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TESTIMONY
OF
BONNIE KAHAKUI, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR
STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
April 11, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

G.M. 610

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board,
Gubernatorial Nominee, DIANE NAKAGAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 610. The State Procurement Office (SPO) is in **strong support** of the nomination of Diane Nakagawa to the Procurement Policy Board (Board). This volunteer Board is a critical component of the SPO, promulgating Hawaii Administrative Rules in accordance with Chapters 103D and 103F of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Ms. Nakagawa was elected as the Board's Secretary in February 2023. She brings to the Procurement Policy Board her high-level of county government experience, her perspective as a representative of county government and Hawai'i Island, and her sincere desire to serve the community.

Ms. Nakagawa has served as the Deputy Director of the Finance Department of the County of Hawai'i since May 2022. Prior to this, she served as the County's Purchasing Agent, overseeing purchasing, with the exception of construction-related contracts, for all county departments. During her time with the County of Hawai'i, she has implemented several critical initiatives such as revamping the Request for Proposal process and developing a procurement training program for employees. She also led the County of Hawai'i's procurement through the COVID-19 public health crisis, securing critical supplies for the Island's residents.

Her professional experience also includes 16 years with the City of Phoenix, primarily specializing in economic development and budget administration. Her last position with the City of Phoenix was Deputy Director of Economic Development, managing all administrative aspects including procurement, budget, personnel, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act oversight, marketing, and research.

Ms. Nakagawa earned her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Arizona State University's School of Public Affairs.

For these reasons we respectfully ask that your committee confirm Ms. Nakagawa's nomination to the Procurement Policy Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of G.M. 610.

Mitchell D. Roth
Mayor



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Managing Director

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April 10, 2023

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
MITCHELL D. ROTH, COUNTY OF HAWAII MAYOR,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
COUNTY OF HAWAII

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
April 11, 2023

G.M. 610

Submitting for consideration and confirmation
DIANE NAKAGAWA, Gubernatorial Nominee, to the
Procurement Policy Board, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **strong support** for the confirmation of Diane Nakagawa to serve as a member of the Procurement Policy Board. I have the pleasure of working with Ms. Nakagawa in my professional capacity as the Corporation Counsel for Hawai'i County.

I am writing to express my **strong support** for the appointment of Diane Nakagawa to the Hawai'i State Procurement Policy Board.

Ms. Nakagawa has served as the Deputy Finance Director for Hawai'i County since May 2022, where she manages various departments, including purchasing and centralized procurement, payment obligations, budget preparation and submission, and internal controls.

Prior to her current position, Ms. Nakagawa served as the Purchasing Agent for Hawai'i County from September 2019 to May 2022, where she oversaw all aspects of procurement for the County, including drafting solicitation documents, coordinating with all County departments, advising management of appropriate procurement, and oversight of contract compliance. She also developed and implemented a procurement training program for internal County staff and outreach development for businesses to promote competition in the marketplace.

Before her service to Hawai'i County, Ms. Nakagawa served the City of Phoenix for 16 years, where her primary focus was economic development and budget administration. Her accomplishments include planning and implementation of a new downtown university campus, transit-oriented development for light rail, long-range planning for Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, and oversight of the City's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding and Board.

Ms. Nakagawa also served as the Vice President of Business Development for the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce, where she developed and managed a business resource center to support the needs of small businesses and oversaw the Business Development Committee as well as the Small Business Council.

Based on her extensive experience in procurement, budget administration, and economic development, I believe that Ms. Nakagawa would be an excellent addition to the Hawai'i State Procurement Policy Board. Her expertise and leadership skills have been invaluable to the County of Hawai'i, and I am confident that she will bring the same level of dedication and excellence to the State.

I urge you to appoint Diane Nakagawa to the Hawai'i State Procurement Policy Board, and thank you for your consideration.

With aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell D. Roth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mitchell D. Roth, Mayor
County of Hawai'i

Mitchell D. Roth
Mayor



Maurice C. Messina
Director

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Deputy Director

County of Hawai`i

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Testimony of
MAURICE C. MESSINA
Director

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Sen. Angus L.K. McKelvey

Sen. Mike Gabbard

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 3:00 pm
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

GOVERNORS MESSAGE NO. 610

Honorable Chair McKelvey, Honorable Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee on Government Operations, Maurice C. Messina, Director of Hawai'i County Department of Parks and Recreation submits the following for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Diane Nakagawa, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

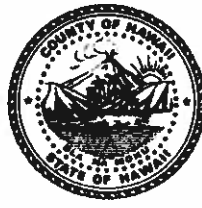
Thank you for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of Gubernatorial Nominee, Diane Nakagawa, to the Procurement Policy Board.

Ms. Nakagawa is currently the Deputy Director of the Hawai'i County Finance Department and previously held the position of Purchasing Agent. I had the opportunity to work with Diane in her role as Purchasing Agent when our County was making its way through the COVID-19 pandemic. She provided the guidance and knowledge that helped county government design policies and procedures to ensure the people of Hawai'i County were able to make it through that tough time.

Now, as the Deputy Director of Finance, she continually collaborates with our department to provide crucial guidance on all financial and budgetary matters. Ms. Nakagawa is extremely responsive, can be trusted, and her extensive experience and knowledge at various levels of government will make her an asset to the Procurement Policy Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 610 and the confirmation of Ms. Nakagawa.

Mitchell D. Roth
Mayor



Deanna S. Sako
Director

Diane Nakagawa
Deputy Director

County of Hawai'i

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April 10, 2023

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: GM610, RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF DIANE NAKAGAWA TO THE
PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD

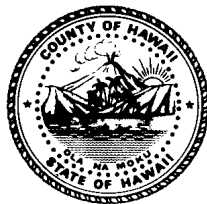
Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in **strong support** of Diane Nakagawa and her appointment to the Procurement Policy Board. Diane has been part of the County of Hawaii since 2019. She started as our Purchasing Agent and today is the Deputy Director of Finance. We are truly grateful for the extensive procurement and other experience she brought home with her from the City of Phoenix. I know that this experience will serve her well on the Procurement Policy Board. Diane graduated from Konawaena High School, received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Hawaii and her Master of Public Administration degree from Arizona State University.

Diane is truly our go to person for procurement matters in our County. In addition, she collaborates on procurement matters with the other Counties and the State. Diane was able to lead our Purchasing team through the pandemic and obtain all necessary supplies and personal protective equipment, while continuing to procure the items necessary for the County to maintain operations on a regular basis. As the Deputy Director of Finance, Diane has become the person I rely on to get things done. I am truly grateful for all that she does and is willing to do. Her professionalism and dedication to her job are only a small part of what makes her the person she is.

I know Diane will serve the State well on the Procurement Policy Board – her years of procurement experience and her ability to collaborate will be a huge asset! I strongly support the appointment of Diane Nakagawa to the Procurement Policy Board.

Deanna S. Sako
Director of Finance

Mitchell D. Roth
Mayor



Elizabeth A. Strance
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April 7, 2023

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
ELIZABETH A. STRANCE, CORPORATION COUNSEL,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
COUNTY OF HAWAII

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
April 11, 2023

G.M. 610

Submitting for consideration and confirmation
DIANE NAKAGAWA, Gubernatorial Nominee, to the
Procurement Policy Board, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **strong support** for Diane Nakagawa's appointment to the Procurement Policy Board. I have the pleasure of working with Ms. Nakagawa in my professional capacity as Corporation Counsel for Hawaii County.

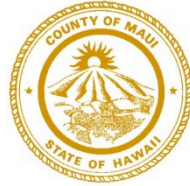
Ms. Nakagawa's resume, including 20+ years of public administration experience, leadership roles with various agencies in the State of Hawaii and the continental U.S. together with her specialized experience in economic development, budget, and finance, speaks for itself. Ms. Nakagawa possesses the qualifications to serve on the Procurement Policy Board. In addition, she possesses strong communication, interpersonal, and problem-solving skills.

I have worked with Ms. Nakagawa since my confirmation as Hawaii County Corporation Counsel in January 2020 and she is my primary point of contact regarding procurement matters. My direct work with Ms. Nakagawa increased substantially when she became Deputy Finance Director and has involved interaction in a variety of settings. They range from meetings on difficult contract matters, County Council appearances, staff training, and interdepartmental working groups. Without exception, Ms. Nakagawa is prepared, respectful, direct where necessary, collaborative, and solution oriented. Her in-depth knowledge of procurement together with an extraordinary ability to work well with others makes her an ideal nominee for membership on the Procurement Policy Board.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask your committee advise and consent to Ms. Nakagawa's nomination.

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
Mayor

KEKUHAUPIO R. AKANA
Managing Director



SCOTT K. TERUYA
Director

STEVE A. TESORO
Deputy Director

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TO: Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
And Members of the Government Operations Committee

FROM: Scott K. Teruya, Director of Finance

DATE: Monday, April 10, 2023

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DIANE NAKAGAWA, TO
THE PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-
2026

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

I respectfully offer **strong support** for the confirmation of Ms. Diane Nakagawa to serve as a member of the Procurement Policy Board.

While my experience working with Ms. Nakagawa has been infrequent over the past 3 years, I can affirm that she has been extremely accessible and supportive in conducting business between the Counties. Ms. Nakagawa has been instrumental in addressing our challenges and questions in various Statewide County "Request for Proposals" in her capacity as Hawai'i County's Purchasing Agent. She too also took the time to listen and thoroughly understand our concerns, and has made herself available repeatedly in navigating the requirements of the procurement laws.

Ms. Nakagawa has demonstrated a high level of professionalism and always maintains a pleasant personality. If appointed, I am certain that her work with the Department of Finance as both the Purchasing Agent and now the Deputy Director will be greatly beneficial to the State and its partners.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Ms. Nakagawa, and GM 610. Mahalo for your consideration.

GM-610

Submitted on: 4/10/2023 1:37:54 PM

Testimony for GVO on 4/11/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DOUGLASS S ADAMS	Testifying for Department of Research & Development, County of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the confirmation of Diane Nakagawa as a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Procurement Policy Board for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

I am proud and honored to support Diane for this important position. She has served as my go-to expert for issues associated with procurement, both during her time as the Purchasing Official for the County of Hawai'i, and more recently as the Deputy Director for the Department of Finance, County of Hawai'i. This has been extremely important as my department has responsibility for reviewing the variety of grant opportunities that have been coming from the federal government over the last few years. Diane's guidance continues to ensure that we make the most of these funds for the people of the Island of Hawai'i, while doing so within the guardrails that the federal, state and county governments' procurement systems set up for transparent and fair deployment of taxpayer funds.

Diane Nakagawa offers sage advice, protects the county, and continues to be one of the finest public servants I have had the honor to work with over my forty years of public and non-profit duties. I strongly encourage the committee to recommend her confirmation to the Senate.

very respectfully,

Douglass S Adams

Director, Research and Development

County of Hawai'i

GM-610

Submitted on: 4/9/2023 3:20:51 PM

Testimony for GVO on 4/11/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruth A. Baker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of the nomination of Diane Nakagawa to the Procurement Policy Board.

Ms. Nakagawa contributes her high-level of county government experience, her perspective as a representative of county government and Hawai'i Island, and her sincere desire to give back to the community through this volunteer Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

April 6, 2023

The Honorable Chair, Angus L.K. McKelvey
and Members of the Committee on Government Operations

State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair McKelvey and Committee Members:

Re: Testimony in Support of Diane Nakagawa's nomination to the
Procurement Policy Board (GM 610)
Hearing: Tuesday, February 11, 2023, 3:00 p.m., Rm. 225 via
videoconference

As the former Deputy Director of Finance for the County of Hawai'i, I had the pleasure of working with Ms. Nakagawa for approximately 2.5 years while she served as Purchasing Agent. I found her strong work ethic, attention to detail, and overall knowledge of procurement to be impeccable. Diane's dedication to her job would be strenuously tested during the COVID-19 pandemic as the demand for testing services, personal protective equipment, and cleaning supplies soared. She worked tirelessly managing her regular workload while simultaneously spending countless hours at Civil Defense making sure our employees had all the resources necessary to continue functioning during the pandemic. Diane's resourcefulness, efficiency, and willingness to work with every department are personal attributes that contributed to her success as the Purchasing Agent. If confirmed, Ms. Nakagawa will bring this same collaborative approach, along with extensive procurement knowledge, to the Procurement Policy Board.

I respectfully request that the Committee on Government Operations confirm Diane Nakagawa to the Procurement Policy Board.

Sincerely,



Steven A. Hunt
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GM-610

Submitted on: 4/10/2023 10:13:53 AM

Testimony for GVO on 4/11/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keyra K. Wong, Esq.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in ***strong support on G. M. 610 for the confirmation of Diane Nakagawa*** to serve as a member of the Procurement Policy Board.

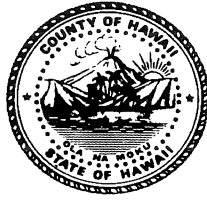
I have known and worked closely with Ms. Nakagawa in my professional capacity as a deputy corporation counsel for the County of Hawai‘i. In Ms. Nakagawa’s role first as the County’s Purchasing Agent and currently as the County’s Deputy Finance Director, she has been able to demonstrate her extensive experience in public administration and proficiency in economic development, budget, and finance. Her leadership positions in her previous professional capacities likewise show her commitment to the public interest, and she would thus make her an asset and ideal nominee to the Procurement Policy Board.

Both my and Ms. Nakagawa’s positions within the County of Hawai‘i lend us to working closely together on a frequent basis. In our interactions, I have come to learn that Ms. Nakagawa has the unparalleled ability to foster collaborative relationships with various County and State individuals in such a way that consistently brings positivity and productivity to key County issues. Her friendly and calm demeanor, strong communication, and interpersonal skills are necessary attributes for a board member whose interactions are not solely limited to other members, but also extend to the public and other professionals.

Ms. Nakagawa is highly competent and knowledgeable in procurement and other finance-related issues. Her extensive experience as the Vice President of Business Development of the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce, Arizona, and the Community and Economic Development Deputy Director for the City of Phoenix, Arizona, demonstrates her capacity to understand complex procurement, contract, and code compliance issues. As the County of Hawai‘i’s former Purchasing Agent, Ms. Nakagawa’s ability to coordinate among various Hawai‘i County agencies and personnel on procurement policies and management demonstrates her commitment to carrying out and effectuating the purpose and provisions of Chapter 103D, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, and the implementing administrative procurement rules. As Hawai‘i County’s current Deputy Finance Director, she is tasked with overseeing Hawai‘i County’s Purchasing Division and remains closely involved in the County’s procurement operations. Her in-depth knowledge in these areas make her a highly qualified nominee in this regard.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that your committee advise and consent to Ms. Nakagawa's nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 610.

JON HENRICKS
County Clerk



AARON BROWN
Deputy County Clerk

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TESTIMONY OF
AARON BROWN, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
HAWAI'I COUNTY

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Tuesday, April 11, 2023
3:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

In Consideration of GM 610, the Nomination of Diane Nakagawa to the
Procurement Policy Board

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

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in STRONG support of GM 610, the nomination of Diane Nakagawa to the Procurement Policy Board. I have had the privilege to work alongside Diane both, while she was previously the County of Hawai'i's Purchasing Specialist, and now in her current role as the Deputy Director of Finance. During this time I witnessed a leader who is not only passionate about serving the people of our State and County of Hawai'i, where she is born and raised, but also someone who is intelligent, ethical, and is astute in procurement law and policy. Diane is a problem solver who has demonstrated high level skills in decision making, management, and working well under pressure when required.

Since Diane arrived at the County of Hawai'i in 2019, after 20+ years working in economic development and public administration, she has been integral in helping guide the executive and legislative branches in understanding and following Chapter 103D, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) for all procurement processes. Her knowledge of procurement law and ability to work collaboratively with others was essential for navigating the proper procurement methods for the wide range of functions/needs in County government.

Diane's education, a bachelor degree in Political Science from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and a Master of Public Administration degree from Arizona State University's School of Public Affairs, further supports her qualifications and abilities to take on the challenges and responsibilities this board faces.

Diane's work experience, professional skills, and education make her more than qualified to serve on this board and I am confident that if confirmed, the board will be more than lucky to have her as a member. I respectfully ask that the committee approve the nomination of Diane Nakagawa for the position on the Procurement Policy Board.

Mahalo for your consideration.

GM-610

Submitted on: 4/10/2023 12:01:52 PM

Testimony for GVO on 4/11/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malia Kekai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Governor's Messgae No. 610, consideration and confirmation of Diane Nakagawa to the Procurement Policy Board.

I strongly support the confirmation of Diane Nakagwa.

Ms. Nakagawa and I have worked closely together on many complex procurement issues for Hawaii County. First, her as the purchasing agent and I as a deputy coporation counsel and now her as deputy finance director and I as deputy director of the department of public works. Ms. Nakagawa is a model public servant. She has an exemplary work ethic and attention to detail. She is willing to put in the work necessary to help other achieve their goals. She is kind, professional, and courteous to everyone she works with.

For these reasons, I strongly support Ms. Nakagawa's confirmation.

Malia Kekai

Deputy Director

Hawaii County Department of Public Works