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TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. GM 556

March 28, 2017
9:30 a.m.
Room 016

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN OF THE STATE
OF HAWAII, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KALEIHIHIKAPOLI RAPOZA**

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Kaleihiiikapoli Rapoza to the State of Hawaii's Deferred Compensation Plan (Deferred Comp Plan).

Mr. Rapoza was recently appointed as a trustee on the Deferred Comp Plan. Even with his short time as a trustee, Mr. Rapoza has provided important input and feedback to a number of different issues ranging from investments to member communications. As an attorney, he possesses the appropriate skill sets to interpret contracts, analyze reports, and develop solutions to complex issues. He actively contributes to discussions with the third party administrator and investment consultant.

It is for the above reasons that I strongly ask for your consideration in confirming Mr. Kaleihiiikapoli Rapoza as a trustee to the Deferred Comp Plan. Thank you for allowing me to testify in strong support of Mr. Rapoza.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
RODERICK K. BECKER, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON
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G.M. 556

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KALEIHIKAPOLI RAPOZA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee:

I support the confirmation of Kaleihiiikapoli Rapoza to the board of trustees of the deferred compensation plan.

Kalei has extensive work experience in the field of human resources and knows well the importance of programs such as the deferred compensation plan and the benefit it provides to state and county employees. Kalei's perspective will be important in designing programs to educate employees about the deferred compensation plan and he has already been actively involved in upgrading its website.

Having had the opportunity to work with Kalei, I believe he has both the ability and desire to improve the deferred compensation plan. I respectfully urge your support of Kaleihiiikapoli Rapoza.

Brian T. Moto
71 Makawao Avenue, 17
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BY EMAIL: JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

March 17, 2017

The Hon. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Chair, Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 221
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Gov. Msg. No. 556; Nomination of Kaleihiiikapoli Rapoza to Board of Trustees of the
Deferred Compensation Plan

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

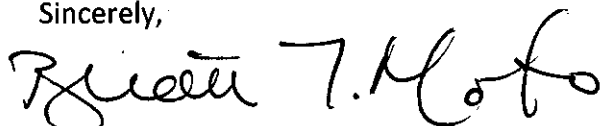
I write in support of the nomination of Kaleihiiikapoli Rapoza to the Board of Trustees of the
Deferred Compensation Plan.

I serve as the current Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan, and
much appreciate the insight, leadership, and dedication that Mr. Rapoza has brought to the
Board since his initial appointment last year.

He is faithful in attendance and participation, and, as a trustee, has demonstrated a sincere
desire to work for the benefit of Plan participants. He also provides a mature and balanced
perspective to the many matters addressed by the Board in its deliberations.

I therefore respectfully request that you approve Mr. Rapoza's nomination to the Deferred
Compensation Plan Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian T. Moto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian T. Moto

From: [JAMES MONIZ](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support of GM 556
Date: Monday, March 27, 2017 2:16:09 PM

Aloha Hawaii State Senate,

Please accept this email in support of Kaleihiikapoli Rapoza for the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan.

I have known Mr. Rapoza for over 30 years and I consider him an extraordinary and reliable person. He possesses the intelligence and knowledge required to provide leadership and expertise to the State's Deferred Compensation Plans for casual/part time employees and the approximately \$2.2 Billion in managed assets.

Mr. Rapoza has been a close personal friend through childhood, our teens, and as adults. He is a good father, a hard working employee of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, and an outstanding citizen. I would trust Mr. Rapoza with all my affairs and I believe he is an excellent candidate for this Board.

Should the Board have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

Mahalo,

James Keala Mauloa Moniz

James K. Nishimoto
2405 Halekoa Drive
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96821

March 24, 2017

Senator Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Rhoads, Vice Chair
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Conference Room 016
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Senator Rhoads;

It is my honor to **STONGLY SUPPORT** the confirmation of Mr. Kaleihiiikapoli P. Rapoza as Trustee of the State of Hawai'i Deferred Compensation Plan's Board of Trustees.

In my capacity as the Director of Human Resources Development and Ex Officio member of the Deferred Compensation Plan's Board of Trustees I have had the pleasure of working with Kalei in his capacity as Acting Trustee of the Deferred Compensation Plan representing the employees on the Island of Hawai'i. Kalei's extensive human resource experiences as the Director, Interim Director and Associate Director of Human Resources, University of Hawai'i at Hilo; personnel specialist with the Department of Education; his experiences as a Law Clerk with the Department of Education; and his experiences as a Paralegal Research with King, Nakamura & Chun-Hoon have provided his wealth of knowledge about human resource management and administering employee benefit programs. His knowledge of the State's human resource programs and operations have prepared him to serve as a Trustee of the Deferred Compensation Plan's Board of Trustees.

From my personal experiences working with Kalei, I use the following descriptors: he is very thoughtful; has demonstrated an ability to understand complex issues and articulate reason-based, employee-oriented recommendations and decisions; he has been willing to actively participate in meetings requires travel and that may disrupt his normal operating activities; and possesses extensive knowledge of the State's organization, operations and programs. I believe that Kalei has demonstrated his ability and commitment to serve as a Trustee to the Deferred Compensation Plan's Board of Trustees.

It is on this basis that I support the confirmation of Mr. Kaleihiiikapoli P. Rapoza as Trustee of the State of Hawai'i Deferred Compensation Plan's Board of Trustees.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

James K. Nishimoto

From: [Keahi Warfield](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support of GM 556
Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017 11:01:07 AM

Aloha kakou,

It is with great privilege that I provide testimony in support of Kalei Rapoza to receive Senate confirmation as a member of the Board of Trustees for the State's Deferred Compensation plan.

I have known Kalei for over 20 years now and believe that he can make a real difference for Hawai'i. He has the competence to lead by example and will make every effort to do what is right for all people in the Aloha State.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

KEAHI WARFIELD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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