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January 28, 2010

**The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
State Capitol, Room 016
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

RE: GM 119

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS,
ASSOCIATE JUDGE,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LAWRENCE M. REIFURTH**

**Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Committee on
Judiciary and Governmental Operations:**

I am writing to support the confirmation of Lawrence M. Reifurth, as Associate Judge to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

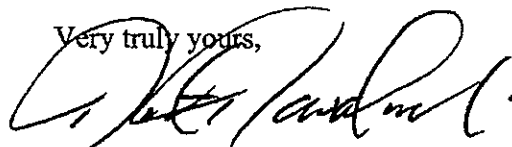
Mr. Reifurth attended a top ranked law school, Northwestern University, and further earned his M.B.A. from one of the top graduate business schools, Northwestern's Kellogg School Management.

In addition to his current experience as Director and prior experience as Deputy Director of the DCCA, Mr. Reifurth served as Insurance Commissioner, and as a Deputy Attorney General representing the DCCA's Division of Consumer Advocacy. Further, Mr. Reifurth represented utilities and bank clients while he practiced law with Oshima Chun Fong & Chung. Based upon his experience, Mr. Reifurth will bring his business regulatory experience from both perspectives and add value to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Finally, based upon my observation and experience of working with Director Reifurth, I believe he has a solid judicial temperament of being an excellent listener and level headed.

For the above reasons, I support Director Reifurth's confirmation as Associate Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals, and urge this Committee to advise and consent.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Kawafuchi', written over a horizontal line.

KURT KAWAFUCHI

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B R Y S E N C . P O U L T O N

TO THE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT COOPERATIONS

THE SENATE

THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2010

Friday, January 29, 2010
9:30 a.m.

RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
LAWRENCE M. REIFURTH
AS ASSOCIATE JUDGE, STATE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

TO THE HONORABLE SENATOR BRIAN TANAGUCHI, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS
OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Brysen Poulton and I am pleased to be here this morning to testify in **strong support** of Gubernatorial Nominee, Lawrence M. Reifurth as an Associate Judge on the State Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Mr. Reifurth has served as Deputy Director and currently as Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and it is in this capacity that I have come to know, admire, and respect this truly great man while I was an employee of the department for four years and now as a friend and colleague for the past eight years. When I first met Mr. Reifurth he seemed like a very nice, approachable, hard working, and intelligent administrator. As our relationship developed over the years I quickly came to realize that he is all of these things and much more.

What impresses me the most about him is how approachable he is and his ability to be a good listener. I believe that these qualities are essential in order to be an effective judge and I know from personal experience that the nominee not only possesses them but also skillfully employs them in his work. Also, related to this is Mr. Reifurth's ability to give sound advice and great insight. In my estimation, the nominee is incredibly well prepared to take on the responsibilities of a judgeship.

Mr. Reifurth is someone who listens to those around him and incorporates the best of their ideas into the decisions he makes. He is fair, honest, and in the best way possible can clearly explain his expectations and the reasons for his decisions. He is also quick to recognize and reward excellence in the work place.

On a professional and personal level Larry is intelligent, hardworking, honest, ethical, fair, and compassionate. But most of all, Larry treats everyone who he works with or meets with dignity and respect, carefully listens to all viewpoints, is prudent in making decisions, will not yield to improper influences, and is committed to doing what is right, rather than what is expedient. I can attest to these things because I have seen them happen and because I have benefited from their application, which made me a better employee of DCCA and ultimately a better person. I know that if I ever had cause to appear before him I would be able to easily accept his ruling because I know that his judgment would be just.

I believe that these philosophies and attributes are what will make Larry a truly outstanding judge. More so than anyone I know, Larry is qualified, prepared, and willing to take on the challenges associated with such a high office and will be a true asset to the state in the position to which he has been nominated.

In conclusion, I am tremendously grateful and extremely proud to call Larry Reifurth a colleague, a mentor and, most importantly, a true friend.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify.

**Testimony on GM 119
Relating to Intermediate Court of Appeals, Associate Judge,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Lawrence M. Reifurth
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
Keali'i Lopez, President and CEO of 'Ōlelo Community Television
January 29, 2010**

Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations thank for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM119. Aloha. I'm Keali'i Lopez, President and CEO of 'Ōlelo Community Television, and I am submit this testimony in support of Lawrence M. Reifurth's nomination to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I have had an opportunity to interact with Mr. Reifurth over the last few years in his capacity as the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). As the Director of the DCCA, Mr. Reifurth has been responsible for the overall oversight and direction in regulating Cable Television, which includes Public, Educational and Governmental Access as part of cable franchising here in Hawaii.

Although I have not always agreed with Mr. Reifurth's decisions, I have consistently found Mr. Reifurth to be very forthcoming in my dealings with him. Although Cable Television, and most certainly, PEG Access represents a very small percent of all the regulatory issues Mr. Reifurth must address, I have found Mr. Reifurth to be very responsive and reasonable in my interactions with him. Mr. Reifurth has regularly made himself available to me and 'Ōlelo's Board of Directors to address and discuss concerns we may have had. Whether we have agreed or disagreed with the final outcomes of these interactions, Mr. Reifurth has been very willing to revisit and have well reasoned discussions regarding matters of great importance to 'Ōlelo.

I have found Mr. Reifurth to be open to considering different perspectives of the issues and parties engaged in PEG Access matters. I believe Mr. Reifurth is very judicious and deliberative in his consideration of the issues. I have also found him to be very fair and reasonable in my interactions with him. Should Mr. Reifurth be confirmed, there will be a significant void at the DCCA with his departure. However, I do believe that Mr. Reifurth's confirmation will be the Intermediate Court of Appeals' considerable gain. This concludes my testimony. Thank you for your time and attention.

From: Rosenzweig, Jack [jrosenzweig@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2010 5:38 PM
To: JGO Testimony
Subject: Lawrence Reiferth Judicial Appointment

Dear Legislators:

I have known Mr. Reiferth both professionally and personally for over 20 years. I am a retired deputy attorney general who was a colleague of Mr. Reiferth's during his time at the Attorney General. I also have the honor of calling him a personal friend.

Mr. Reiferth possesses all the qualities the public seeks in a member of the judiciary. He is intelligent, patient, analytical and welcomes diverse opinions before making a decision. I enthusiastically endorse his appointment to the ICA.

Jack Rosenzweig (768-7308), Dep. Atty. Gen., ret.

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair

Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE LAWRENCE M. REIFURTH
SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS, ASSOCIATE JUDGE

Testimony of Carlito P. Caliboso

Chairman Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine, and Members of the Committee:

I fully and absolutely support the nomination and appointment of Lawrence M. Reifurth to the Intermediate Court of Appeals, Associate Judge. As the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, I have known Mr. Reifurth as the Deputy Director of the DCCA and then as Director for many years and believe that he is fully qualified and capable to serve on the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I personally know that Mr. Reifurth is very diligent, conscientious, energetic, hardworking and of high integrity.

I urge your favorable vote on his confirmation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlito P. Caliboso