



GM725

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, RONA S.Y. FUKUMOTO, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

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Statement of
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

April 16, 2015 at 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 016

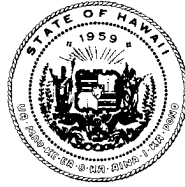
In consideration of
G.M. 725
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RONA S. Y. FUKUMOTO, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017.**

Chair Chun Oakland, and Members of the Senate Committee on Human
Services and Housing.

DBEDT **supports** the nomination of Rona S. Y. Fukumoto as the Hawaii Housing
Finance and Development Corporation Board of Directors' representative of community
advocates for low-income housing. Ms. Fukumoto is currently Administrator of Catholic
Charities Hawaii's Housing Assistance and Referral Programs, and on the Board of
Directors of Catholic Charities Housing Development Corporation. As such, she is well-
qualified to serve in this position.

DBEDT respectfully asks for the Committee's support of this nomination. Thank
you for the opportunity to testify.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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Statement of
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The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Board of Directors **strongly supports** the nomination of Rona S. Y. Fukumoto as the Board's representative of community advocates for low-income housing.

Ms. Fukumoto is highly qualified to serve in this position. She is involved with affordable housing and homeless issues in her professional life and in her community service efforts, making her a capable advocate for low-income housing. She currently serves as Administrator of Catholic Charities Hawaii's Housing Assistance and Referral Programs, and on the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities Housing Development Corporation.

The HHFDC respectfully requests that the Committee support Ms. Fukumoto's nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services and Housing

FROM: Jerry Rauckhorst, President and CEO

DATE: Thursday, April 16, 2015, 1:15 PM, Conference Room 016

RE: **In Support:** GM 725 Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee Rona S.Y. Fukumoto, for a term to expire 6-30-17.

On behalf of Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH), I would like to express full support for the appointment of Rona S.Y. Fukumoto to the Board of Directors for the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC).

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 60 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, developmentally disabled, homeless and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy for the most vulnerable in Hawai'i.

Ms. Fukumoto has worked at CCH for over ten years administering programs related to homelessness, housing, financial assistance, and information and referral. She is extremely knowledgeable of the population HHFDC serves, the array of services available and not available to them, the unmet needs for housing that they have and the consequences of those needs remaining unmet.

Ms. Fukumoto possesses strengths in the areas of collaboration, analysis and development of solutions. She has worked with limited resources to maximize our reach and effectiveness in serving Hawai'i's low-income population. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Housing Development Corporation and through that role is well-versed in HHFDC's procedures as well as the challenges of developing truly affordable rental housing.

Throughout her career, Ms. Fukumoto has demonstrated a deep commitment to serving the community and especially people living in poverty who need a hand in getting to a better place in their lives. This appointment is well-aligned with her personal and professional skills and values.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like more information.





HAWAII COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

Thursday, April 16, 2015, 1:15 PM
Conference Room 016

Testimony in Support of **General Message 725**, Consideration and Confirmation of Rona S.Y. Fukumoto to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation

Chair Chun-Oakland, Vice-Chair Green, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Tammi Chun, Vice President for Programs for the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF). Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support of the confirmation of **Rona S.Y. Fukumoto** as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC). Governor David Ige appointed Ms. Fukumoto as an advocate for low-income housing affiliated with a private nonprofit organization with a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

Ms. Fukumoto, Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Division Administrator for Housing Assistance & Referral Programs, is an active participant among 16 leaders in HCF's HousingASAP program. HousingASAP, is a three-year, \$4 million program that aims to move more homeless families into stable housing faster, and to keep families there. In HousingASAP, along with 15 colleagues from eight organizations serving families who are homeless on the islands of Maui, Hawai'i Island and O'ahu, Ms. Fukumoto has been helping to build a more effective network of providers who are focused on moving homeless families into permanent housing. We have observed Ms. Fukumoto's passionate commitment for and work on behalf of those in our community who need low-income housing, as well as her collaboration with peers.

Ms. Fukumoto's career is one of public service. In addition to her work at Catholic Charities since 2004, Ms. Fukumoto was Vice President, Director of Employment & Community Programs, and Acting Director of Program Services for Winners at Work. Ms. Fukumoto is a board member of Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Housing Development Corporation, and volunteers for Family Promise Hawai'i and Project Dana, an interfaith care giving organization. Previously she has been a board member of the Hawai'i State Department of Human Services Financial Assistance Advisory Council. Her professional and volunteer activities are a clear demonstration of her commitment to those in need and her skill in advocating on their behalf, especially in the area of housing.

I highly recommend Ms. Rona Fukumoto to be confirmed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2015

Testimony for HSH on Apr 16, 2015 13:15PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Betty Lou Larson	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: RE: Ms. Rona S. Y. Fukumoto Community Advocate for Low-Income Housing Affiliated with Private Nonprofit Organization Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation Expiration Date: June 30, 2017 I strongly support Rona Fukumoto's nomination to this Board. As a former HHFDC Board member and a community housing advocate, I know that a strong voice is needed on the Board for the consumers who will utilize these important affordable housing projects. Ms. Fukumoto is an exemplary candidate to voice the needs of Hawaii citizens who seek affordable housing. Along with her work focusing on homeless services and homeless prevention at Catholic Charities for over 11 years, she has many years of experience in employment readiness and assisting clients to work. Workforce housing is a hot topic and Ms. Fukumoto can be a voice for workers who are on the edge of homelessness. With more affordable rental housing, many workers can live more secure and stable lives. Ms. Fukumoto also has experience wearing the hat of a developer. She serves on the Board of a non-profit housing development corporation, Catholic Charities Housing Development Corporation. This is valuable experience which will boarden her understanding and evaluation of projects which come before the HHFDC Board for funding. Overall, I feel Ms. Fukumoto is an excellent candidate for the Board of HHFDC. I urge you to approve her nomination to this Board.

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April 13, 2015

The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
State Capitol
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GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RONA S.Y. FUKUMOTO FOR A TERM
TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017. (Hearing date: 4-16-2015)**

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of Governor Ige's nomination of Rona S. Y. Fukumoto to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC).

I have known and worked closely with Ms. Fukumoto for the past three and one half years on the compelling issue of homelessness. I have found her to be a hardworking, contributing member of the homeless Continuum of Care (CoC), one who is always willing to put in extra effort to get the job done. Most impressive to me is Ms. Fukumoto's innate understanding that homelessness is a social issue that cannot be solved by only one sector of the community; she is collaborative and works well with other providers and interested parties to find solutions that capitalize on everyone's contributions. Additionally, Ms. Fukumoto takes the time to study and to learn about new programs and evidence-based strategies that have worked effectively in other communities.

These qualities underscore Ms. Fukumoto's contribution to HHFDC's Board of Directors where she will bring a wealth of knowledge about serving individuals/families through the provision of affordable housing. Ms. Fukumoto always conducts herself with professionalism and ethical behavior, and I ask that you give her nomination your highest consideration.

Sincerely,



LORI TSUHAKO, LSW, ACSW
Citizen