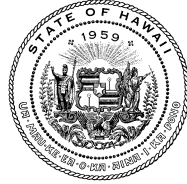


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To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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Date: March 23, 2016
Time: 10:00A.M.
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
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Re: Testimony in **Support** of Governor's Message GM590
For Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Taxation Review,
2nd Taxation District (Maui), Gubernatorial Nominee, ALAN BERNALDO,
for a Term to Expire June 30, 2016

The Department of Taxation (Department) **supports** the nomination of Alan Bernaldo to the Board of Taxation Review for the 2nd Taxation District, Maui. Mr. Bernaldo is a qualified candidate to serve on the Board of Taxation Review (Board) and encourages this Committee to confirm his nomination.

Mr. Bernaldo possesses a Bachelor of Accounting from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. As a Certified Public Accountant with over 45 years of experience in the areas of tax, auditing and accounting, Mr. Bernaldo is well qualified to serve on the Board. Over 35 years of tax experience is from Mr. Bernaldo's work in his own practice (Alan Bernaldo, CPA) and ten years of work experience with Ernst & Ernst, Coopers & Lybrand and other private firms.

Mr. Bernaldo is active in the tax community and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants (HSCPA), and the Hawaii Association of Public Accountants (HAPA). He had also previously served on the Board of Taxation Review for the 2nd Taxation District once before. The Department appreciates his dedication and commitment to assist the Maui Tax District community.

The Department believes that Mr. Bernaldo's extensive experience and background will be beneficial in resolving complex tax matters that come before the Board. Mr. Bernaldo has the necessary understanding of the tax law and Board procedures to effectively and adeptly serve on the Board for the 2nd Taxation District. For these reasons, the Department supports Mr. Bernaldo's nomination and respectfully requests the Senate's favorable confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.