

GM 631

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency
Management,

Gubernatorial Nominee: COLTON CHING,
for a term to expire 6-30-2019

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 631
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE HAWAII ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, COLTON CHING, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019.

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY
BRIGADIER GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
April 16, 2015

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

I am Brigadier General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA). I am providing written testimony in **FULL SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 631, which considers and confirms Colton Ching to the Hawaii Council on Emergency Management (HACEM).

Colton Ching proved to be an invaluable member of the Hawaii Council on Emergency Management (HACEM) during his first four-year term. As the Vice President of System Operation & Planning at Hawaiian Electric, he provides vital information about the electric grid and the utility's current and future resilience plans to the council.

During emergency events, he serves as the Hawaiian Electric's Incident Commander. In his position, he coordinates with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency on restoration of electrical services. This coordination is an important part of the overall recovery plan decisions made by the Governor, county mayors and emergency management directors.

I ask the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs confirm Colton Ching for another four-year term on Hawaii Council on Emergency Management. His confirmation will allow him to continue his contributions to the council and the overall resilience of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in **FULL SUPPORT** of Governor Message 631.

STATE OF HAWAII
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HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON GM 631

PRESENTATION TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

DOUG MAYNE
ADMINISTRATOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
April 14, 2015

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee.

I am Doug Mayne and I am the Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of GM 613 and the reappointment of Colton Ching to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.

Colton has served as one of the Council's Oahu representatives since 2011. He is a dedicated and thoughtful individual who brings a wealth of private sector experience to the deliberations of the council. He is an invaluable member of the council and I urge the committee to confirm Colton so he can continue providing his knowledge and guidance.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of GM 631.

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April 16, 2015

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Chair-Sen. Will Espero; Vice Chair-Sen. Rosalyn Baker, and Committee Members

Public Hearing, April 16, 2015, 2015, 1:15 p.m. – Conference Room 229

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM F. ANONSEN

In Support of GM 631 Gubernatorial Reappointment

Colton Ching, Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management

As a private citizen and in my capacity as the chair of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management, I'm writing in strong support of the reappointment of Mr. Colton Ching to continue his service on the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management, for a term to expire June 30, 2019. He has served as the Council's representative for Honolulu County exceptionally well during his first term the past 4- years.

We are fortunate that Colton is dedicated and willing to continue to serve our island state as a member of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. I'm confident he will continue to serve the people of the State of Hawaii with the same dedication and commitment he has throughout his first full term on the council. He is an invaluable asset to our Council, and continues to make a positive contribution to the critical work of this advisory body. He brings to our diverse council his years of energy systems and power generation and power grid distribution experience and business acumen, professional credentials, civic commitment and skillsets necessary to be an outstanding member of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management.

Mr. Ching is well versed in a myriad of emergency response issues, and I feel he is an individual of unquestionable integrity and continues to have my personal vote of confidence to continue his service on this council.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of his reappointment

Sincerely,

William F. Anonsen

William F. Anonsen
Managing Partner/Principal

Cc: BG Arthur Logan, Adjutant General/Director of HI-EMA
Mr. Doug Mayne, Administrator – HI-EMA

Testimony Presented to the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government
Operations, and Military Affairs

GM 631 – Colton Ching – Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management

Thursday, April 16, 2015

1:15 pm

Conference Room 229

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the Committee:

I am Alan Oshima, President and CEO of Hawaiian Electric Company, testifying in favor of Colton Ching for reappointment to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management.

Colton is currently Vice President for Energy Delivery for Hawaiian Electric Company. He has also held the positions of Vice President, System Operations and Planning, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Director of Transmission Planning, Senior Generation Planner and Power Plant Engineer, among others. His more than 20 years of operations and planning experience is further supplemented with extensive emergency preparedness experience.

At the Hawaiian Electric Companies, we take very seriously our responsibility for ensuring our operations are fully prepared to respond to a full range of emergencies. Throughout the course of his career, Colton has served in an increasing leadership capacity for our emergency preparedness efforts. Not only has he served in a leading role in developing and refining our emergency response plans, including major emergency drills, he has also served as Hawaiian Electric's Incident Commander for several real emergencies.

As you know, the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management plays a critical role in ensuring the state's ability to prepare for and respond to disasters and emergencies. With his operations, planning and real-world emergency experience, Colton is well qualified to serve in this role.

He has served on the Council since 2011 and is willing to continue to serve. I encourage you to approve his nomination for transmittal to the full Senate.

RICHARD K. MINATOYA

TESTIMONY
ON

GM 631 - NOMINATION OF COLTON CHING
HAWAII ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

April 16, 2015

The Honorable Will Espero
Chair

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker

Vice Chair

and Members

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

I am Richard Minatoya, and I serve as the Maui County member of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management ("HACEM"). I STRONGLY SUPPORT GM 631, the nomination of COLTON CHING to HACEM.

I first met Mr. Ching when I was appointed to the then-Civil Defense Advisory Council as an interim member. I found Mr. Ching to be very personable and conscientious. With his background in the administration of the Hawaiian Electric Company, he brings much valued "front-line" experience to the Council.

I ask that the committee recommends CONFIRMATION to the full Senate.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 631

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015
1:15 PM
STATE CAPITOL CONFERENCE ROOM 229

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Colton Ching and I am honored to be considered for reappointment to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. I also appreciate the opportunity to testify.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency plays a critical role in ensuring the state's ability to prepare and respond to disasters and emergencies. The Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management plays an important role in advising the Governor and Director of Civil Defense on matters pertaining to civil defense, including, but not limited to:

- mitigation of hazardous situations;
- disaster welfare such as food supplies, public health, safety, economic life, and disaster readiness;
- emergency management and disaster preparedness issues; and
- restoration of essential public services;

Continuous and relentless preparation is critical to effectively responding to these events.

I have served on the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management since 2011. I have been involved in various emergency planning and emergency response roles at Hawaiian Electric Company since the late 1990's and am currently the Vice President of Energy Delivery at Hawaiian Electric with over 20 years of experience in engineering, planning and operations of Hawaii's largest electric utility.

I believe my experience in emergency planning and operations at Hawaiian Electric and the critical role that electric utility service plays in our state's response to emergencies will allow me to contribute to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management as it fulfills its responsibilities to advise the administration and Director of Civil Defense.

It would be an honor to continue to serve a member of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. I would like to thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to testify.

Senator Will Espero
Chair, Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

April 11, 2015

Dear Senator Espero:

Re: Nomination to the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management

Thank you for your letter dated April 8, 2015. In response to this letter, I would like to provide the following responses to your questionnaire:

Question 1: Why do you wish to be a member of the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management?

I have been a member of the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management (formerly known as the State of Hawaii Civil Defense Advisory Council) since 2011. I would like to continue to serve the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management for several reasons. First, emergency preparedness is very important to Hawai'i's island community and island economy. Second, I am an employee of Hawaiian Electric and emergency preparedness and emergency response is a key part of my day-to-day job. I believe the collaboration and coordination of an electric utility's response to support county, state, and federal agencies is key to a successful joint response to emergencies. And third, I'm a local boy, born and raised on Maui and now call Kaneohe home. I have a wife and son and have many immediate and extended family members that live in this state. I feel that it's my civic duty to volunteer where I feel I can provide value. And I humbly believe that serving on the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management is a role in which I can provide value.

Question 2: Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position?

I believe that I am qualified to serve as a member of the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management because I have over 15 years of experience serving in various emergency planning and emergency response roles as an employee of Hawaiian Electric. I am currently the Vice President of Energy Delivery and am responsible for, among other things, the preventative hardening for Oahu's transmission and distribution system ("grid") and restoring power and repairing the grid if impacted by storms or other man-made or natural disasters. For the last five years, I have served as one of Hawaiian Electric's Incident Commanders for emergency events and I believe that experience will allow me to

provide sound, professional advisement to the Governor and the Director of Civil Defense on emergency management, both in preparedness and in response to an emergency.

Question 3: What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

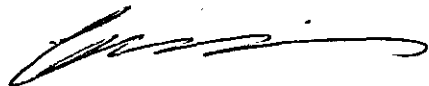
As a member of the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management since 2011, I have developed professional relationships with employees of the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (formerly known as the State of Hawaii Civil Defense) and other members of the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management. I believe I will be able to leverage these relationships to further improve communication and coordination between government agencies and private organizations as we all collectively develop and further refine our preparations for emergencies.

Question 4: Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

Should I be given the opportunity to be reappointed to the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management, I do not know of any possible conflicts of interests that could arise as part of my role. However, should a conflict arise, I will notify the Administrator of Civil Defense and other appropriate members of the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency immediately upon identifying a possible conflict and recuse myself from participation on discussions of that topic with the Advisory Council or any members of the Council or Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency. Following best practices, such notifications will be given verbally immediately followed up by written notification (letter or email) as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your questions. I look forward to the opportunity to answer questions in person on April 16th.

Sincerely,



Colton K. Ching