

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 2017

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 505

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 505, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

G.M. No. 505 DAMIEN ELEFANTE,
for a term to expire 12-03-2018,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal statement and resume submitted by the nominee and finds Damien Elefante to have the necessary qualifications to serve as the Deputy Director of Taxation.

Your Committee received comments in support of the nomination of Mr. Elefante as Deputy Director of Taxation from David Y. Ige, Governor; Maria Zielinski, Director, Department of Taxation; Wesley Machida, Director of Finance, and Laurel Johnston, Deputy Director, Department of Budget and Finance; Roderick Becker, Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services; Todd Nacapuy, Chief Information Officer, Office of Enterprise Technology Services, Department of Accounting and General Services; Luis Salaveria, Director, and Mary Alice Evans, Deputy Director, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Linda Chu Takayama, Director, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Pankaj Bhanot, Director, Department of Human Services; James Nishimoto, Director, Department of Human Resources Development; Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson, Board of Land and Natural Resources; Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser, Deputy to the

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Chairperson, Board of Agriculture; Ford Fuchigami, Director, Department of Transportation; Virginia Pressler, Director, Department of Health; Mihoko Ito, SanHi Government Strategies; and eight individuals. Comments were received from one individual.

Your Committee finds that, consistent with the exemplary comments received on his behalf, Mr. Elefante possesses the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to effectively serve as the Deputy Director of Taxation and administer the various improvements to programs and services designed to better serve the taxpayers of Hawaii. He has served as the Deputy Attorney General assigned to the Department of Taxation for the past thirteen years and has a solid understanding of the State's tax laws, tax law enforcement, and the management of tax collections.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:* 505	Committee Referral: WAM	Date: 3/22/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				/
HARIMOTO, Breene				/
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				/
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				/
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
TOTAL	6			5
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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