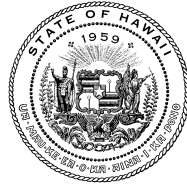


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To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
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Date: April 18, 2017

Time: 9:30AM

Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director  
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Re: Testimony in **Support** of Governor's Message GM611, For Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Review, 2<sup>nd</sup> Taxation District (Maui), Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM CURTIS, for a Term to Expire June 30, 2017

The Department of Taxation (Department) **supports** the nomination of William Curtis to the Board of Taxation Review for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Taxation District, Maui and to serve as the Vice-Chairman. Mr. Curtis is a qualified candidate to serve on the Board of Taxation Review (Board) and encourages this Committee to confirm his nomination.

Mr. Curtis attended Menlo College, School of Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting. As a General Contractor licensee with over 34 years of work experience as a construction manager, superintendent, estimator, computer systems administrator, and data processing manager, Mr. Curtis is well qualified to serve on the Board. Mr. Curtis' business experience is from Mr. Curtis' work with various construction and building companies on Maui. Mr. Curtis is also active in the community and has served on the Board of Directors of the Maui Orchid Society.

The Department believes that Mr. Curtis' extensive business experience and background will be beneficial in resolving tax matters that come before the Board. Mr. Curtis has the perspective as a business owner and resident taxpayer, and will effectively and adeptly serve on the Board for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Taxation District. For these reasons, the Department supports Mr. Curtis' nomination and respectfully requests the Senate's favorable confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.