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Statement of
MIKE MCCARTNEY
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

3:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of

GM 799

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the
Hawai'i Tourism Authority,
Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA,
for a term to expire at noon on 06-30-24.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Miscalucha and members of the Committee.

I am writing in **strong support** of David Arakawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA). David has been serving on the HTA Board since 2018 and has been a participant in at least four committees during his tenure. His past experience has been as general counsel and corporate secretary at Hawaiian Airlines, on various working committees in the public and private arena, practicing attorney, and most currently, Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawai'i. David's knowledge of legal and operational procedures have helped to guide HTA towards more transparency and accountability.

I support the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, David Arakawa, to continue serving on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



DAVID Y. IGE
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DIRECTOR

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Written Testimony of
Mary Alice Evans
Director, Office of Planning
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
GM 799
**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the
Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term
to expire on 06-30-2024.**

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

I respectfully ask your **support** for the confirmation of David Arakawa as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

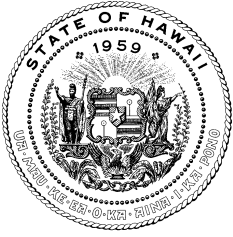
I have worked with Dave on several policy task forces over the years. He brings a wide range of experience which adds to the diversity of local voices needed on the Hawai'i Tourism Authority Board. It is rare to find someone who has worked in as many different areas of public service as Dave.

Dave understands concerns with creating a balance between visitors and local communities in each county through continual public input. Dave supports a visitor industry that respects and supports Hawaii's natural environment and cultural resources.

Dave has been an active board member demonstrating his commitment to good governance and accountability.

I urge you to recommend confirmation of David Arakawa to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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DAVID Y. IGE
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Testimony of
SCOTT J. GLENN, Chief Energy Officer

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM
Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 3:00 PM
Via Videoconference

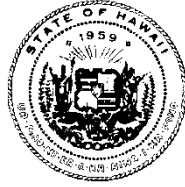
In SUPPORT of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 799, DAVID ARAKAWA
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY
(Written Testimony Only)

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee, I am writing in support of the appointment of Mr. Arakawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA).

Mr. Arakawa has extensive experience in tourism and tourism-related industries as evidenced by his resume. He currently serves on the board of the HTA and has demonstrated a willingness to commit his time and resources to the success of the board. Relevant to energy, Mr. Arakawa is aware of the tourism industry's reliance on fossil fuel and the relationship of this dependence to Hawai'i's broader economic diversification and land use. He understands the need to transition Hawai'i to a decarbonized economy to not only make Hawai'i's economy more resilient but also to position Hawai'i as a leading destination for travelers wishing to minimize the impact of their travel decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

April 14, 2021 at 3.00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

In consideration of

G.M. 799

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, DAVID ARAKAWA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024.**

I ***strongly support*** the nomination of David Arakawa to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii'i Tourism Authority (HTA). Mr. Arakawa has served on the HTA Board since 2018 and if confirmed for another term, will continue to make a positive difference assisting HTA with fulfilling its statutory responsibilities.

Mr. Arakawa is an attorney and community leader with a wealth of experience and expertise in and out of government. He has held such key positions as Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu, and General Counsel for Hawaiian Airlines. I have worked with him closely in his current role as Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and found him to be personable, knowledgeable, and always willing to share the benefit of his experience and insight on key issues that impact affordable housing development.

Mr. Arakawa also has a substantial and lengthy history of service to the community. He currently serves on the Aiea Neighborhood Board, and has served as past president of both the United Japanese Society of Hawaii and the Hawaii United Okinawan Association, and on the Board of Governors of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, among many other civic organizations of which he is a member.

Based on this strong record of service and achievement, I respectfully request that the Committee support this nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on this nomination.

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park
On Behalf of Matson Navigation Company, Inc.
Support GM799
Before the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
April 14, 2021

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee,

Matson Navigation Company, Inc. supports GM799, which nominates David Arakawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Mr. Arakawa is an experienced land use attorney. His experience serving as the Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation provide him with the ability to encourage well-planned economic growth and development while being a steward of Hawaii's significant natural, cultural, and historic resources. We have worked with Mr. Arakawa and have always found him to be open, fair, and transparent. We believe he will execute his duties with fairness and competence.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support.



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: April 13, 2021

TO: Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair, Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Rick Tsujimura

RE: **GM799 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.**
Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room: 224

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism:

I am writing in enthusiastic **support of GM799**, which nominates David Arakawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. I have known David for many years, and can without hesitation endorse and support his nomination and confirmation.

We have worked together on community activities related to the Okinawan community over these many years. As chair of the Board of Governors of the East-West Center, I worked with Dave on the Center's meeting in Naha. Through that I learned of his dedication to his culture and the commitment he has to being an ambassador for Hawaii. I know that David understands the necessity for responsible tourism; that is to say, balancing the impacts of tourism with its benefits of employment and income generation for the state.

As we face a new and uncertain future for tourism in Hawaii, we need steady hands like Dave's to navigate these waters.

Please support Dave and consent to his nomination.



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: April 13, 2021

TO: Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair, Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Gary Slovin

RE: **GM799-** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the board of directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, gubernatorial nominee, David Arakawa, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.
Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 14th at 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room: 211

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee:

I would like to express my strongest support for David Arakawa's appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. I have known David for many many years and know him to be a person of vision who cares deeply about the welfare of our community.

Through David's positions in government and the private sector, he has gained a great knowledge of how the community works and where its issues lie. Most of all, David is a true team player and genuinely honors the phrase "we're all in this together."

David is a person of high integrity, a hard worker, and most of all, someone who respects the views of others and focuses on the collective result as opposed to his own personal gain. For these reasons, I strongly support his nomination to the HTA.

Sincerely,
Gary Slovin



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April 14, 2021

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

TESTIMONY ON GM 799

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, gubernatorial nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Conference Room 224
3:00 PM

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports the confirmation and appointment of Mr. David Arakawa to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Mr. Arakawa has extensive legal experience with land-use background. Mr. Arakawa is the current Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation. He is a multi-faceted leader, as he deals with issues from two opposite sides of the spectrum, urban development to rural and agricultural land use. While representing a myriad of land use issues, Mr. Arakawa continues to be a strong advocate for agriculture, at both county and state levels of government.

HFB finds Mr. Arakawa to be a willing listener, honest and fair person and believes that he will serve the people of Hawaii well.

HFB respectfully requests your support of Mr. Arakawa's reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our support for Mr. Arakawa.



HAWAII LABORERS-EMPLOYERS COOPERATION AND EDUCATION TRUST

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April 13, 2021

To: **Senate Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism**

Re: **Testimony on GM799, Confirmation of David Arakawa to Hawaii Tourism Authority**

For EET Hearing on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 3:00 pm in Conference Room 224

Aloha Honorable Chair **Glenn Wakai**, Vice Chair **Bennette Misalucha**, and Committee Members,

The **Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund** (Hawaii LECET) is a labor-management partnership established in 1992 between the 5,000 statewide members of the Hawaii Laborers Union and over 250 unionized contractors from the General Contractors Association and the Building Industry Association. The Laborers International is the largest construction union in the country, and Hawaii LECET is part of a network of 38 labor-management LECET Funds in North America.

We strongly support GM799. Mr. **David Arakawa** comes with a diverse background from his decades of government and public service, and he has deep roots in the local community. Having worked with Mr. Arakawa in different arenas for many years, we are certain his knowledge and experience will continue to serve the State of Hawaii well as a member of the **Hawaii Tourism Authority**.

Mahalo for offering this opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Arakawa's reappointment to the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Mahalo,

**Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation
and Education Trust Fund**

GM-799

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Testimony for EET on 4/14/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Testifying for Ponoholo Ranch Limited	Support	No

Comments:

David Arakawa has been a champion for agriculture and balancing urban development with agricultural use. He was involved years ago with the Important Ag Land legislation and remains a strong proponent for implementing the law and its benefits as an incentive for landowners to designate their lands for agriculture. David is an honest and fair person of the highest integrity, and we believe that he will serve the people of Hawaii well.

Please support of Mr. Arakawa's reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Thank you for this opportunity to provide our support for Mr. Arakawa.



Imanaka Asato
A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW COMPANY

April 13, 2021

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Reappointment of David Arakawa to the Hawaii Tourism Authority
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee:

David Arakawa and I are contemporaries in the law. David trained at the knee of legendary lawyer Wally Fujiyama, who taught him invaluable life lessons, not to mention practice technique and strategy.

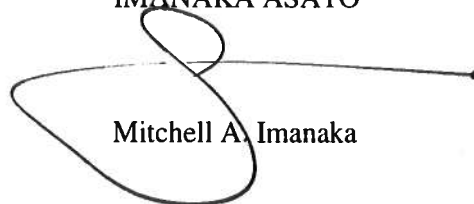
Wise beyond his years, and that is saying a lot, as he is or will be 66 years old this year, David brings a lifetime of experience and savvy to the table and is an asset to any organization that he serves. He is able to step back and see the big picture, bringing a perspective to issues of the day that others often overlook.

Deeply rooted in our community, David also brings to the table a feel for public sentiment that can only be gleaned from years of active engagement with everyday people as well as policy makers and others who share a passion to make Hawaii a better place.

If reappointed, I have no doubt that he will continue to serve well and make a difference for the Tourism Authority and those whom it serves. Accordingly, I strongly urge an early confirmation of his appointment.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,
IMANAKA ASATO



Mitchell A. Imanaka



Imanaka Asato
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April 13, 2021

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Bennette Misalucha, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on
Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Thirty-first Legislature, Regular Session 2021

RE: Governor's Message No. 799
Hearing Date: April 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of David Arakawa's reappointment to the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA). I have had the privilege of working with David for the past 9 years on various policy issues. David is a highly experienced attorney, having practiced for nearly four decades, with a wealth of knowledge on land use, housing and real estate issues. David also has broad experience with government policy, and in advocating for relevant legislation and regulations. Indeed, David has been instrumental in helping to draft strategic plans for many governmental departments.

More importantly, David is a person with passion for the mission of the HTA and has always been committed to community service and in supporting various civic activities. I believe David has the vision, experience and leadership needed for the HTA to achieve its mission and drive Hawaii's most important industry. For these reasons, I strongly support GM 799 and urge you to confirm David's nomination for a second term.

Mahalo,

Michael L. Iosua, Partner
Imanaka Asato, LLLC



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A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW COMPANY

April 13, 2021

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Bennette Misalucha, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on
Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Thirty-first Legislature, Regular Session 2021

RE: Governor's Message No. 799
Hearing Date: April 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of David Arakawa's reappointment to the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA). I have had the privilege of knowing David for the past 25 years in both a personal and professional capacity. When I was a young attorney, David volunteered as a coach "the Ete Bowl" (a female football league for students and alumni of the William S. Richardson School of Law) in order to give back to the school and legal community and help to mentor young lawyers. We all knew that David was a highly experienced attorney and public servant serving as Corporation Council and felt fortunate to receive professional advice and guidance from him as we began our legal careers.

David has practiced law in Hawai'i for nearly four decades and has a wealth of knowledge on land use, housing and real estate matters. David also has broad experience with government policy, consistently advocating passionately for sound legislation and regulations. In coming full circle, I have recently had the privilege of working with him and other stakeholders in support of Hawai'i's critical housing needs.

Finally, David is a person with passion for the mission of the HTA and continues to be committed to community service and various civic activities. I believe David has the vision, experience and leadership needed for the HTA to achieve its mission and drive Hawai'i's strongest industry. For these reasons, I strongly support GM 799 and urge you to confirm David's nomination for a second term.

Mahalo,

Kimberley W. Yoshimoto, Partner
Imanaka Asato, LLLC

Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, And Tourism
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair

GM 799—Nominee Mr. David Arakawa to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
3:00 P.M.
Conference Room 224

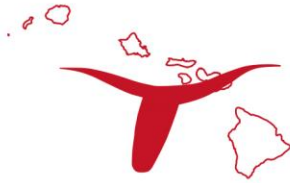
Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes in strong support of GM 799, consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA), Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. David Arakawa, for term to expire 06-30-2024.

Mr. Arakawa's commitment to public service; leadership experience in the private and public sector; intimate knowledge of government processes and procedures; extensive knowledge of the tourism industry and land use; legal background, including his experience as Corporation Counsel; and ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds renders him well suited to serve on the HTA.

Therefore, PRP is pleased to offer our strong support for Mr. Arakawa's confirmation.





Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Senator Wakai, Chair

Senator Misaluha, Vice Chair

GM 799

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha , and members of the committee,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports GM 799** for the confirmation and appointment of Mr. David Arakawa to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

As the current Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation, Mr. Arakawa's land-use background and legal experience is a valuable asset to the Hawaii Tourism Authority. He is versed in representing land use issues, and ensuring that all aspects of an issue are addressed. Mr. Arakawa is a strong advocate for agriculture and will represent the needs of Hawaii's people well.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council respectfully requests your support of Mr. Arakawa's reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Arakawa.

Nicole Galase

Managing Director



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and
Tourism
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.
Written Testimony**

**RE: GM 799, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of
Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID
ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.**

Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** GM 799 for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Mr. Arakawa's experiences along with his integrity, sense of fairness, and a genuine desire to do the "public good" have earned him the respect of many political and community leaders over the years. Such respect has been demonstrated by his appointments to many State, county, and community advisory committees and task forces including roles on Chamber of Commerce Hawaii committees.

Mr. Arakawa, with his extensive legal experience and as a multi-faceted leader, will continue to be a strong advocate for Hawaii's tourism industry.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support.



COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
Governor's Message 799, David Arakawa, Gubernatorial Nominee, Hawai'i Tourism Authority
Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 3:00pm
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Mr. David Arakawa. We are confident that Mr. Arakawa's extensive experience in the private and public sectors and his understanding government operations, the legislative process and land use laws, makes him an aptly able candidate for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

As former Chief Counsel for Hawaiian Airlines, Mr. Arakawa is keenly aware of the relationship of the tourism industry and its impacts on various other industries – including the day-to-day operations of Hawai'i's airline.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of David Arakawa to the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.



April 13, 2021

Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM
Senator Bennette E. Misalucha
Vice Chair, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM
Members of the Committee

RE: GM 799: Consideration and confirmation of David Zen-Yu Arakawa to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee

Good afternoon. My name is Jason Ito, Vice President, Administration, Labor and Community Relations for Kyo-ya Management Company, Ltd. Kyo-ya asset manages the properties of the Sheraton Waikiki, Royal Hawaiian, Moana Surfrider, Princess Kaiulani, and the Sheraton Maui in the State of Hawaii.

I am in strong support of Mr. David Arakawa's nomination to the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) Board. With his broad range of first-hand experience in the tourism industry, government, and land use, over the past three years, David has been a vital member of the HTA Board and has contributed the following to HTA:

- 1) Integral part in establishing HTA's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan.
- 2) Served on two Selection Committees for the HTA CEO, and helped establish policies and procedures relating to the CEO selection process.
- 3) As the Chair of the Audit Committee, he improved HTA's accountability and transparency to the public.
- 4) Responsible for monthly monitoring of the HTA's progress to comply with the recommendations in the 2018 Audit of HTA.
- 5) Requested HTA training by the Office of Information Practices (OIP) and the Ethics Commission.
- 6) Following the loss of TAT during the COVID-19 Pandemic, recommended establishment of the HTA Budget Review Investigatory Committee and the HTA Legislative Investigative Committee.

Throughout his career, David has been involved in numerous professional, civic and community activities and has served and continues to serve as a member of several

nonprofit organizations committed to improving Hawaii's quality of life and preserving Hawaii's cultural heritage. As an engaged member in the community, he is able to share ideas for the broader good of Oahu. He is a collaborator with high integrity, and with the challenges that lie ahead for Hawaii's tourism industry, I believe he has proven to be the right person to continue in a second term as a HTA Board member.

I appreciate your consideration of David Arakawa as a nominee to the board of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Ito', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Ito
Vice President, Administration, Labor & Community Relations

Castle & Cooke
Hawai'i

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April 13, 2021

Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: GM 799 - Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism
Authority of **David Arakawa**

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee on Energy,
Economic Development, and Tourism,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a statement with regards to GM799. Castle & Cooke
Hawai'i strongly supports the confirmation of David Arakawa to the Board of Directors of the
Hawaii Tourism Authority.


Mr. Arakawa has current and relevant experience in tourism and decades of dedication and
experience in the areas of the law, and land use. His big picture perspective on issues,
collaborative nature, and work ethics make him an asset to the Hawaii Tourism Authority. He is
civic minded and has Hawaii and its people's best interest at heart.

I humbly request that David Arakawa be confirmed to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii
Tourism Authority.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

CASTLE & COOKE HAWAI'I



Harry A. Saunders
President

WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO
TO THE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

APRIL 14, 2021, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 799
SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, DAVID ARAKAWA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024.

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

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of David Arakawa as a board member of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA).

David is currently the Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii. He has over 39 years of legal experience with land use, government at all levels and a strong commitment to the local community. As a contributing member of HTA since 2018, David chaired the Audit Committee, served as vice chair of the Legislative and Budget and Finance Committee and a member of the Administration Committee. His diverse business experience in private and public legal practice as well as the City and County of Honolulu provides an excellent foundation to serve on the HTA board, especially during our recovery phase of the pandemic. David continues to be an active member throughout the community, serving on neighborhood boards, non-profit boards, and other professional organizations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

April 14, 2021

Chair Wakai and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, Tourism & Technology:

SUBJECT: GM 799, David Arakawa
Hawaii Tourism Authority

I am Paul Oshiro, providing written testimony in support for the confirmation of David Arakawa to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

I have been personally acquainted with David during his tenure as the Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation. In this position, David has worked with numerous entities and individuals to strongly advocate for reasonable and equitable land use planning that encourages economic growth, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources. David is also very active in cultural and community issues, volunteering countless hours to assist the United Okinawa Association with its many community projects and events.

David is a knowledgeable and hard working individual who has ably handled the many diverse issues facing the Hawaii Tourism Authority. He has the ability to collaboratively work with others to resolve conflicts in a fair and respectful manner. He has the skills and management style to continue as an effective steward of Hawaii's tourism industry. David's dedication and commitment are positive attributes that will be of tremendous benefit to the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

It is based on these observations that I support David Arakawa's appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-799

Submitted on: 4/13/2021 1:17:25 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/14/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laverne Higa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) will definitely benefit not only from Mr. Arakawa's diverse experience and current position as a Board Member, but also his strong sense of community and ability in bringing people of diverse backgrounds and opinions together to solve issues or create new initiatives.

I have known David personally and professionally for many years and I can attest to his work ethics and commitment to his family and community. We have discussions on many topics and he is open with his opinions and I appreciate his honesty. He challenges people to think outside-the-box in finding solutions to various issues.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my testimony in strong support of David's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Sincerely,

Laverne Higa

GM-799

Submitted on: 4/13/2021 5:15:58 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/14/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Cabral	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support

GM-799

Submitted on: 4/13/2021 7:21:01 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/14/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janice Takahashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism:

I strongly support David Arakawa as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA). Having served as a member of the Board since 2018, Dave understands the HTA's responsibilities and has taken to task its compliance with the recommendations of the 2018 Auditor's Report.

Dave has decades of legal experience with land use, government at all levels, and a strong commitment to the community. I have worked with Dave on various strategic planning initiatives and housing working groups, and found him to be knowledgeable, collaborative, and effective. He was also a winning coach for the Bruzer's football team. These attributes will serve him well as a member of the HTA Board.

Thank you,

Janice Takahashi

GM-799

Submitted on: 4/13/2021 9:30:46 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/14/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mihoko Ito	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

I write to the Committee in **strong support** of the nomination of David Arakawa to the Hawaii Tourism Authority. I have worked with David in numerous capacities over the years, including in his role as executive director with the Land Use Research Foundation, and as fellow members of the Worldwid Unchinanchu Business Association/Okinawan Chamber of Commerce. David has spent his career working both inside government and in the private sector, and brings a unique perspective and experience to the table. Having served on the Hawaii Tourism Authority Board of Directors since 2018, it is evident that David has already been very engaged on the many issues that HTA has faced. I believe that David's experience and leadership are great assets and that he will continue to provide valuable advice and input on the HTA Board. For these reasons, I strongly support the nomination of David Arakawa and ask that the Committee advise and consent to his nomination to the HTA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Mihoko Ito

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

**Governor's Message 799
Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors
of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee
DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2024**

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

by
Darcy Endo-Omoto

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Committee members,

My name is Darcy Endo-Omoto and I am testifying **in support of Governor's Message (GM) 799**, for consideration and confirmation of David Arakawa to serve on the Board of Directors for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority for a term to expire June 30, 2024.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Arakawa on a variety of issues for many years. Most recently, I worked alongside Mr. Arakawa while serving as the Chair of the Land Use Research Foundation (LURF), of which Mr. Arakawa is the Executive Director.

Mr. Arakawa's wide ranging experiences in both the public and private sectors gives him a depth of knowledge about how government and businesses operate independently and, most importantly, cooperatively. This unique skill set of Mr. Arakawa has benefitted the State of Hawaii well through his work over the years while practicing law as a private attorney, and serving as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Hawaiian Airlines; as Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu; and now as Executive Director of LURF.

Equally as important as Mr. Arakawa's work experience is his dedication to community involvement in numerous non-profit organizations and government advisory groups. His passion for ensuring cultural preservation is evident in his long time active involvement with groups such as the Hawai'i United Okinawan Association and the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i.

Mr. Arakawa's varied work experience and community involvement make him an ideal candidate to continue serving on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, especially during these times where residents have made their voices heard about making sure tourism growth is done wisely. I am confident that Mr. Arakawa will continue to listen to and act in the best interests of the needs of Hawai'i's residents while ensuring that the tourism industry provides the jobs and financial benefits on which the State's economy relies.

Accordingly, I support David Arakawa to continue serving on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and support GM 799. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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April 13, 2021

TO: THE HONORABLE SENATORS GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR,
BENNETTE E. MISALUCHA, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM

SUBJECT: GM 799 Submitting for Consideration and confirmation to the Board
Of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial
Nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, April 14, 2021
TIME: 3:00 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lance Inouye and I am President of Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd. (RSI), General Contractor and a member of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA). RSI and I personally, **strongly support** the confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA), Gubernatorial Nominee, **David Arakawa**, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Mr Arakawa's background is nothing short of phenomenal not only in the tourism industry as evidenced by his past service since 2018, but in all sectors of our State. With his legal background and his research acumen in any industry, he has already been a valuable asset to the HTA. He brings perspective from all facets of our State and City, from both the government and private industry perspective. Foremost in my mind, is he is a deep thinker and planner from every perspective as can be seen not only with his impressive resume, but also in numerous testimony and papers he has authored in testimony before any organization, government or private, on any issue he is tasked to address. Sometimes I wonder if he gets any sleep with all that he does. And in any task he is asked to perform, he has the best interest of the State and City in mind. With his stature and his credentials, he still possesses a most unassuming personality, always willing to help others even in areas outside his current duties. He is truly a joy to be around.

It is a privilege and honor to have gotten to know **Mr. Arakawa**. He will continue to be a great asset to the HTA. Accordingly, RSI and I personally, **strongly support** his confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Hawai'i will be the winner in garnering his services. We should be thanking him for volunteering.

GM-799

Submitted on: 4/13/2021 11:39:21 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/14/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glenna Wong Public Relations	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

I enthusiastically support David Arakawa as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA).

I have worked with and known David since 1988 working on the development and launch of Ko Olina Resort where he acted as counsel for then developer, Herbert Horita. I am pleased to endorse David because of his ability to bring parties together for the understanding and balancing of responsible tourism, land use planning, protecting our environment and precious resources, including our local residents and their welfare.

I appreciate David's hard work and service as a member of the HTA Board since 2018, and his contributions to move forward and form solid partnerships between the private and public sectors with respect to tourism to consciously benefit of our state's economy and people. Now that Hawaii is determining our economic recovery to safely bring back tourism, David's background and acting as a fair board member is needed to continue smart efforts with effective results.

What I appreciate the most about David, is his commitment to our local communities and a firm grasp of how to form and execute strategic planning. These attributes are needed for effectual and successful leadership.

Mahalo,

Glenna Wong

GM-799

Submitted on: 4/13/2021 11:48:31 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/14/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
christine kubota	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in full support of confirming David Z. Arakawa as a Board member of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Mr. Arakawa will continue to serve as a knowledgeable leader of the community with vast experience in government, land use, law, tourism and cultural understanding. HTA has much work to do as we re-open post covid and having someone with experience in audit, policies, procedures and stakeholder communications like Mr. Arakawa will help HTA to find the solution as it implements its Strategic Plan for Hawaii.

Thank you.

GM-799

Submitted on: 4/13/2021 1:25:40 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/14/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara Lin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to support the confirmation of Mr. David Arakawa to the Hawaii Tourism Authority Board of Directors. During the past four years, I have worked closely with Mr. Awakawa on many issues relating to affordable housing, land use and Hawaii's economy. I have always found him to be very knowledgeable and collaborative. His diligent work, attention to detail and out of the box thinking when it comes to improving Hawaii for the benefit of future generations have always been his assets.

Mr. Arakawa's background as an attorney and his extensive relationships within the tourism industry, government and land use communities make him well-positioned to help HTA and Hawaii navigate its way smoothly through this critical juncture of recovery after the pandemic. I have every confidence that he will continue to be a major asset to ongoing conversations about how to help support the tourism sector recover while also exploring ways to help make our state more resilient in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.

TESTIMONY OF MORRIS M. ATTA

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

APRIL 14, 2021

3:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 224
AND VIDEO CONFERENCE

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 799

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors
of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee,
DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Chairperson Wakai and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 799, consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority ("HTA"), Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024. I **strongly support** the reappointment of this nominee to the HTA.

Mr. Arakawa is a highly regarded attorney with 40 years of legal experience and is a current member of the HTA. He has extensive experience in the tourism industry, government, land use, and community service and brings invaluable insight and experience to HTA. His various leadership roles as HTA member, LURF Executive Director, Corporation Counsel, State Department Head, and community organization leader, makes him a superb candidate who will contribute significantly to the successful implementation of HTA's mission. The breadth and depth of his knowledge and experience at HTA will serve him well, and I strongly recommend David Arakawa to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the HTA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor

JOSH GREEN
Lt. Governor



PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

MORRIS M. ATTA
Deputy to the Chairperson

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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM

APRIL 14, 2021
3:00 P.M.
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 799

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Chairperson Wakai and Members of the Committee:

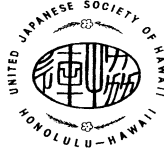
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM799, to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024. The Department supports this measure.

Mr. Arakawa has served as a board member of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) since 2018. His experience as Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation, as Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu, and as Senior Vice President & General Counsel for Hawaiian Airlines provide him with the necessary experience in both the public and private sectors to continue to guide the HTA as the State's tourism industry works to recover from the COVID-19 emergency. Mr. Arakawa's commitment to numerous civic and community activities as an ardent volunteer to improving our quality of life and preserving our cultural values makes him a worthy nominee. The Department supports consideration and confirmation of Mr. Arakawa's nomination.



Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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To: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair, The Honorable Bennette E. Misalucha,
Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism

Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

From: Sheree Tamura, President of United Japanese Society of Hawaii (2017-2018)

Re: GM 799 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of
the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA

Dear Chair, Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee,

I am Sheree Tamura, President of United Japanese Society of Hawaii (2017-2018). I
respectfully testify in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee, David Arakawa as
Director of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Mr. Arakawa continues to demonstrate great leadership in the Japanese community and
general public. The Japanese Consulate and many other organizations have deep respect
for his expertise relating to the tourism industry, governmental issues, land use and legal
support.

Mr. Arakawa is trustworthy, resourceful, and a strategic visionary planner committed to
support the statewide initiatives and communities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Arakawa and for your
consideration.

Sheree Tamura: tamuras007@hawaii.rr.com; 808-455-5356

April 14, 2021

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and members of the Committee:

Subject: GM 799 Confirmation of David Arakawa to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority

I have known David Arakawa since he was in private practice and I was working at the Department of Land and Natural Resources. He represented clients who had matters before the Board of Land and Natural Resources for various permits/approvals. David would always try to find “common ground” on representing his clients interest while addressing the concerns of the government agencies.

David has brought that same “balanced approach” to the various positions he has held throughout his career. He has also established relationships with various segments of the community in Hawaii involving government, for-profit and non-profit organizations.

I believe that this broad experience will benefit the Hawaii Tourism Authority as it prepares and plans for a post pandemic Hawaii. I am in strong support on the reappointment of Mr. David Arakawa to the Board of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Very truly yours,



Dean Uchida

April 13, 2021

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Subject: Written Testimony in Support of DAVID ARAKAWA to the Hawaii Tourism Authority Board

From: Wendy A. Abe

President Elect, United Japanese Society of Hawaii

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wendyaabe@gmail.com

My name is Wendy Abe and serve as President-Elect for the United Japanese Society of Hawaii (UJSH), the umbrella organization for Kenjin Kai (Japan prefectural clubs in Hawaii). Other prominent members at UJSH include affiliated Japanese-American organizations such as the Japan America Society of Hawaii, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, Hawaii United Okinawa Association, U.S.-Japan Council, Japanese Women Society Foundation, and the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce. Together we form a united group called KIZUNA HAWAII, a group co-founded by David Arakawa.

I've had the pleasure of working with David Arakawa on numerous community projects. He continues to serve as a knowledgeable resource to the Japanese-American community. He is generous with support and advice for the numerous activities that make the JA community robust and thriving. In addition to his knowledge and commitment to these organizations and efforts, I have seen him work tirelessly for groups such as the Hawaii United Okinawa Association. His passion for culture and education and the perpetuation of culture and arts is admirable.

David's knowledge of business, government and non-profits are valuable assets to any board, and especially to such an important board as the Hawaii Tourism Authority. His grassroots involvement in all three sectors will bring common sense and much needed tri-sector perspective that will ensure prudent decisions on policy and issues that face the tourism industry. His continued service will benefit the industry and the entire State of Hawaii.

I fully support the nomination of David Arakawa to the Hawaii Tourism Authority's board of directors.

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Submitted on: 4/13/2021 5:48:00 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/14/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nathaniel Kinney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I wanted to write in support of David Arakawa's nomination to HTA. With his deep roots in the community and diverse experience with local government, I think he would be a good addition to the board.

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Statement of

David Jones

Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, April 13, 2021

3:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Video Conference

In consideration of

GM 799

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024

Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully request your support for the confirmation of David Arakawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

I have had the opportunity to work with David for over ten years serving alongside him with various community organizations boards including the Hawaii United Okinawa Association and the United Japanese Society of Hawaii. I have known David to dedicate much of his time and passion to serving our local community and contributing his knowledge to help organization grow. David is always an advocate for making sure member concerns are heard and addressed. He is also someone you can always depend on to bring new perspectives, creative ideas, and solutions to the table.

These are challenging times for our economy and tourism industry which will require great vision and guidance. David will no doubt continue to be a significant contributor to the Hawaii Tourism Authority Board with his voice, strategic vision, creative solutions, and understanding of our community. Thank you for the opportunity to support Mr. Arakawa to allow him to continue guiding HTA, our State, and our community.

Thank you,

David Jones



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Date: April 13, 2021

TO: Senator Glen Wakai
Chair, Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

FROM: Paul Komeiji

RE: GM799 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism:

I am in strong support of Mr. David Arakawa's reappointment to the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA). As a past president of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA), I have known and worked with Mr. Arakawa for nearly 20 years. During that time, Mr. Arakawa has educated and provided insight to HUOA regarding the role that the Okinawan Festival plays in promoting Hawaii while showcasing HUOA activities.

Mr. Arakawa's breadth of business, legal, government and "local" knowledge is a valuable asset in ensuring that complex issues handled by the HTA are carefully analyzed and addressed for the good of Hawaii.

Please support Mr. Arakawa.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Komeiji', is written over the typed name.

Paul Komeiji

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April 12, 2021

Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

GM 799 - RECOMMENDATION to approve David Arakawa
to the Hawaii Tourism Authority Board

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estimony from Patrick Miyashiro (President of Hawaii United Okinawan Association)

I've known David Arakawa for over 20 years, since he became involved with the HUOA. He has been an extraordinary person with many people skills. He is extremely helpful and is always volunteering to help in the many projects that we have at the Okinawan Center.

To be honest I just read his awesome resume and now I know why he is so busy. He and I always volunteered to do the sleepover at the Children's day camp to chaperone the boy's section of the camp. He was always working on his computer till late in the wee hours of the morning and still managed to help me cook the fried rice in the early morning for the camper's breakfast.

He is again always thinking of others on how to make sure that they are not forgotten, making sure they have enough to eat, looking out to take care of their needs whatever they may be. He is the forever energetic bunny, always moving and thinking of doing the right thing.

What can the HTA expect to get from David Arakawa? He has the experience, the follow thru, the energy, thoughtfulness, dependability, always thinking, being kind, and he will bring value that will make the HTA grow.

Please consider approving David Arakawa as a HTA Board member.

Sincerely,

Patrick Miyashiro
President of HUOA 2021

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Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Bennette Misalucha, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

April 14, 2021; 3:00 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Re: GM 799 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ARAKAWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2024 – IN SUPPORT

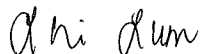
Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of the nomination of David Arakawa to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

I have known David for many years, and have had the pleasure of working with him on various community issues. He is honest, fair and a hard worker. His extensive and diverse experience working in both the public and private sector make him well qualified to serve in this position. He cares deeply for Hawaii, is committed to community service, and understands the need for responsible tourism.

I'm confident that Dave will continue to make positive contributions to the Hawaii Tourism Authority and request your favorable action on his confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,



Lori Lum
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Aiea, HI 96701

GM-799

Submitted on: 4/14/2021 1:15:09 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/14/2021 3:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn Miyahira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support David Arakawa's nomination to the HTA Board.