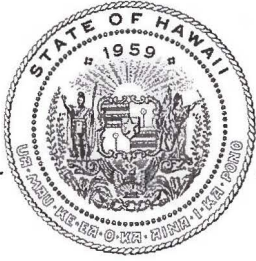


## GM 803

Re: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board Of Directors Of The Natural Energy Laboratory Of Hawai'i Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN DELONG, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

## TESTIMONY



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Statement of  
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before the

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY**

Thursday, April 14, 2016

2:45 pm

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of

**GM 803**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
JOHN DELONG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2019.**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) is pleased to present testimony in strong support of Mr. John DeLong to be considered for the NELHA Board of Directors. He has a long history of contributing to the economic development in Hawaii and as a successful businessman. He is very qualified and has the ability to fill this important position.

My Deputy Director and I have had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. DeLong in the past when he was previously on the NELHA Board of Directors. Mr. DeLong's very strong background in construction complements many of the infrastructure projects that are still

under development. More specifically, his private sector business experience with Hawaiian Cement, a company with combined revenues of several hundred million dollars, at the CEO level affords an opportunity to provide invaluable advice and perspectives to the NELHA Board of Directors.

In addition, Mr. DeLong has a scientific background in chemical engineering that will assist in understanding the technological challenges of the technological park. As we have worked with him over the years, it is very clear that he has a strong interest in the successful development of new businesses that can take advantage of Hawaii's unique opportunities such as the Natural Energy Laboratory. In addition, over the years, we have always valued his opinion on critical issues facing NELHA. His practical realistic assessment of issues and straight-forward thinking has been invaluable in this regard.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony for GM 803.

**Testimony of John DeLong  
To the Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy**

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Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the TRE Committee:

I am very interested in serving on the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority Board of Directors for a term effective July 1, 2016. I have previously served on this Board and my previous term ended June 30, 2015. During my tenure on the Board, I served as Chairman for several years and I had the opportunity to see the NELHA grow and become a key economic development project in West Hawaii and the State. My background in the private sector will assist NELHA in operating as a self sufficient agency.

I firmly believe that this economic development project has significant potential to help diversify our economy especially in the areas of clean energy technologies and other sustainable industries such and marine science and aquaculture. I would like to again volunteer my time to see NELHA realize its full potential and give back to the community.

Thank you for your consideration.