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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Wednesday, March 30, 2022
3:00 pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

in consideration of
GM 753
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Sister-State Committee,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Jane Clement, for term to expire 06-30-2026.**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Ihara and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **strongly supports GM 753**, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Sister-State Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Jane Clement, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

Ms. Clement was born in Cebu, Philippines. In 1994, she immigrated to Hawaii and in 2004, she moved to Kona where she resides today. For the last 15 years, serving her community has been an integral part of life. Because of her commitment to the community, Ms. Clement distinguished herself as the “go-to” person to help Filipino families in West Hawaii navigate immigration issues. She spearheaded the mobile outreach program for the Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu to help streamline the immigration process and help families feel more comfortable with the system. As a Parent Community Network Coordinator at Kahakai Elementary School, Ms. Clement sought to celebrate the diverse cultures at the school by instituting its Multicultural Night to bring families together over food, music, and dance. Doing so made families feel more included in the school their children attended and the community they called home. Ms. Clement remains dedicated to community organizations.

Ms. Clement served as the President of the Kailua Village Business Improvement District and the Chair of the Government Affairs Committee of the Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce. She currently serves as the Hawaii Island Commissioner to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and is an officer on the Keahole Center for Sustainability (formerly Friends of NEHLA)

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Board. In addition, she is an active member of various boards and commissions including the Kona Visayan Club, West Hawaii Community Forums, and the Economic Development Committee of the Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce. From December 2012 – July 2017, Ms. Clement served as legislative assistant to former Hawaii County Council Chair Dru Kanuha. She worked to draft and successfully pass tobacco legislation raising the legal age for tobacco sales in Hawaii County to 21 – making it the first county in the State to do so. She has since been a Community Consultant and is committed to doing advocacy work that benefits Hawaii Island communities

We ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of **Ms. Jane Clement** to serve on the Sister-State Committee for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

Counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i, and City & County of Honolulu

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March 28, 2022

TESTIMONY OF MASON K. CHOCK
PRESIDENT, HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
ON

GM 753, Gubernatorial Nomination of Jane Clement to the
Hawai'i Sister-State Committee

Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Via Videoconference
Conference Room 225



Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of GM 753, Gubernatorial Nomination of Jane Clement to the Hawai'i Sister-State Committee, for a term to expire on June 30, 2026. This testimony is submitted on behalf of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC).

We have found Ms. Clement to be service-minded as she serves on several boards and organizations including the Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce, the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) West Hawai'i Region Board, Family Support Services, Keahole Center for Sustainability, and Community Forums.

Ms. Clement has demonstrated, by her work as the Hawai'i County Protocol Officer managing its Sister-City program, that she has a breadth of knowledge and firsthand experience in fostering friendly relationships between different municipalities. Given her commitment and willingness to serve, we believe Ms. Clement would make a great addition to support the mission of the Hawai'i Sister-State Committee.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of Jane Clement's nomination to the Hawai'i Sister-State Committee and for this opportunity to provide testimony. Should you have any questions, please feel to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

MASON K. CHOCK
HSAC President

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