

TESTIMONY

GM453

PRESENTATION BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Jerry Rauckhorst – GM 453

Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System

April 15, 2010, 4:00 p.m. Room 312

Chair Takamine, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Labor:

Thank you for the opportunity to present some information about myself as you consider my confirmation to the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System.

I was born and raised in Akron, Ohio and moved to Hawai'i in 1995. I hold a Master of Science in Social Administration degree from Case Western Reserve University. Most of my professional career has been with Catholic Charities agencies, first in Cleveland then Pittsburgh. When the job to head Catholic Charities Hawai'i was offered to me, I just couldn't pass it up.

As the President & Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, I work closely with my senior management to ensure that the most comprehensive benefits package as possible is offered to our employees. Government employees who have spent years, many times their entire career, in service to the people of Hawai'i deserve a retirement system that is managed by a reliable and trustworthy Board of Trustees. I would like to contribute to the process of ensuring that state and county employees are able to retire with the assurance that their hard earned pension is being managed in a fiscally responsible manner.

I have a proven record in strategic planning, organizational development, and finance. I work closely with the Catholic Charities Hawai'i Board of Directors' Finance & Audit Committee to ensure the financial competence of the organization. Catholic Charities Hawai'i has best practice standards that help to guide us in our fiduciary responsibilities to manage the organization in a fiscally responsible manner. During my 15 years with Catholic Charities Hawai'i, annual audits have been conducted without any problems or major findings.

There are many challenges ahead for the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System. As the head of one of the largest nonprofit organizations in the state, I would like to lend my experience and conviction to ensuring the viability of the Employees' Retirement System.



April 13, 2010

The Honorable Dwight Takamine
Chair
Committee on Labor
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol Building
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Letter of support for Mr. Jerry Rauckhorst for the consideration and confirmation to the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System (ERS)

Hearing on Thursday, April 15, 2010, 4:00 p.m., Conference Room 312

Dear Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on Labor:

With this letter I am pleased to write in support of Mr. Jerry Rauckhorst's confirmation as a Trustee of the State Employees' Retirement System. I have worked with Mr. Rauckhorst since my arrival in Hawaii in 2001. As leaders of two of the largest Catholic organizations in the State, he and I have several common interests and concerns. Mr. Rauckhorst has served as a member of Chaminade's Hogan Entrepreneurs Advisory Board since its formation in 2002. He has generously made his time available to our students and is a judge in the not-for-profit business plan competition we conduct. In all my dealings with him, I have found Mr. Rauckhorst to be informed, thoroughly professional and concerned for the welfare of all involved. His long service as a leader of a major social service agency, experienced with State of Hawaii systems and past and current board involvements, in my judgment, highly recommend his confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration. Be assured of my best wishes for you and the work of the Senate Committee on Labor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernard J. Ploeger, SM".

Bro. Bernard J. Ploeger, SM, PhD
President

ALLAN R. LANDON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

TESTIMONY ON GM 453
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MR. JERRY RAUCKHORST
TO BOARD OF ERS

Thursday, April 15, 2010
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

TO: The Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor

I am writing in support of Mr. Jerry Rauckhorst's nomination to the ERS Board of Trustees. Mr. Rauckhorst is a well respected community leader and a highly effective executive.

I have had the pleasure of working with him on a number of occasions and believe his current and past experience will add a valued perspective to the board. He is an independent thinker, well organized and a person of great integrity.



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Donald G. Horner
Chairman & CEO

Via facsimile 586-6659

April 13, 2010

The Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine
Chairman
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 204
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF JERRY RAUCKHORST TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Thursday, 4/15/10, 4:00 p.m., Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 312

Dear Chairman Takamine:

I am writing in support of the subject's confirmation to the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System (ERS). I have known Mr. Rauckhorst professionally and personally for several years. I found him to be a man of high integrity, business knowledge, and well versed in fiduciary and government matters.

I respectfully recommend Jerry Rauckhorst for confirmation to the Board of Trustees of the ERS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Horner", written in a cursive style.

Donald G. Horner

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Larry Rodriguez
2110 Laukahi Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

Testimony for April 15, 2010, 4:00 p.m. Room 312, State Capitol, Senate Committee on Labor,
GM 453

For: April 15, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
Room 312, State Capitol
Senate Committee on Health
Re: GM 453

To: Senator Dwight Takamine, Chair
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

From: Larry Rodriguez

I have known Jerry Rauckhorst for approximately ten years and have worked with him closely in his capacity as the Chief Executive Office of Catholic Charities. During my period of working with Jerry, I have become very familiar with his management techniques and his philosophy for handling his business and personnel. I find Jerry to be an individual of the highest integrity and substantial technical capabilities to handle the difficulties of managing complex businesses. Jerry has the intellectual capacity to deal with many, many business issues and I think he will be able to handle the issues which present themselves to the ERS.

I have seen Jerry handle numerous matters involving investment earnings and difficult decisions related to alternative choices in evaluating investment alternatives. I believe he has the capabilities and will definitely allocate the necessary time to deal with the trustee level issues required for the management and leadership of the Employee Retirement Systems.

If you have any questions or issues which you believe I could provide additional details or examples, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Larry Rodriguez