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Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

I write in support of the Governor's Message 702, nominating Mr. Darryl Oliveira to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. Mr. Oliveira is exceptionally well-qualified and brings invaluable expertise to the position.

Disasters are not a question of if, but when. In 2018, our State was tested by floods on Kauai and Oahu, and Hurricane Lane and Kilauea on Hawaii Island. Currently, COVID-19 has created an unprecedented, nationwide disaster, one that is a medical crisis in all but American Samoa, and an economic disaster in all states and territories simultaneously.

Our state needs all the help it can get right now, and I appreciate Mr. Oliveira stepping forward to help as a volunteer after his long career. His attitude of public service is the final complement to his experience and expertise. I believe he will be an asset to the Council. Please vote in favor; mahalo.

Kind regards,  
Dylan P. Armstrong, Urban and Disaster Planner  
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