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Statement of  
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Stadium Authority  
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

Tuesday, April 1, 2025  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

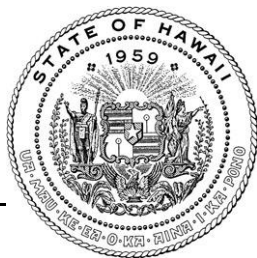
In consideration of  
**G.M. 601**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STADIUM**  
**AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WALTER THOEMMES III,**  
**FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028**

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Mr. Walter Thoemmes III to the Stadium Authority Board of Directors. Mr. Thoemmes has been serving as an interim Board Member since July 2024 and has proven to be a valuable contributor to the Stadium Authority's recent successes. Mr. Thoemmes expertise in land development and leasing matters in his professional capacity with Kamehameha Schools, will further guide the Stadium Authority in its development and management of the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District project.

In conclusion, I respectfully ask for the Committee's favorable consideration in confirming gubernatorial nominee, Mr. Walter Thoemmes III to the Stadium Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire on June 30, 2028.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Mr. Thoemmes III.



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**GM 601**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the**  
**Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee,**  
**WALTER THOEMMES III, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.**

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

I support the confirmation of Walter Thoemmes III to the Stadium Authority.

Currently, Walter serves on the boards for INPEACE, Move O'ahu Forward, and the Sustainability Business Forum, and is also a member of the American Institute of Architects and Urban Land Institute, among other organizations. Previously, he has served on the board for the Hawai'i Developers Council and been a member of the Pacific Resource Partnership TOD Workgroup, International Facilities Management Association, Construction Owners of America Association, American Planning Association, and the Constructions Specifications Institute.

Walter has a professional background in project management, capital plan development, and facilities design and management. He has extensive leadership experience in Hawai'i's real estate industry with a commitment to sustainability and being mindful of community impacts.

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With Walter's extensive experience in strategy development and alignment, real estate portfolio management, and land planning and development, as well as his commitment to Hawaiian culture and values, he will be a valuable asset to the Stadium Authority.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer my support.

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial  
Nominee, WALTER THOEMMES III, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

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Aloha Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committee on Economic  
Development and Tourism,

I ask for your support for Governor's Message 601, the nomination of Walter Thoemmes III  
to the Stadium Authority. I have known Walter for nearly 20 years. I got to know and work with  
Walter through his work with Kamehameha Schools. Walter has great expertise in construction,  
land development and land stewardship. Aside from his expertise, the trait I admire most about  
Walter is his ability to relate to people and problem solve. Walter has and will always care for  
the people of Hawaii in the decisions that he makes. Walter will be a great asset as a member  
of the Stadium Authority.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.  
Stephen M. Teves

TESTIMONY  
OF  
**RYAN G. ANDREWS**

Before the  
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**AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WALTER THOEMMES,**  
**FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2028**

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

My name is Ryan Andrews, and I am writing in strong support of Walter Thoemmes' confirmation as a member of the Stadium Authority. Walter brings decades of leadership experience in real estate development, land planning, and strategic portfolio management, making him an invaluable asset to the Stadium Authority at this critical juncture as it shifts from operating and maintaining a stadium to overseeing land ownership and managing contracts with a master developer.

His tenure at Kamehameha Schools demonstrates his ability to oversee complex, large-scale development projects that balance financial sustainability with community impact. Walter's deep understanding of Hawai'i's economic landscape, coupled with his extensive relationships across government, finance, labor, and Native Hawaiian communities, uniquely positions him to contribute meaningfully to the future of the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED). Notably, he has a proven track record with working with the prime member of Aloha Halawa Development Partners, the team that is currently negotiating with the Stadium Authority on the NASED project.

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Walter's impact extends beyond his professional expertise as he is deeply committed to improving the quality of life in Hawai'i. His leadership in sustainability, smart growth, and governance aligns with the mission of the Stadium Authority to develop a world-class venue that serves both residents and visitors. His track record of collaboration, strategic vision, and commitment to excellence will be instrumental in ensuring the success of this transformative project.

I respectfully urge the committee to confirm Walter Thoemmes to the Stadium Authority. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ryan Andrews