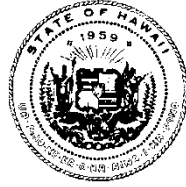


# GM 516

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| Measure Title:    | Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALBERT NAHALE-A, for a term to expire 06-30-2019. |
| Report Title:     | Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority  |
| Description:      |   |
| Companion:        |   |
| Package:          |   |
| Current Referral: | HOU   |

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Statement of  
**Hakim Ouansafi**  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

**Thursday, April 5, 2018**  
**2:45 PM**  
**Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of

**G.M. 516**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALBERT NAHALE-A, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.**

Honorable Chair Espero, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony in support of Governor's Message 516, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Albert Nahale-a, for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the confirmation of Mr. Nahale-a to the HPHA Board of Directors. The HPHA Board needs directors with a variety of life experiences and professional expertise in order to effectively fulfill its role as a policy guide for the agency. Mr. Nahale-a's years of government and private sector experience will be extremely valuable to the HPHA Board when reviewing state government issues and legislation. Furthermore, Mr. Nahale-a's hard work ethic and integrity will also be great assets to the HPHA Board, and he will also bring a fresh perspective in developing sound and thoughtful policy decisions.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Housing with the agency's position regarding G.M. 516. We respectfully request the Committee to confirm Mr. Albert Nahale-a to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 3/30/2018 8:31:37 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/5/2018 2:45:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Grant Wolf          | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments:

The reason I am opposed to the State of Hawai'i making another administration of Board of Directors for the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority is that as someone who has been faildd by the public housing assistance within Hawai'i I cannot see how adding more bureaucracy and spread out divisions in the state is going to make things better by putting more money into programs that seem to be short on money anyways. Basically, what it looks like to the public is that someone wants to have a "Board" legally appointed to get all those funds and keep HPHA as low on funds as it has been repeatedly. There really is no benefit to this other than to the top dog's pocket. Why do we not just exchange whoever is in charge of financing out of that branch of office already. Do we not see how futile the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority has been thus far to doing all that it should? Why should our tax money go into adding to the red tape and contributing to the inefficiency of an already inefficient system? I am clear about this being absolutely futile and useless for anyone's benefit, but those planning to be the new Board of Directors for HPHA.

**GM-516**

Submitted on: 4/3/2018 2:29:47 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/5/2018 2:45:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Alapaki Nahale-a    | Individual          | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments:

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April 2, 2018

Senator Will Espero, Chair

Members of the Committee

Senate Committee on Housing

State Capitol

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RE: Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Dear Chair Espero and Members of the Committee:

Aloha and mahalo for your consideration of my nomination to serve on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.

My desire to serve on the board stems from a deep-seeded belief that housing is a critical issue for our state, especially for those with income constraints. Access to affordable, safe, and decent housing is essential for our people to achieve their highest aspirations. HPHA plays an important and core role in addressing challenges and hurdles to delivering housing that meets the needs of our communities.

As a member of the Board it will be my responsibility to work collaboratively with my fellow board members and the staff and leadership of the HPHA. It takes teamwork to operate an agency of this size and significance effectively and I believe board members should view themselves as part of the HPHA 'ohana. At the same time, Board members must be willing to ask hard questions and consider critical policy decisions to ensure that HPHA is both compliant with state and federal law, while always striving to continuously improve.

I have had the opportunity to work on a number of board and commissions which provide me an understanding of the role and responsibility that come with these positions. In addition, I have held a number of roles that deal specifically with housing, including serving as both a Commissioner and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and being a technical assistance provider for both HUD HOME and USDA RD 523 federal housing programs. These experiences will help me understand and contribute to the work of the authority quickly and hopefully allow me to elevate the conversation with meaningful perspective and analysis.

As the Hawaii Island representative on the HPHA, I will work to ensure that the unique issues that face the island are considered and addressed in a fair and just manner. I will work with HPHA staff and my fellow directors to maintain a positive and collaborative spirit. I will work reinforce and ensure HPHA's commitment to treating all of our citizens with respect, dignity, and compassion.

Please feel free to call on me if I can offer any further assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Albert Nahale-a