

DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 612

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board Gubernatorial Nominee Anthony Riecke-Gonzales

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) is pleased to support the reappointment of Mr. Anthony Riecke-Gonzales to our Board.

Mr. Riecke-Gonzales has been a very active member of the Board in the dual capacity of a licensed architect as well as the lone representative from the County of Maui.

Mr. Riecke-Gonzales has brought a fresh perspective to the Board with real world insight into the design and construction process for state and county buildings, facilities, and sites. He has been a member of the Standing Committee on Facility Access since being appointed to the Board. During that time, he has participated actively in the development of the Board's fee schedule for the review of construction plans per Hawaii Revised Statutes §103-50. He has also been active during the Board's adoption of the new Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines in 2011.

We strongly support Mr. Riecke-Gonzales nomination to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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FRANCINE WAI Executive Director



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TESTIMONI OF ANTHONY RIECKE-GONZALES TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS ON. March 15,2014

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANTHONY RIECKE-GONZALES, for a term to expire 6/30/2017.

Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered to continue to serve on the DCAB board. I have been privileged to learn much and represent the architecture community of Maui for the past 4 years I have been at the board.

The background offered is my experience as a practicing architect on Maui since I graduated from the University of Hawaii Manoa School of architecture in 1983. The hope is that I can act as a liaison to relay the concerns I hear in the community regarding issues with ADA to the board, and likewise also relay to my community the meaning & intent of ADA and related laws and interpretation that I am continually learn about.

What I see as the important role a neighbor island representative can bring to the board is the concerns as seen through the experience of one who lives in a smaller community with more rural and mom & pop perspectives. Hopefully to date, DCAB has benefitted from my input, and wants to continue the dialogue.

Aloha,

Anthony Riecke-Gonzales AIA.