

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3921

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 22 2024

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 702,  
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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 702 and 703, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAI'I TOURISM AUTHORITY

G.M. No. 702 MUFI HANNEMANN,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2027.  
(Chairperson designation removed by  
GM755); and

G.M. No. 703 BLAINE MIYASATO,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2027,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Mufi Hannemann and Blaine Miyasato for service on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

MUFI HANNEMANN

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Mufi Hannemann from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Department of Education; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; Mayor of the County of Kaua'i; Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; three members of the Honolulu City and Council; two members of the



Hawai'i County Council; four members of the Kaua'i County Council; one member of the Maui County Council; Honolulu Emergency Services Department; Waikiki Improvement Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii; Kālainokū Group Inc.; University Health Alliance; Imanaka Asato; Blue Hawaiian Helicopters; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME, Local 152, AFL-CIO; T S Restaurants Management, Inc.; Ka La'i Waikiki Beach; Hawaii Fire Fighters Association; International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1463 AFL-CIO; Kekaha Agriculture Association; Robert's Hawaii Inc.; Westin Maui Resort & Spa; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 1186; Hawai'i Visitors & Convention Bureau; Farrington High School; Surfjack Hotel & Swim Club; Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 293 Hawaii; Hawai'i Gas; Albert C. Kobayashi, Inc.; Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Ironworkers Local 625; Outrigger Hospitality Group; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; Hawai'i Ag & Culinary Alliance; Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection; Kyo-ya Management Company, Ltd.; Bank of Hawaii; Hawktree International Inc.; Halekulani Corporation; Tihati Productions, Ltd.; Honolulu Marathon; and fifty-five individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Hannemann's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify him for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority as an at-large member. During the course of Mr. Hannemann's career, he has gained broad experience and knowledge about the State's hospitality and tourism industry. Your Committee notes that Mr. Hannemann has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association since 2015 where he has advocated for the interests of the hospitality industry through government affairs, communication and outreach, and philanthropy. Prior to that, Mr. Hannemann served the City and County of Honolulu for over ten years as a Councilmember and Mayor, demonstrating his ability to coordinate with governmental agencies to bolster the State's tourism industry. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Hannemann has served as an interim member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority since July 2023 and has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of its members. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mufi Hannemann be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.



BLAINE MIYASATO

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Blaine Miyasato from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Transportation; Department of Transportation Airports Division; Imanaka Asato; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; Hawai'i Ag & Culinary Alliance; and eighteen individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Miyasato's background, experience, and dedication to public service qualify him for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority as an at-large member. Your Committee notes that Mr. Miyasato has been the Managing Director of State and Local Government Affairs, Corporate Communications for Hawaiian Airlines since 2018 where he represents the interests of Hawaiian Airlines in all matters involving state, local, and county government. Mr. Miyasato has served Hawaiian Airlines since 1985 and has held various roles that demonstrate his ability to implement innovative solutions in the State's airline industry and knowledge about the State's hospitality and tourism industry. Mr. Miyasato is also active in his community, serving as a member of the Hawaii Business Roundtable and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Miyasato has served as an interim member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority since July 2023 and has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of its members. Your Committee therefore recommends that Blaine Miyasato be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority based on his experience, background, and dedication to public service.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy, Economic  
Development, and Tourism,

  
LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Second Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

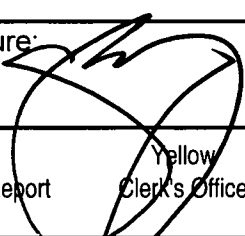
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DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓				
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓				
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓				
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓				
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused	
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓				
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FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓				
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓				
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