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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 627

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 627, regarding the reappointment of Michael Hamnett to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund ("Board"). My name is Keali'i Lopez, Director of the Department. The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Hamnett's reappointment to the Board as a Senate member for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

Mr. Hamnett is currently a member of the Board and serves as the Chair. Mr. Hamnett understands the role and various responsibilities of the Board including the establishment of policies for the administration and operation of the fund, and to monitor the fund's investments.

Mr. Hamnett's professional interests and experience includes research management, energy policy and planning, disaster mitigation and preparedness, ocean and coastal resources management, and policy research management. Mr. Hamnett is currently the Executive Director of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, and his past research and planning experience includes the development and implementation of a disaster mitigation plan for the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the reappointment of Mr. Hamnett to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund.