

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2025

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 559

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 559, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

HAWAI'I COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

G.M. No. 559      MIKI'ALA LIDSTONE,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2027,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Miki'ala Lidstone for service on the Hawai'i Community Development Authority as an at-large member (cultural specialist).

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Miki'ala Lidstone from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawai'i Community Development Authority; and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Lidstone's experience and background qualify her for appointment to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority as an at-large member (cultural specialist). Your Committee notes that since December 2014, Ms. Lidstone has been the Executive Director of Ulu A'e Learning Center where she manages and directs culturally grounded, place-based out-of-school and community programs and events in West Oahu. Before her employment at Ulu A'e, Ms. Lidstone was a Hawaiian language and English teacher at



Kapolei High School from 2004 to 2018. Ms. Lidstone is involved in her community and has volunteered as a Kumu Hula at Halau 'O Kaululaua'e since 2005. Your Committee notes that Ms. Lidstone is currently serving as an interim at-large member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority, and therefore she thoroughly understands the role of Authority members and her knowledge, experience, and desire to nurture community engagement will be assets to the Authority. Your Committee therefore recommends that Miki'ala Lidstone be appointed to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority as an at-large member (cultural specialist) based on her knowledge, experience, and willingness to serve the public.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land 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 Water and Land,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water and Land**  
**WTL**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <b>GM 559</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL</b>	Date: <b>3/7/25</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345</span>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley				✓ Ⓟ
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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