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Statement of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**  
Thursday, April 13, 2023  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of  
**GM 636**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Community-Based Economic  
Development Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAREN BARR, for a term to  
expire 06-30-2023.**

Chair DeCoite, Vice-Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **strongly supports GM 636**, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Community-Based Economic Development (CBED) Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Karen Barr, for a term to expire 6-30-2023.

Ms. Barr has unselfishly volunteered her time and expertise to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council to fill a vacant Oahu representative position on the CBED Advisory Council for a 4-year term.

Ms. Barr, after being away for eighteen months, considers herself a community-minded local girl who has returned to Honolulu to make a difference. She is in strong support of DBEDT's mission to achieve a Hawaii economy that embraces innovation and is globally competitive, dynamic and productive, providing opportunities for all Hawaii's citizens, and wants to see Hawaii's economy diversified. She is interested in serving on the Community-Based Economic Development (CBED) Advisory Council because she wants to help businesses, especially small businesses, to scale through CBED's low interest loans.

Ms. Barr is a graduate of Washington State University, with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science Major with Business Minor. She counts among her skills: Relationship Management; Written and Oral Communications; Training; Social Media Posting; Creative Publications; Business Development; and Recruitment. Her passions are focused on helping organizations that

support empowering women, improving the lives of children, caring for the environment, and helping promote Hawaiian culture.

She is a Member of the Kahala Sunrise Rotary Club (2021-present); Member of Moku `aina A Wakinekona Hawaiian Civic Club (2010-present); Volunteer, Honolulu Habitat Wahine Build 2022; Member, Past Board Chair & Volunteer, Dry Tikes & Wet Wipes (2017-2021); and Member & Power of the Purse Planning Committee, Women United (2017-2020).

We at DBEDT believe the experience, skills, and commitment Ms. Barr brings to the CBED Program and CBED Advisory Council will prove invaluable to our State, Department, communities, and small businesses.

We humbly ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of **Ms. Karen Barr** to a 4-year term with the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council to expire 06-30-2023.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

**GM-636**

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Testimony for EET on 4/13/2023 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO !!