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## Statement of Karl K. Fooks President Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation

## Before the SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

Monday, April 4, 2016 1:15 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In support of

## **GM 703**

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NOMINEE, MARK TSUDA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Members of the Committee:

HSDC strongly supports the appointment of Mark Tsuda to its Board of Directors. Mr. Tsuda is an experienced business executive with extensive experience in the travel and fashion industries and this expertise will assist HSDC in the evaluation of investment decisions. Mr. Tsuda is an active member of the business community and has a strong interest in supporting economic development in Hawaii as evidenced by his willingness to work with local entrepreneurs to help them launch and grow their businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.