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Testimony of
JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Thursday, April 10, 2025
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
GM 736
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation,
Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT CHUN, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto and members of the Committee.

I support the confirmation of Mr. Grant Chun to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC).

Mr. Chun has extensive leadership experience and was recognized as one of Hawai'i's Most Admired Leaders in 2024 by Pacific Business News and also received the Silver Beaver Award from Maui County Council Boy Scouts of America and Spirit of Maui Award by Maui High School Hall of Honor.

Grant has been actively involved in the community including board service with the State of Hawai'i Board of Education, Hawai'i Homeownership Center, Alexander & Baldwin Foundation, County Public Health Facility Management Advisory Committee, Maui Chamber of Commerce, Maui Coastal Land Trust, Maui Economic Development Board, Maui Economic Opportunity, Maui Historical Society Board of Trustees, University of Hawai'i Maui College, and more.

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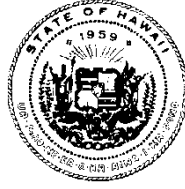
His professional experience includes his work in both the private and public sectors as an attorney, managing director at the County of Maui, vice president with A&B Properties, Inc., and executive director at Hale Mahaolu.

With his legal background, knowledge of real estate and land management, and experience with serving on a number of boards with broad scope, I believe that Mr. Chun has the skills and experience to serve on the Board of Directors for HHFDC.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer my support.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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DEAN MINAKAMI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII

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Statement of
DEAN MINAKAMI
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

April 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of
GM 736

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Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee,
GRANT CHUN, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.**

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and members of the Committee.

HHFDC **supports** the nomination of Grant Chun to serve on HHFDC's Board of Directors.

Mr. Chun has a wealth of experience in affordable and supportive housing, and land development across public, private, and nonprofit sectors in Maui. For the past seven years, until his retirement in September 2024, he served as executive director of Hale Mahaolu, a nonprofit affordable housing developer and provider on Maui. Between 2003 and 2017, Mr. Chun served as a Vice President at Alexander & Baldwin Properties, where he headed the corporation's office on Maui.

Mr. Chun's extensive community and board service includes AARP Hawaii, Hale Makua, Maui Chinese Cultural Society, and Maui Young Business Round Table, all of which he is still actively involved with.

Mr. Chun is a proud graduate of Maui High School. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Public Relations at the University of Southern California and his juris doctor from the University of California- Hastings College of the Law.

His credentials, knowledge, experience, and commitment to affordable housing will serve the board well.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for GM 736.

GM-736

Submitted on: 4/3/2025 12:42:47 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stacy Sur	Testifying for Hawaii Housing Finance, LLC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We strongly support Governor Green's nomination of Grant Chun to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Hawaii Housing Finance, LLC, is the largest local investor in affordable rental housing in the state. Since 1996, we have invested in 41 projects across the four counties, and financed 2,762 long-term affordable rental housing units.

Grant is a staunch ally of affordable housing and he has the background and the expertise to be a valuable asset to the HHFDC Board.

I have known Grant for many years. He is able to work with many different constituencies to great effect. He has a keen mind for detail, and is able to communicate complex matters with clarity and efficiency.

Grant's background in the private sector, and as Executive Director of a non-profit developer/service provider, has provided him with a unique perspective of what it takes to produce affordable housing in the State.

If confirmed, then Grant will be able to provide the HHFDC Board with real hands-on insight into what it takes to build affordable housing from the ground up, and for the long term. This perspective is a very rare and unique commodity.

We wholeheartedly urge the Legislature to appoint Grant Chun for the Board of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.



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**The State Legislature
Senate Committee on Housing
Thursday, April 10, 2025
1:00 p.m.**

TO: The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
FROM: Keali'i S. López, State Director
RE: Support for G.M. 736 – Grant Chun, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation

Aloha Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

I am Keali'i Lopez, State Director of AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, social impact organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. We advocate at the state and federal level for the issues that matter most to older adults and their families. On behalf of our nearly 135,000 members statewide, thank you for the opportunity to share our testimony.

AARP is in strong support for Grant Chun's candidacy for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC). Grant Chun's extensive qualifications and background make him an exemplary candidate for this position as highlighted below:

- Executive Director at Hale Mahaolu: Grant Chun led this organization with distinction, focusing on affordable housing and community services.
- Vice President at A&B Properties, Inc: He demonstrated exceptional leadership and management skills, overseeing numerous development projects and managing significant real estate portfolios.
- Managing Director for the County of Maui: His tenure in public service highlights his commitment to community development and governance.
- Attorney at Carlsmith Ball and Case & Lynch: His legal expertise, particularly in real estate and development law, equips him with the knowledge necessary to navigate the complexities of housing finance and development.

Mr. Chun's legal education provides a strong foundation for understanding and addressing legal and regulatory issues in housing development. He has served on numerous boards, including the Young Brothers, LLC, AARP Hawaii, Hale Makua, and the Maui Chinese Cultural Society. His

extensive board experience demonstrates his dedication to community service and leadership. Throughout his career, Grant Chun has been a vocal advocate for affordable housing solutions. His efforts to promote sustainable and inclusive housing developments align with the mission of the HHFDC.

In conclusion, Grant Chun's extensive qualifications, professional experience, and dedication to community service make him an outstanding candidate for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. AARP wholeheartedly supports his candidacy and believes that his contributions will be invaluable to the HHFDC and the residents of Hawaii.

Kris N. Nakagawa
1604 Ruth Place
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April 10, 2025

WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
The Honorable Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair and
Members of the Senate Committee on Housing
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Governor's Message 736, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, **GRANT CHUN**, for a term to expire June 30, 2029.

Hearing: Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 1 p.m.
Conference Room 225

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the appointment of **Grant Chun** to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

My name is Kris Nakagawa, and I am an attorney licensed in Hawaii since 1992 and presently employed at Young Brothers, LLC as its Vice President, External and Legal Affairs. I first met Mr. Chun in the early 1990s after I returned home from law school and began practicing law in Honolulu.

In sum, I believe Mr. Chun has the requisite character, knowledge, leadership skills and experience, particularly in the area in financing and development of affordable housing, to sufficiently perform the necessary duties as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. As a colleague, I found him to be honest, fair, ethical and impartial in his decisions, and is passionate and dedicated in community service, as reflected in his resume. From my perspective, Mr. Chun also always (1) looks out for others and works together collaboratively as one team toward common goals; and (2) strives to provide the best public service to people of Hawaii. Accordingly, I believe Mr. Chun will be a great asset to the State of Hawaii.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration in the appointment of Mr. Chun as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Sincerely,

Kris N. Nakagawa

GM-736

Submitted on: 4/3/2025 10:52:42 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reina Miyamoto	Testifying for Hawaii HomeOwnership Center	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation:

My name is Reina Miyamoto and I'm the Executive Director for the Hawaii HomeOwnership Center (HHOC). Grant Chun was a board member for 6 years with HHOC during his tenure as Executive Director of Hale Maholu on Maui.

I strongly support Grant to be confirmed on the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's board of directors. He would be an incredible asset to provide leadership and expertise to move HHFDC's mission forward.

Grant is incredibly competent and experienced in so many facets related to housing that would support your board. His legal background would also be helpful in how he views issues and how to respond to them. In addition to this, Grant is very thoughtful regarding how to accomplish tasks, foster collaboration, and surface issues that need to be addressed. The work of HHFDC is so important – adding Grant to your board would help to foster forward movement while protecting the interests of the corporation.

I've always admired and have been impressed with Grant. Even during the most stressful times when the demands of staff, the people he serves, and the tasks were overwhelming, he would communicate calmly and clearly while forging a path forward to ensure that those he has been entrusted to serve are taken care of.

Please confirm Grant for your board of directors – I think he would contribute to a brighter future for our communities through the contributions he will make through HHFDC.

If you have questions about my experience working with Grant, please contact me at 808-292-0304 or reina@hihomeownership.org.

Sincerely,

Reina Miyamoto

Hawaii HomeOwnership Center, Executive Director

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HALE MAHAOLU
WHERE ALOHA LIVES

Senate Committee on Housing

April 8, 2025

Hearing for GM736, Consideration of Grant Chun for Board membership at Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Thursday April 10, 2025 at 1:00pm, Conference Room 225.

RE: Strong Support for Grant Chun to Become a Board Member at the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. (GM736)

Dear Chair Chang and Vice Chair Hashimoto,

It is with great enthusiasm and full confidence that I submit this letter of support for Mr. Grant Chun's nomination to serve as a board member of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC). I have had the privilege of working alongside Mr. Chun during his tenure as Executive Director of Hale Mahaolu, and I can attest firsthand to his unwavering commitment to affordable housing and community development in Hawaii.

Mr. Chun's extensive and diverse professional background makes him exceptionally well-suited to serve on the HHFDC board. His early legal career at Carlsmith Ball provided him with a strong foundation in navigating the complex legal frameworks that often accompany housing and development initiatives. His experience as Managing Director of the County of Maui gave him invaluable insights into the inner workings of county government, public policy, and the challenges faced by local communities in securing adequate housing.

Further complementing his public service, Mr. Chun served as Vice President at Alexander & Baldwin, where he gained a deep understanding of real estate, land management, and private-sector development strategies. This combination of public and private sector expertise is rare and vital for making balanced, informed decisions that support both responsible development and the public good.

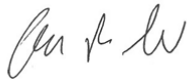
Most recently, in his role as Executive Director of Hale Mahaolu, Mr. Chun demonstrated strong leadership, compassion, and a deep commitment to improving the quality of life for Hawaii's seniors, families, and individuals. He led the organization through significant projects and challenges, always with a steady hand and a people-first mindset.

Mr. Chun brings a holistic perspective to housing—understanding it not just as a structure, but as a cornerstone of community well-being. His well-rounded experience, coupled with his integrity and collaborative spirit, would make him an exceptional asset to the HHFDC board.

I offer my strongest support for Mr. Grant Chun's appointment. I am confident he will serve with distinction and contribute meaningfully to HHFDC's mission to increase and preserve the supply of affordable housing across the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Hale Mahaolu

GM-736

Submitted on: 4/4/2025 9:41:37 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Moe Mohanna	Testifying for Highridge Costa	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Moe Mohanna, President of Highridge Costa Development Company, am respectfully writing to express my support for the nomination of Grant Chun, a distinguished architect with Lowney Architects in Honolulu, to serve as a director on the board of the Hawaiian Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC). Having known Grant for several years and worked closely with him on multiple affordable housing projects in Hawaii, I can attest to his exceptional professionalism, deep expertise, and unwavering commitment to improving our community through thoughtful design and collaboration.

Grant has served as the architect for several of our affordable housing developments, and his contributions have been nothing short of exemplary. His technical knowledge of architecture and urban planning is matched by his ability to approach challenges with a calm, analytic demeanor that fosters productive dialogue and innovative solutions. In every project, Grant has demonstrated a remarkable capacity to listen carefully to stakeholders—whether developers, community members, or government partners—ensuring that diverse perspectives are considered and integrated into the final design. This collaborative spirit, combined with his dedication to creating functional, sustainable, and affordable housing, makes him an ideal candidate for the HHFDC board.

Beyond his professional qualifications, Grant brings a personal integrity and a genuine passion for addressing Hawaii's housing needs. His work reflects a deep understanding of the unique cultural, environmental, and economic factors that shape our islands, and I have no doubt that he will bring this same insight and care to his role as a director. His ability to balance practicality with vision will be an asset to the HHFDC as it works to expand access to safe and affordable homes for Hawaii's residents.

I strongly endorse Grant Chun's nomination and urge you to confirm his appointment to the HHFDC board. His leadership, expertise, and commitment to public service will undoubtedly strengthen the corporation's mission and benefit the people of Hawaii for years to come.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

GM-736

Submitted on: 4/3/2025 11:17:01 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karey Kapoi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto and members of the committee:

I am writing in strong support of Grant Chun's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) for a term expiring June 30, 2029.

I have known Grant for over 20 years, and have always admired his steady leadership, integrity, and unwavering commitment to Hawai'i. His career reflects a rare blend of legal expertise, executive leadership, and public service—making him exceptionally qualified to serve on the board of HHFDC.

Grant's professional experience includes serving as Executive Director of Hale Mahaolu, where he oversaw affordable housing and senior services across Maui County, and as Vice President at A&B Properties, where he led key initiatives in real estate and community development. Earlier in his career, he served as Managing Director for the County of Maui, and practiced law for over a decade.

Grant's calm, thoughtful demeanor and his lifelong connection to the community he serves make him an ideal candidate for this role. I can think of no one better suited to contribute to the vital work of HHFDC during this critical time for housing in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support. Please feel free to reach out directly for any questions.

Respectfully,

Karey Kapoi

April 3, 2025

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi &
Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBMITTED VIA WEB

**RE: Nomination for Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and
Development Corporation – GM 736
Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 1:00 pm
Conference Room 225, State Capitol**

President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

I respectfully submit this written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the confirmation of **Grant Chun** as a Director on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC).

During my tenure as Associate General Counsel at A&B Properties, I worked directly with Mr. Chun when he served as Vice President of the Maui Office. Our professional relationship spanning over 10 years has given me clear insight into his exceptional qualifications.

Mr. Chun brings valuable expertise in development, entitlement processes, permitting procedures, and government relations - all critical to HHFDC's mission. What further distinguishes him is his dedicated community service through numerous volunteer boards and his impeccable character and integrity.

His comprehensive understanding of Hawaii's development landscape combined with his genuine commitment to community service makes him ideally suited for this position. The HHFDC would benefit tremendously from his knowledge and ethical approach to addressing Hawaii's housing challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nikki Senter



ALEXANDER & BALDWIN
PARTNERS FOR HAWAII

April 10, 2025

The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Housing
Thirty-Third Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Chair Chang and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this letter in strong support of confirmation of Grant Chun's to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC).

I have worked closely with Grant Chun for over two decades, not only during our time together at A&B, but also in his government role as Managing Director of the County of Maui and his non-profit role as the Executive Director of Hale Mahaolu. Grant is uniquely skilled to serve on the HHFDC board, with his background in government at the County of Maui, in developing housing projects while at A&B, and operating housing projects while at Hale Mahaolu. He embodies the perfect trifecta of government, private sector and non-profit experience which, added to his extensive volunteer work with numerous Maui community organizations and non-profits, provides him with a unique knowledge and perspective that will be very valuable to the work of HHFDC. In addition, Grant is a hard worker with solid values who commits himself 100% to anything that he takes on. I greatly value my years of working alongside of him.

The people of Hawaii are very fortunate to have someone of Grant's experience and caliber willing to volunteer his time to help further the state's housing goals, for all or our benefit. I humbly urge this committee to support the confirmation of Grant Chun to the HHFDC board.

Sincerely,

Meredith Ching
Executive Vice President
External Affairs

GM-736

Submitted on: 4/3/2025 2:38:23 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gil Keith-Agaran	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair, and Troy Hashimoto, Vice-Chair, and members of the committee.

I wholeheartedly support the Governor's nomination of Grant Chun to the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation board.

Grant is simply one of the best persons who can assist this important agency in addressing one of the continuing challenges of providing more housing for our people. While he is now officially retired, he is the kind of guy who will put in the time and energy that is needed to fulfill HHFDC's mission.

I admit knowing (and admiring) Grant for almost half a century. We attended Maui High School together (when the Kahului campus could truly be characterized as the "new" Maui High School—the school gym didn't open until his senior year, my junior year) where Grant was a much renowned student body and class leader (in one of the best classes that Maui High has had where students attended prestigious colleges like UC Berkeley, Pomona, Harvard, Yale, and even the University of Southern California like Grant) and one of the smart speech and debate, key club kids. He had a reputation as someone organized, friendly and reliable. He deservedly was named to the Maui High School Hall of Fame in 2016.

We attended law school in the Bay Area in the late-1980s. After Hastings, Grant returned to Maui right away to practice. When I moved home in the early 1990s we worked together in the Wailuku office of a prominent local law firm.

He served ably as Managing Director in the administration of Maui County Mayor Kimo Apana. After his county service, Alexander & Baldwin hired Grant to help manage its Valley Isle land holdings and developments, working through land use, zoning and community issues often as the local face of the company. He ended his private working life as head of Hale Mahaolu, the prime developer and manager of our island's senior independent living complexes.

Throughout his working life, Grant earned a reputation as honest, dedicated and civil and someone who treated people with courtesy and respect. People naturally wanted someone like Grant—with his knowledge, experience and passion – on their boards and committees. In his life, Grant has served on almost every board and committee that touches on some aspect and issue that makes Maui No Ka Oi and one of the best places to live, work and raise our families—

the hospital foundation board, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Maui Economic Development Board, Maui County Fair, appointed State Board of Education, Central Maui's Family YMCA, Legal Aid Society, various bar committees, Boy Scouts (Maui Council), Maui Economic Opportunity are among the boards who have been fortunate to have Grant serve. So Health, Education, Social and Community welfare are all areas where Grant has contributed – not just a figure head board member but as someone who participates and takes action.

But throughout his life—despite important jobs and busy volunteer commitments-- Grant has been a devoted husband to Joyce (an educator who has now retired from Baldwin High School), a loving son to his parents, and a great father to Alex and Katherine (he spent time on Iao School and Baldwin High committees and boards where his children attended). Grant is simply someone who has tried to do what's right in whatever role he plays, and more often than not, has maintained a life that's balanced with community and civic involvement but who hasn't sacrificed the importance of a fulfilling family life.

I am sure that HHFDC, the state and the people who will benefit if HHFDC succeeds, will be well served if you recommend Grant for confirmation by the full Senate.

Mahalo,

GM-736

Submitted on: 4/3/2025 2:51:42 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Edward Romson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for Grant Chun's appointment to the Board of Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC).

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Grant Chun for the past ten years through our collaborative efforts at Hale Makua Health Services. Through this professional relationship, I have witnessed firsthand Grant's exceptional character, strategic vision, and unwavering commitment to addressing Hawaii's critical housing needs.

Grant's exemplary leadership as the Executive Director of Hale Mahaolu is well-documented and speaks directly to his qualifications for this appointment. Under his guidance, Hale Mahaolu has expanded its capacity to serve seniors and low-income residents with affordable housing solutions throughout Maui County. His hands-on experience with the complex challenges of developing and maintaining affordable housing makes him an invaluable asset to the HHFDC Board.

Additionally, Grant brings to this position an extensive network of relationships with key influencers on Maui, throughout the State of Hawaii, and at the national level. These connections will prove instrumental in fostering the collaborative partnerships necessary to address Hawaii's pressing housing crisis.

What truly distinguishes Grant is his compassionate advocacy. Throughout our decade of collaboration, I have consistently observed his genuine commitment to understanding and addressing the needs of those he serves. He approaches complex housing issues with analytical rigor and sincere empathy - qualities essential for effective service on the HHFDC Board.

Grant Chun's appointment would significantly strengthen the HHFDC's capacity to fulfill its critical mission. His relevant experience, extensive professional network, and compassionate leadership make him exceptionally qualified to contribute to Hawaii's affordable housing governance.

I respectfully urge you to confirm his appointment.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Ed Romson

Thursday, April 10, 2025, 1:00 PM
Conference Room 225

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2025

THE HONORABLE STANLEY CHANG, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE TROY HASHIMOTO, VICE CHAIR

GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE GRANT CHUN
SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAI'I HOUSING
FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Testimony of Michele Sunahara Loudermilk

for

Governor's Message 736

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and members of the Senate Committee on Housing:

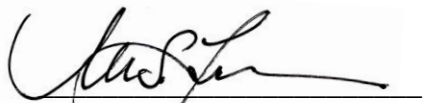
I write in strong support of confirming Grant Chun to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation. I worked with Mr. Chun at Alexander & Baldwin/A & B Properties, Inc. from 2005-2017, where I served as Associate General Counsel and collaborated with Mr. Chun on real estate matters in his capacity as Vice President.

Mr. Chun has always cared deeply about his community and the people who live in it, and this is best illustrated by his resume, which is filled with community service spanning more than 30 years, particularly in the areas of housing, education, and medical care. In addition, Mr. Chun does not just sit on boards; he is an active and thoughtful participant.

Mr. Chun's objective talents as a lawyer for nearly 40 years, the former Managing Director of Maui County, Executive Director of Hale Mahaolu, and Vice President of A & B Properties alone make him well equipped for this position. What makes Mr. Chun preeminently qualified, however, is his empathy, his genuinely kind nature, and his commitment to the people of the State of Hawai'i.

I support Mr. Chun's confirmation to the Board of Directors without reservation. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,



Michele Sunahara Loudermilk

Jeremiah V. Ana
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April 3, 2025

WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
The Honorable Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair and
Members of the Senate Committee on Housing
Hawaii State Capitol, Room CR225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Governor's Message 736, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, **GRANT CHUN**, for a term to expire June 30, 2029.

Hearing: Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 1 p.m.
Conference Room 225

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the appointment of **Grant Chun** to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

My name is Jeremiah Ana, and I am CPA (inactive) employed at Young Brothers, LLC as its President. I first met Mr. Chun in the early 2022 while recruiting community leaders for an independent board of directors.

In sum, I believe Mr. Chun has the requisite character, knowledge, leadership skills and experience, particularly in the area in financing and development of affordable housing, to sufficiently perform the necessary duties as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. In the time I have worked with Mr. Chun, I found him to be honest, fair, ethical and impartial in his decisions, and is passionate and dedicated to community service, as reflected by his resume. From my perspective, Mr. Chun also always (1) looks out for others and works together collaboratively as one team toward common goals; and (2) strives to provide the best public service to people of Hawaii. Accordingly, I believe Mr. Chun will be a great asset to the State of Hawaii.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration in the appointment of Mr. Chun as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah V. Ana

GM-736

Submitted on: 4/3/2025 3:43:53 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tony Gaston	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is with pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Grant Chun to serve as a Board of Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC). Grant has an excellent reputation and is very experienced in both the public and private sectors as evidenced by his terms at Hale Mahaolu, A&B Properties, and County of Maui. This asset allows Grant to see different sides of any issue and surmise the most effective means of completing a task.

I have personal experience with Grant as I worked with him at A&B Properties. Grant was always fair and reasonable with all decision making and contributed in a very positive manner. He was always a pleasure to work with. I sincerely hope the selection committee favorably considers Grant as a Board of Director of HHFDC.

Sincerely,

Tony Gaston, Sr. Vice President

Hunt Development Group

GM-736

Submitted on: 4/3/2025 5:14:58 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily Porter	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GRANT CHUN

Appointment to the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Grant Chun to the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC). With an extensive background in real estate, land use, and affordable housing development, Grant brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to our community that make him exceptionally well-qualified for this role.

Grant has devoted much of his career to land use, development, and housing, serving in key leadership positions across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. As a land use attorney at Carlsmith Ball, he gained critical expertise in planning and entitlement. Later, as Managing Director for the County of Maui and Vice President at A&B Properties, Grant played important roles including leading the development of numerous projects that balanced economic growth with community needs.

Most notably, Grant recently retired after seven years as the Executive Director of Hale Mahaolu, a nonprofit dedicated to developing and operating affordable rental housing, primarily for seniors. This experience is particularly relevant to HHFDC's mission, as it reflects not only his understanding of and dedication to delivering much-needed housing but also a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities in affordable housing development.

Beyond his professional achievements, Grant is deeply committed to public service and has a long history of civic engagement. A graduate of Maui High School, USC, and Hastings College of the Law, he has remained steadfast in his dedication to improving the lives of Hawai'i's residents.

I have also had the privilege of serving alongside Grant as a fellow board member. Through this experience, I have seen firsthand the qualities that will make him an excellent addition to HHFDC—he is always well-prepared, thoughtful, and humble in his approach to problem-solving and collaboration. These traits will serve him well in guiding HHFDC's efforts to address Hawai'i's housing needs.

Given Grant's extensive experience, leadership, and lifelong commitment to our community, I strongly urge the committee to confirm his appointment. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support.

Sincerely,
Emily Porter
(Chief Operating Officer, MacNaughton)

GM-736

Submitted on: 4/4/2025 10:23:09 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dan Yasui	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to support Grant Chun's appointment to the Board of the HHFDC.

Grant is highly qualified for this role. He and I worked together on various development projects at Alexander & Baldwin. These resulted in the provision of affordable housing for Maui residents. Grant subsequently served as Executive Director of Hale Mahaolu, where he continued to provide affordable housing opportunities for Maui seniors.

Grant has the experience and knowledge to greatly contribute to the mission of the HHFDC. However, perhaps more importantly, Grant is a good person who truly cares about helping others. His appointment to the Board will be another opportunity for him to continue helping our community.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Grant's behalf.

Dan Yasui

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April 4, 2025

Hawai'i State Senate, Housing Committee
The Honorable Senator Stanley Chang, Chair and Members of the Senate Housing Committee
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Appointment of Grant Chun to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation

Dear Chair Chang and Members of the Senate Housing Committee,

I have had the privilege of being a colleague and friend of Grant Chun for the past 20 years. During our tenure together at A&B Properties, we worked together on Maui to bring to fruition a 170-unit workforce housing project in Kihei. After my retirement in 2021, Grant was a valuable resource for me as I served as a volunteer member of the development committee for Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae, a community for the houseless currently residing at the Wai'anae Boat Harbor, that is undergoing construction.

In his professional endeavors, Grant Chun has demonstrated leadership, broad and deep knowledge about housing issues facing the State of Hawai'i, and compassion for those he serves. Grant Chun would make an excellent addition to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and I respectfully urge confirmation of his appointment.

Mahalo,

Natalie Kiehm

Natalie Kiehm

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Submitted on: 4/5/2025 2:19:18 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stanley Kuriyama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Grant Chun's nomination to the HHFDC Board. I've worked closely with Grant for over 20 years, and can personally attest to his high moral character and ethics, his high level of intelligence and diligence, and his sincere desire to support our communities. HHFDC will particularly benefit from Grant's housing background and business and legal experience. Thank you for the opportunity to express my unqualified support for such a strong candidate for this position. Best regards, Stan Kuriyama

GM-736

Submitted on: 4/4/2025 5:39:10 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carolyn Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Grant Chun to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. I've had the privilege of working with Grant for many years during his tenure at Hale Mahaolu. Grant's leadership qualities are evident in his ability to bring people together and foster collaboration. His dedication to improving the lives of Hawaii's residents through sustainable housing initiatives is truly commendable. Grant's vision for a better future aligns perfectly with the goals of the HHFDC, and I am confident that his contributions will be invaluable to the board.

I wholeheartedly endorse Grant Chun for this position and believe that his expertise and passion will greatly benefit the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Carol Davis

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April 8, 2025

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Grant Chun to serve on the Board of the Hawaii Housing & Finance Development corporation.

I have had the distinct honor and pleasure of knowing Grant for since we were in grade school together. Throughout our school years, Grant has served as class president – he has always been a charismatic and natural-born leader.

Grant's past work history makes him an excellent fit for HHFDC. As a former VP for Alexander and Baldwin, he has hands-on experience in developing and marketing housing in a challenging environment. In his leadership role at Hale Mahaolu, he was instrumental in creating and managing affordable housing for the non-profit's extensive portfolio on multiple islands.

In addition, Grant has served on numerous boards and commissions which exemplifies his dedication to giving back to our community.

Grant is also an excellent communicator and role model. He instills the highest of level of integrity in all that he does. In his role as managing director for the County of Maui, he was a trusted, conscientious and intelligent administrator. As the person in charge of all County departments, he led with distinction and honor. He has always exhibited a stellar work ethic and is highly respected.

I strongly urge you to consider Grant Chun for inclusion as a Board member for HHFDC. I am confident that he will be a positive addition to the team.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol K Reimann

GM-736

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 1:05:21 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Trevor N. Tokishi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Members of the Senate Housing Committee:

I am writing in strong support of Governor Green’s nomination of Mr. Grant Chun to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawai‘i Housing Finance and Development Corporation. I can think of no one more capable, compassionate, and grounded in integrity to help guide this vital agency at such a critical time for housing in our state.

Grant is an exceptionally capable leader. He brings a calm, thoughtful presence to any room and a sharp, analytical mind to every challenge. Whether navigating complex policy, evaluating development strategies, or collaborating across sectors, Grant is level-headed, innovative, and solutions-oriented. He doesn’t just react — he thinks, he listens, and then he acts with precision and purpose.

Just as importantly, Grant leads with heart. His compassion for people and communities runs deep. He listens intently, responds with empathy, and truly cares about the impact of his decisions on everyday lives. That compassion shows up in the relationships he builds and the trust he earns, again and again.

And when it comes to character, Grant sets the bar. He is someone I trust completely to do the right thing, even when it’s hard. He consistently puts others before himself, approaches every task with humility, and delivers work of the highest quality — thorough, thoughtful, and principled. He understands the weight of public service and meets it with integrity, diligence, and care.

I wholeheartedly support Grant Chun’s appointment and urge this committee to confirm his nomination. The people of Hawai‘i will be well-served by his wisdom, dedication, and unwavering commitment to building a more just and livable future.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify