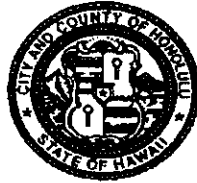


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The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Labor and Public Employment
The House of Representatives
State Capitol
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Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

Subject: House Bill 1764
Relating To Residency of Appointive Officers

The City and County of Honolulu strongly supports House Bill 1764. This bill will allow the waiver of the residency requirements, when the appointive officer is required to have highly specialized or scientific knowledge or training and a qualified applicant who meets the residency requirement is not available to fill the position.

The one year residency requirement in the current law has greatly hindered the City's efforts to fill our Chief Medical Examiner and Deputy Chief Medical Examiner positions. These positions require highly specific education, experience and a license as a Doctor of Medicine and certification by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic or Forensic Pathology. Due to the level of expertise required, it has been practically impossible to find local applicants for these positions. The current law does not provide for an exception. The amendments in the bill would provide for the exception and permit the appointment of a Director who does not meet the residency requirement.

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Based on our current experience, we believe the bill is urgently needed and ask for your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Yours truly,

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

Noel T. Ono
Director