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STATEMENT OF  
**AEDWARD LOS BANOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
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BEFORE THE  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
AND TOURISM**

Wednesday, April 10, 2019  
2:45 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of

**GM 755**  
**HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOMINEE AMY LUERSEN**

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

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) has not acted on this measure. In my capacity as Executive Director, I respectfully offer my **support of Amy Luersen**, who has served on the board since 2012.

As a resident of the Koolaupoko district and active participant in community matters, Luersen is well versed with the strengths and challenges of the Heeia community development district. She serves the Authority as an example of someone committed to bettering Heeia and all the Koolaupoko district.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer support of Amy Luersen.



# KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

April 10, 2019

TO: Sen. Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair  
& Members, Committee on Energy, Economic Development, & Tourism

FROM: Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa, President  
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

SUBJECT: Support – GM755: Amy Luersen, Hawai'i Community Development Authority

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

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports the appointment of Amy Luersen to a He'eia seat on the board of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

Our organization is the largest Hawaiian civic club in the Ko'olaupoko area, and we have a keen focus on the ongoing work to restore 400 acres of farmland at He'eia. These lands are being leased from HCDA for the project to make the lands productive once again after years of lying fallow.

Because the He'eia seats would have a significant influence on the future of this portion of HCDA land, our civic club feels that we need appointees to those seats who understand wise community planning and have a strong connection to He'eia and the Kane'ohe bay area.

Amy Luersen fits that description perfectly, and has dedicated much of her life to serving us as a community advocate and planner.

We urge your committee's support for her appointment and ask that this measure be moved on to the full Senate floor for approval.

Mahalo for allowing us to share our mana'o.

*The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko'olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."*

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**GM-755**

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Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dylan P. Armstrong	Testifying for Oahu County Committee, Oahu County Democrats	Support	No

Comments:

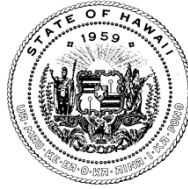
The Oahu County Committee of the Oahu County Democrats is proud to support the confirmation of Ms. Amy Luersen to the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Ms. Luersen is a certified public planner, who has specialized in her home community of the Windward side for decades as a community advocate and subject-matter expert. She has provided great value in the community by providing natural and cultural resource preservation, and led the influential Hawaii Community Foundation for many years in its economic development and assistance work. We Democrats are confident that she will serve aptly and excel in her nominated-role at the HCDA, for the benefit of the people of Hawaii.

Please vote in favor of confirming Ms. Amy Luersen.

Thank you,  
Dylan P. Armstrong, Vice Chair  
Oahu County Committee, Oahu County Democrats

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**TESTIMONY BY:**

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**G.M. 755**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, AMY LUERSEN, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.**

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the confirmation of Amy Luersen to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA).

Ms. Luersen is the Vice President of the Hawaii Community Foundation and knows community collaboration very well, especially along the Windward side of Oahu.

Ms. Luersen has a depth and breadth of knowledge on planning issues that few can rival. The DOT appreciates her specialty in planning and her commitment to develop a community-based long-range plan for the National Estuarine Research Reserve System which includes Heeia State Park, Heeia fishpond, and the Heeia community development district, as well as marine waters with patch and fringing reefs and Moku o Loe (Coconut Island).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**LATE**

April 10, 2019

To: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair  
Members, Energy, Economic Development & Tourism Committee

From: Aaron Mahi, President  
Ko`olau Foundation

Re: G.M. 755 – Appointment of Amy Luersen, HCDA – SUPPORT

The Ko`olau Foundation offers its aloha to chairs Wakai and Taniguchi, and our strong support for Amy Luersen to serve another term on the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Our members have known Amy for many years and find her to be an excellent community planner and advocate, and most exceptional for reappointment to HCDA's He`eia seat. She has served as a member – and chair – of the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board and has been elected as a Fellow to the American Institute of Certified Planners, one of the highest awards given to planners nationwide. Another appointee to HCDA, John Whalen, has also been a recipient of this award, and both of them bring their experience and expertise to support the work of HCDA.

We urge your committee to support her reappointment to the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Mahalo for your consideration of our request.

**LATE**

**GM-755**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michelle Matson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support Amy Luersen continuing to contribute her community-based knowledge to the HCDA.