonstrates professionalism, competency and integrity, and is well-known and respected in the legislative community and beyond.

For the foregoing reasons, we respectfully ask that Mr. Oh's nomination receive the consent of the Committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

Gary Slovin & Mihoko Ito

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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services

Aloha Chair and Committee Members:

I highly recommend the appointment of nominee Mr. Myoung Oh to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Mr. Oh is an enthusiastic and experienced individual in his line of real estate work. He displays dedication and focus in any project he undertakes. As an active citizen, Mr. Oh works closely with legislation sharing ideas and principles on various issues to benefit the community.

With his extensive real estate background, Mr. Oh would be an outstanding contributor to the Board of Directors. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
Clift Tsuji