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Statement of
Craig K. Nakamoto, Executive Director
Hawai'i Community Development Authority

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Thursday, April 13, 2023
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration, of
GM 662
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Hawai'i Community Development Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee,
PETER APO, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the Committee.

The Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports GM 662**, that considers confirmation of Mr. Peter Apo as the Cultural Specialist on the HCDA Board, with a term expiring on June 30, 2027.

Mr. Apo brings with him a total of 40 years of dedicated experience in public service; as a neighborhood board Chair, a Trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), and a legislator in the State House of Representatives for 14 years.

Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Apo has extensive experience as a Native Hawaiian leader and in the culture and arts. He was a founding member of the Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association and served as its past chairman and its Director of Culture & Education. He chaired the boards of both the Historic Hawai'i Foundation and Pacific Islanders in Communications. Mr. Apo served as the City & County of Honolulu's Director of Culture and Arts, and later as the Special Assistant on Hawaiian Affairs to Governor Ben Cayetano.

Mr. Apo is currently serving as the Vice Chairperson and the Cultural Specialist on the HCDA Board and brings great expertise to Authority matters. He is aware of the requirements and responsibilities for serving on the Authority and HCDA looks forward to continuing to work with Mr. Apo as we continue our path forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support.



Ka Moku'aina 'O Hawai'i Aha Moku O Pae'Aina

State of Hawai'i Aha Moku

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Testimony of the Hawaii State Aha Moku
Before the Senate Committee on
Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
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The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports this Gubernatorial Nominee.

Based on his extensive experience in policymaking, legislature, and planning within and for the State of Hawaii,
Aha Moku supports Peter Apo as a member of the HCDA. His expertise and leadership among the diverse
communities that make up the Public Trust is deeply respected.

As a well-known businessman he is admired for his integrity and honesty. His love and pride for his home –
Hawaii is always shared with residents and visitors. Mr. Apo was raised with the traditional values of his culture
emphasizing a love for his environment and its protection. He extends that perspective to the HCDA with aloha.

Thank you for the opportunity to sharing our mana'o with you. We support Peter Apo's nomination to the
HCDA and urge his confirmation.

Respectfully,

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