

Honolulu, Hawaii

OCT 29 2007

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 85,  
86, 87

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Second Special Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 85, 86, and 87, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAI'I PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

G.M. No. 85 ANNE MARIE BECK,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2011;

G.M. No. 86 RENÉ BERTHIAUME,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2011; and

G.M. No. 87 SHERRILEE K. DODSON,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2011,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees, and finds Anne Marie Beck, René Berthiaume, and Sherrilee K. Dodson to have the necessary qualifications to be nominated to serve as members on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Testimony in support of Anne Marie Beck's nomination was submitted by Executive Chambers, the Department of Human Services, and two individuals.

Ms. Beck received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and her Master of Business Administration from Pennsylvania State University. She currently



serves as the Executive Director for the Honolulu Habitat for Humanity where she assists in facilitating the construction of Habitat homes with the help of volunteer labor, raises money for the organization, encourages the increase in the number and quality of service of its volunteers, and provides mortgage assistance and education. Her prior work experience includes serving as the Community Reinvestment Act Program Administrator for the Bank of Hawaii as well as serving as a loan officer for American Savings Bank where she designed the first Community Development Lending Program for the bank.

Ms. Beck is affiliated with and has served on several professional and community organizations, including as the President of the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii - Papakolea Clubhouse, a member of Envision Hawaii, a Board Member of the Friends of the Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women, and the Secretary and Vice President of the Hawaii Community Reinvestment Act Association, to name a few.

As the Executive Director of the Honolulu Habitat for Humanity and with her extensive experience in community development and lending, Ms. Beck clearly demonstrates that she will be a tremendous resource to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. She has the education, experience, and commitment to assist the Board in providing Hawaii residents with affordable housing and shelter without discrimination, developing affordable rental and supportive housing, and delivering public housing efficiently and in a fair manner. Ms. Beck's demonstrated commitment to and professional experience in the lending industry and the area of community development will prove to be valuable assets for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Testimony in support of René Berthiaume's nomination was submitted by Executive Chambers; the Department of Human Services; the Workforce Development Council, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; and five individuals.

Mr. Berthiaume graduated from Farrington High School in Honolulu. He attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he studied Special Education and Physical Education and the University of San Francisco where he studied Rehabilitation Administration Management. He currently serves as a Vice President and a Housing Development Specialist for Network Enterprises, Inc. where he is responsible for the development of



transitional and permanent housing for homeless veterans through planning, marketing, and other efforts. Prior to his position, he served as a Vice President and General Manager for Network Enterprises, Inc. where he oversaw and managed all daily operations of the company's Research and Development Division, coordinated housing projects, and developed the company's first Correctional Industries Joint Venture Program. He has also served as the Operations Manager for the Opportunities for the Retarded Inc. (Helemano Plantation) and as a Program Coordinator for the Hawai'i Association for Retarded Citizens (Ruger Center).

Mr. Berthiaume currently serves as the Chairperson for the State Rehabilitation Council, which is a twenty-one membership council that advises the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Human Resources Development. Your Committee notes that section 78-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, prohibits an individual from serving on more than one state board or commission that is expressly created by a state statute or the state constitution. However, your Committee recognizes that section 348-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which establishes the State Rehabilitation Council, exempts the members who are serving on the Council from section 78-4. Mr. Berthiaume testified to your Committee that he was reassured by the Governor's Office at the time of his nomination that he would be allowed to concurrently serve on the State Rehabilitation Council and the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, pursuant to the exemption from section 78-4 under section 348-8.

Mr. Berthiaume is affiliated with and has served on several professional and community organizations, including the Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance, the Alliance of Health and Human Services, the American Rehabilitation Association, the Better Business Bureau, the National Rehabilitation Association, and the State of Hawaii Welfare Reform Task Force, to name a few. He was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps after five years of active duty and is a member of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans.

With over thirty years of progressive employment with Hawaii's non-profit agencies specializing in the areas of human services, construction, and housing, Mr. Berthiaume clearly demonstrates that he will be a tremendous resource to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. He has the experience and commitment to assist the Board in providing Hawaii residents with affordable housing and shelter without



discrimination, developing affordable rental and supportive housing, and delivering public housing efficiently and in a fair manner. Mr. Berthiaume's demonstrated commitment to and professional experience in the areas of human services and housing will prove to be valuable assets for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Testimony in support of Sherrilee K. Dodson's nomination was submitted by Executive Chambers, the Department of Human Services, and seven individuals. One individual submitted testimony in opposition to Ms. Dodson's nomination.

Ms. Dodson received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Minor in Hawaiian Studies from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and her Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Western State University College of Law. She currently serves as the Executive Director for the Habitat for Humanity Maui where she assists in facilitating the construction of Habitat homes with the help of volunteer labor, raises money for the organization, and encourages the increase in the number and quality service of its volunteers. Prior to her employment at Habitat for Humanity Maui, Ms. Dodson served as an attorney, a substitute teacher for Kamehameha School, and a professor of Law and Ethics for the Masters and undergraduate programs at the University of Phoenix.

Ms. Dodson is affiliated with and has served on several professional and community organizations, including as a Certified Mediator for Mediation Services of Maui, an Officer and Board Member of First Night Maui, a member of the Maui Humane Society, an Officer for the Lupus Support Group of Maui, and a volunteer for the National Kidney Foundation and the Organ Donation Center of Hawaii. She is also a recipient of a Weinberg Fellowship and the Hawaii Community Foundation PONO Fellowship, and is the winner of the Pioneer in Excellence Award by Habitat for Humanity International.

Your Committee notes the testimony received from one individual in opposition to Ms. Dodson's nomination. Ms. Dodson submitted a written response to your Committee, which alleviated any concerns that your Committee had and resolved the issues that were raised in the opposing testimony.

As the Executive Director of the Honolulu Habitat for Humanity, Ms. Dodson clearly demonstrates that she will be a tremendous resource to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public



Housing Authority. She has the education, experience, and commitment to assist the Board in providing Hawaii residents with affordable housing and shelter without discrimination, developing affordable rental and supportive housing, and delivering public housing efficiently and in a fair manner. Ms. Dodson's demonstrated commitment to and experience in the areas of law and community service will prove to be valuable assets for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing 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 Human Services and  
Public Housing,

  
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair





**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services and Public Housing**  
**HSP**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:*  GM86	Committee Referral:  HSP	Date:  10/25/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345</span>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L.	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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