

Testimony of the Real Estate Commission

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

**On the following measure:
G.M. 754, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, P DENISE LA COSTA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Neil Fujitani, and I am the Supervising Executive Officer of the Hawaii Real Estate Commission ("Commission"). The Commission supports the confirmation of Ms. La Costa's reappointment to the Commission as a Maui broker member.

Ms. La Costa was initially appointed to the Commission in 2021 and has been an outstanding broker member from Maui. She is also the Vice Chairperson of the Commission's Condominium Review Committee. Ms. La Costa has dedicated countless hours reviewing issues related to the committee and the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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RE: **GM 754**, P Denise La Costa, Strong Support

Dear Chair Keohokalole and the Committee,

I am a thirty year Hawaii real estate professional. I also currently serve on the Real Estate Commission as Commissioner. P Denise La Costa has more than 30 years extraordinary industry experience, a reputation for integrity, and brings superlative knowledge and value to the commission.

I got to know P Denise La Costa's best through my interaction with her at the commission. She actively attends all meetings requiring her to travel from Maui and participates fully in discussions offering a balance and thought on deliberations. Her experiences bring great resources to the commission. I consider P Denise La Costa to be a very reliable and valuable member of the commission.

I strongly support her nomination to serve another term.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Emery

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