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Statement of
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, April 12, 2017
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In support of

GM 765
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
NOMINEE, CRAIG NAKANISHI,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

HSDC **supports** the continued appointment of Craig Nakanishi to its Board of Directors. Mr. Nakanishi brings investment transaction expertise which will assist HSDC in the evaluation of investment decisions. He has a strong interest in supporting economic development in Hawaii and the development of a sustainable venture capital industry in Hawaii.

Mr. Nakanishi has a longstanding record of service on public boards, including previously serving as Board Chair of the High Technology Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Written Statement of
Robbie Melton
Executive Director & CEO
High Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism & Technology
Wednesday, April 12, 2017
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of
GM765
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the
Hawai'i Strategic Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, CRAIG
NAKANISHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Craig Nakanishi to the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation. Mr. Nakanishi served on the High Technology Development Corporation Board of Directors from 2008 to 2015. He served as board chair from 2014-2015 and is very knowledgeable about the technology industry and state government. His keen leadership skills helped HTDC define its mission and goals in creating the 80/80 Initiative, to create 80,000 new jobs for our young people to have high wage jobs in the technology field.

Mr. Nakanishi's insight to the tech and innovation ecosystem will be an asset for the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation as it builds its legacy programs and develops new programs for its agency.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments

Statement of
GREGG J. KINKLEY
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY

THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR

Governor's Message 765

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategy Development Corporation,
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April 12, 2017

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology:

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Craig I. Nakanishi to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation.

I have known Mr. Nakanishi for over 25 years, from the time we were business partners at the law firm of Goodsell Anderson Quinn & Stifel. As an attorney in a private law practice, he has extensive experience in business transactions, finance, governmental regulations, and general business relations and commerce. He is very knowledgeable in the areas of high technology and finance, and the need to continue to support the development of innovation in Hawaii. He is creative, collaborative, and very enthusiastic about the need to continue to support innovation.

While serving on the Board of the High Technology Development Corporation for almost 8 years, he has moved that organization to be more strategic in its operations. Based on my experience with Mr. Nakanishi in the past, I am confident that he will be an outstanding contributor to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation. Therefore, I respectfully request your confirmation of Mr. Nakanishi.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,

Gregg J. Kinkley

Statement of
DAVID HEERWALD LEONARD
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND
TECHNOLOGY

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Development, Environment, and Technology:

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of
Craig I. Nakanishi to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic Development
Corporation.

I first met Mr. Nakanishi for over 15 years ago, when I was Vice President and
General Counsel at Tesoro Hawaii. Mr. Nakanishi always provided sound business and
legal advice and had the ability to creatively solve complex issues. He has extensive
experience in business transactions, finance, governmental regulations, and general
business relations and commerce. He is very knowledgeable in the areas of high
technology, energy, and finance, and is enthusiastic about the need to continue to support
innovation in Hawaii.

Based on my experience with Mr. Nakanishi in the past, I am confident that he
will be an outstanding contributor to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation.
Therefore, I respectfully request your confirmation of Mr. Nakanishi.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,



David Heerwald Leonard