

GM821

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board Of Directors Of The Hawai'i Hurricane Relief Fund, Gubernatorial Nominee, STAFFORD KIGUCHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016
Friday, April 15, 2016
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 821**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII HURRICANE RELIEF FUND**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **STAFFORD KIGUCHI**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 821, nominating Mr. Stafford Kiguchi for reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

Mr. Kiguchi was first appointed to the Board in 2014 and he has been a valuable member serving as a director since his appointment began. An employee of Bank of Hawaii since 1999, Mr. Kiguchi is presently the company's Executive Vice President and

Manager for Government Relations and Corporate Communications, which demonstrates his expertise reaching across private business and government issues in the State. His work in the banking industry has made him well-suited to serve on the Board and to take part in the various financial and risk management issues associated with the Board's work. Mr. Kiguchi also serves on various other boards and associations dedicated to improving both the business community (i.e., Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii) and the local community in general (i.e., America Diabetes Association, Hawaii Chapter), which has included government relations and legislative experience that can add to his input on the Board.

Mr. Kiguchi has attended each meeting of the Board held since his appointment in 2014. He has proven to be a solid contributor to the Board's discussions, and he is regularly prepared for the topics being discussed and he draws upon his professional experience in banking and finance to offer a practical business perspective to the deliberations. Thus, Mr. Kiguchi understands the requirements of board membership and has proven his ability to consistently attend and contribute to Board meetings.

Given Mr. Kiguchi's solid service record and continued interest in serving as a director, the Department strongly supports his reappointment to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments in support of Mr. Kiguchi's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund.

Presentation To
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Friday, April 15, 2016 at 9:30 AM
State Capitol Conference Room 229

Testimony in Support of Governor's Message 821

TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

My name is Edward Pei and I am the Executive Director of the Hawaii Bankers Association (HBA). HBA is the trade association representing eleven FDIC insured depository institutions with branch offices in the State of Hawaii.

The Hawaii Bankers Association is very pleased that Governor David Ige has nominated STAFFORD KIGUCHI to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund, for a term to expire on June 30, 2019. Mr. Kiguchi is a widely respected member of Hawaii's banking community and has a thorough understanding of the banking industry in general, as well as the mortgage lending business. He understands the fragile nature of our economy and the importance of adequate insurance protection for natural disasters.

If the Governor is looking for a good representative from the financial sector to serve on this important Board, Mr. Kiguchi is a superb choice and the Hawaii Bankers Association strongly supports his confirmation to this Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony and please let us know if we can provide further information.



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April 15, 2016

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Re: GM 821 (Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors
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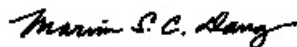
I am Marvin Dang, the attorney for the **Hawaii Financial Services Association** (“HFSA”). The HFSA is a trade association for Hawaii’s consumer credit industry. Its members include Hawaii financial services loan companies (which make mortgage loans and other loans, and which are regulated by the Hawaii Commissioner of Financial Institutions), mortgage lenders, and financial institutions.

We strongly support the confirmation of the Gubernatorial nomination of Stafford Kiguchi to be reappointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund. (We had similarly supported his nomination in 2014 when he was confirmed by the Senate to the Board.)

We have known Mr. Kiguchi for over 10 years through his activities on behalf of the financial industry, including the Hawaii Bankers Association. He is well respected. With his knowledge of mortgage lending, economic matters, and legislative issues, Mr. Kiguchi will continue to provide an important perspective to the Board. We applaud his willingness to serve the State of Hawaii by continuing as a Board member of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund.

Accordingly, we urge your favorable consideration of his nomination.

Thank you for considering our testimony.



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April 11, 2016

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Re: GM No. 821
STAFFORD KIGUCHI, Nominee to Board of Directors of HHRF
Testimony IN SUPPORT

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Senate Commerce & Consumer Affairs Committee:

This letter is in strong support of STAFFORD KIGUCHI's re-appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund ("HHRF").

Mr. Kiguchi has already served 2 years on the HHRF Board and has gained valuable experience that will serve him well for the next term. I have worked with the hurricane readiness community for many years, including the transition when more private insurance companies came back into the market to underwrite hurricane protection. Having foresight to manage risks, provide oversight over and safeguard financial investments, and work with the community and relevant partners requires responsible and experienced board members, such as Mr. Kiguchi.

I am familiar with the work of HHRF and with Mr. Kiguchi's skills and attributed. Mr. Kiguchi is a man of high integrity and good moral character. He is intelligent, and while deliberative, he is also a man of action. He has a temperament that is well suited to the HHRF Board. Mr. Kiguchi has the experience in business and finance as an executive at Bank of Hawaii, is familiar with the legislative and government process, understands public and personal accountability, and has the commitment to see a job through to completion.

HHRF and the State of Hawaii will be well served by Stafford Kiguchi's re-appointment to the Board.

Yours very truly,



Iris R. Okawa

April 8, 2016

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Stafford Kiguchi's Nomination to the HHRF Board

Dear Senator Baker:

I was excited to learn that Stafford Kiguchi has been nominated to serve a second term on the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund's (HHRF) Board of Directors. I am an insurance professional with 27 years of experience in Hawaii and have known Stafford for over twelve years. He has exhibited nothing but honesty and integrity in all of our encounters, whether discussing business, the non-profit sector or legislative issues.

During conversations regarding legislation of importance to both the banking and insurance sectors, Stafford has shown me that he has the knowledge to ably serve as a member of the HHRF Board of Directors. His professional demeanor, corporate communication skills and approach to resolving organizational issues are complementary to the needs of the HHRF.

Stafford has served as a board member for a number of nonprofit organizations, and I am confident that his sense of community will help him make decisions in the best interests of the HHRF and Hawaii. He currently serves on the Advisory Council for the local chapter of the American Diabetes Association and as a trustee for the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation. While these organizations are not related to the business of the HHRF, they are indicative of Stafford's efforts to serve the community in a variety of capacities.

I strongly support Stafford Kiguchi's nomination to serve another term on the HHRF Board of Directors for all of the above reasons.

Sincerely,

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Michael Onofrietti, ACAS, MAAA, CPCU
Senior Vice President
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Subject: Stafford Kiguchi's Nomination to the HHRF Board

Dear Senator Baker:

My name is Myles Murakami and I am the president of Atlas Insurance Agency and have been in the insurance business for forty years. The legislative Act 339 creating the State of Hawaii hurricane relief fund plays a vital role in protecting the consumers in Hawaii. Thus it is imperative that the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund is led by a Board with vision, integrity and passion for the people of Hawaii.

Stafford Kiguchi has all of the characteristics that are described above and would make a great Board member of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund. In addition, his experience from already serving as a board member of this group for the past two years makes him uniquely qualified to once again serve as a board member of this group.

I would highly support Stafford Kiguchi's nomination to serve another term on the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

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Myles A. Murakami
President

To: Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

From: Richard Zwern

Date: April 8, 2016

Re: GM 821 / Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board Of Directors Of The Hawai'i Hurricane Relief Fund, Gubernatorial Nominee, STAFFORD KIGUCHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

This letter is submitted on behalf of Stafford Kiguchi to support his reappointment to the board of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund. I whole-heartedly and unconditionally support his candidacy.

I have known Mr. Kiguchi for more than 35 years. We have worked together professionally during this time and am well-acquainted with his skills. He has a tireless work ethic, is committed to the improvement of our community, and consistently demonstrates only the highest ethical standards.

In addition, I have always found Mr. Kiguchi to be well-prepared on any and all business issues he needs to deal with. His calm demeanor combined with well-honed listening skills makes him an asset to any board and/or organization he is associated with.

By investing three years to date on the HHRF board, he has developed a great deal of institutional knowledge. Not only is this important from a continuity standpoint, it truly benefits HHRF and the community-at-large.

I fully support his HHRF board nomination.

Richard Zwern / Worldwide Director-Executive Development, WPP Group

Stafford J. Kiguchi
Nomination to Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Board?

It has been a privilege to serve the past two years as a member of the HHRF board and an honor to be nominated for this four-year term. Hawaii has been fortunate to have avoided a major hurricane disaster for a long period, and any need to activate the HHRF, but important lessons have been learned from prior events. And, as was evidenced by the escalated volume of hurricanes forming in our region this past season, preparation for such an event is prudent. Banks and other lenders remember the challenges imposed upon homeowners and potential homebuyers when insurance providers left the market. It is important to provide stability in the housing market.

2. What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

Assist with policy oversight as it relates to the administration of the HHRF. To work with the Board and other outside experts as needed to develop and implement plans and strategies in the interests of those it's intended to serve. A hurricane will have sudden impact but dealing with the aftermath is a long and arduous process that must be anticipated and planned for.

3. Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

My prior two years serving as a HHRF Board member has added to my experience and background. Additionally, I have been with Bank of Hawaii for more than 16 years and collaborate with the bank's investment, insurance and mortgage banking areas on policy matters. I believe I have a grasp of the fund's purpose and its underlying role and importance to Hawaii's housing market, homeowners and potential homebuyers.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

To continue working with the Board in helping to ensure our state is prepared to appropriately address a catastrophic event. Market conditions change and hurricane modeling technology has become more sophisticated and continues to evolve. It may be worth a review to ensure the HHRF is configured appropriately for the future. It may also be appropriate to see if public awareness can be elevated to further sensitize residents and visitors to potential hazards and steps to take to mitigate potential damage and harm from hurricanes.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

Conscientious; Open-minded; Tactful. I take the role and responsibilities seriously and do my best to serve to my fullest ability. I attempt to evaluate all aspects of an issue, consider differing opinions and anticipate possible outcomes before drawing conclusions.

6. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

I have had the privilege of serving on the HHRF Board for the past two years, and have acquired a deeper understanding and appreciation for the mission and scope of responsibilities. Also, my involvement with the APEC Hawaii Host Committee for APEC was an excellent experience. It was a unique opportunity to work on a large-scale public-private partnership and interface with representatives from a variety of state and national government agencies. We needed to navigate the challenges that come with being mindful of different perspectives, yet integrate ideas to move forward and meet a fixed deadline.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

Bank of Hawaii manages funds in the HHRF. While I do not have personal responsibility or oversight for the investment of the funds I would recuse myself from any board actions that would present any real or perceived conflicts of interests.