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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, April 11, 2025
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 and via Videoconference

On the following measure:
G.M. 555, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HAWAI'I HURRICANE RELIEF FUND,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MICHAEL NONAKA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jerry Bump, and I am the Acting Insurance Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Insurance Division. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Michael Nonaka to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Hurricane Relief Fund (Board).

Mr. Nonaka has over 20 years of leadership experience and expertise in the insurance industry and has served as president and CEO of Business Insurance Services, Inc. since October 2018. Mr. Nonaka also has 18 years of management experience in the insurance claims, audit, sales & marketing, and excess & surplus departments of First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd.

Given his extensive career and professional experience, Mr. Nonaka is a valuable resource with wide-ranging insurance industry expertise, as well as an excellent candidate to serve on the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

TESTIMONY OF ALISON UEOKA

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

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GM 555

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, my name is Alison Ueoka, President for Hawaii Insurers Council. The Hawaii Insurers Council is a non-profit association of property and casualty insurance companies licensed to do business in Hawaii. Members companies underwrite approximately forty percent of all property and casualty insurance premiums in the state.

I am here today in strong support of Mike Nonaka for the Board of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund (HHRF) whose term will expire June 30, 2028. I have known Mike for many years in his role in property claims, marketing, and now as agency President of Business Insurance Agency. Mike is experienced in a unique way within the property and casualty insurance industry as he has worked on the company side as well as the agency side. His knowledge of both coverage and marketplace issues will serve the HHRF Board well and I fully support his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

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TO: Chair Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Carol Fukunaga and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

FROM: Steven J.T. Chow, Esq.

RE: GM 555 - Confirmation of MICHAEL NONAKA to the Hawai'i Hurricane Relief Fund Board of Directors

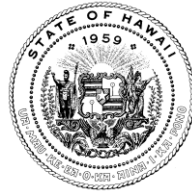
Chair Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. I am writing to ask your support for the nomination and confirmation of MICHAEL NONAKA to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Hurricane Relief Fund.

I have been a practicing attorney for over forty years in the State of Hawaii and a partner with the firm of Fukunaga Matayoshi Ching & Kon-Herrera. I have known and worked with Mr. Nonaka during my legal practice and found him to be very knowledgeable regarding insurance industry matters.

Based on my personal knowledge and professional experience with Mr. Nonaka, I have found him to be conscientious, hardworking, and analytical in resolving complicated issues. His insurance background makes him exceptionally qualified and he will more than adequately contribute to and perform the duties of a Board member.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my humble opinion why MICHAEL NONAKA should be CONFIRMED to the Hawai'i Hurricane Relief Fund Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.



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