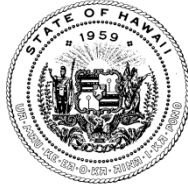


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G.M. 502

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, RODERICK BECKER, for a term to expire 12-03-2018.

Senate Committee on Government Operations

The Department of Transportation (DOT) strongly **supports** Roderick Becker as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting General Services (DAGS).

Mr. Becker is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where he earned a B.A. in economics and political science. He was also designated a certified public finance officer by the Government Finance Officers Association.

Mr. Becker is well liked and an able leader with a commitment to public service. He brings relevant experience to the task, having previously served as Budget Program Administrator for the City and County of Honolulu, Budget Chief for the Hawaii State Senate Ways and Means Committee, and Deputy Director for Department of Budget Finance.

Having worked with Mr. Becker over the years, the DOT is eager to work with him as Comptroller of DAGS. We are confident that he possesses the kind of experience, integrity, and expertise necessary to succeed in his new role.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

To : Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair

Committee on Government Operations
Room No. 224, State Capitol

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From: Pankaj Bhanot

Date: March 07, 2017

Subject: Governor's Message No. 502 Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, RODERICK BECKER, for a term to expire 12-3-2018

Aloha Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations. My name is Pankaj Bhanot and I am the Director of the Department of Human Services. I am submitting this testimony as a private citizen before this Committee to testify on Governor's Message No. 502, Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), Gubernatorial Nominee, RODERICK BECKER, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

I have known Rod since the year 2000 when he was a WAM Program Budget Analyst. I worked with Rod in his capacity as the WAM Budget Chief on many complex budget issues affecting the Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division from 2008 to 2010. We continued to work closely on the DHS' budget issues between December 2010 - January 2012, in my capacity as the Deputy Director of DHS; February 2012 - December 2014, in my capacity as the BESSD Administrator; and again between January 2015 - August 2016, in my capacity as the Deputy Director of DHS. As of January 1, 2016, Rod and I have been working closely on various fiscal, accounting, and general services issues, including but not limited to benefit payments, contractual payments, leases, repair and maintenance of state owned buildings occupied by DHS, in our new roles as the directors of our respective departments.

Rod was born and raised in Hawaii and is a product of the public school system. Rod graduated from Kailua High School and earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science from the University of Hawaii. Rod is also a Certified Financial Officer with a certification from Government Finance Officers Association.

Rod has spent all his professional career in government focusing on the budget and finance issues affecting the State and City and County of Honolulu. Rod's experience in public budget and finance has included the following:

- Coordinating the development of the State budget and overseeing the analysis of other fiscal matters for the Ways and Means Committee;

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- Reviewing special fund balances, analyzing staffing and expenditure levels, and examining government organizational structure;
- Evaluating the State's six-year program and financial plan and the capital improvements program, including capital project appropriation requests and the impact of the program to future operating budget requirements;
- Making funding recommendations and monitoring the implementation of appropriations;
- Proposing, evaluating, and developing legislation pertaining to fiscal matters;
- Conducting independent and comprehensive research necessary for the enactment of legislation;
- Evaluating and monitoring the implementation of programs, financial policies, funding proposals, and tax measures; and
- Analyzing, preparing recommendations and amendments for, and monitoring the execution of the City and County of Honolulu's capital budget and other fiscal matters.

Rod has the education, work experience, desire, and capacity to be a great director and guide the Department of Accounting and General Services to be one of the most effective and efficient agencies in the Executive branch. Rod is competent, creative, and diligent. His openness to new ideas, and ability to collaborate with others, represents the type of leadership I believe the State needs at this time. Rod's leadership, management, and problem solving skills were evident during his handling of the fallen sheet metal ceiling tiles over the reflective pools at the State Capitol in February 2017. Rod visited the site and actively participated in the evaluation process and worked alongside his DAGS colleagues to remove fallen tiles from the pools.

I urge the Senate to confirm the appointment of my friend, colleague, and a terrific human being, Roderick Becker, as the Director of DAGS.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

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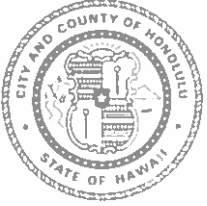
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Chairperson Kim and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully request your consideration and confirmation of Roderick Becker to the Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I have had the honor and privilege to work with Roderick Becker for over two years as a fellow deputy and I have found Rod to be a dedicated and knowledgeable public servant in the area of finance and administration. Rod has a very strong work ethic and does not hesitate to be "hands on" to get the task accomplished. I have enjoyed working with him broadly to address the needs of HDOA and services to the agriculture stakeholders and also with a community service project. Rod takes all of his responsibilities seriously including as a volunteer and will not hesitate to work longer than others to finish a community project.

I offer testimony in strong support of the appointment of Roderick Becker as Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I apologize for the late testimony and thank you for the opportunity.



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The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
Chair, Government Operations
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
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Re: Testimony in Support of Roderick Becker's Nomination as Director of Accounting and General Services

Dear Senator Kim and Members of the Government Operations Committee:

This letter of recommendation is in support of Roderick Becker's confirmation to the position of Director for the Department of Accounting and General Services. I have known Mr. Becker for over two decades and have had the pleasure to work with him on many occasions as colleagues at the University of Hawaii's student government, at the State Legislature, and during his tenure as budget analyst at the Honolulu City Council.

I have always known Mr. Becker to consistently adhere to the highest standards of professional conduct and integrity. Mr. Becker is candid, honest, and you can always be assured that his actions are well intentioned.

Further, Mr. Becker's experience and expertise in State and City finances will be a great asset to the State of Hawaii, and I give my wholehearted endorsement for your favorable consideration of his appointment.

Thank you for your time.

Aloha
Handwritten signature of Ikaika Anderson in black ink.

Ikaika Anderson
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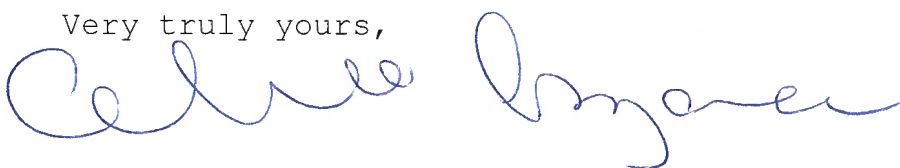
This testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a friend of Rod Becker.

I support Rod Becker for confirmation to the office of Comptroller.

Rod and I have known each other for about the past twelve years. We worked together first at the Office of Council Services of the City and County of Honolulu and later at for the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Rod is very intelligent, industrious, and knowledgeable about both the executive and legislative branches of State government. He is very professional and cooperative in work-related matters.

Thank you for this opportunity to support Rod Becker.

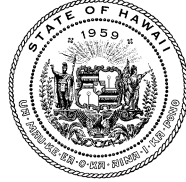
Very truly yours,



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To: The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
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Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Time: 2:45 P.M.

Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

From: Damien A. Elefante, Deputy 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 since I became the Deputy Director for the Department of Taxation. During this time and based on his past work experience, I have come to understand that Rod has a strong dedication and commitment 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.