

TESTIMONY OF
RODERICK K. BECKER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017
2:45 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

G.M. 502

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RODERICK BECKER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-03-2018.

Dear Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for considering the governor's nomination of me to the position of director of the department of accounting and general services (DAGS) and state comptroller. The governor asked me to accept his appointment to the position of comptroller in November of last year and I started in the position on November 19.

I have now been working at DAGS for just over three months. In this short time, I have gained an appreciation for the challenges facing the department and the opportunities we have to improve. My goals are to reduce risk to the state and provide good service to the department's clients, and to do so efficiently. The department has many dedicated employees that work every day to achieve these goals, and I will do my best to guide and support their efforts.

The previous comptroller initiated and set the foundation for an important project intended to reduce risk to the state, the modernization of our payroll system. DAGS processes the payroll for over 75,000 state employees using a system that is 44 years old and at risk for failure. We must reduce this risk and thus the project remains a high priority for the department.

Another opportunity we have to better serve our clients is to improve delivery of capital projects for user agencies. While many of our staff are highly qualified and seek to deliver quality facilities in a timely manner, the department needs to update and modernize its processes to utilize the most current technologies and best practices. We will work to enhance our ability to reduce financial risk and deviations from anticipated timelines for the implementation of capital projects.

While these are two significant areas warranting focus, the scope of DAGS is very broad as it provides several centralized services to all state departments. I believe my background is well suited to manage a multitude of agency and operational issues at any given time. In my prior jobs, I have had many opportunities to work with various state agencies, understand their programs, and work through issues.

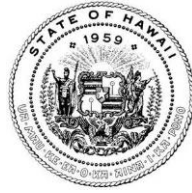
I have also been fortunate to work for, and with, many wonderful people over the years that took the time to mentor me and help me improve, both as a professional and as a person. Among them was Bob Duesterhaus, the then assistant director of leadership development programs at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Bob, who served as an advisor to the University of Hawaii at Manoa undergraduate student government, stated this in a general reference letter written on my behalf as I entered the job market:

“Roderick’s behavior in the senate was characterized by consistently high standards of ethics and a willingness to stand up for what is fair and just; this meant, at times, supporting a position that was unpopular and subjected him to criticism. He was always willing to take independent stands instead of submitting to political pressures, and for this he won the respect of his senate colleagues. He was also known for his intelligence, hard work and a keen understanding of the issues. He was clearly one of the most influential members of this year’s senate and has made some important contributions to the quality of student life on our campus.”

I kept Bob’s letter all these years because it moved me, and encouraged me to always strive to be better. I have referenced this particular statement because it provides insight into the person I was at the start of my career, and the person and traits I have tried to live up to and maintain in my different roles in public service.

The governor’s principal directive to his cabinet is to do what is right. I have and will continue to work in a manner consistent with this charge and will carry out the responsibilities of comptroller to the best of my ability for as long as I am allowed to serve in the capacity.

I am grateful for governor’s faith in me, the support of family, friends, and colleagues, and your willingness to consider me for the job and hold me accountable. I do not intend to let anyone down.



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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

Testimony of **David Y. Ige**
Governor, State of Hawai'i
Before the

Senate Committee on Government Operations
March 7, 2017
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224

In consideration of
Governor's Message 502
Submitted for consideration and confirmation as the
State Comptroller and Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services
Gubernatorial nominee, Roderick Becker

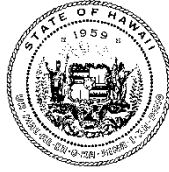
Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Roderick Becker to serve as the State Comptroller and Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). The department is responsible for providing a broad range of centralized services to state departments which include, but are not limited to, accounting and internal control systems, the state risk management program, management of motor pools, engineering and leasing services, and the maintenance of state grounds and facilities.

Mr. Becker earned a B.A. degree in both Economics and Political Science from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa as well as the designation of Certified Public Finance Officer from the Government Finance Officers Association, affirming knowledge in disciplines of governmental accounting, auditing, and financial reporting, risk management, and procurement. Mr. Becker's academic credentials and extensive experience with government administration and systems provide a solid foundation for this position. Over the past 17 years, he gained progressively responsible experience through various fiscal and management positions at the State Legislature and the Honolulu City Council working in the capacities of a budget analyst and a budget chief and most recently, the Deputy Director for the State Department of Budget and Finance.

His working knowledge, objectivity, integrity, good judgment, and candor, along with his commitment to improve the way state government does business, makes me confident that he will be a good leader and great asset to the department. Thank you for your consideration of my nomination for the position of Comptroller and Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

March 7, 2017, 2:45 P.M.

GM 502
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

Chair Kim, Vice-Chair Ruderman, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Governor's Message 502 on the consideration of Roderick Becker as Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services. The State Procurement Office is in support of his confirmation.

Mr. Becker's experience as Assistant Director of the Department of Budget and Finance and his varied experience working in the legislature assist his ability to collaborate with two key partners in meeting the complex issues that face our state. Mr. Becker is the ideal choice for Comptroller with his in-depth understanding of State accounting. He is also supportive, considers solutions, and presents astute inquiry.

Thank you.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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TESTIMONY BY

WES MACHIDA, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
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LAUREL JOHNSTON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. GM 502

March 7, 2017
2:45 p.m.
Room 224

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RODERICK BECKER

Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee

We strongly support the confirmation of Roderick Becker to the position of Comptroller and Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (Department).

We have both worked with and known Mr. Becker during his previous positions as Deputy Director of Finance and Budget Chief with the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

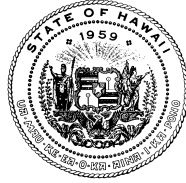
During his time as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance from December 2014 to December 2016, Mr. Becker was instrumental in developing and formulating the statewide budget for the Governor's review and submission to the State Legislature. He was also a critical team member in executing the State's \$2 billion bond sales over a two-year period. These sales not only generated monies for new important statewide projects, they also realized more than a million dollars of savings through bond refunding's. Furthermore, Mr. Becker helped to initiate and execute actions that saved and will continue to save millions of taxpayer dollars through contribution requirements to the Hawaii Employer Union Health

Benefits Trust Fund and the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii. He also directed the executive budget reserve policy that was enacted in August 2016, which was a critical initiative that led to the State of Hawaii receiving its highest overall bond credit rating and outlook in the history of its bond sales.

During his time as the Budget Chief with the Senate Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Becker was tasked with managing a team of budget analysts to analyze the executive budget request, develop the Senate's position on the executive budget, and ensure that the final budget complied with sound fiscal policy and legal requirements. His role included working with elected and appointed officials at state and local government levels, state program officers, and constituents advocating funding requests for a range of initiatives. This position allowed Mr. Becker to gain critical knowledge about state government programs and funding sources that will serve him well as the Comptroller and Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Finally, Mr. Becker has shown his commitment to public service by working in local and state government positions that have allowed him to develop skills as a manager and leader. He represents the next generation of leader that we need to ensure that state government transitions our business practices into the 21st century.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for Mr. Becker.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM502
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Director Of The Department Of
Accounting And General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, RODERICK BECKER, for
a term to expire 12-03-2018.**

SENATOR DONNA MERCADO KIM, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Hearing Date: March 7, 2017 Room Number: 224

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health the nomination of Mr. Roderick Becker for
3 State Comptroller. Mr. Becker has been a valued colleague who has provided valuable insight
4 and guidance towards the development of a responsible state budget. Mr. Becker's deliberative
5 approach to public finance is a strong complement to his new role as head of an agency
6 responsible for core operations and central services, including audits and accounting.

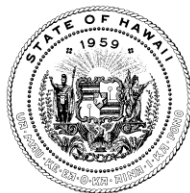
7 The department respectfully urges unanimous confirmation of Mr. Becker.

8 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

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March 7, 2017

To: The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair,
The Honorable Russell E. Ruderman Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: G.M. 502 Confirmation of Roderick Becker

On behalf of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, as well as myself personally, this testimony is provided in strong support for the confirmation of Roderick Becker as State Comptroller.

Rod's education in economics and nearly 18 years in government accounting and finance speaks to a solid background for the role he is undertaking. Moreover, his deliberate and methodical manner will ensure dependable and trustworthy delivery of services.

I have always known him to be a strong adherent to the principles of accountability and I found him to be responsive, even when the demands are complex and varied. I sincerely look forward to his leadership at DAGS.

I strongly urge his confirmation.



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Statement of
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
Director
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Tuesday, March 7, 2017
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of
GM 502
**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Director of the
Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee,
Roderick Becker, for a term to expire 12-03-2018.**

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee on Government Operations.

I respectfully urge your **support** for the confirmation of **Roderick Becker** to serve as the State Comptroller and Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have worked with Director Becker in several different roles: Ways and Means Budget Analyst, CIP Specialist, Budget Chief, Deputy Director of Budget and Finance and as State Comptroller. Rod has the experience to oversee the State's accounting, audit, public works and central services functions.

Rod has a broad overview of the State's financial condition and can position DAGS to support the line agencies in carrying out their missions.

I respectfully urge you to recommend advise and consent to the nomination of Rod Becker as the Comptroller.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Statement of
Mary Alice Evans
Deputy Director, DBEDT

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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2:45 p.m.
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in consideration of
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Department of Accounting And General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee,
RODERICK BECKER, for a term to expire 12-03-2018.**

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee on Government Operations.

I respectfully urge your **support** for the confirmation of **Roderick Becker** to serve as the Director of the Department of Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have had the pleasure of working with Rod Becker as he served in the Legislative Branch as the Budget Clerk for WAM and as the Deputy Director of Budget and Finance. Rod is very skilled at asking the right questions to guide state agencies in prioritizing their budget requests. He has an ability to listen carefully and find the value in both preserving state assets and investing in new infrastructure.

Rod is a quiet, thoughtful leader who brings an analytical approach to complex problems. His comprehensive knowledge of state revenues and expenditures will help the State through economic contractions and expansions.

I respectfully urge you to recommend advise and consent to the nomination of Roderick Becker for the Director of the Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

DAVID Y. IGE
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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

2:45 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 502
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
RODERICK BECKER
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-03-2018**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 502 nominating Roderick "Rod" Becker to serve as the Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to expire on December 3, 2018.

Mr. Becker is a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and political science who has earned the Certified Public Finance Officer designation from the Government Finance Officers Association. In all, he brings seventeen years of government budget and finance analytical work to DAGS.

Mr. Becker began his career in public service as a program budget analyst for the Hawaii State Senate, then as a capital improvement program (CIP) specialist. He also worked for the Honolulu City Council as a budget analyst, before returning to the state Senate as the budget chief for the Committee on Ways and Means. In 2014, Mr. Becker was appointed to the position of Deputy Director of Finance with the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) prior to his current position as Director of DAGS.

During his time with the state Senate and B&F, the Department has found Mr. Becker to be fair and accommodating. His keen understanding of the budgetary process and government functions makes him an ideal leader of a department that is responsible for managing and

supervising a wide range of state programs and activities. The Department looks forward to continuing its congenial working relationship with Mr. Becker.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's strong support of Mr. Becker serving as the State Comptroller and Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

James K. Nishimoto
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March 03, 2017

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Committee on Government Operations
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair
Committee on Government Operations
State Capitol, Room 224
415 S. Beretania Street

For Hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 2:45pm

Dear Chairperson Kim, Vice-Chair Ruderman and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations,

It is my honor to **STONGLY SUPPORT** the confirmation of Mr. Roderick Becker as Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

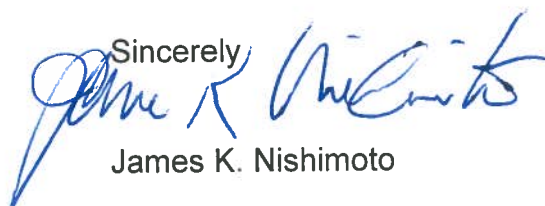
While serving as the Director of the Department of Human Resources Development, I have had the pleasure of working with Rod in his capacities as Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) and as Director Designate of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). His extensive budgeting planning and development experiences with B&F as a Budget Analyst, Hawai'i State Senate; Capital Improvements Program Specialist, Hawai'i State Senate; Budget Analyst, City & County of Honolulu; Budget Chief, Hawai'i State Senate; and Deputy Director of Finance, Department of B&F and his most recent administrative experiences with DAGS, have all provided him extensive knowledge of the State's programs and operations. His knowledge of the State has well prepared him to serve as the Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

From my personal experiences working with Rod, I associate the following descriptors with him: he is attentive to details; a strong advocate for efficient and effective government operations; and he possesses extensive knowledge of the State's organization, operations and programs. I believe that Rod has already demonstrated his ability to direct the operations of DAGS and that he will continue to be a successful administrator, manager and leader.

It is on this basis that I support the confirmation of Mr. Roderick Becker as the Director of the Department of Accounting and General.

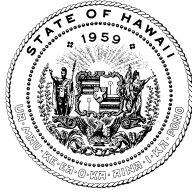
Thank you.

Sincerely



James K. Nishimoto

DAVID Y. IGE
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Testimony of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Tuesday, March 7, 2017; 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 502
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
RODERICK BECKER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-03-2018

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Committee Members:

I am Todd Nacapuy, State Chief Information Officer (CIO) and head of the Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS), which is administratively attached to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I respectfully offer testimony in **strong support** of Governor's Message No. 502, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services, gubernatorial nominee, Roderick Becker.

Our State will greatly benefit from Mr. Becker's considerable experience with the State Budget and the legislative process, which he gained as a former Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance and former Ways and Means Committee budget chief for the State Senate. His proficiency has already been demonstrated in fulfilling the duties of State Comptroller, a position that concurrently serves as Director of DAGS — and a role in which he has served since November 18, 2016.

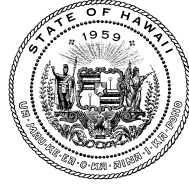
Further, my team at ETS works closely with Mr. Becker in support of the DAGS Accounting Division's Enterprise Payroll and Time & Attendance Modernization project, a worthwhile investment to address the many risks associated with our current 40-year-old system. His leadership as executive sponsor of this ambitious project is helping to transition the State from fragile, inflexible and paper-intensive processes associated with the current payroll system, to a more effective, efficient way of doing business.

We have utmost confidence in Mr. Becker's ability to continue to lead DAGS as we partner on this and many other modernization initiatives toward successful implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of this nomination.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

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To: The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2017
Time: 2:45 P.M.
Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: G.M. 502, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services
Gubernatorial Nominee, RODERICK BECKER
for a term to expire 12-03-2018

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Roderick Becker for Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Rod for approximately three years. During this time Rod has demonstrated professionalism, strong financial acumen and overall commitment. Most importantly, Rod has always shown dedication to serve the people and State of Hawaii.

I urge you to confirm Roderick Becker for the nomination of Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 502
RELATING TO
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE RODERICK BECKER

by
Nolan P. Espinda, Director
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Senate Committee on Government Operations
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 7, 2017; 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) strongly **supports** the nomination of Mr. Roderick Becker as Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) and urges the Legislature to confirm his nomination.

Mr. Becker brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to DAGS from his various positions with the State and City. His working knowledge of the intricacies of the State's budget and financial systems will be a strong asset to DAGS as it pursues the transformation of the State's payroll and time and attendance systems.

Mr. Becker has shown himself to be an exemplary public servant whose primary concern is in the taxpayers' best interests.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



DAVID Y. IGE
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2017

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017
2:45 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 502, SUBMITTING FOR
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, RODERICK BECKER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 3, 2018**

TO THE HONORABLE DONNA MERCADO KIM, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. I am writing in **support** of the appointment of Roderick Becker to serve as the Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Over the last two years, I have had the opportunity to work with and observe Mr. Becker, as he served as the Department of Budget and Finances' Deputy Director and also as the Department of Accounting and General Services' Director. Mr. Becker is a dedicated and diligent public servant who is thoughtful, logical, and careful in his approach to his work. With nearly two decades of working in the public sector, Mr. Becker has demonstrated he possesses the skills, tenacity, temperament, and aptitude needed to lead the Department of Accounting and General Services.

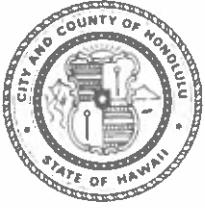
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I firmly believe Mr. Becker will continue to be a valued and highly productive member of Governor Ige's cabinet, and respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination as Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to support GM No. 502. I would be pleased to respond to any questions that you may have.



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March 6, 2017

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
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RE: G.M. NO. 502, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, RODERICK BECKER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-3-2018.

Dear Chair Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Russell E. Ruderman, and Committee Members:


Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of G.M. 502 relating to the consideration and confirmation of Roderick Becker as Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

As Chair of the Committee on Budget of the Honolulu City Council, I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Becker during his tenure as an analyst for the Council's Office of Council Services from 2005 to 2008. His expertise and understanding of the City's and State's budget provided an invaluable resource to our Committee during the annual budget process when we scrutinized the City budget. He also provided counsel to other Councilmembers, as well as instructed staff on other legislative matters.

Mr. Becker's integrity and keen aptitude on financial issues has earned him considerable respect among his peers. He communicates with thoughtful deliberation and possesses the leadership skills which would make him an excellent selection to serve in Governor David Ige's cabinet as Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you again for the opportunity to express my support for Mr. Becker and for your consideration of his appointment to Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Sincerely,


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TESTIMONY OF
AUDREY HIDANO
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017
2:45 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

G.M.502

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RODERICK BECKER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-03-2018.

I am testifying as an individual and I am in strong support of Mr. Roderick Becker's confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I have known and seen Mr. Becker at the State Capitol over the years and have recently (about 2 years) worked closely with him as the prior Budget and Finance Deputy and as a fellow trustee for Employer-Union Trust Fund (EUTF). He is truly a very diligent and dedicated public servant. Mr. Becker demonstrates professionalism and a strong commitment to serve the people and the State of Hawaii.

I respectfully urge you to confirm Mr. Becker for the nomination of Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
RODERICK BECKER
For Director of Department of Accounting and General Services

(GM502)

Before the Senate Committee on Government Operations:
Tuesday, March 7, 2017
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224

Testimony of Douglas S. Chin and Russell A. Suzuki:

We support the confirmation of Mr. Roderick Becker as Comptroller and Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services ("DAGS").

Through his many years of working at the Legislature, together with his experience at the Department of Budget and Finance, Mr. Becker has gained the experience and knowledge necessary to understand and lead the DAGS in overseeing and managing the State's fiscal practices and capital improvement projects. The DAGS plays an important part in the smooth operation of state government by oversight to ensure that all state agencies properly account for and properly expend its appropriations.

These critical responsibilities are placed in good hands with Roderick Becker as our Comptroller.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of his confirmation.

TESTIMONY BY DEREK MIZUNO
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
GM 502
RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
RODERICK BECKER

March 3, 2017

Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee,

I am testifying in SUPPORT of Roderick Becker to be the Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I have worked closely with Rod in my position as EUTF Administrator as Rod has served as a EUTF Board member since March 2015 and as the EUTF Board Chair since July 2016. Rod is very intelligent and is always looking out for the best interests of the State. He is very thoughtful and financially astute. I believe that his financial background, experience in State government and deep passion for serving the citizens of the State will bring significant value to the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY BY DONNA TONAKI
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
GM 502
RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
RODERICK BECKER

March 7, 2017
2:45 p.m.
Room 224

Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee,

I am testifying in SUPPORT of Roderick Becker to be the Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I have known Rod and worked with him when he was the Budget Chief for the Committee on Ways and Means, Deputy Director of Budget and Finance and also more recently as a trustee serving on the EUTF Board since March 2015 and the EUTF Board chair since July 2016. Rod has a strong financial background and has always displayed high ethical standards and is always looking out for the best interest of the State. He will be a great asset to the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Keith Kawaoka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Roy Miyamoto	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support Mr. Roderick Becker for the Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I worked with him at the City and County of Honolulu as a Budget Analyst in the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services responsible for an annual budget of over \$2 billion. As a Budgetary Administration Division Chief, he managed the executive program and budget. Under his leadership, the City began to receive the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association annually. He inspired his subordinates to strive for excellence, self development, and motivated the branch in all endeavors. I am confident that Mr. Becker will be a success in his new capacity and his leadership, experience, and professionalism will insure accountability, transparency, and even higher expectations for improvements for the Department in supporting the financial responsibilities of the State.

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair
Committee on Government Operations
State Capitol room 224
415 S. Beretania Street

RE: Consideration and confirmation of Roderick Becker for Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services – Hearing Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 2:45pm.

Dear Chair Kim, Vice-Chair Ruderman and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations,

I submit this testimony in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of Roderick Becker as Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

In the short time I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Becker in his capacity as Acting Director of DAGS, I have found him to be a dedicated, knowledgeable, measured and well-prepared person who is well suited for the position of Director of DAGS. In his current capacity I have experienced Mr. Becker as cooperative, helpful and welcoming.

I support the confirmation of Mr. Becker as the Director of the DAGS.

Thank you,
Ryker Wada

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Damien A. Elefante	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support

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March 6, 2017

Chair Kim and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations:

SUBJECT: GM 502, Roderick Becker, Gubernatorial Nominee Department of Accounting and General Services.

The purpose of this written testimony is to support the confirmation of the Gubernatorial Nomination of Roderick Becker as the Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Mr. Becker ever since having worked with him for the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. During my time in this office, he displayed a deep working knowledge of both the process by which the state budget is formulated as well as an extensive historical understanding of issues relating to all state departments. I believe that Mr. Becker will use his many years of experience to be a valuable resource for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Having worked closely with Mr. Becker, I can attest to his tireless commitment to completing the work he is tasked with. This steadfast dedication and work ethic will serve the department and the state well.

It is based on these observations that I support Mr. Becker's confirmation as the Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Bender	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a retired budget analyst, I would like to submit testimony in support of Mr. Roderick K. Becker to be the head of the State of Hawaii, Department of General Services. Mr. Becker is the ideal candidate for this position because he commands a complete understanding of the State budget process, the methods for and the legal requirements of government contracting, as well as the mission of DAGS. He understands the ebb and flow of State revenues, and will efficiently manage state procurement of all goods and services. He is completely familiar with the legislature and its relationship to the administration and can easily connect the will of the legislators with the resources they require. Finally, Roderick is a very kind and intelligent person, with unlimited energy and as a supervisor, I have witnessed him deal kindly with workers at all levels of our government. I would give him my highest recommendation for this position.

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March 6, 2017

Chair Kim and Members of the Committee on Government Operations,

Subject: Governor's Message 502, Roderick Becker, Gubernatorial Nominee

Department of Accounting and General Services

The purpose of this written testimony is to support the confirmation of the Gubernatorial Nomination, Roderick Becker as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have had the opportunity to work under Mr. Becker as an analyst on the Ways & Means Committee. As Budget Chief, Mr. Becker possessed a wealth of institutional knowledge about the Legislative budget process as well as historical knowledge of all executive departments. His ability to share his knowledge with the mostly freshman committee staff enabled Chair Ige and the committee members to successfully formulate a balanced budget.

Mr. Becker works patiently and diligently with both his superiors and his subordinates. His wealth of knowledge and experience from both the Legislative and Executive branches of government makes him a valuable asset for the State.

Based on these observations I support Mr. Becker's confirmation as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

March 3, 2017

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations
State Senate
The Twenty-Ninth Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Kim and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations:

SUBJECT: GM 502
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Director of the
Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee,
RODERICK BECKER, for a term to expire 12-03-2018

Please allow me to express my strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Roderick Becker as the Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

In my former capacity as Chief of Treasury for the City and County of Honolulu, I worked with Mr. Becker on numerous occasions over the years. In all instances, Mr. Becker displayed an exemplary work ethic and steadfast personal integrity, not to mention his professional expertise in matters relating to finances, budgeting and management. He has an even-tempered approach to issues with a focus toward finding the best solutions. In his deliberations, Mr. Becker has the best interest of the State of Hawaii and its citizens in mind at all times.

Mr. Becker has proven to be a leader who shares our core values of being open and honest in communicating, willing to listen and hear our views and then doing the right thing the right way.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support of Mr. Roderick Becker as the State of Hawaii's Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Yours truly,



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