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To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date:April 18, 2017Time:9:30AMPlace:Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director Department of Taxation

Re: Testimony in **Support** of Governor's Message GM612, For Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Review, 2nd Taxation District (Maui), Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM CURTIS, for a Term to Expire June 30, 2021

The Department of Taxation (Department) **supports** the nomination of William Curtis to the Board of Taxation Review for the 2nd 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 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 2nd 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.