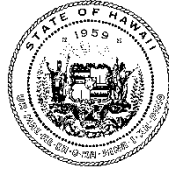


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RODERICK K. BECKER, COMPTROLLER
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ON
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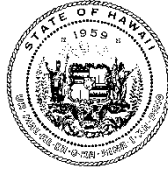
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GARY T. KUROKAWA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020.

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on the confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board (the Board), gubernatorial nominee, Gary T. Kurokawa. The Department of Accounting and General Services recommends that Mr. Kurokawa be confirmed.

Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 103D-201(b)(2) requires that the Board shall have one member that is a county employee with significant, high-level procurement experience. Mr. Kurokawa served as the Administrator and the Deputy Director for Department of Budget and Fiscal Services for the City and County of Honolulu. He is currently the Chief of Staff to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and his appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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TESTIMONY
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
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April 18, 2017, 2:15 PM

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 792
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as a Procurement Policy Board member,
Gubernatorial Nominee, GARY KUROKAWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2020

Chair Kim, Vice-Chair Ruderman, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on GM 792.

The State Procurement Office (SPO) strongly supports Gary Kurokawa's confirmation as a Procurement Policy Board (PPB) member.

Mr. Kurokawa recently became the Chief of Staff to Mayor Kirk Caldwell on April 3, 2017 after the Mayor's prior Chief of Staff, Ray Soon, retired on March 31, 2017. Prior to his new position, he was the Budget and Fiscal Services Deputy Director for the City and County of Honolulu since January 2013, where he monitored and directed the County's procurement and purchasing processes. Gary was also responsible for leading all counties in the State of Hawaii to promote legislative initiatives and provide statewide technical expertise in training and operational policies, and implemented large scale software migration to automate internal and external work processes.

Before being the Deputy Director, Gary worked as the Administrator for the Real Property Assessment Division for the City and County of Honolulu for 30 years where he administered his Division of 111 employees to annually assess all real property in the City and County of Honolulu in order to provide the City Council with a certified list of all taxable property for budget setting purposes. He also has extensive knowledge and experience in government processes and management, including budget and fiscal controls, procurement and purchasing, audits and internal control, and real property management. In Hawaii, Gary is a State of Hawaii Licensed Certified General Appraiser and has been the Vice President of GK Appraisals Inc. for over 25+ years with specific knowledge and experience in the real estate field including valuation, arbitration, exchanges, and litigation.

Thank you.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Government Operations
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 2:15 P.M.
Conference Room 414, State Capitol**

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES 792 SUBMITTING FOR
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GARY KUROKAWA**

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee:

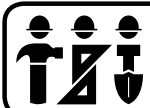
The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** the confirmation of Mr. Gary Kurokawa to the Procurement Policy Board.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Earlier this month, Gary Kurokawa was appointed the Chief of Staff for Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell after 27 years with the City's Department of Budget and Fiscal Services. He was most recently the department's deputy director and for 16 years was administrator of the Real Property Assessment Division. An award-winning manager and licensed certified general appraiser, Gary possesses an extensive knowledge of city government processes, which he will seamlessly carry over to the statewide level if appointed to the seven-member Procurement Policy Board.

Gary's in-depth understanding of Honolulu's operating and capital improvement budgets will serve as an invaluable resource for the Board as it oversees policy regarding the State's procurement, management, control and disposal of any and all goods, services and construction, as well as purchases of health and human services. In addition, his well-established relationships with both the City Council and the State Legislature will help ensure smoother implementation of the Board's initiatives.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony.



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April 17, 2017

TO: THE HONORABLE SENATOR DONNA MERCADO KIM, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: **GM 792** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Procurement
Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, **GARY KUROKAWA** for a term to expire
06-30-2020

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, April 18, 2017
TIME: 2:15 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 414

The Honorable Senator Kim and Members of the Committee:

Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd. (RSI) and I personally **strongly support** the confirmation of **Gary Kurokawa** to the Policy Procurement Board (PPB). Though I've gotten to know **Mr. Kurokawa** only recently, I have been nothing short of amazed at the breadth of knowledge he has particularly in financing and construction procurement. He has been the financing right hand man of Mayor Caldwell, especially for the rail project. He has been forthright and accurate in his assessment of any financing costs. Whenever he spoke, I for one listened intently as I knew he spoke from extensive educated study and analysis and not from speculation. I was therefore not at all surprised when he was recently named as the Mayor's Chief of Staff when the then Chief of Staff announced his retirement. In his 27 years working for the City's Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, he has garnered accolades being named manager of the year twice and most recently serving as its Deputy Director before being named the Mayor's Chief of Staff. His background will serve to steer the state's public procurement system well to fiscal prudence. It is exciting that a person of his education, experience and stature has volunteered to serve on the PPB.

RSI (and I personally) strongly support the confirmation of **Gary Kurokawa** to the Policy Procurement Board.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my opinion of **Gary**.

Sincerely,

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April 18, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SENATORS DONNA MERCADO KIM, CHAIR, RUSSELL RUDERMAN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

RE: **SUPPORT OF GM 792: GARY KUOKAWA**, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, GARY KUOKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, April 18, 2017
TIME: 2:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 414

Dear Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of over five hundred general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The GCA's mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

The GCA is in support of Governors Message 792 regarding the advise and consent of Gary Kurokawa to the Policy Procurement Board. Mr. Kurokawa was recently appointed Chief of Staff of the Mayor's office for the City and County of Honolulu ("City") and prior to his current position he served as the Deputy Director of the Office of Budget and Fiscal Services ("BFS") for the City. BFS is responsible for the accuracy, completeness and fairness of the financial data and presentation, including all disclosures represented in the City's annual Comprehensive Financial Audit Report ("CAFR"). The CAFR represents all budgeting and accounting activities of the City during the year, and covers all funds of the City and its component units. The CAFR presents the financial status of the City (the primary government) and its component units, the Board of Water Supply (BWS), the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) and Oahu Transit Services, Inc. (OTS). Mr. Kurokawa's is now serving as the Mayor's Chief of Staff where he will provide support for the Mayor and other City initiatives.

Mr. Kurokawa's professional experience has been in the private sector in the real estate industry before joining the City. Mr. Kurokawa brings important experience and will play a very important role on the Policy Procurement Board which oversees the policies, rules and regulations of the State's Procurement laws. The Policy Procurement Board is often tasked with varied requests on procurement dealing with the use of public funds in construction, health and human services and other goods. The Board play an important role in improving efficiency and providing guidance for proper spending of government funds.

For these reasons, the GCA supports the nomination of Gary Kurokawa to the Policy Procurement Board and respectfully requests your affirmative vote.

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Submitted on: 4/17/2017

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| Melissa Pavlicek | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments: Aloha! My name is Melissa Pavlicek. I am writing in my individual capacity, in support of Gary Kurokawa's appointment to the Procurement Policy Board. I am a Honolulu-based attorney and graduate of the Wm. S. Richardson School of Law. I have had the opportunity to serve on the PPB Nominating Committee and recognize Mr. Kurokawa's qualifications. The Procurement Policy Board's work is so vital to the effectiveness and efficiency of our state government. We need qualified community-service oriented individuals like Mr. Kurokawa willing to serve. Please confirm his nomination.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

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