

GM767 Russell Kyono:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Real Estate Commission?

I'd like to continue helping protect the professionalism and integrity of our real estate industry and protect the public from unethical real estate practices.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Real Estate Commission?

The Real Estate Commission regulates real estate licensing, licensees, and other related areas of the industry. As a Board member, I'm responsible to be sure that the process is done in a fair, timely and consistent manner.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Real Estate Commission member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

As a real estate professional active in sales and property management I do all I can to keep myself aware of the current heartbeat of our industry. In my 40 years as an agent, I've had lots of experience dealing with people under many different circumstances. I believe I've proven to be fair in all situations. I also feel I've been fair and productive while serving as a member of this Board for the past (almost) 4 years.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

If granted another term on the Board, I hope to help maintain its fairness and quality. I hope by maintaining these standards on the Board, it will build the public's trust that all Hawaii Realtors will treat them professionally and fairly.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Real Estate Commission.

I'm experienced in working with people, I'm fair and open minded, and I'm not afraid to make tough decisions. I believe these qualities are beneficial to help the Board with the task of enforcing regulations and laws to maintain the integrity of real estate professionals.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Real Estate Commission member.

I have served as a Board member of the Real Estate Commission for almost 4 years. With this experience and my past experience as a member of the Professional Standards Committee and Grievance Committee of the Kauai Board of Realtors, the County of Kauai Real Property Tax Board of Review, and the Board of Taxation Review - 4th Taxation District, I've gained much insight to how conflicts can be handled fairly for all parties involved.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Real Estate Commission? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

No, I do not foresee any conflicts of interest coming up as a Board member. Should a conflict arise, I will quickly declare so and recuse myself from making any Board decisions in the particular case.

Testimony of the Real Estate Commission

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday April 8, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 767, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RUSSELL KYONO
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Miles Ino, and I am the Executive Officer of the Real Estate Commission (Commission). The Commission supports Russell Kyono's reappointment to the Commission as a Kauai Island broker member.

Mr. Kyono was initially appointed to the Commission in 2018 and has been an outstanding broker member from Kauai. He is the vice chair of the Education Review Committee and has dedicated countless hours reviewing issues related to the committee and the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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April 2, 2022

Aloha Senator Baker & Senate Committee Members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support in the confirmation of Mr. Russell Kyono's reappointment to the Real Estate Commission

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Kyono on various committee's during my tenure as the Association Executive of the Kauai Board of REALTORS until my recent retirement in December 2021. He provides a wealth of information and is a very level headed person with excellent ethical behavior.

I am confident he will continue to shepherd the goals of the licensed real estate agents for the protection of the consumer.

I believe his ability to continue serving the Real Estate Commission with an objective and thoughtful approach with his expertise and guidance with greatly benefit the goals of the State.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 482-1200.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the reappointment.

Karen Ono