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Testimony in Support of GM552
Confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority,
Gubernatorial Nominee, BEAU J.K. BASSETT, for a term to expire 6-30-2019

Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
April 16, 2015 at 1:15pm in Conference Room 016

April 15, 2015

Aloha Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing,

I am happy to submit my strong support for your confirmation of the Gubernatorial Nominee Beau J.K. Bassett to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA). I know Beau Bassett from the William S. Richardson School of Law where we pursued our law studies while remaining connected to community efforts. In law school, and to this day, Beau has always taken the time to fully understand any issue that presents itself before him, always striving to see the issue from all points of view, and consistently making informed decisions. I'm sure that Beau will take the same thorough approach to matters that come before HCDA.

Beau's exceptional and varied background makes him the perfect nominee to fill the Cultural Specialist seat on HCDA. In the years to come, HCDA will have many opportunities to shape the future of Hawai'i, and Beau's special skill set and Hawaiian perspective will be incredibly valuable. Beau is familiar with property, environmental, and Hawaiian rights laws. He is from a respected Native Hawaiian family with great knowledge of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources. Beau's many experiences growing up with Hawaiian values and practices, are core to who he is and how he sees the world. Beau currently makes his home in Kaka'ako, and is invested in seeing his community grow in a way that honors Kaka'ako's history, and welcomes the local people of today. As a talented film maker, Beau sees opportunities to tell the stories of the land in every situation. As a HCDA Board Member, Beau could serve as a direct connection to Kaka'ako's growing arts community, and would give HCDA insight into untapped potential and opportunities to create a more vibrant community through art.

Lastly, Beau treats everybody that he meets with respect and aloha. We would all be lucky to have him on HCDA's Board.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to offer my strong support,



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Comments: Aloha Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members - The Trust for Public Land strongly supports Beau Bassett's nomination to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). We believe he bring a uniquely Hawaiian perspective and sensitivity to this important Board. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. Lea Hong Hawaiian Islands State Director The Trust for Public Land

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