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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Governor's Message 703  
Consideration and Confirmation to the  
Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
RONALD COX, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.**

Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
3:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Scott Seu, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Hawaiian Electric Company

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members,

My name is Scott Seu and I am testifying in support of **Governor's Message (GM) 703**, in consideration and confirmation of Ronald Cox's nomination to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management.

Ron brings with him years of operational experience, including at the highest levels of leadership, from two distinguished careers in the Navy and at Hawaiian Electric. As Senior Vice President of Operations for Hawaiian Electric, Ron oversees all power supply, energy delivery, and system operations activities across the islands we serve, "keeping the lights on" through blue and dark skies. He has also served as incident commander during numerous emergency response events. He brings a practical and steady hand to the job and would be a tremendous resource to the Council and the State.

Accordingly, I strongly support Ron's nomination to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support of Governor's Message 703.

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Colton Ching, Senior Vice President Planning & Technology  
Hawaiian Electric Company

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members,

My name is Colton Ching and I am testifying in support of Governor's Message (GM) 703, in consideration and confirmation of Ronald Cox's nomination to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management.

I have had the privilege of serving on the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management and I believe, based upon my experience serving on the HACEM, that Ron's background in the Navy and at Hawaiian Electric will allow him to be a valuable contributor to the Council. In particular, as Senior Vice President of Operations for Hawaiian Electric, Ron oversees all electric utility operations and that day-to-day operational and emergency operations and this experience will allow him to provide valuable contributions and insights to HiEMA as they continue to develop our state's plans to prepare for and capabilities to respond to future emergency events.

Accordingly, I strongly support Ron's nomination to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support of Governor's Message 703.

**GM-703**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

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