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From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
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Testimony in Support of Governor's Message GM 872
For Consideration and Confirmation to the Tax Review Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee,
WILLIAM PIEPER II
for a Term to Expire June 30, 2019

The Department of Taxation (Department) supports the nomination of William C.A. Pieper II to the Tax Review Commission (Commission). Mr. Pieper is a qualified candidate to serve on the Commission and encourages this Committee to confirm his nomination.

Mr. Pieper earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from the University of California at Los Angeles, and a Master's degree in business administration from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Mr. Pieper is the Vice President of Airline Co-Brands at Barclay's Bank. He is responsible for managing the day to day operations and overseeing all marketing channels for the Hawaiian Airlines Bank of Hawaii credit card program. Prior to joining Barclay's Bank, he was the Vice President of Business Development at Makai Ocean Engineering, responsible for driving revenue of the company's three main business lines: ocean renewable energy technologies, submarine cable software, and general research and development. Mr. Pieper also held various executive positions during his 4 years at Bank of Hawaii, and he was chosen to be of the keynote speakers for Bank of Hawaii's 2011 Annual Leadership Conference.

Mr. Pieper is active in the financial community and is a Certified Financial Planner, Chartered Financial Consultant, Financial Services Specialist, Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow, and a finance instructor at University of Hawaii at Manoa.

The Department believes that Mr. Pieper's extensive financial background will be beneficial to the Commission in conducting a systematic review of State's tax structure, using standards as equity and efficiency. The Department supports Mr. Pieper's nomination and respectfully requests the Senate's favorable confirmation.