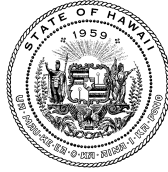


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TESTIMONY
OF
AUDREY HIDANO, DEPUTY COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019, 2:45 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 225, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 580

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **AUDREY HIDANO**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 580.

I, Audrey Hidano, am pleased to submit information for my confirmation hearing as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I've been at DAGS for almost four (4) years assisting the Comptroller in managing and supervising the State's programs and activities under the purview of DAGS. The department is comprised of seven divisions, three district offices, the Office Enterprise Technology Services, and eleven administratively-attached agencies which include the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Procurement Policy Board, State Procurement Office, Stadium Authority, King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Campaign Spending Commission, Office of Elections, Enhanced 911 Board, State Building Code Council, Access Hawaii Committee, and the Information Privacy and Security Council.

Over the past four years, in addition to my regularly assigned duties as Deputy Comptroller, I was also temporarily assigned the responsibilities of two key departmental positions, that of the DAGS Human Resources Officer and the DAGS Accounting Administrator when the positions became vacant for seven months and three months respectively. This afforded me the opportunity to be personally involved with the recruitment process in our Personnel Office and assist with the salary overpayment reports. Additionally, I assumed management of staff in the Accounting Division involved with the implementation of the Payroll Modernization Project.

Worked with the Public Works Division in reviewing project documents, e.g., requests for extra funds, change orders, time extension, consultant's review and/or selection, etc. Always trying to keep projects on time and on budget as much as possible.

Assisted the Central Services Division's Repair and Maintenance section where needed, especially in keeping up with warranty-type work and emergency work; participated in annual visits to neighbor islands to check the status and conditions of State facilities for the proper planning of Repair and Maintenance work (the annual visits are conducted to check office space usage, discarding of old/unused equipment/furniture, office tidiness, meeting island personnel, etc.)

Provided oversight of Neighbor Island (Bid Island, Maui and Kauai) managers, and thereby developing the critical and stable working relationship with the three managers.

Assist with DAGS' Leasing Branch which inventories leases of property between state and private entities. Also, assisted our staff with State employee "space planning" in order to meet the Governor's mandate (Executive Memorandum No. 11-09) of trying to fill empty offices with employees leasing space from private entities.

Helped to drive the completion of the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) before calendar year's end by working with our employees and the third-party vendor. By filing the report timely, this helps the State when financials are needed for review for possible bond purchases as well as other entities who want to review the State's financial status.

Assisted in keeping the payroll modernization project on time and on budget as much as possible.

I take great personal satisfaction by going out to the various offices, state buildings & facilities, and construction jobsites to see the projects and to meet our employees who are our greatest assets. Also, **I LOVE MY JOB**.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information that I hope will assist you and your committee in the confirmation process.



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DAVID Y. IGE
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Testimony of
David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
February 21, 2019
2:45 p.m., Room 225

In consideration of
GM 580, Audrey Hidano
as the
Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the reappointment of Audrey Hidano as the deputy comptroller at the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), a position she has held since April 2015.

Prior to joining DAGS, Audrey served as first deputy director at the Department of Transportation and deputy director at the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. As Deputy Comptroller the past 3-1/2 years, she assisted the Comptroller in overseeing the 8 divisions under DAGS responsible for managing and supervising a wide range of State programs and activities. I would like to see her continue as deputy comptroller to build on the previous term's achievements and ensure the department's success over the next four years.

My administration is committed to reshaping the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I am confident that Audrey Hidano will continue to support our employees at DAGS and help Curt Otaguro with a smooth transition as the new comptroller. Moving forward together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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February 15, 2018

TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
For Hearing on Thursday, February 21, 2019
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 225

By

RYKER WADA
DIRECTOR

Governor's Message 580
(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee on Government Operations

RE: Consideration and confirmation of Audrey Hidano as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I submit this testimony in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of Audrey Hidano as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Hidano over the past two years as Deputy Comptroller. Ms. Hidano has been extremely helpful. Ms. Hidano's background and extensive experience in the construction industry will continue to assist in her duties as the Deputy Comptroller at the Department of Accounting and General Services, especially in the public works area.

I support the confirmation of Ms. Hidano as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governors Message 580 and Audrey Hidano.

DAVID Y. IGE
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February 19, 2019

To: The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair,
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019
Time: 2:45 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 225, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: G.M. No. 580 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy
Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial
Nominee, AUDREY HIDANO**

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Scott T. Murakami, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am testifying in support of Governor's Message 580, Gubernatorial Nominee, Audrey Hidano, as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Ms. Hidano has demonstrated that she has the leadership and experience to assist in leading DAGS. As the Deputy Comptroller, Ms. Hidano supports the Comptroller by directing the State's Accounting System; assisting with union and employee investigations; and sharing her expertise in payroll, accounting, and contract management. Ms. Hidano also served as the Deputy Director of DLIR twice, and helped foster stronger relationships between Hawaii's government and private businesses.

I urge you to confirm Ms. Hidano to serve as the Deputy Comptroller of DAGS so that she may continue to provide leadership and service to the public.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Hidano.



DAVID Y. IGE
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Statement of
MIKE MCCARTNEY
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Thursday, February 21, 2019
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
GM 580

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services,
AUDREY HIDANO, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee.

I am writing in support of the appointment of Audrey Hidano to serve as the Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services. My name is Mike McCartney and I am the Director for the State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Ms. Hidano has served as the Deputy Comptroller for the past four years and has continued to bring her expertise and knowledge to the position. In addition to past leadership roles across state government and the private sector, her command and understanding of the job responsibilities makes her highly qualified for the role. Her confirmation would benefit the people of Hawaii.

For these reasons, I urge her confirmation for Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII

JOSH GREEN
LT. GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII



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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
HEARING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2019 AT 2:45PM IN CR 225

IN SUPPORT OF

GM580

for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, **AUDREY HIDANO**, for a term to expire 12-05-2022

February 19, 2019

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee:

It is an honor to provide this testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Audrey Hidano as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Ms. Hidano's background and professional credentials and her extensive career in State government makes her well-qualified for this appointment. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands works frequently with DAGS as the department responsible for managing and supervising a wide range of State programs and activities.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor

JOSH GREEN
Lt. Governor



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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

FEBRUARY 21, 2019
2:45 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 580
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY
COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL
SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, AUDREY HIDANO, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022

Chairperson Thielen and Members of the Committee:

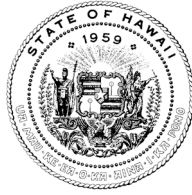
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 580, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, Audrey Hidano, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022. The Department strongly supports this measure.

Ms. Hidano has served the last 4 years as the Deputy Comptroller and continues to provide unmatched leadership. Her experience in various roles as a leader in State and County government as well as the private sector and within the community is an asset for the State in her role as Deputy Comptroller.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



DAVID Y. IGE
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Thursday, February 21, 2019

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 580
Gubernatorial Nominee Audrey Hidano

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye and members of the committee:

I am in strong support in confirming the Governor's appointment of Audrey Hidano as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). Since 2015, Ms. Hidano has brought her wealth of experience in the construction industry and business leadership to her duties as the DAGS deputy director. Ms. Hidano is also knowledgeable in state government operations, having previously served as deputy director for the Department of Transportation and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

As Comptroller in 2015, I had the pleasure of working alongside Ms. Hidano. I found Ms. Hidano to be effective in our department with her strong leadership style. She is independent, honest and straightforward – qualities of a great leader. She will continue to be a tremendous asset as deputy comptroller as well as for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in strong support of Audrey Hidano as DAGS deputy comptroller.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY

GM 580 Submitting for consideration and confirmation

Gubernatorial Nominee, Audrey Hidano for a term to expire
12-05-2022

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN, JR.
DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES

February 21, 2019
2:45 pm

Good afternoon Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye and Committee members:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans' Services (OVS). I would like to take this opportunity to express my wholehearted **support** to the GM 580 confirmation of Audrey Hidano and her appointment as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services for a term to expire on December 5, 2022.

Having had the pleasure of working with Ms. Hidano on several important State Capital Improvement Projects, she has always ensured that those working the project paid very close attention to detail ensuring plans and designs were backed up with the proper supporting facts and documentation. Her expert guidance and project management skills on several key projects led to important federal milestones being completed on-time or ahead of schedule. Few have the effective networking skills she possesses in dealing with the respective Counties, State, Federal and private entities. Truly, this sets her apart from her peers and is one of her strongest and most admired characteristic traits.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of Audrey Hidano's confirmation and consideration.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 580
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS DEPUTY
COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL
SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE AUDREY HIDANO.

by

Nolan P. Espinda, Director
Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Government Operations
Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 21, 2019; 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the nomination of Audrey Hidano as the Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Ms. Hidano has proven herself to be an effective leader in her role as Deputy Comptroller. Since she was appointed and confirmed as the DAGS Deputy in 2015, PSD has had the opportunity and privilege of working with her on various projects. Throughout, she has shown good judgement, commitment, and professionalism in ensuring efficient government operations. The various positions she has held in State government, such as Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Deputy Director Transportation, are testaments to her skills as an effective leader and her commitment to public service.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
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TESTIMONY
OF
SCOTT L. CHAN, STADIUM MANAGER
STADIUM AUTHORITY
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
February 21, 2019
G.M. 580

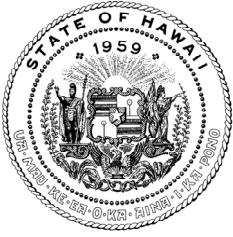
Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Ms. Audrey Hidano.

Over the past several years, as Deputy Comptroller, Ms. Hidano's has served with integrity, professionalism, and a proven work ethic that is mindful of the people of the State of Hawaii. Ms. Hidano's extensive background and experience in the private sector construction industry as well as serving as Deputy Director for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the Department of Transportation has also been instrumental in guiding her in her role as Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Ms. Hidano's broad background in both the private and public sector will continue to be an asset to the Department and the State of Hawaii.

As such, I respectfully ask for the Committee's favorable consideration in confirming gubernatorial nominee, Ms. Audrey Hidano as Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services for a present term to expire on December 5, 2022.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Hidano.



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before the
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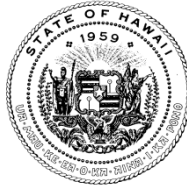
Thursday, February 21, 2019
2:45 PM, Room 225

in SUPPORT of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 580, AUDREY HIDANO
As the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services
(Written Testimony Only)

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Audrey Hidano to serve as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). Ms. Hidano has demonstrated excellence in integrating environmental considerations into DAGS' operations. The OEQC looks forward to continuing to work with Ms. Hidano to continue to improve DAGS' practices regarding environmental quality.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



TESTIMONY BY:

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February 21, 2019
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

G.M. 580

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, AUDREY HIDANO, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Senate Committee on Government Operations

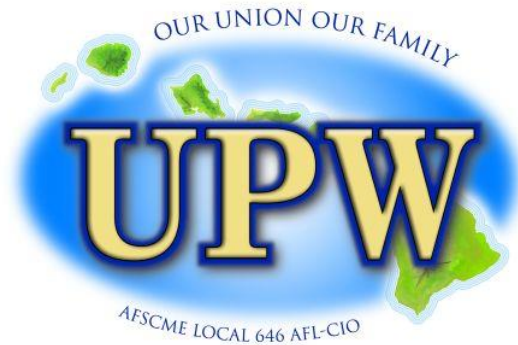
The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Audrey Hidano as the Deputy Director of the Department of Accounting General Services (DAGS).

Ms. Hidano is graduate of Hawaii Business College and has worked in Hawaii's construction and business industry for over 40 years. She co-founded two construction companies, Hidano Construction, which specializes in residential and light commercial construction and Rim-Pac, Inc. which specializes in solid surface work. She is active member of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii of which she also served as its President.

In addition, Ms. Hidano has been a Deputy Director for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Department of Transportation and has been a bridge in building better relationships between Hawaii's government and the private sector.

While very personable, Ms. Hidano means business and exercises her authority to get work done.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



THE HAWAII STATE SENATE

The Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session of 2019

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

Date of Hearing: Thursday, February 21, 2019
Time of Hearing: 2:45 p.m.
Place of Hearing: Conference Room 225

TESTIMONY ON GM580 AUDREY HIDANO

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and four counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW **supports** the nomination of Ms. Audrey Hidano as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii. Ms. Hidano served as the Deputy Comptroller of DAGS since April 2015. Deputy Director Hidano has excellent management and business experience in both the public and private sector. She served as the Deputy Director of Transportation, State of Hawaii and the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. She also served as Secretary and Treasurer of Hidano Construction. She is active in the community and serves on various business, government and community organizations.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



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Senator Laura Thielen, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 225
State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania Street

TESTIMONY ON GM 580

TO THE HONORABLE LAURA THIELEN, CHAIR, LORRAINE R. INOUE, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, its 5000+ members and its 250+ unionized contractors. The Laborers Union is the largest construction union in the Nation. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** for GM 580, which submits for consideration and confirmation, Gubernatorial Nominee Audrey Hidano, as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, for a term to expire on 12-05-2022.

Ms. Hidano is the current Acting Deputy Comptroller of the Hawaii State Department of Accounting and General Services and has held this position since 2015. She has extensive government experience and previously held the positions of Deputy Director for the Hawaii State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations and Deputy Director for the Hawaii State Department of Transportation. Ms. Hidano is knowledgeable about procurement issues affecting State agencies and has a thorough understanding of how these issues affect construction projects in Hawaii. In addition, as the Vice-President and Secretary of Grand Development and as former Secretary-Treasurer of Hidano Construction, Ms. Hidano is well versed in the intricacies of running a business in Hawaii.

Currently, Ms. Hidano serve as a Trustee for the Hawaii Employer-Union Benefits Trust Fund. She is also a Board Member for the Nuuanu YMCA, as well as the City and County of Honolulu Neighborhood Board #12, a position she has held since 1989.

Ms. Hidano's expertise and experience working both in the private industry and for the State of Hawaii, along with her commitment, skills, knowledge, and experience, makes her an asset for the Department of Accounting and General Services. Her industry experience is invaluable, and her willingness to continue to serve the community is commendable. For these reasons, Hawaii LECET respectfully requests your **STRONG SUPPORT** of Ms. Audrey Hidano for the position of Deputy Comptroller for the Hawaii State Department of Accounting and General Services.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
RODERICK K. BECKER
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 580

Thursday, February 21, 2019
2:45 p.m.
Room 225

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, AUDREY HIDANO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the appointment of Audrey Hidano to the position of deputy comptroller.

I have known Audrey for a number of years and most recently had the opportunity to work closely with her at the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) where she was serving as deputy comptroller and I was serving as the comptroller. While at DAGS, I was able to observe her considerable abilities and desire to make government more transparent, efficient, and effective.

Audrey was instrumental in facilitating the implementation of several initiatives. Chief among them was the modernization of the States over 50-year-old payroll system. Audrey was highly effective in communicating and resolving issues that arose with various state agencies and parties external to the state. State employees are now paid through a modern payroll system due in no small part to Audrey's considerable efforts.

Audrey also challenges the status quo by holding all parties accountable for keeping many of the capital projects DAGS implements within scope, schedule, and budget. She does not hesitate to bring people together to identify, discuss, and resolve issues that may be affecting the proper execution of processes necessary to deliver needed capital improvements.

Over the past two years DAGS experienced the turnover of several key positions. While the positions were under recruitment, Audrey assumed responsibility for handling the operations of some of these offices as they transitioned, ensuring their stability and continued effectiveness.

Audrey is always willing to go well above and beyond the call of duty. She consistently employs a hands-on approach and will personally check on DAGS jobs after hours and on weekends, clearly exhibiting her desire to protect state assets and keep things running smoothly.

Safety of our employees, the public, and our contractors is also a high priority of Audrey. She never hesitates to call on people to ensure they're adequately protected and working in a safe manner that does not endanger anyone.

Audrey clearly has the ability and willingness to improve state government. Therefore, I highly recommend she be confirmed and permitted to continue serving in the capacity of deputy comptroller.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

TO: Senator Laura Thielen, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Government Operations

From: Pankaj Bhanot (in my individual capacity)

Re: GM 580

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, my name is Pankaj Bhanot and I am the current Director of the Department of Human Services. However, I am submitting this testimony as an individual in strong support of GM 580 submitted by the Governor for consideration and confirmation of Ms. Audrey E. Hidano as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Account and General Services (DAGS), for a term to expire at noon on December 05, 2022.

Ms. Hidano has a distinguished and extensive professional career of thirty-eight (38) years in public and private sector focusing on construction and development, labor and industrial relations, taxation, accounting, legislative affairs, and employee union issues. Audrey possesses relevant professional experience, education, knowledge, skills, abilities, and the lived experience to honorably and competently serve as the Comptroller of DAGS.

I request the Senate Committee on Government Operations to unanimously confirm Ms. Hidano as the Deputy Comptroller of the DAGS.

Thank you for the opportunity to support GM 580.

TESTIMONY BY DEREK MIZUNO
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
GM 580
RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY
COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
AUDREY HIDANO

February 21, 2019

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee,

I am testifying in SUPPORT of Audrey Hidano as the deputy comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I have worked closely with Ms. Hidano in my position as EUTF Administrator as Ms. Hidano has served as a EUTF Board member since early 2015. Ms. Hidano has always been focused on protecting the interests of the State and ensuring that the EUTF is fiscally prudent through maximizing investment earnings within prudent levels of risk, diligently managing contracts, negotiating the lowest fees possible from vendors, and auditing of eligibility and contracts with the insurance carriers. Ms. Hidano respectfully questions EUTF staff and vendors about the issues and will follow through until they are resolved. She successfully accomplishes this while maintaining a good relationship with others, as she is viewed as fair, reasonable, and protecting of the interests of the State and the EUTF.

I believe that Ms. Hidano's experience in State government and the construction industry, as well as her deep passion for serving the citizens of the State will bring significant value to the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY OF JO ANN UCHIDA TAKEUCHI
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Thursday, February 21, 2019
2:45 P.M., Conference Room 225

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 580
NOMINATING AUDREY HIDANO AS THE
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES**

TO THE HONORABLE LAURA H. THIELEN, CHAIR,
THE HONORABLE LORRAINE R. INOUE, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I am writing to express my strong support of GM 580 for Audrey Hidano's nomination to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). My name is Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi and I am submitting this supporting testimony in my personal capacity.

I have had the opportunity to work with Deputy Director Hidano for a number of years in my capacity as Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. I really appreciate her direct, no-nonsense approach to problem solving and her commitment to ensuring that Hawaii's citizens get good value for their tax dollars. Deputy Director Hidano is intelligent, hard-working, ethical and dedicated, and her go-getter style is perfectly suited to the role of Deputy Comptroller.

As co-founder of Hidano Construction, Inc., Deputy Director Hidano's brings extensive and important private sector experience to DAGS. Her commitment to good, effective and efficient government and her knowledge of the contracting industry makes Deputy Director Hidano especially suited to this position.

The state will be well served by Ms. Hidano's appointment and I strongly urge her nomination to continue to serve as Deputy Director of DAGS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my strong support of this nomination.

Statement of
Mary Alice Evans

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Thursday, February 21, 2019
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

in consideration of

GM 580
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services,
Gubernatorial Nominee, AUDREY HIDANO,
for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee on Government Operations.

I respectfully urge your **strong support** for the confirmation of Audrey Hidano as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have had the pleasure of working with Audrey for many years. Audrey has served as Deputy Comptroller for DAGS, Deputy Director of the Departments of Labor and Industrial Relations and Transportation.

Audrey is a brilliant, energetic administrator who understands all of the State's enterprise resource systems. She works well with people and gets results.

I respectfully urge your **favorable consideration** of the nomination of Audrey Hidano as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



**TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
State Capitol, Conference Room 225
415 South Beretania Street
2:45 PM**

February 21, 2019

RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 580 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, AUDREY HIDANO

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the committee:

My name is Gladys Quinto Marrone, CEO of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. Our members build the communities we all call home.

BIA-Hawaii is in **strong support** of the nomination of Ms. Audrey Hidano to the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

As a past two-time president of BIA-Hawaii (1999 and 2000), Ms. Hidano brings a unique mixture of both public and private sector experience having served multiple terms as deputy director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), Department of Transportation (DOT), and most recently was deputy director of DAGS.

Ms. Hidano has also co-founded Hidano Construction, a general contracting company that specializes in residential and light commercial construction, and is co-owner of Rim-Pac, a construction company that specializes in solid surface work.

DAGS is the main state entity responsible for the development of new state facilities, and the maintenance of existing state facilities. Her familiarity with the planning, design and construction of projects in Hawaii, along with her experience in government will bring balance, and a results-oriented focus to the DAGS procurement process.

We would strongly encourage the Senate to confirm Ms. Hidano's nomination as Deputy Director for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our views on this confirmation.

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 9:14:36 AM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Norman Sakamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Thielan and Members,

Testimony in Strong Support for Audrey Hidano on GM580.

Audrey has been very effective solving problems and increasing efficiency during her years of service with the State at the Department of Labor, Department of Transportation and ongoing at the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Her ability to pinpoint an area needing attention and her willingness to take sometimes difficult actions has allowed her to help the State and the taxpayers.

I ask for your positive action in confirming Audrey Hidano as Deputy Comptroller at DAGS.

Blessings,

Norman Sakamoto

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GM-580

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 9:27:54 AM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Evan K. Fujimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the committee:

Audrey Hidano, Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), has a wealth of experience, wisdom and practical know-how from decades of running a successful general contracting company which has made her highly effective in her current role. She has provided strong executive leadership and also understands the nuts & bolts of how DAGS' projects are conceived, implemented and completed. Audrey has brought needed guidance and financial oversight to one of the most complex departments in state government; both public and private interests will be served by reconfirming her to another term.

I strongly support Audrey Hidano for another term as Deputy Comptroller for DAGS and ask you to reconfirm her.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Evan K. Fujimoto/President, Graham Builders and 2017 Past President, BIA-Hawaii

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 10:10:24 AM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Isara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have known Audrey Hidano for many years because we worked in the construction industry together. She and I were both and still are members of the Construction Financial Management Association. In the association she has been a great resource through her business experience and lately government experience. Audrey has been instrumental in having certain processes that were unfair to contractors changed. Audrey always commits herself 100% to the tasks at hand and she diligently tries to better the situation. She is fair and fearless when she does her investigations but she is also reasonable when compromises must be made. I wholeheartedly support her nomination as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting & General Services.

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 11:27:20 AM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harvey J. Lung	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a practicing attorney primarily in real estate, construction, and commercial law and transactions, I wholeheartedly support Audrey Hidano's re-confirmation as DAG's deputy controller. The State needs someone like Audrey who is a watch-dog for the people, and who can exercise independent judgment and discretion in the position of deputy controller. Particularly in this time where every dollar counts and where public scrutiny is very high, having someone in this position who is not afraid to speak her mind, to raise questions, or take unpopular positions, is essential. Audrey's experience in both the public and private sectors gives her a unique and valuable perspective to the job. In all of my dealings with her, I have known her to do what right, to advocate for the greater good, and to be accountable for her actions. We all know and joke about the stereotypical state employee--that is not Audrey. She is responsible, and has a sense of urgency to everything she does. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of Audrey's re-confirmation.

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GM-580

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 4:18:15 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
denny sadowski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair and Committe Members,

I am writing this testimony in **STRONG** support of Audrey Hidano for confirmation as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. It has been my good fortune to have worked with and known Audrey for many years. She is not only a tireless worker when it comes to whoever or whatever she is working for or on but she has the unique ability to keep her thought process very objective to the issue at hand. Because of this, Audrey will make an excellent Deputy Director and will well represent both the Department of Accounting and General Services and those that this agency serves. PLEASE confirm Audrey Hidano as Deputy Director.

Kind Regards,

Denny Sadowski

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 5:18:43 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dwight Mitsunaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Dwight Mitsunaga. I am a licensed general contractor and a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. I am currently President-Elect of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii, Chair of the University of Hawaii School of Architecture Advisory Council, and serve on numerous higher-education organizations actively seeking to improve education for Hawaii's future generations. My testimony is offered as an individual and as a taxpayer of the State of Hawaii.

I strongly support the re-appointment of Audrey Hidano to continue in the position of Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services. I believe that her years of experience and service will greatly complement the new Comptroller. As a proven industry leader, I believe that Audrey is the right person for the position. She is trustworthy, hardworking and a great asset to DAGS and its staff. It would definitely be a plus to have her provide immediate assistance to the new Comptroller appointee in strategically directing DAGS and its mission; providing much needed support in navigating Hawaii's political procedures and entanglements.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to express my support for the re-appointment of Deputy DAGS Comptroller Audrey Hidano.

Respectfully Submitted.

Dwight Mitsunaga

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TESTIMONY OF
THEODORE K. TAKETA
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
Thursday, February 21, 2019
9:30 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 225

G.M.580

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **AUDREY HIDANO**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-05-2022.

I am testifying as an individual and I am in strong support of Ms. Audrey Hidano's confirmation as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Ms. Hidano for over 20 years including her various roles in State government. She is a very honest individual, works very diligently and is a dedicated public servant. Ms. Hidano continually demonstrates professionalism and has a strong commitment to serve the people and the State of Hawaii.

I respectfully urge you to confirm Ms. Hidano for the nomination of Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Theodore K. Taketa



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February 14, 2019

To: The Honorable Laura H Thielen, Chair, Lorraine R Inouye, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

Subject: Governors Message **GM 580: Strong Support** of the Nomination of **Audrey Hidano** as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019
TIME: 2:45 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225

The Honorable Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations,

I am Lance Inouye, President of Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd. (RSI), a local general contractor. I am writing in **strong support** of **Audrey Hidano**, as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Everyone knows **Audrey Hidano**. She is one of the most respected, energetic and vocal spokesman of our construction industry. I consider it an honor to be her friend (hopefully) for almost as long as I have been in the industry. She is a joy to be around along with her husband, Steven Hidano, both such good people and well respected in our community for decades. It truly amazes me how much she is able to accomplish for the State, whether as Deputy Director of various key state departments, such as the DLIR, the DOT and her current position at DAGS, all the while constantly serving the community as a volunteer board member and officer, past and present, for organizations such as for the Hawaii State EUTF (a huge responsibility), Honolulu Neighborhood Board #12, Nuuanu YMCA, the Hawaii Baptist Academy, Maryknoll Schools, Building Industry Association of Hawaii, and numerous construction union trust funds. She was even a past City Council member for a short time. While doing all of that, what sets her apart is how much she loves her family and continues her role as the matriarch of her family with four wonderful daughters and 7 grandchildren. One needs only to approach any of her family members and they will attest to this. Many times I find myself discussing an urgent industry issue with her on her personal cell phone while she is out at one of her grandchild's soccer game or other school event. Sometimes I wonder if she sleeps at all.

She is also fearless. When she latches on to a position she feels strongly about, watch out because she is not shy about expressing and advancing that position to the max. And, by the way, in my humble opinion, her positions are well thought out, come from the heart, transparent and always honorable.

DAGS plays an important role in fair and transparent procurement in the State of Hawaii. I cannot think of too many people who are more qualified and "straight" than **Audrey** as Deputy Comptroller. I for one will rest assured that procurement in Hawaii will be in good hands with **Audrey** there.

RSI and I personally **strongly support** the appointment of **Audrey Hidano** as Deputy Comptroller of DAGS. Please confirm her appointment. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion of **Audrey**.

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/14/2019 2:58:29 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tracy Lawson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have known Audrey Hidano for over 15 years in a professional manner and have always found her to be honest, committed to her work and concerned for her community. Audrey has an excellent background in business and government service. I whole-heartedly support the re-confirmation of Audrey as Deputy Comptroller.

I have personally known Audrey Hidano for the past twenty years. She is a hardworking, diligent individual who maintains very high integrity and standards of performance. Audrey has excellent business and common sense and is willing to do what is necessary to get the work completed. She possesses excellent management and leadership skills by leading by example. I would highly recommend Audrey for the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

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TESTIMONY OF
WADE H. WAKAYAMA
TO THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (GVO)
ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019
02:45 P.M.

GM #580

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE STATE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **AUDREY HIDANO**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON 12/05/2022.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee.

I am testifying as an individual and I am in full support of Audrey Hidano's confirmation as the State Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I've known Ms. Hidano for over twenty years, personally and professionally. I've had opportunities to work with her in different capacities. In my dealing with Ms. Hidano, I have found her to be courteous, helpful, and inciteful. Ms. Hidano demonstrates sound judgement and dedication to her work.

I believe Ms. Hidano will be an asset to the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Wade H. Wakayama

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/14/2019 9:59:33 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melissa Pavlicek	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Melissa Pavlicek and I am writing to support the nomination of Audrey Hidano as Dept. of Accounting and General Services Deputy Director. I have known Ms. Hidano for more than 15 years and have personally observed her integrity, work ethic and commitment to the community in both a personal and professional capacity. She is an outstanding leader and an asset to the people of the state of Hawaii in her current position. Please confirm her nomination.

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/15/2019 8:52:52 AM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pam Martin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have known Audrey Hldano for more than ten years. When she was Deputy Director at the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations I worked for her. Audrey Hidano is the kind of person everyone should strive to be like. She is an exemplary public servant who honors the public trust.

TESTIMONY OF LINDA CHU TAKAYAMA

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

February 21, 2019
2:45 PM

MEASURE: G.M. 580

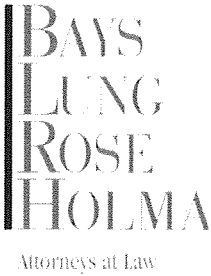
POSITION: Support

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and members of the Committee, my name is Linda Chu Takayama, Director of Taxation. I am testifying in strong support of Audrey Hidano for the position of Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Ms. Hidano has served as an exemplary Deputy Comptroller for the past four years. She brings to the position a wide breadth of knowledge and experience from both the private and public sectors through her service in three different state agencies, a multitude of private sector companies and an impressive range of nonprofit organizations.

She has a unique capability of bringing diverse groups together to work toward a singular goal, a talent that has brought success to many state projects.

I urge your favorable consideration of her nomination.



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February 15, 2019

Submitted via Hawaii Legislature website

Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Government Operations
Hawaii State Capitol
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Re: GM 580, Consideration and Confirmation of Audrey Hidano, Deputy
Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services


Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee on Government
Operations:

I am writing in strong support of Ms. Audrey Hidano for Deputy Comptroller,
Department of Accounting and General Services ("DAGS"). I met Ms. Hidano almost 20 years
ago when we served on the Board of Directors and on the Government Relations Committee of
the Building Industry Association of Hawaii. I learned that Ms. Hidano is a person of the utmost
integrity, diligence, and aptitude. She is always prepared. One of her most important qualities is
her ability to accomplish tasks. Ms. Hidano served as the Deputy Director of DAGS with
distinction from 2015 to December 2018. The State of Hawai'i would be fortunate to have
Ms. Hidano serve another term.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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TESTIMONY OF
DALE S. YONEDA
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
Thursday, February 21, 2019
9:30 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 225

G.M.580

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DEPUTY
COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL
SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **AUDREY HIDANO**, FOR A TERM TO
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I have known Ms. Hidano for about 20 years in her various roles in State
government and the private sector. She is truly a "go-to" person, works very diligently and is
a dedicated public servant. Ms. Hidano continually demonstrates professionalism and has a
strong commitment to serve the people and the State of Hawaii.

I respectfully urge you to confirm Ms. Hidano for the nomination of Deputy
Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





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February 15, 2019

To: Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair, Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

Subject: **Support** of Governor's Message 580 – Confirmation of Audrey Hidano as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019

TIME: 2:45 pm

PLACE: Conference Room 225

Dear Senator Thielen, Senator Inouye and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in **strong support** of Governor's Message 580 for confirmation of Audrey Hidano as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. Ms. Hidano's experience, knowledge and high standards makes her an ideal candidate for this position.

I have known Ms. Hidano for over 20 years and have worked with her on numerous construction industry issues while she was in both the private sector, with Hidano Construction, and the public sector, with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Accounting and General Services. I can personally attest to her outstanding character and knowledge.

I **strongly support** Governor's Message 580 and respectfully ask that this Committee confirm Audrey Hidano as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Sincerely,

Glenn M. Nohara
President

TESTIMONY OF
BRIAN Y. SAITO

TO THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

ON FEBRUARY 21 ,2019

GM 580

RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF AUDREY HIDANO AS DEPUTY
COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL
SERVICES.

Chair Thielen and members of the Committee, thank you for the
opportunity to testify on the confirmation of Audrey Hidano as the deputy comptroller.

I've known Audrey for several years. I find her to be an individual with character
and one who has the empathy and energy to make a difference. She will take all matters
into consideration and will make a knowledgeable decision.

In closing I believe the appointment of Audrey Hidano, as the Deputy State
Comptroller would be a wise decision, which would benefit the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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February 16, 2019

Committee on Government Operations
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 @ 2:45 PM

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 580 CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION OF MS. AUDREY HIDANO AS THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES**

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the committee:

My name is Anthony Borge and I am a board member on the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. Today however, I am submitting testimony as a small business. RMA Sales is a locally owned, small business manufacturing and distributing louver jalousie windows, storm/security doors, screens and ancillary products here in Hawaii since 1961.

Over the years, I have worked with Ms. Hidano in both the business and government sectors. She has a wealth of knowledge of business, government and people. She has integrity, is forthright and pragmatic.

I believe she will continue to be a valuable asset to the State as the Deputy Comptroller of DAGS and **strongly support** her confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Borge
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GM-580

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 12:18:40 AM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kay M. Mukaigawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is with great pleasure that I provide testimony in support of Audrey Hidano's confirmation as Deputy Controller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Ms. Hidano for almost 30 years, as a leader in State Government, an icon in the Building Industry Association and an outstanding community leader. In every capacity that Ms. Hidano has served, she gives 110% of her time and effort and has a reputation for ensuring results through hard work.

I respectfully urge you to confirm Ms. Hidano. We will all benefit from her dedication and passion as she serves the people of Hawaii as the Deputy Controller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

TESTIMONY OF
LYNN A.S. ARAKI-REGAN

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
FEBRUARY 21, 2019
CONFERENCE ROOM 225
2:45 P.M.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 540 RELATING TO
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE AUDREY HIDANO
FOR DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the committee:

I wholeheartedly support the confirmation of Audrey Hidano to the position of Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have had the privilege of meeting and getting to know Audrey and have gained a deep respect and admiration for her. She possesses the work ethic, leadership qualities, and administrative experience critical for department such as DAGS. She is fair, even-tempered, and a good team builder.

As Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner, Audrey is an integral part of the team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

To: Committee on Government Operations

Subject: GM 580

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, committee members

I am in full support of Audrey Hidano for the position of Deputy Controller for DAGS. I have known Ms. Hidano for over 30 years, and have been able to work with her when we were both associated with the Building Industry Association and have observed her in previous government positions.

Ms. Hidano is caring, efficient, and extremely responsible. Most importantly she keeps her eye on any spending waste. We need more like her throughout our government. No matter if it's a paid position or a voluntary position, Ms. Hidano puts in a 100 percent effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha, mahalo

F.M. Scotty Anderson

Honolulu, Hi



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February 19, 2019

Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chairperson
Committee on Government Operations
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Confirmation for Audrey Hidano for Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting & General Services (DAGS).

Honorable Laura Thielen:

As the Executive Director of the Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii (ECAH), I **highly recommend** the confirmation of Audrey Hidano for another term as the Deputy Comptroller of DAGS.

Audrey Hidano has served in many State Departments including the Department of Transportation, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and her current position as the Deputy of the Department of Accounting and General Services. In addition to these positions, she has served in many construction related organizations and has been an officer of the Hidano Construction Company. Her career has covered positions in both public and private sectors bringing a well-rounded experience to continue serving as the Deputy Comptroller of DAGS.

An approval for her confirmation would be in the best interest of DAGS and for the general good of the State of Hawaii. Please approve the re-appointment of Audrey Hidano.

Sincerely,

Al Itamoto

Al Itamoto
Executive Director
Electrical Constructors Association of Hawaii,
A Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association

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February 21, 2019

To: Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair and
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Government Operations

From: Michael Y. Magaoay, President MYM Services, LLC



Re: GM 580 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller of
The Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee,
AUDREY HIDANO, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Position: STRONG SUPPORT

Good afternoon Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye and members of the Committee on Government Operations. I am Michael Magaoay, an electrical engineer consultant testifying in strong support of Ms. Audrey Hidano's confirmation as Deputy Comptroller for a term to expire on December 5, 2022(GM 580)

I have known Ms. Hidano for more than 35 plus years in the construction industry as an owner of Hidano Construction; strong advocate for the Building Industry Association for many years; a strong community advocate/liasion for serving on the Neighborhood Board #12 for over thirty years. Our path crisis - cross many times in our professional field of contracting business and community affairs. She has been very professional, out spoken, but fair to all with a smile. Ms. Hidano will continue to bring a wealth and experience to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I respectfully urge you and the committee to confirm Ms. Audrey Hidano as Deputy Comptroller.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in strong support of Ms. Audrey Hidano's confirmation.

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 2:30:20 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Grace S. Ichikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES
A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: February 20, 2019

TO: Senator Laura Thielen
Chair, Committee on Government Operations
Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: R. Brian Tsujimura

RE: **GM 580 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, AUDREY HIDANO, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

**Hearing Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room: 225**

Dear Chair Thielen and Members of the Committee on Government Operations:

I submit this testimony in support of Audrey Hidano as Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Audrey for many years. I have always appreciated her ability and determination to get things done. You would be correct in assuming from that last comment that I am a fan of hers. I am. I know Audrey as a business colleague, a wife, and a mom. I know the family, her daughters and her husband, Steve. You learn a lot about a person from their family members, and I can say without any hesitation that she brings to the job, an ethic of hard work, integrity, and empathy. That is a hard combination to find, but Audrey has it.

Please give her your fullest support, she has mine.

February 19, 2019

Ross Inouye

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To: The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair, Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

Subject: Governors Message GM 580: Strong Support of the Nomination of Audrey Hidano as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019

TIME: 2:45 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 225

The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair, Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations:

I am Ross Inouye, President of Acutron, LLC, a local mechanical insulation and firestopping contractor. I am personally writing in strong support of Audrey Hidano as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Audrey Hidano for several years and have been and continue to be impressed at her drive to do the right thing in whatever capacity she is serving. I know her primarily from trips to annual International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plan conferences, where she demonstrates a consistent passion to serve the interests of her fund's beneficiaries. Regardless of the size of the issue she confronts, she is always determined to come to an informed, fair, and beneficial decision for those she is charged with serving. I have full confidence that she does the same and will continue to do the same in her capacity as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I personally, strongly support the appointment of Audrey Hidano as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. Thank you for this opportunity to voice my support of Audrey Hidano.

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/20/2019 6:33:48 AM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Cheung	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Chair and Committee Members,

My name is John Cheung, Owner of CC Engineering and Construction, Inc., and I have been in business in the state for 35 years.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT the nomination of Audrey Hidano to be the Deputy Director of DAGS.

I have known Mrs. Hidano for over 20 years and have worked with her on many issues at BIA, GCA, construction industries. I have found her to be a person of high moral integrity, ethics, and knowledge of government and business affairs.

I feel that she will fill the position and serve the people of Hawaii well.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Cheung

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/20/2019 7:01:22 AM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Craig Washofsky	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF DAMIEN ELEFANTE
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019 2:45 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 225

GOV. MSG NO. 580

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY
COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL
SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, AUDREY HIDANO, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye and members of the Committee. I am testifying as an individual and I am in strong support of Audrey Hidano's confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

In working with Ms. Hidano, I have witnessed her professionalism and practical approach in leadership to direct employees in a positive direction. During her time at DAGS, she has been working steadily with managers and employees to improve processes and procedures. She also has the willingness and ability to make employees work towards achieving the goals of the Department.

Ms. Hidano's overall background and experiences working in the community, as well as, working in the public and private sectors is an asset and resource for the State.

I urge you to support the confirmation of Audrey Hidano as the Deputy Comptroller of DAGS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

GM 580

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Recipient Name

Committee on Government Operations
State Capitol, Room 225
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear **Recipient Name**,

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I write in strong support of Audrey Hidano's nomination as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have worked with Audrey for the past 3.5 years. She is a committed and diligent public servant who has proven she has the mental tenacity to do the job. She is an honest and trustworthy individual who always has the best interest of the people of Hawaii in her heart.

Warm regards,



Todd Nacapuy

TODD NACAPUY



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES
A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: February 14, 2019

TO: Senator Laura Thielen
Chair, Committee on Government Operations
Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Gary M. Slovin

RE: **GM 580 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, AUDREY HIDANO, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

**Hearing Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room: 225**

Dear Chair Thielen and Members of the Committee on Government Operations:

I submit this testimony in very strong support of Audrey Hidano to be the Deputy Comptroller.

I have known Audrey a very long time and have the highest regard for her. Audrey has extensive experience in both the private sector and in government. That experience has served her well in the government positions she has occupied. Audrey is a highly competent individual. She analyzes situations quickly and develops solutions that produce results. She is also a terrific communicator and decisive. Audrey also has a balanced view of herself. That quality means she is open to learning from others; she doesn't feel she has to have all the answers. She has a wonderful sense of humor and gets along well with people. Her qualities enable her to move projects through to completion.

I believe Audrey is highly qualified for the position of Deputy Comptroller, and for the reasons noted above I urge the committee to support her nomination.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
ROBERT YU
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNEMENT OPERATIONS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 580

Thursday, February 21, 2019
2:45 p.m.
Room 225

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, AUDREY HIDANO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support Audrey Hidano's appointment to the position of Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). I am working with Ms. Hidano in my professional capacity as Deputy Director of Finance.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our keiki, our kupuna, and the disadvantaged population.

Ms. Hidano is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Ms. Hidano has served as deputy director at the Departments of Transportation and Labor and Industrial Relations and most recently as the deputy comptroller at DAGS since 2015. Ms. Hidano's State government experience and construction background will benefit DAGS; therefore, I support confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

HAWAII CARPENTERS APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING FUND

February 20, 2019

Senate Committee on Government Operations

Hearing Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019

2:45 p.m., Conference Room 225, State Capitol

Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair

Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair and

Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

RE: GM 580 Consideration and Confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, Audrey Hidano

Position: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Carpenters Apprenticeship and Training Fund currently has 1,840 apprentices enrolled in our program statewide and for the past 5 years over 600 have completed our program.

I've known Deputy Comptroller Hidano for over 30 years. She was the past president for the Building Industry Association. She along with her husband formed a very successful contracting company and served as the company's comptroller. Serving as the Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services, she always makes sure the taxpayers are getting their money's worth.

We strongly support the reappointment of Audrey Hidano as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services and thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

HAWAII CARPENTERS APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING FUND



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February 20, 2019

To: Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair, Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair,
And Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

Subject: Support of Governor's Message 580 – Confirmation of Audrey Hidano
As the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General
Services for a term to expire at noon on 12/5/2022

HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019

TIME: 2:45 pm

PLACE: Conference Room 225

I strongly support Audrey Hidano as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I've known Audrey for many years as a construction professional. She is reputable and honest, makes the right decision, logical and sensible, asks the tough questions when needed. She is very dependable and would be a great asset to the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Rodney H. Nohara

President



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February 20, 2019

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, Senate President
And Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 09
Honolulu HI 96813

Subject: Testimony for Audrey Hidano
Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting & General Services
GM 580

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

My name is Conrad Murashige, Chairman of the Board of Shioi Construction, Inc. a general contractor with employees on Kauai, Oahu, and Maui.

I fully support the reappointment of Audrey Hidano as DAGS Deputy Comptroller. Audrey has been involved with the construction industry for over 35 years and is well qualified to continue to serve the State of Hawaii.

As a former construction company owner and President of the Building Industry of Hawaii, Audrey has the administrative experience to better serve the DAGS structure in dealing with the many issues and policy requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Audrey Hidano for reappointment to DAGS.

Aloha,

Shioi Construction, Inc.

Conrad H. Murashige
Chairman

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/20/2019 11:58:52 AM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Reyna Hashimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Having known Audrey for over 10 years, I've known her to be an upstanding member of the community. She has a work ethic and dedication that sets her apart from many and Audrey has always conducted herself in a fair and objective manner in her professional and personal life. In addition, her integrity and moral character, combined with her wealth of knowledge are but a few of her many contributions that she will bring to the Department. I can confidently say that Audrey would make a truly positive and beneficial addition as Deputy Comptroller for DAGS and has my highest recommendation.

TESTIMONY BY DONNA TONAKI
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
GM 580
RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DEPUTY
COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
AUDREY HIDANO

February 21, 2019
2:45 p.m.
Room 225

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee,

I am testifying in SUPPORT of Audrey Hidano to be the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I first met Audrey as a trustee serving on the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) Board in October 2002. Audrey has been a contributing member of the EUTF Board and Board standing committees and is currently the vice-chairperson of the EUTF Board and chairperson of the Administrative Committee. Audrey's experience includes Deputy Director positions at various State of Hawaii departments. I believe that with her experience in State government, high ethical standards, and deep commitment to serving the citizens of the State, she will bring significant value to the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/20/2019 1:01:37 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Romala Radcliffe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Personal testimony of **Romala Sue Radcliffe**

Senate Committee on Government Affairs

Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 225

In SUPPORT of GM 580

Confirmation of Audrey Hidano to serve as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice-Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **support** of GM 580.

I support the confirmation of Audrey Hidano.

I have known Ms. Hidano for the past six years. She is extremely courteous. She demonstrates servant leadership. By using humor and compassionate she meets her department's goals while sharing the aloha spirit.

Ms. Hidano has years of experience within government service.

Your favorable consideration of this measure is greatly appreciated.

Testimony to the Senate Committee on
Government Operations

The Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session of 2019

Thursday, February 21, 2019
2:45 p.m.

Testimony on **Governor's Message No. 580**, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the **Deputy Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services**, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Audrey Hidano**, for a Term to Expire on December 5, 2022.

To the Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair, the Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am writing in **support** of the reappointment of Audrey Hidano to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services, for a term to expire on December 5, 2022.

Ms Hidano's experience, both at the Department of Accounting and General Services and with other departments in the state, provides her with the breadth of knowledge needed to successfully assist in leading the Department of Accounting and General Services and to provide the support upon which so many departments and agencies rely. I have worked with Ms. Hidano for more than four years, and have observed her to be a diligent, efficient, and collaborative public servant.

I firmly believe Ms. Hidano will be a valued and highly productive member of Governor Ige's cabinet, and respectfully request that you recommend approval of her nomination as Deputy Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to support GM No. 580. I would be pleased to respond to any questions that you may have.

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/20/2019 4:22:58 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elmer Kaai	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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February 21, 2019

TO: HONORABLE LAURA THIELEN, CHAIR, HONORABLE LORRAINE INOUE,
VICE CHAIR, SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF GM 580: For consideration and confirmation as the Deputy
Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services,
Gubernatorial Nominee, AUDREY HIDANO, for a term to expire 12-5-2022**

Hearing

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 225

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of over hundred five hundred eighty (580) 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 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.

GCA supports Governor's Message 580 and nomination of Audrey Hidano to serve as Deputy Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services ("DAGS"). Ms. Hidano's background, knowledge of public administration, construction contracts and past management, experience qualifies her for the position. Ms. Hidano is a diligent professional that pays attention to details and can identify when a problem may exist and propose appropriate solutions.

DAGS mission is to help agencies better serve the public by providing, at best value and with integrity: superior public facilities, expert technology solutions and services, operational support, fiscal guidance, oversight of administrative services and preservation and promotion of cultural heritage. Ms. Hidano will bring value and much needed understanding of the intricacies of such an important department like DAGS.

GCA supports Governor's Message 580 and requests the consent of this Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to share our support.

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/20/2019 10:15:06 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Colin H	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

Regular Session of 2019

Thursday, February 21, 2019, 2:45 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 580, NOMINATING AUDREY HIDANO TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES.

TO THE HONORABLE LAURA H. THIELEN, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Colin Hayashida and I strongly support the nomination of Audrey Hidano to Deputy Director of the Department Accounting and General Services ("Department").

Ms. Hidano's extensive and diverse career in government and the private sector has been an asset over several administrations. This combined with Ms. Hidano's excellent work ethic and leadership makes her an ideal nominee.

For those reasons I ask for your favorable consideration on the appointment of Audrey Hidano to Deputy Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before the committee.

GM-580

Submitted on: 2/21/2019 8:29:19 AM

Testimony for GVO on 2/21/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marshall Hickox	Testifying for Homeworks Construction Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

As President of Homeworks Construction and current President of BIA-Hawai'i I am in strong support of Audry Hidano's reconfirmation as deputy comptroller of DAGS



Alan Shintani INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTOR BC 13068

TESTIMONY OF
ALAN SHINTANI, PRESIDENT OF ALAN SHINTANI, INC.
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019, 2:45 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 225, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 580

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **AUDREY HIDANO**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

G.M.580

I am testifying as a business owner in the construction industry and I am in strong support of Ms. Audrey Hidano's confirmation as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have personally known Ms. Hidano for over 25 years and more recently in her various roles in State government. She works and works and works diligently and is a dedicated public servant. Ms. Hidano has always demonstrated her professionalism and has a strong commitment to serve the people and the State of Hawaii.

I respectfully urge you to confirm Ms. Hidano for the nomination of Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Alan Shintani, President