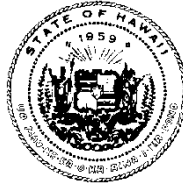


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Honorable Chair Harimoto and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Governor's Message 610 (G.M. 610) and Governor's Message 611 (G.M. 611), submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. George De Mello, for two terms to expire June 30, 2019.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the confirmation of Mr. De Mello to the HPHA Board of Directors. The HPHA Board needs directors with a variety of life experiences and professional expertise in order to effectively fulfill its role as a policy guide for the agency. The HPHA Board particularly benefits from directors who have familiarity with the concerns of fellow residents of the HPHA as well as the HPHA's programs and policies. Mr. De Mello's many years of service on HPHA's Resident Advisory Board will serve him well in giving the tenant's a voice on the HPHA Board. This perspective will be extremely valuable to the HPHA Board when reviewing policy changes that will affect the HPHA's program participants.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Housing with the agency's position regarding G.M. 610 and G.M. 611. We respectfully request the Committee to confirm Mr. George De Mello to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.