

Testimony of the Board of Public Accountancy

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Thursday, April 10, 2025
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 746, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ALEXANDER SMITH,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Hector West, and I am the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Executive Officer of the Board of Public Accountancy (Board). The Board supports the reappointment of Alexander Smith's to the Board as a licensee member.

Mr. Smith has served on the Board as an industry member since 2022 and has attended 17 of 18 meetings since his appointment. Mr. Smith has been a licensed Certified Public Accountant in Hawaii since August 4, 1995 and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Smith has over thirty years of audit experience and is currently the owner of Alex J. Smith, CPA. He is a specialist in performing audits for not-for-profit entities and governmental uniform compliance (single) audits. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Hawaii Association of Public Accountants. He also holds a Master in Business Administration degree. His contributions to the accountancy profession make him a great asset to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Alex Smith, who I have known for approximately 7 years as a fellow adult leader in our son's scout troop.

Alex's integrity, dependability, and work ethic have made a lasting impact on our organization.

I am confident, he will continue to be a great asset during his second term on the State Board of Accountancy.

Sincerely,



Grant Tokumi