STAND. COM. REP. NO.



Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 16

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature First Special Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 16, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAI'I HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

G.M. No. 16 DONN MENDE, for a term to expire 06-30-2021,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Donn Mende to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Donn Mende from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii; and six individuals.

Mr. Mende currently serves as a Lending Manager for HFS Federal Credit Union. He previously served as the Deputy Director of the Department of Research and Development for the County of Hawaii where he was responsible for the economic development of the county along with the daily operations of the Department. Mr. Mende has extensive experience in retail and commercial banking by previously serving as a Vice President and Branch

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Manager for Hawaii National Bank and an Assistant Vice President for the Hawaii Island Region of American Savings Bank. Furthermore, before moving to the Island of Hawaii, he served as an Assistant Vice President and Trust Operations Manager for the Trust Division of Central Pacific Bank and Investment Performance and Operations Manager for the Trust Division of Bank of Hawaii on Oahu.

Mr. Mende has extensive community service experience. He currently serves as the Board Chairperson for the Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island and Third Vice President for the Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii. Of particular note, he currently serves as the Treasurer for the Big Island Housing Foundation, which is a nonprofit organization that provides decent, safe, and sanitary housing to low and moderate income families in Hawaii County.

Mr. Mende has been nominated to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation as the Hawaii County public member representative. His extensive experience in banking and financial services as well as his commitment to the Big Island community will be valuable assets to the Corporation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Housing,

WILL ESPERO. Chair

The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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The Recommendation is:					
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