

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1857

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2025

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 688

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. 688, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

HAWAI'I COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (PULEHUNUI DISTRICT)

G.M. No. 688 DEBRA CABEBE,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2028,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Debra Cabebe for service on the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Pulehunui District).

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Debra Cabebe from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Community Development Authority; Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; Atlas Insurance Agency; and three individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Cabebe's experience and knowledge qualify her for appointment to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Pulehunui District). Ms. Cabebe is currently the CEO of Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc., where her responsibilities include leading, supporting, and guiding the organization's mission as defined by its Board of Directors; ensuring responsible fiscal management and integrity; serving as the organization's primary spokesperson; and effectuating legislation through written and public testimony and

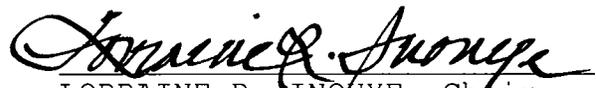
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community involvement. Your Committee finds that Ms. Cabebe's qualifications include expertise in strategic planning, program management developments, grants management and compliance, project and fiscal management, and labor and human relations; contract negotiation and compliance and collective bargaining; and broad knowledge and understanding of federal and state nonprofit and employment and discrimination laws and transportation regulations. Your Committee notes that Ms. Cabebe serves her community as a board member of the Association of Farmworkers Opportunity Program, board member and Program Evaluation Chair of the Workforce Investment Board, and board member of Friends of the Children's Justice Center. Your Committee notes that Ms. Cabebe is currently serving as an interim Authority member and supports the Hawai'i Community Development Authority in fulfilling its responsibilities. Your Committee finds that Ms. Cabebe thoroughly understands the roles and responsibilities of Authority members and her extensive experience will be an asset to the Authority. Your Committee therefore recommends that Debra Cabebe be appointed to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Pulehunui District) based on her experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

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 688</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	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345			
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
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 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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