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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
Department of Taxation

Re: Testimony in **Support** of Governor's Message GM595
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, 2020

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.

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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

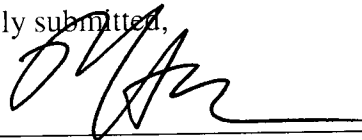
**Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

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,



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GM595

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| Julie Tulang | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Val as we know her will be a dedicated board member.

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