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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Testimony of
Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawaii

Before the
Senate Committee on Government Operations

Tuesday, March 7, 2023
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

In consideration of
Governor's Message No. 533

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations:

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Governor's Message No. 533, appointment of Meoh-Leng Silliman to serve as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Meoh-Leng has committed a lifetime of service working in government. Since 2017, Meoh-Leng has served within the Department of Accounting and General Services, first as a Business Management Officer II and, since 2022, as Deputy Comptroller. During this time, she implemented critical strategic planning; gained greater organizational and leadership skills; and further acquired technical and knowledge expertise about the operations and management of the department. Meoh-Leng also advised and assisted the Comptroller and management with policy decisions, program execution, fiscal management, procurement, and facilities management.

Meoh-Leng's prior work in government also includes serving as Program and Budget Analysis Manager for the Department of Budget and Finance; Business Management Officer I for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Work Program Specialist IV for the Department of Education; and Deputy Director of Operations – Administration, Deputy Director of Fiscal Affairs – Fiscal Department, and Senior Staff Analyst – Planning and Management Bureau for the District Attorney of

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New York County. These professional experiences have given Meoh-Leng extensive knowledge and understanding of government and its processes.

Meoh-Leng earned a Master of Business Administration from George Washington University School of Business and a Bachelor of Arts from Hamilton College.

I am confident that Meoh-Leng Silliman will serve the State and community well as Deputy Comptroller.

Mahalo for your consideration.

TESTIMONY OF
MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNEMENT OPERATIONS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 533

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-07-2026.

Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today regarding my nomination to serve as the Deputy Director for the State of Hawaii, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I am honored to be nominated by Governor Green to be a part of his Administration and accorded the opportunity to serve the Legislature and the people of Hawaii.

In my current capacity as Deputy Director, my primary role is to assist the Comptroller in directing and coordinating the various activities of the department within the scope of laws, established policies, and regulations. As a central support agency, it is the goal of the department to strive for quality and consistency in the delivery of essential support services to other state departments and agencies so that they may accomplish their objectives and missions. As such, the activities of the department reflect a continuing commitment towards cost efficiency, productivity, relevancy, and timeliness of services.

I have had over 15 years of employment with the State of Hawaii, of which over 12 years were in the capacity of Business Management Officer I and II at the Departments of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and DAGS respectively. At DAGS, I have served as the Deputy Comptroller since October 2022. These administrative positions have provided me with experience in major management functional areas and included the following responsibilities: 1) advise and assist the department Director with policy decisions, 2) advise and assist program managers with various management functions, and 3) direct and coordinate relevant administrative staff services and controls.

I have experience working in culturally diverse offices. I began my career as an administrator in New York, working for the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. During my tenure there, I assumed several key positions. Each of the positions involved a strong administrative component and entailed progressively greater and broader responsibilities in support of fiscal

affairs and general organizational management of the D.A.'s Office. To each new position I brought energy, creativity, innovation, vision, and a sincere dedication to the long-term best interests of the organization. My area of responsibilities included program initiatives, fiscal management, automation, procurement, telecommunication, space planning, and facilities management.

I believe in collaborative efforts and fostering team spirit necessary to develop viable solutions in addressing the various challenges we face as administrators. I am constantly looking for opportunities for improvements and creative innovations. To me, problems are puzzles to solve. It requires sound judgment in assessing the issues and in many instances, the ability to work collaboratively with all stakeholders. I recognize the importance of maintaining effective working relationships with those who work for me and alongside me. Inclusive and collaborative management requires mutual respect and, often, awareness of the sensitivity of the situation and people. I pride myself in my ability to lead and effectively manage resources and employees.

My record of proven leadership and management skills have prepared me for the unique challenges of the department. My diverse background within each of these various publicly-funded administrative positions has provided me with the requisite qualifications to serve the State well in the capacity of Deputy Comptroller.

With your support and the support of the wonderful people at DAGS, I look forward to the privilege of serving alongside the Comptroller.

Thank you for your consideration of my nomination.

TESTIMONY OF
KEITH A. REGAN

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225

GM533

Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Government Operations, I am providing testimony in strong support of GM533, the confirmation of Meoh-Leng Silliman as Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I have had the honor of serving alongside Ms. Silliman for the past three months since being appointed by Governor Green into my position as the nominee for Comptroller. I am truly fortunate to have someone with her skills, experience, and knowledge helping to provide expert guidance and support as we navigated our new positions. She played an integral and critical role in the transition, ensuring that the transfer of knowledge from one administration to the next went smoothly and that nothing was missed.

Meoh-Leng's extensive background and work experience in different departments of the State have made her a valuable asset to our team. Her work at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), Budget and Finance (B&F), and the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) has prepared her well to provide the guidance and advice needed for us to push forward on the many issues we've been tackling in our short three months together. Her openness and willingness to embrace innovative solutions have allowed us to address pressing issues within the department with energy and enthusiasm.

Over these past many months, I've come to rely on Meoh-Leng as a trusted partner as we formulate strategies, address operational concerns, and navigate the legislative session together. As someone who places tremendous value on teamwork and collaboration as a necessary component of the problem-solving process, I am pleased to share that she embraces the same approach. From my perspective, this is what has made us an effective team and has allowed us to make positive progress on numerous pressing issues, particularly in the areas of budget, legislative, and functional analysis.

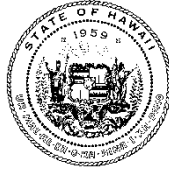
Meoh-Leng's work ethic and commitment to service have been exceptional. In our roles, our responsibilities do not start at 7:45a and end at 4:30p. We are constantly being bombarded with work, often until late at night and into the early hours of the next day. That is the nature of our jobs. As such, knowing that I am able to send an email or text message, and get a quick response, often late at night, allows us to stay ahead of issues and to be very responsive.

It is for these reasons, and many more, that I can think of no other person better to serve as the Deputy Comptroller. Having Meoh-Leng in this role will allow us to continue on our path of making positive changes here at DAGS. Therefore, I humbly ask you to please vote to confirm Meoh-Leng Silliman as the Deputy Comptroller.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share my testimony in strong support of Meoh-Leng's confirmation.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Regan
Honolulu, Hawaii



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TESTIMONY
OF
BONNIE KAHAKUI, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR
STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
March 7, 2023

G.M. 533

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services,
Gubernatorial Nominee, MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN,
for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 533. The State Procurement Office (SPO) is in **strong support** of the nomination of Meoh-Leng Silliman to the position of Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

The SPO has had the honor of working with Ms. Silliman since 2017 when she started as Business Management Officer for DAGS. In this role, she provided valuable advice to our office on the myriad of complex business management functions and the preparation and execution of our operating budget. For the SPO, these tasks can be overwhelming and intimidating, but Ms. Silliman has the patience and dedication to empower our program with basic understanding to navigate these processes in order for our office to focus on fulfilling our objectives. Upon being appointed to the position of Deputy Comptroller, Ms. Silliman continues to provide this much needed guidance, in addition to effectively directing and coordinating the activities of DAGS.

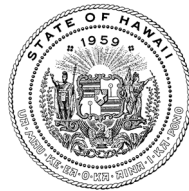
Ms. Silliman's expertise in state government, the private sector, and education in Hawaii, New York, and Washington DC, is a valuable asset for our State. We cannot think of a better nominee for the position of Deputy Comptroller.

For these reasons we respectfully ask that your committee advise and consent to Ms. Silliman's nomination.

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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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OFFICE OF FEDERAL AWARDS MANAGEMENT

WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 533

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Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the appointment of Meoh-Leng Silliman to the position of Deputy Comptroller at the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). I am working with Ms. Silliman in my professional capacity as Director of Finance.

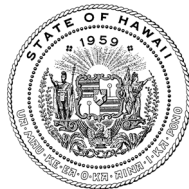
Governor Green's administration shares his priorities of homelessness and housing, the cost of living, climate change, and health care for the people of Hawai'i. We are committed to take action to make the needed changes to move Hawai'i forward.

Ms. Silliman is an integral part of a team that is dedicated to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Ms. Silliman has been serving as the Deputy Comptroller at DAGS since October 2022. Prior to that, she was the Business Management Officer at DAGS since 2017 and also worked in various State positions since 2005. Her work experience and knowledge of the department will benefit DAGS and the State; therefore, I support her confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 533

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

March 3, 2023

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey
Chair, Senate Committee on Government Operations
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair McKelvey:

This is a letter in support of Meoh-Leng Silliman's appointment as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, GM 533.

I worked with Meoh-Leng for over 7-1/2 years and was her direct supervisor for about 2-1/2 years when she worked as a Program and Budget Analysis Manager II for the Department of Budget and Finance. She has extensive public and private experience locally and on the mainland in both program delivery and management/administration, including 12 years of State experience as a Business Management Officer for the Departments of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Accounting and General Services.

Meoh-Ling is smart, capable and hardworking. She has consistently demonstrated her problem-solving ability, sound judgment and communication skills. And she has a proven record of being able to work well with others and manage people.

I believe that Meoh-Leng possesses the necessary experience and qualities to make an excellent Deputy Comptroller. I urge that the Committee and Senate confirm her appointment.

Sincerely,



Neal Miyahira, Administrator
Budget, Program Planning and Management Division
Department of Budget and Finance

JOSH GREEN M.D.
GOVERNOR

SYLVIA LUKE
LT. GOVERNOR



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**TESTIMONY OF
GARY S. SUGANUMA, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION**

TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

In consideration of G.M. No. 533

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial nominee, Meoh-Leng Silliman

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Government Operations

DATE: Thursday, March 7, 2023

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 225

Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of the confirmation of Ms. Meoh-Leng Silliman as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Given her past leadership roles with various state agencies as well as her experience in finance administration and management, I believe Ms. Silliman is an excellent candidate for the Deputy Comptroller position. I believe Ms. Silliman possesses the experience, skillset, and leadership abilities to do a great job in that role for DAGS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 533.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR

SYLVIA LUKE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



JADE T. BUTAY
DIRECTOR

WILLIAM G. KUNSTMAN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII
KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
KA 'OIHANA PONO LIMAHANA

March 7, 2023

To: The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Government Operations Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: GM 533 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, gubernatorial Nominee, MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) **strongly supports** Meoh-Leng Silliman as Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Ms. Silliman is a dedicated public servant that has managed government operations and fiscal affairs for several departments, including the DAGS. Ms. Silliman has served as the Program and Budget Analysis Manager for the Department of Budget and Finance, Work Program Specialist for the Department of Education, and as the Business Manager Officer for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs as well as the DAGS. In these roles, Ms. Silliman advised and assisted department leaders with policy decisions, program execution, fiscal management, procurement, and facilities management.

Ms. Silliman's over fifteen years of dedicated service prepared her to understand the financial and operational complexities of the State as she serves as the Deputy Comptroller at DAGS.

The DLIR believes Ms. Silliman has demonstrated that she has the aptitude to continue overseeing the State's treasury with quality assurance and fiscal accountability that ensures taxpayer money is used effectively and efficiently to promote the common good for Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 533.



TESTIMONY BY:
EDWIN H. SNIFFEN
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Senate Committee on Government Operations

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the confirmation of Meoh-Leng Silliman as the Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Ms. Silliman received her Master of Business Administration from the George Washington University and her bachelor's from Hamilton College.

Ms. Silliman has a strong background in public service, most recently as Business Management Officer II with DAGS. She also served as Program and Budget Analysis Manager with the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) and Business Management Officer I with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). In each role that Ms. Silliman has held, she has been responsible for evaluating operational programs, recommending improvements, and maintaining program performance.

She is an accomplished public servant and has the right qualifications to serve as the Deputy Comptroller.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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**Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 533
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN FOR
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER DEPARTMENT OF
ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES**

Governor's Message 533 proposes to confirm as the Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, Meoh-Leng Silliman, for a term to expire 12-07-2026. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department recognizes that Ms. Meoh-Leng Silliman has held positions at the Department of Accounting and General Services as Deputy Comptroller and Business Management Officer, Program and Budget Analysis Manager for the Department of Budget and Finance, and Business Management Officer at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

She has extensive experience with fiscal management, legislation advocacy, and budget policy. The skills and relationships that Ms. Silliman has built for the benefit of Hawai'i residents make her an ideal candidate for the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 533.

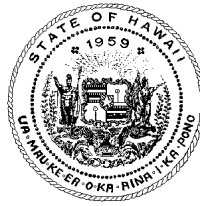
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE NO. 533
RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN
TO BE THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND
GENERAL SERVICES

By
Tommy Johnson, Director

Senate Committee on Government Operations
Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 7, 2023; 3:00 p.m.
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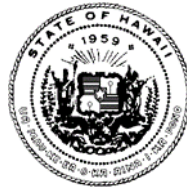
Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in support of the nomination and confirmation of Meoh-Leng Silliman as the Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). Ms. Silliman has almost four (4) decades of work experience, most of which in various roles within government agencies both, here in Hawaii and on the mainland. Her vast experience in several fields of government work coupled with her in-depth knowledge of the operations of the DAGS, makes her the ideal candidate to be the Deputy to the Comptroller.

In Hawaii, she has worked for the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (UH), the Department of Education (DOE), the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F), and for the past six (6) years, with the DAGS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 533 and Ms. Silliman.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



CATHY BETTS
DIRECTOR
KA LUNA HO'OKELE

JOSEPH CAMPOS II
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
KA HOPE LUNA HO'OKELE

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March 6, 2023

TO: The Honorable Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
The Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Government Operations

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director
Joseph Campos II, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: **Testimony in Support**
G.M. 533, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy
Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services,
Meoh-Ling Silliman

Hearing: March 7, 2023 at 3:00 pm
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We, Cathy Betts and Joseph Campos II, serve as the Director and Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services. We are testifying in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 533, Gubernatorial Nominee, Meoh-Ling Silliman, as the as the Deputy Director for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Ms. Silliman has extensive experience serving various state governments throughout her 40 + years of private and public service. Since 2005 she has direct experience in Hawai'i's public service sector working at the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i, the Department of Education, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Department of Budget and Finance, and DAGS. She has served as the Business Management Officer of DAGS since 2017 and has familiarity with the various divisions of DAGS.

Her experience and familiarity with DAGS are assets for the Deputy Director position. She will undoubtedly help lead DAGS to be responsive to the needs of the people of Hawai'i and Hawai'i government services.

Thank you for allowing us to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 533 and Ms. Silliman.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
Governor

SYLVIA LUKE
Lt. Governor



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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Chairperson McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Meoh-Leng Silliman as the Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). Meoh-Leng offers an extraordinary range of experience serving in positions of increasing responsibility in sectors - public, private, non-profit, higher education – in New York and Washington D.C., prior to her work in Hawaii. Meoh-Leng is the current Deputy Comptroller, having previously served in the Departments of Budget and Finance, Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Education and the University of Hawaii system. She is qualified and the right person for the position.

Respectfully requesting your vote to confirm Meoh-Leng Silliman's nomination to serve as the Deputy Comptroller, DAGS.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



KEITH T. HAYASHI
SUPERINTENDENT

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
KA 'OIHANA HO'ONA'AUAO
P.O. BOX 2360
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Date: 03/07/2023

Time: 03:00 PM

Location: CR 225 & Videoconference

Committee: Senate Government
Operations

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: GM 0533 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Purpose of Bill:

Department's Position:

As the Superintendent of the Hawaii State Department of Education, I am providing testimony in support of GM 533, which nominates Meoh-Leng Silliman for the position of Deputy Comptroller in the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Ms. Silliman's extensive government and private sector experience make her an ideal choice to be the Deputy Comptroller in the Department of Accounting and General Services through this critical period for the State. Her prior experiences in the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Department of Education speak to her skills that can help solve the State's challenges. As Superintendent, I am confident in Ms. Silliman's ability to be the Deputy Comptroller in the Department of Accounting and General Services and recommend her confirmation by the Hawaii State Senate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 533.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR

CHRIS J. SADAYASU
DIRECTOR, DBEDT



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DEPUTY STADIUM MANAGER

March 7, 2023

TESTIMONY
OF
RUSSELL UCHIDA, DEPUTY STADIUM MANAGER
STADIUM AUTHORITY
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURSIM
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
March 7, 2023
3:00 P.M.
Room 225 and by Video Conference

G.M. 533

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in strong support of Ms. Meoh-Leng Silliman for the position of Deputy Comptroller.

Over the past five (5) years, I have had the opportunity and professional benefit of working with Ms. Silliman in her capacity as Business Management Officer II with the Department of Accounting and General Services on matters involving financial, budget, payroll, legislative, and contractual issues. When one works with Ms. Silliman, it quickly becomes evident that she possesses four (4) outstanding qualities that makes her a perfect fit for this position:

- 1.) Character;
- 2.) Integrity;
- 3.) Professionalism;
- 4.) Commitment.

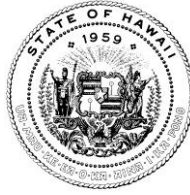
Since DAGS plays a key role in developing and overseeing many of the financial matters affecting the entire executive branch of state government, Ms. Silliman's qualities will be of significant benefit to the State of Hawaii. In my experience and observation of Ms. Silliman work ethic, she will approach each challenge comprehensively and professionally by conducting proper research and investigation, then providing a well-informed resolution to the issue. In her position as Deputy Comptroller, Ms. Silliman's qualities will undoubtedly help to strengthen trust and confidence in the operations of state government.

Ms. Silliman's extensive work experience and understanding of state government will undoubtedly lend significant credibility, integrity, and efficiency to an operation that is not only complex but very challenging.

I have every bit of confidence that Ms. Silliman will be a tremendous asset to the State of Hawaii and as such, I respectfully ask for the Committee's favorable consideration in confirming gubernatorial nominee, Ms. Meoh-Leng Silliman to the position of Deputy Comptroller for a term to expire on December 7, 2026.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testify in strong support of Ms. Meoh-Leng Silliman's confirmation.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



DOUGLAS MURDOCK
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Testimony of
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Chief Information Officer
Enterprise Technology Services

Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 533
NOMINATION OF MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN, DEPUTY COMPTROLLER, DEPARTMENT OF
ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of Governor Josh Green's nomination of Meoh-Leng Silliman as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

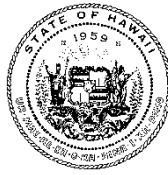
Ms. Silliman has served the State of Hawai'i for more than 15 years, of which 12 years were as Business Management Officer I and II at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and DAGS respectively.

She has also served as a Program and Budget Analysis Manager for the Department of Budget and Finance, Work Program Specialist for the Hawai'i Department of Education, as a District Attorney and Deputy Director of Administrative Operations for New York County.

In these roles she has successfully advised and assisted department directors with policy decisions, executing program initiatives, fiscal management, procurement, and facilities management.

I am honored to support her confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



STATE OF HAWAII
CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION

235 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET, ROOM 300
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 3, 2023

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Government Operations
415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 533 – Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Meoh-Leng Silliman as Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations:

I am respectfully writing in strong support of gubernatorial nominee Meoh-Leng Silliman as the Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (“DAGS”), State of Hawaii.

In my capacity as the Executive Director of the Hawaii Campaign Spending Commission (“Commission”), which is a DAGS administratively attached agency, I have had the honor and privilege of working with Meoh-Leng when she previously served in the DAGS Administrative Services Office. Meoh-Leng is well-versed and has a strong background in budgetary and fiscal issues. Her work ethic and commitment to DAGS has always been extraordinary, exceptional, and commendable. She has always been positive and effective during challenging and difficult times as well as helpful, knowledgeable, resourceful, dependable, and approachable. As such, I believe that Meoh-Leng has the proper demeanor and integrity to do well, and in fact, excel as Deputy Comptroller, State of Hawaii, and therefore, appreciate the opportunity to write in support of her nomination.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter and I respectfully ask that the Committee support the nomination of Meoh-Leng Silliman.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin E. Izumi-Nitao".

Kristin E. Izumi-Nitao
Executive Director



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SCOTT T. NAGO
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER

TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 533
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER,
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

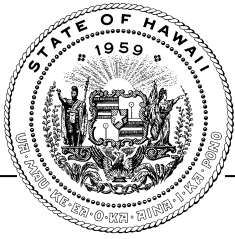
March 7, 2023

Chair McKelvey and members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ms. Meoh-Leng Silliman.

Our work with Ms. Silliman started when she served as the Business Management Officer, and continued as she became Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services. Ms. Silliman has shown herself to be knowledgeable and professional and has always been supportive of our needs in elections. We believe she also has the right acumen to be the Deputy Comptroller.

We look forward to continuing to work with Ms. Silliman as Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services and ask for your consideration in confirming Ms. Silliman.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ms. Silliman as Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.



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Statement of
SCOTT GLENN, Director

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

in consideration of
GM 533

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, Meoh-Leng Silliman, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Meoh-Leng Silliman to serve as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Silliman since October 2022.

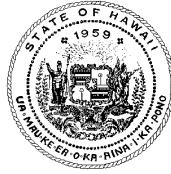
Ms. Silliman has served over 15 years at the State of Hawai'i, of which 12 years were in the capacity of Business Management Officer I and II at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and DAGS respectively. In these roles, she successfully advised and assisted the Department Director with policy decisions, program execution, fiscal management, procurement, and facilities management. She also served as the Program and Budget Analysis Manager II for the Department of Budget and Finance, Work Program Specialist for the Hawai'i Department of Education, and as both the Deputy Director of Operations and Deputy Director of Fiscal Affairs for the New York County District Attorney's Office.

Her extensive experience in the department's core functions positions DAGS to be successful and in turn support the effective operation of the government. For these reasons, I humbly ask for Ms. Silliman's confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

JOSH GREEN, M. D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

SYLVIA LUKE
LT. GOVERNOR
KA HOPE KIA'ĀINA



BRENNA H. HASHIMOTO
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Statement of
BRENNA H. HASHIMOTO
Director, Department of Human Resources Development

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
3:00PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
GM533 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller,
Office of Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee,
Meoh-Leng Silliman for a term to expire 12-07-2026

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and the members of the committee.

We strongly support the appointment of Meoh-Leng Silliman to the position of Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services.

Ms. Silliman is a dedicated public servant and has considerable knowledge of the department and state government operations. Given her past leadership roles, Ms. Silliman is well-prepared to serve the needs of the state and the department.

DHRD appreciates its partnership and positive working relationship with the DAGS leadership and looks forward to future collaboration on projects to improve the services provided to the community and other state agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 8:53:39 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Curt Otaguro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of GM 533 appointing Meoh-Leng Silliman as Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I've had the privilege of working with Ms. Silliman over the past 4 years and found her to be a tremendous asset to DAGS and the State. Her financial expertise and understanding of government operations was extremely valuable to me as a former Comptroller. Her professionalism and morale compass was valued as she help steer and weave through the budget process and ongoing administration of the funding appropriated to all of the divisions and agencies in DAGS. Because of her hands on leadership and involvement in the Administrative Services Office, she was a proven and effective Business Management Officer.

The State will be well served with Ms. Siliman as Deputy Comptroller and I urge members of the Senate Government Operations Committee to consider her nomination and confirm her.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Curt T. Otaguro

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 6:05:35 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eddie Sporn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Meoh-Leng stands out as one of the most competent professionals I've had the pleasure of working with during my 50-year professional career as a planner, administrator, and consultant. She is incredibly smart, resourceful, creative, and collaborative.

I was the Administrative Chief of the Manhattan DA's Office and worked with Meoh-Leng to transition their finance office from the world of 13-column ledger books and adding machines to computers spreadsheets. Meoh-Leng was instrumental in insuring a smooth and successful transition. Her manager was a crusty, old school accountant. He was quite competent but highly resistant to change. Meoh-Leng through her hard work, sense of humor, and equanimity, was able to gently nudge her manager along and eventually convince him of the benefits of computerization.

Meoh-Leng is one of those individuals who excel at whatever they do. She is a devoted professional, parent, spouse, and friend. **I can't imagine finding a better person to be Hawaii's Deputy Comptroller.** Aloha,
Eddie Sporn
West Stockbridge, MA

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/2/2023 1:03:41 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Celia Suzuki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is my distinct pleasure to submit testimony in strong support of Meoh Leng Silliman's nomination to the position of Deputy Comptroller. I was fortunate to have worked with her at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs in the recent past. I found her to be intelligent, articulate, fair, and sound in her decision making and choices. DAGS is lucky to have Meoh Leng as its second in command. Please confirm her nomination as Deputy Comptroller. Thank you. Celia Suzuki

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 5:30:30 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senate Committee on Government Operations
The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

RE: Governor's Message 533

I write in support of GM 533, nominating Meoh-Leng Silliman to be Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

While Ms. Silliman is clearly broadly experienced and capable, I am most interested in her prior experience working for the District Attorney of New York, wherein she supported inventory management services, her general budgetary experience, and her specific impressions and recommendations from her time working within the DAGS.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
DP Armstrong

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 10:51:43 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james pirtle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The legislature is fraudulent and not the legal government of the State of Hawaii. You have no right or privilege to submit anyone for recommendations.

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 1:53:56 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Oku	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Sen.McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Government Operations,

I support the consideration and confirmation of Meoh-Leng Sillman to serve as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 2:01:14 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordan Lowe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support MeoH-Leng Silliman for the position of Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services. Ms. Silliman is highly qualified for the position and is a dedicated public servant.

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/4/2023 10:54:07 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bridget Sawai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This Testimony is in strong support for Meoh-Leng Silliman's confirmation as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I have known Meoh-Leng Silliman for a number of years while previously working for DAGS - Public Works Division (PWD). Meoh-Leng is committed, diligent and effective and I feel that she would apply such work ethics as the DAGS Deputy Comptroller.

I sincerely feel that Meoh-Leng would make a positive impact and be a beneficial addition as Deputy Comptroller for DAGS and I respectfully request that Meoh-Leng be confirmed.

Thank you.

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/4/2023 12:50:42 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Audrey Hidano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support GM533 for Meoh-Leng Silliman for DAGS' deputy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/4/2023 11:34:57 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Everett Kaneshige	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the GVO Committee,

i am pleased to submit testimony in support of Meoh-Leng Silliman's nomination to serve as Deputy Director of DAGS.

I worked with Ms. Silliman closely when she was the Business Management Officer for DCCA and I was the Deputy Director for that department. I found her to be intelligent, efficient and professional. In addition, she had an excellent understanding of State government and it's unique business and accounting processes.

Ms. Silliman will be a tremendous asset to DAGS and the State as Deputy Director of DAGS. Please give her your highest consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Meoh-Leng Silliman's nomination.

Mahalo

Everett Kaneshige

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/5/2023 2:53:06 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Miyoke Ng	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Committee, my name is Miyoke Ng and I am submitting testimony as an individual in **SUPPORT** of Meoh-Leng Silliman's consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I have worked for Meoh-Leng for five years in her capacity as the DAGS Administrative Services Office's Business Management Officer II. Meoh-Leng operates with the highest level of integrity and always strives to do what is in the best interest of the State. She holds a comprehensive operational knowledge of state processes and procedures from various aspects of state government and always makes time to share her time and knowledge with those who ask. Because Meoh-Leng holds a high bar for herself and her staff, she continually guides and mentors her staff and DAGS program managers to reach their short and long term work goals and seek solutions to work challenges they may face.

In conclusion, Meoh-Leng will continue to be an asset in this role as the DAGS Deputy Director.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/5/2023 10:38:21 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stella Kam	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Meoh-Leng Silliman is highly qualified to be the deputy comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services. Her vast experience in both the public and private sectors make her one of the best nominees for this position. I have known Meoh-Leng to be extremely honest, hard-working, and scrupulously careful in her review of matters and in her decisionmaking. I fully support her nomination for this position.

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 5:00:11 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Araki-Regan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lynn Araki-Regan, and I am respectfully writing in strong support of GM533 to confirm Meoh-Leng Silliman as Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (“DAGS”), of the State of Hawai‘i.

Based on her past experience within and outside of DAGS, Meoh-Leng is qualified to serve as Deputy Comptroller. She has a deep passion for public service, a quality I feel is critical for all state leaders.

I respectfully request that this Committee confirm Meoh-Leng Silliman as the Deputy Comptroller for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this bill.

Lynn Araki-Regan

Honolulu, Hawai‘i

TESTIMONY OF
Jodee Saiki
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNEMENT OPERATIONS
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 533
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-07-2026.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the confirmation of Meoh-Leng Silliman as Deputy Comptroller of the State of Hawaii. I am currently working in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) but am testifying in my personal capacity.

I have known Ms. Silliman for more than 13 years since starting to work under her leadership as the Business Management Officer (BMO) in DCCA. Where I learned a great deal from her past experiences and jobs relating to business and government in financial and budgetary aspects. So much so, that I feel she had become a mentor to me and aspire to be the type of person that she has become. She is very knowledgeable, dependable, trustworthy, efficient and skillful which will prove to be very useful in her capacity as Deputy Comptroller.

It is my belief that she is highly qualified to become the Deputy Director for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 7:29:34 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Ong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the confirmation of Meoh-Leng Silliman as Deputy Comptroller of the State of Hawaii.

I submit this testimony in Strong Support of the confirmation of Meoh-Leng Silliman as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Silliman for more than five years when we both worked in the Fiscal Department at the District Attorney's Office of NY County.

Ms. Silliman has been extremely helpful. Ms. Silliman's background and experience in finance in the public service sector will continue to assist in her duties as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of Governor's Message 533 and Meoh-Leng Silliman.

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 7:32:16 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Choy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of Meoh-Leng Silliman's nomination for Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. Meoh-Leng is a dedicated public servant who is intimately familiar with the Department and its wide range of public and governmental services. She is a capable leader and a great asset to the Department. Please support her nomination for Deputy Comptroller.

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 8:51:42 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris Sadayasu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee.

I support the appointment of Meoh-Leng Silliman to serve as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

As a longtime public servant, Ms. Silliman has been a dedicated government employee with experience in various state departments and has a thorough understanding of government operations. I believe that her expertise in business management and program analyses will be beneficial to the State.

I respectfully ask for Ms. Silliman's confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I look forward to collaborating with her to fulfill our departments' respective missions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 9:38:33 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Kent	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this nomination. I only had one experience with Ms. Silliman, many years ago, but it was so favorable I wanted to write about it. When she was working at DCCA, Ms. Silliman went way out of her way to assist me and was incredibly helpful, and I have not forgotten her and what she did. It was out of the ordinary.

I wanted to share this experience because I assume it is indicative of the kind of work that she does. She didn't do it for thanks or any reward -- just to help and provide customer service.

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of Ms. Silliman.

Elizabeth Kent

March 7, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Senate Committee on Government Operations

To: Senator McKelvey, Chair
Senator Gabbard, Vice Chair

From: Christine Kinimaka
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: GM 533, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations. I appreciate this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of Meoh-Leng Silliman's consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) for a term to expire on December 7, 2026.

I have had the pleasure and good fortune to work with Meoh-Leng over the past five years in my capacity as DAGS – Public Works Division, Planning Branch Manager, and more recently as the DAGS Public Works Administrator. From the very first day that Meoh-Leng came to DAGS as our Business Management Officer in 2017, she has been very professional, knowledgeable, and engaged. Despite having big shoes to fill from her predecessor and high expectations from staff, Meoh-Leng stepped in with quiet aplomb. She quickly contributed to our DAGS team demonstrating expertise from her past employment with the Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Department of Education while also exhibiting effective leadership and coaching skills. Meoh-Leng is now an essential, reliable, and dedicated member of our DAGS team, helping keep our department cohesively moving forward together, tackling our challenges while mindfully fulfilling our mission.

Meoh-Leng has also become a foremost leader shepherding staff in our emergency response roles, serving as a highly effective Emergency Management Officer during both our times of activation and our “blue sky” days. Meoh-Leng ensures all key staff are informed and responsive 24/7/365 through her steadfast attention to serving the public.

Her calm leadership and excellent decision-making skills also shined during our COVID-19 emergency, where Meoh-Leng had to extend herself to take on roles far beyond her position description to successfully ensure staff and the public were safe and getting the support we all needed.

It is for these reasons that I encourage the Senate Committee on Government Operations to recommend Meoh-Leng Silliman's appointment to the full Senate to be confirmed as the Deputy Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

To: The Honorable Angus L.K McKelvey, Chair,
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair,
Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225 & Via Videoconference

From: Dean I Hazama

**Re: G.M. 533, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS
THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND
GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MEOH-LENG
SILLIMAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting testimony in support of Meoh-Ling Sillman, nominee for Deputy Director, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). Ms. Sillman has served for many years in the State of Hawaii as the Business Management Officer for DAGS and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs as well as Budget Chief for the Department of Budget and Finance. Her experience and background will be invaluable to her department and people of the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

I stand in support of Governor Green's nomination of Ms. Meoh-Leng Silliman to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). I work for DAGS but am testifying in my personal capacity.

Meoh-Leng has been serving the Department for many years as the Business Management Officer and have gained in-depth institutional knowledge of the department serving in that capacity. As such, this experience makes her a great asset to the department as a Deputy Comptroller due her knowledge of the department wide issues and understanding its budgetary structure.

I respectfully ask your committee to confirm Meoh-Leng's appointment and thank you for your consideration to my testimony.

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TESTIMONY OF RONALD BOYER
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2023

Tuesday, March 7, 2023
3:00 p.m., Conference Room 225

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 533, NOMINATING
MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN
AS THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES**

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,
THE HONORABLE MIKE GABBARD, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Aloha. My name is Ronald Boyer and I served as Director and Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs from 2007-2010. I strongly support Meoh-Leng Silliman's nomination for Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I am confident that she will continue to build upon her existing record as an excellent, dedicated, and honorable public servant.

I have been acquainted with Meoh-Leng for many years and came to know her on a personal basis during my service as Director and Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). During that time, the DCCA was faced with the retirement of our long-time Budget Chief. With many disparate divisions, keeping abreast of

the DCCA's different budgetary requirements is a formidable task — made much more so because of the unique laws and regulations appurtenant to the Compliance Resolution Fund. After interviewing numerous candidates for the position, the Director and I chose Meoh-Leng to come aboard and take on the job. It was one of the best hiring decisions we ever made!

It would not be an exaggeration to say that there are few people in the State of Hawaii who have the breadth and depth of understanding of financial systems and state budgetary requirements that Meoh-Leng possesses. Her experience in this arena is deep and her insight invaluable. Having a resource such as Meoh-Leng at the Cabinet level will be of immeasurable benefit to the Governor and Hawaii's people.

The success of any organization in fulfilling its mission is directly tied to having leaders able to look at challenges and to find sensible and achievable ways to reach their goals. A successful leader must have a keen understanding of human nature and be able to see a situation or problem from others' perspectives. Meoh-Leng Silliman is such a leader.

Under her strong budgetary guidance, DCCA was better able to fulfill its core mission. She provided important leadership and wise counsel to not only the Director and Deputy Director of DCCA, but to each and every division chief including the Insurance Commissioner, the Commissioner of Financial Institutions, the Commissioner of Securities, the Consumer Advocate, the Executive Director of the Office of Consumer Protection, and others. With her breadth of experience alone, Meoh-Leng's qualifications may be second to none.

From my vantage point, Meoh-Leng Silliman is conscientious, humble, and hard-working. She is intelligent, creative, and a good leader. Over the years, I have observed not only an excellent work ethic, but an intelligent and analytical approach to complex and dynamic

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issues. She is goal-focused and works well not only as a team leader but also as a member of the team. Her abilities are complemented by an engaging and animated personality. Meoh-Leng is even-tempered and consistent; an individual of good character and integrity. I know her to be a most trustworthy individual: with Meoh-Leng her word is her bond.

I've always been impressed with Meoh-Leng's intelligence, her character, and the passion she brings to her work. She has proven herself as an individual possessing the most important qualities of leadership: she listens before she speaks; she is always willing to learn; and she treats everybody with dignity, compassion and fairness.

With Meoh-Leng Silliman helping to lead, the Department of Accounting and General Services will be in very capable hands.

I strongly support her nomination, and encourage this Committee to recommend her name to the full Senate for confirmation.

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Submitted on: 3/6/2023 1:15:58 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rod Becker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

GM 533 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I support Meoh-Leng Silliman's appointment to serve as the State's Deputy Comptroller. Ms. Silliman has a tremendous amount of experience in several relevant fields of work and I always find my interactions with her to be professional and constructive.

The Department of Accounting and General Services is an organization with many different functions and responsibilities. Ms. Silliman's broad range of experience, both in and out of the department, including as the department's business management officer, enables her to immediately add value as she assumes her new duties as Deputy Comptroller. She is extremely knowledgeable, practical, and diligent, and will continue to work hard for the State of Hawaii and its residents. I respectfully recommend that the committee act favorably on GM 533.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-533

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 1:45:37 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith Kogachi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have previously had a professional relationship with Meoh-Leng. My experience has been that she is extremely knowledgeable, prepared and helpful in providing her assessment and recommendations on matters in which I consulted with her on.

TESTIMONY OF
Michael Wun
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNEMENT OPERATIONS
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 533
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-07-2026.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the confirmation of Meoh-Leng Silliman as Deputy Comptroller of the State of Hawaii.

Meoh-Leng possesses over 15 years of state experience serving in an executive capacity at three departments, two of which are central service, Tier 1 agencies. At each station, she has worked to improve operational efficiency, develop employees, and responsibly manage scarce resources.

Prior to this, Meoh-Leng held managerial positions during a ten-year time at the New York District Attorney's Office, including serving as the Deputy Director of Fiscal Affairs and Deputy Director of Operations.

Meoh-Leng has been available to provide counsel and guidance to employees at her former departments whenever it is asked of her. She effectively creates bridges between state agencies.

With this vast array of experience and background, I strongly believe that Meoh-Leng is well suited for the position of Deputy Comptroller and would serve as a great asset to the State.

I respectfully ask your committee to confirm Meoh-Leng's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

TESTIMONY OF
JO ANN UCHIDA TAKEUCHI
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNEMENT OPERATIONS
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 533
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-07-2026.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the confirmation of Meoh-Leng Silliman as Deputy Comptroller of the State of Hawaii. My name is Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi, formerly Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). In that capacity I had the opportunity to work closely with Ms. Silliman while she served as DCCA's Business Management Officer.

In my collaboration with her, I always found Ms. Silliman to be dependable, extremely knowledgeable, and trustworthy. She is well-prepared in budget discussions and has good instincts for troubleshooting problems. Because of her background, Ms. Silliman has a strong network of government contacts and works well with other department contemporaries.

I had a chance to reconnect with Ms. Silliman briefly when she served as Acting Deputy Comptroller under the Ige administration, and it was clear that Ms. Silliman's extensive background allowed her to transition seamlessly into her new role.

Ms. Silliman has the aptitude, character, experience and skills that make her ideally suited to the position of Deputy Comptroller, and I urge you to vote favorably on her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lee Leonard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members,

I support Meoh-Leng Silliman as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I feel she will be a tremendous asset to the department and serve our state with grace and integrity.

Mahalo for your time.

GM-533

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Testimony for GVO on 3/7/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anthony Benabese	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Mckelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members:

I strongly support G.M. 533. Meoh-Leng's experience and background makes her an ideal candidate to serve as Deputy Comptroller. I have had the privilege of working with Meoh-Leng for four (4) years, her professionalism, experience, knowledge and leadership would be a definite asset to the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this measure.

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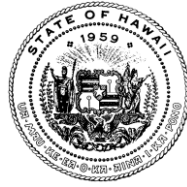
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynda Camarao	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of GM 533. I feel that Meoh-Leng Silliman will be a strong asset to the Department of Accounting and General Services. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience to draw on to move DAGS forward.in a positive manner.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.



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SENATOR ANGUS L. K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATION

Hearing Date: 3/8/2023

Room Number: 225

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the nomination of Meoh-
- 3 Ling Silliman as Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS),
- 4 for the State of Hawaii.
- 5
- 6 Ms. Silliman's extensive background state accounting, budgeting, and operations is critical for
- 7 DAGS' mission. Her work history includes being part of small, medium, and large organizations
- 8 in several geographic areas across the country, as well as a career trajectory commensurate with
- 9 her leadership and professional development. This combination of proficiencies aligns with the
- 10 trajectory of Gov. Green's administration and DOH looks forward to the energy and experience
- 11 Meoh-Leng will bring to a core central agency like DAGS.
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- 13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.
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- 15 **Offered Amendments:** None

The State Legislature
The Senate Committee on Government Operations
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
Conference Room 225
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TO: The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
FROM: Keali'i S. López
RE: Strong Support for GM 533 Consideration of Meoh-Ling Silliman for Deputy Comptroller,
Department of Accounting and General Services.

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee on Government Affairs:

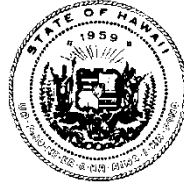
I am Keali'i Lopez, testifying in strong support of GM 533, in personal capacity. I had the honor of working very closely with Ms. Silliman at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) while I was the Director of DCCA from December of 2010 through December of 2014. From the very start Meoh-Ling was proactive and effective at orienting and preparing me for the fiscal oversight and responsibility required of the Department Director. Within a short period of time, I was well equipped to discuss and defend the Department's budget in January of 2011.

Meoh-Ling walked me through the numerous DCCA funding sources, budget codes, understanding DCCA's self-sufficiency related to the various special funds of the department and building ownership. More importantly, Meoh-Ling demonstrated her ability to work with DAGS in our joint building management. Though funds provided by DCCA were used to purchase the Kalakaua Building, the building was held by and maintained by DAGS. It was not unusual for Meoh-ling to have to explain this many times whenever building repairs or maintenance was needed. Adding the complexity of who was responsible for maintaining the build, was that fact that it was a joint ownership with the US Postal service. Meoh-Ling represented DCCA's interest in joint tenancy/ownership matters USPS. She was therefore very fluent in understanding the property maintenance requirements, capital appreciation and matters dealing with tenants.

Most importantly, I found Meoh-Ling to be very thoughtful and focused on customer service. She understood her role and was committed to her internal clients (myself, DCCA deputy and division chiefs). We were all successful in our fiscal responsibilities because of Meoh-Ling's willingness to make time and provide guidance. She has always been committed to managing and utilizing state funds properly. Her integrity is unquestionable. When I would leave in the wee hours of the evening, it was not unusual for me to call Meoh-Ling, to tell her she should leave work too. I have continued to keep in touch with Meoh-Ling since my departure from DCCA and have been impressed with her continued desire to make a difference in Hawaii's state government. She will serve as an outstanding Deputy Comptroller for DAGS.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Ms. Meoh-Ling Silliman (GM533).

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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In consideration of
GM 533

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER,
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MEOH-
LENG SILLIMAN,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026.**

Honorable Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee on Government Operations, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 533, to consider and confirm Ms. Meoh-Leng Silliman to the position of Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

It is truly my honor and privilege to be working alongside with her and there is no doubt in my mind that she will continue to bring a fresh perspective on how to deliver services, improve the experience of those we serve, and strive to maximize taxpayer dollars efficiently and effectively.

The HPHA urges the Committee to pass GM 533 and confirm Meoh-Leng Silliman to the position of Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.



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07-2026

As the Director of an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to DAGS, I have worked directly with Ms. Silliman for several years. I know her to be a knowledgeable and competent administrator and appreciate the support that she has provided to my small agency.

I hope that the Senate will confirm her and provide the necessary experience and continuity that DAGS needs to fulfill its wide-ranging responsibilities.

Thank you for considering OIP's testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 533
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
MS. MEOH-LENG SILLMAN

PRESENTATION TO
THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

BY

BRIGADIER GENERAL STEPHEN F. LOGAN
DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL

MARCH 3, 2023

Chair Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice-Chair Mike Gabbard, and Members of the Committee.

I respectfully request your **SUPPORT** in confirming the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Ms. Meoh-Leng Sillman to serve as the Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have had the privilege of serving with Ms. Sillman for the past three months as part of the newly formed cabinet. She brings an impressive fiscal background of government and public service from a variety of diverse business enterprises. She demonstrates the capacity, technical knowledge and leadership to serve and lead at the most senior levels of government.

Ms. Sillman holds a BA from Hamilton College and MBA from George Washington University. Her work history and experience as Vice-President, Deputy Director, and Business Management Officer afford her a vast array of tools that she can apply to help solve emergent problems. I believe her willingness to serve will complement the Office of the Comptroller and enable our state to serve its citizens in the most fiscally responsible manner.

Thank you for your consideration and this opportunity in allowing me to testify on Governor's Message 533 in **SUPPORT** of Ms. Meoh-Leng Sillman.