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To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: March 23, 2016
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
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Re: Testimony in **Support** of Governor's Message GM594
For Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Taxation Review,
3rd Taxation District (Hawai'i), Gubernatorial Nominee, VALERIE PERALTO,
for a Term to Expire June 30, 2016

The Department of Taxation (Department) **supports** the nomination of Valerie Peralto to the Board of Taxation Review, 3rd Taxation District (Hawai'i). Ms. Peralto is a qualified candidate to serve on the Board of Taxation Review and encourages this Committee to confirm her nomination.

Ms. Peralto has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Public Accounting from Gonzaga University. She is a Certified Public Accountant with her own accounting practice in Hilo, Peralto & Co. CPAs Inc., which she co-founded with her husband Joel. Ms. Peralto has served clients on the Island of Hawai'i for over 35 years. She is well regarded in the community and has a wide range of experience in tax and accounting.

Ms. Peralto's vast experience in tax and accounting will be beneficial in resolving complex tax questions and cases that comes before the Board. The Department views that Ms. Peralto is a qualified candidate and has the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively and adeptly serve as a member of the Board of Taxation Review. The Department supports her nomination and respectfully requests the Senate's favorable confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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March 22, 2016

Testimony of Rep. Clift Tsuji
Before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 10:00 a.m. State Capitol, Room 211
RE: GM594

Aloha Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

Please accept my support for Valerie Peralto's nomination to the Board of Taxation Review, 3rd Taxation District. With her varied, extensive work history, I believe Valerie is someone who will bring significant benefit to this Board.

I have known Valerie for over 20 years, and can attest to her work ethic and responsible leadership. I have served with her on the Hilo Medical Center Foundation where she is a board member and the treasurer.

She is also the HAPA Big Island Chapter Continuing Education Chairperson as well as a member of the Rotary Club of South Hilo. Her past community service includes serving as Regional Treasurer for the AYSO Region 274 and Finance Committee Chairperson for St. Joseph Schools.

Ms. Peralto has over 40 years of public accounting experience, first as a staff accountant for many different agencies and is currently a Certified Public Accountant in public practice and President of her own business-Peralto & Co., CPAs, Inc.

With an appointment to the Hawaii State Board, Ms. Peralto will focus on improving the accounting profession and making a difference in the State of Hawaii.

This individual has distinguished herself in her profession and community. The prospect of what she could further accomplish serving on the Board is a point worthy of consideration. I humbly ask that you give positive consideration to Ms. Peralto's nomination.

Sincerely,

CLIFT TSUJI

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GM594

Submitted on: 3/15/2016

Testimony for WAM on Mar 23, 2016 10:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Tulang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Valerie Peralto will be an asset to this board!

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Re: GM 594 and 595, Board of Taxation Review, 3rd Taxation District
(Hawai'i), gubernatorial nominee, Valerie Peralto,
for terms to expire 6-30-2016 and 06-30-2020

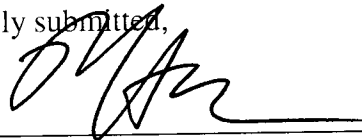
**Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

I support the nomination of Valerie Peralto to the State Board of Taxation Review, 3rd Taxation District (Hawai'i), and ask you to confirm her appointment. Ms. Peralto has demonstrated her commitment to the community as a volunteer, including recognition as a "Star" volunteer by the Hilo Medical Center Foundation.

As a tax professional, with substantial experience, she is well qualified to serve on the Board of Taxation Review, 3rd Taxation District (Hawai'i).

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald I. Heller