



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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April 11, 2018

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 686 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee,
Justin Tokioka for a Term to Expire June 30, 2019

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the nomination of Mr. Justin Tokioka to the Board. This will be a first time appointment of Mr. Tokioka to fill a one-year vacancy on the Board.

Mr. Tokioka will serve on the Board in the capacity of a consumer/person with a disability representing the population of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. He will also represent the County of Kauai, being our second representative from the County.

Mr. Tokioka is an articulate and well respected voice for the deaf community. He is part of the new and younger generation of future leaders for our community. He has assisted in promoting legislation for access to more theaters through open captioning.

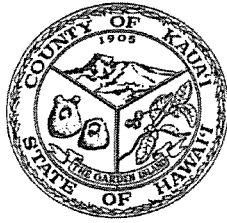
We thank you for your positive consideration, and we welcome Mr. Tokioka to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francine Wai".

FRANCINE WAI
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Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Nomination of Justin Kaponu Tokioka to serve on the Disabilities and Communications Access Board

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for the nomination of Justin "Pono" Tokioka to serve on the Disabilities and Communications Access Board (DCAB).

I have had the pleasure of watching Pono grow up here on Kaua'i, and am very proud of his many accomplishments. In school, he excelled in a mainstream setting with a sign language interpreter, and participated in his high school golf team. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa while playing on the Men's Golf Team. As a student athlete, he was able to find success in all aspects of the college experience.

Pono is back on Kaua'i now pursuing a career in the field of golf. He continues to be goal-oriented, and always displays poise, humility, thoughtfulness and confidence in all of his endeavors. Having experienced first-hand how a person with a disability faces challenges and barriers to access on a daily basis, Pono can bring a valuable perspective to the DCAB from the point of view of a young, future leader in our state.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share my support for Pono, as I strongly believe he is the right person to serve on this board.

With warmest aloha,

Bernard P. Carvalho Jr.
Mayor, County of Kaua'i

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April 9, 2018

**TESTIMONY OF DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**GM 686, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JUSTIN TOKIOKA
DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Tuesday, April 11, 2018
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229**

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

It is an honor and a pleasure to submit testimony in strong support of GM 686, Gubernatorial Nominee Justin Tokioka to the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB). My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Kaua'i County Council and Chair of the Council's Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Justin "Pono" Tokioka has never let his disability get in the way of success. Pono was an excellent student at Kaua'i High School and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where he participated in sports activities and was an accomplished athlete. As a student athlete, Pono was mature enough to handle a busy schedule and balance both his academic and golf commitments. Since graduating in May 2017, with a Bachelor of Arts in Business, Pono has successfully transitioned to the workforce on Kaua'i.

Pono is very adept at requesting and using auxiliary aids, and is the perfect candidate to bring valuable insight on innovative ways to improve access for persons with disabilities throughout the state. I highly commend Pono for his willingness to step forward in a position of leadership and advocacy in such a positive way.

For the reasons stated above, I urge the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health to accept and approve the nomination of Justin "Pono" Tokioka to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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