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Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on
Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Thirtieth Legislature
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RE: Governor's Message No. 667
Hearing Date: May 14, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice chair Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy,
Economic Development and Tourism,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Daniel "Ikaika" Ito's
nomination to the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Ikaika is well-qualified to serve as the Authority's cultural specialist. A Kamehameha
Schools graduate, Ikaika has always had a strong interest in the Native Hawaiian culture. His
career with local companies and background in communications demonstrates his ability to
interact with communities at a grassroots level, as well as a firm knowledge of the Hawaiian
language. This is important for an agency tasked with coordinating development in some of the
state's most active communities. In addition, his volunteer activities with Na Kama Kai and as
the Kamehameha Schools surf coach show his commitment to supporting Native Hawaiian
culture and supporting upcoming generations.

On a personal note, Ikaika is a person with great integrity, strong cultural values and is
willing to dedicate the time and resources necessary to successfully serve on the Hawaii
Community Development Authority board. For these reasons, I strongly support Ikaika GM 667
and hope you will confirm his nomination.

Mahalo,
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Kekoa McClellan	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha Honorable Chair Wakai and Vice Chair Taniguchi,

Please accept this testimony as my unreserved support for the nomination of Daniel Ito to serve on the board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Daniel's roots, perspective, 'ohana and professional experience more than qualify him for this esteemed and important position. It is perhaps Daniel's willingness to consider all things from a "Hawaii first" perspective that will serve him best as a member of HCDA's board. This position demands a commitment to unbiased stewardship of a public trust with clear guidelines provided administratively and statutorily. It is my belief that Daniel's approach of putting Hawaii first will serve him, and the board, extremely well when facing some of the challenging decisions HCDA is confronting as Hawaii and the globe seek to reinvent our economies in a post COVID-19 world.

Mahalo for taking the time to meet this week on this and other important nominations, and thank you for your consideration of Daniel's nomination.

Me Ka Pono,

Kekoa McClellan

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