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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS TESTIMONY REGARDING GM 372

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF TAXATION REVIEW, 4TH TAXATION DISTRICT (KAUA'I), GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOSE R. DIOGO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2013.

TESTIFIER: KURT KAWAFUCHI, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION (OR DESIGNEE)

DATE:

MARCH 19, 2009

TIME:

10AM

ROOM:

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The Department of Taxation (Department) <u>supports</u> the nomination of Mr. Diogo to the Board of Taxation Review in Kauai County.

This will be Mr. Diogo's fourth term to the Board of Taxation Review. Mr. Diogo is a State Licensed Appraiser on Kauai and has maintained his practice in Kauai since 2000. Mr. Diogo has continued to be prompt in responding to hearing notices and continues to be an active participant in Board deliberations. The Department expects that he will continue to serve actively if reappointed.

Mr. Diogo has previously served three terms on the Board of Taxation Review from August 1998.

It is the Department's position that Mr. Diogo maintains the necessary understanding of the tax law and Board procedures to competently continue to serve on the Board of Taxation Review for the 4th Taxation District.

The Department and its Kauai District support his nomination for reappointment and respectfully request the Senate's favorable confirmation.