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To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair;  
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair;  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Isaac W. Choy, Director  
Department of Taxation

Date: April 12, 2021  
Time: 9:00 A.M.  
Place: Via Videoconference, Hawaii State Capitol

**Re: G.M. 750, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Tax Review  
Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee Winston Wong**

The Department of Taxation (Department) strongly supports the nomination of Winston Wong to the Tax Review Commission.

Mr. Wong is an extremely qualified candidate to serve on this vital commission. He has significant experience in tax, accounting, and law, and is a well-respected and well-regarded member of Hawaii's legal community. He currently serves as Vice President of the Hawaii State Bar Association's Tax Section.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Winston Wong to the Tax Review Commission.



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The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair  
and Committee Members  
Committee on Ways & Means  
Hawaii State Senate  
State Capitol, Rm. 211  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 750 - Consideration and Confirmation to the Tax Review Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee Winston Wong, for a term to expire upon completion of its duties or dissolution.

Dear Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

I strongly support the nomination of Winston Wong to the Tax Review Commission. Winston is very knowledgeable, conscientious, and eager to serve our community as a member of the Tax Review Commission.

Winston has a wealth of experience assisting clients as an attorney. His service to clients is enhanced through Winston's experience and knowledge as a certified public accountant.

In addition to practicing law, Winston finds the time to balance in his life by sharing his musical talents as part of a musical group and participating in sporting activities.

I believe that Winston will be an asset to the Tax Review Commission. He has a strong legal and tax background, and has a willingness to give back to our community. I strongly urge this committee to consider and confirm to the Tax Review Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee Winston Wong.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

Danton S. Wong

**GM-750**

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Testimony for WAM on 4/12/2021 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ray Kamikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

I strongly support Winston's appointment to the Tax Review Commission. I supervise Winston on many client tax matters in the Chun Kerr LLP law firm. Winston is eager to learn about the practice of tax law and tax policy. His CPA background makes him well suited to applying his technical tax knowledge to real world client problems. Winston's background and education, together with his tax law practice, will serve as an important resource for the Commission. I am confident that he will be able to contribute significantly to the Commission's work.

Thank you,

Ray Kamikawa