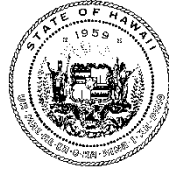


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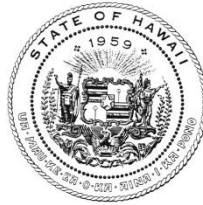
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G.M. 737

RELATING TO CONFIRMATION TO THE PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD, KATHY M. SUZUKI-KITAGAWA

Chair Mercado Kim, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on the confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board (the Board), gubernatorial nominee, Ms. Kathy M. Suzuki-Kitagawa. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports Ms. Suzuki-Kitagawa's recommendation for confirmation.

HRS Section 103D-201 requires that the Board shall have two members with significant high level procurement experience in the field of health and human services. Ms. Suzuki-Kitagawa is currently the Chief Operating Officer of Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA). Her responsibilities include working with the Chief Executive Officer to develop and implement HPA's policies and activities on a day to day basis. She is also responsible for the organization's operating and project budgets and contracts. Her appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 737
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as a Procurement Policy Board member,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHY SUZUKI-KITAGAWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2017

Chair Kim, Vice-Chair Ihara, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on GM 737.

The State Procurement Office (SPO) strongly supports Kathy Suzuki-Kitagawa's confirmation as a Procurement Policy Board (PPB) member.

Since 2004, Ms. Suzuki-Kitagawa has been the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which is a private, nonprofit organization, dedicated to fostering primary health care for all Hawaii residents. As HPCA's COO, she has partnered with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to develop and implement HPCA's policies and activities on a day-to-day basis. She has also developed projects, policies, and budgets for Hawaii's ever-changing community healthcare industry.

Kathy received her Master's in Business Administration (August 2003) and her Master's in Public Health (1999) from the University of Hawaii. In July 2000, she started working for HPCA as a Special Projects Director, responsible to develop, support, and implement projects that increased access to primary health care throughout the state, involving dental health, mental health, and school health. To date, as HPCA's COO, she has oversight of a \$4.8 million dollar budget, is directly responsible for \$2 million in project funds, and is responsible for all contracts for HPCA. Her experience of managing several state contracts for 7+ years and her passion for Hawaii's health services to the underserved and uninsured will greatly aid the PPB's oversight of the implementation of its rules and the requirements of chapters 103D and 103F, HRS.

Thank you.



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Senate Committee on Government Operations

The Hon. Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

The Hon. Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of GM737

Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, CEO

April 19, 2016, 1:15 pm, Room 414

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents community health centers in Hawai'i, **strongly supports** the nomination of Kathy Suzuki-Kitagawa to the Procurement Policy Board.

Ms. Kitagawa-Suzuki has been in the employ of the HPCA since 2000, having held several positions before ascending to the post of Chief Operating Officers in 2004. Since that time she has worked tirelessly to develop and implement HPCA's policies and activities. In that role she has overseen a multi-million dollar budget, been responsible for all contracts executed by the organization, and even served a term as Interim Chief Executive Officer for the organization, shepherding it through the first transition of leadership in nearly two decades.

In addition to her work internally, she has also been an active participant in the greater health community, playing an active role with the Hawaii Islands Oral Health Task Force, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii Emergency Management Committee, the Hawaii Healthcare Project State Innovation Model Oral Health Committee, and served a three year term on this very same Procurement Policy Board.

Prior to joining the HPCA, Ms. Kitagawa-Suzuki her Bachelor's degree in English and Master's in both Public Health and Business Administration from the University of Hawaii. In addition, she became certified as a Health Education Specialist and was awarded an advanced certificate in gerontology.

The combined breadth of experience and education that Ms. Kitagawa-Suzuki possesses, along with prior time already spent working with the Procurement Policy Board, makes her a well-rounded and knowledgeable resource that will serve as a vital resource for the Board.

The HPCA strongly supports her nomination and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments: To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS Chair Donna Mercado Kim Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr. Hearing: April 19, 2016 1:15 p.m. Room 414 Re: GM 737 - Support for Kathy Suzuki-Kitagawa Nominee for Procurement Policy Board Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Committee: It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Kathy Suzuki-Kitagawa to serve on Hawai'i's Procurement Policy Board (PPB). I am well-acquainted with Ms. Suzuki-Kitagawa, who is both a former employee and a long-time friend. Kathy has already been a contributing member of the PPB and I'm confident she will continue to bring to it her hands-on experience with state procurement practices and her personal integrity, practicality, and thoughtful and attentive approach. In addition, her fellow PPB members and SPO staff will enjoy working with her. In short, Kathy Suzuki-Kitagawa is an ideal candidate and will serve the state well.

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Melissa Pavlicek	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Melissa Pavlicek. I am a member of the Procurement Policy Board Nominating Committee. I am writing in support of Kathy Suzuki-Kitagawa's appointment to the Procurement Policy Board. Her name was submitted by the nominating committee for appointment by the Governor based on her qualifications, community service and leadership. Please support her appointment.

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