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**TESTIMONY
OF
RUSS K. SAITO, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND
AFFORDABLE HOUSING
ON
October 29, 2007**

RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE GARY Y.K. CHOCK S.E.

Chair Kokubun and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on the confirmation of Gary Y.K. Chock to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund.

I strongly support the nomination of Gary Chock to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund. Mr. Chock is a structural engineer with over 25 years of experience and has been responsible for numerous structural engineering projects not just in Hawaii but in other areas of the Pacific as well. He has served in various capacities including President of the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii. He is a member of the Hawaii State Earthquake Advisory Committee and is Chairman of the Multihazard Science Advisory Committee, both advisory committees of Hawaii State Civil Defense.

Mr. Chock participates in many professional and technical associations locally and nationally and has authored or co-authored articles on structural, wind, hurricane, and

seismic effects on facilities, and associated design considerations. He is clearly qualified to help provide oversight of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund.

I have worked with Mr. Chock on the Hurricane Shelter Standards Task Force, the State Building Code Task Force, and currently serve with him on the State Building Code Council. I can attest to his qualifications, professionalism, and integrity. He is thorough in his analysis, listens to all points of view, and seeks consensus but adheres to principle when issues of structural integrity, health or safety are involved. If confirmed, I believe Mr. Chock will provide wise counsel on use of the Hurricane Relief Fund for its intended purpose. I strongly recommend that you confirm his appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Gary Y.K. Chock.



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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 11.

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TO THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Lloyd Lim, acting executive director of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund, testifying on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 11, regarding the appointment of Gary Y. K. Chock, S.E., to the Board of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Chock's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I am familiar with Mr. Chock and his candidacy for appointment to the Board in that I have spoken with him about the Board and his interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Mr. Chock, I believe that he has the credentials to serve on the

Board, and that he possesses the qualifications, background, and experience to contribute in a positive and constructive manner.

Mr. Chock, the President of Martin & Chock Inc., has been a structural engineer for 27 years and has done extensive work in the area of wind engineering. He has previously served on the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund Technical Advisory Committee and therefore has prior familiarity with HHRF issues, particularly loss mitigation. He also serves as the consulting engineer to the State's wind loss mitigation grant program. Mr. Chock is the Chairman of the Hurricane Shelter Standards Committee of Hawaii State Civil Defense. Mr. Chock also serves a part of an advisory committee reviewing hurricane models for the Hawaii Insurance Division. Mr. Chock authored a report for NASA detailing wind topography zones for the State of Hawaii and studying damage from Hurricane Iniki. Mr. Chock authored a pre-disaster mitigation plan for the City and County of Honolulu. Mr. Chock has been an active member of the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii, including serving Vice President and President. Mr. Chock therefore brings both high level management experience and a demonstrated interest in wind engineering and loss mitigation to the Board.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Chock will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. The Department respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Chock's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Mr. Chock's behalf.