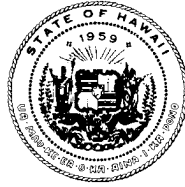




GM727

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, MELVIN Y.C. KAHELE, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.
Report Title:	Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
LEILANI PULMANO
Chair, Board of Directors of the
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
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. 727

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
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TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018.**

The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) Board of Directors **strongly supports** the nomination of Melvin Y.C. Kahele, as the Board's at-large member.

Mr. Kahele has extensive experience with labor unions, and the construction industry. His affiliation with the Ironworkers Union Local 625 and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 996, provides HHFDC with a valuable housing development resource.

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



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April 13, 2015

Hon. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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Re: **GM 727 - Melvin Y.C. Kahele - HHFDC**
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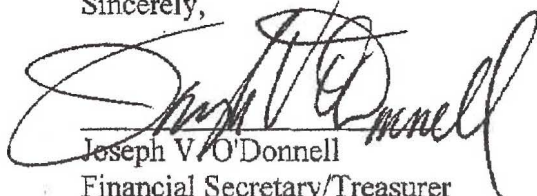
Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

As the Financial Secretary/Treasurer and Business Manager of the Ironworkers Union of Hawaii, Local 625, I have worked closely with Mel Kahele, one of the Governor's nominees to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development (HHFDC) board. Mr. Kahele is one of our union's lobbyists at the state capitol and city hall.

Having served as the Teamsters head for 14 years before becoming one of our lobbyists, he gained a wealth of knowledge in the financial affairs of that union, and, the world of finance in general. This Teamster gained knowledge plus his work as a trustee for several of the trust funds for our union, make him eminently qualified to serve on the HHFDC board. Although I am not certain, I believe Mr. Kahele would be the only representative coming from organized labor.

The Ironworkers Union, Local 625, give our wholehearted support for Melvin Y.C. Kahele to become a member of the HHFDC board.

Sincerely,


Joseph V. O'Donnell
Financial Secretary/Treasurer
and Business Manager

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Re: GM 727 - Melvin Y.C. Kahele - HHFDC
April 16, 2015 - 1:15 p.m. - CR 016

Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members,

It is with distinct pleasure that I support the Governor's nomination of Melvin Y.C. Kahele to the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) board. Mr. Kahele is presently an interim appointee to this board.

This board has the important task of deciding on loans and funding for state housing projects targeting the affordable income market. As the Principal Executive Officer for the Teamsters Union, Locals 996 and 681 for 14 years, he worked closely with the middle class and blue collar workers who comprised his membership. Many were eligible to purchase homes in this market.

In addition to the wealth of knowledge he has acquired while serving as the Teamsters head in Hawai'i, he has served as a trustee for several trust funds for the Ironworkers Union of Hawai'i for several years where he has the fiduciary duty of deciding and voting on investments for ironworker union members.

In my capacity as the Managing Director of the Iron Workers Stabilization fund, I have closely observed the work of Mr. Kahele for the last eight years. He is fully deserving of your committee's vote to become a member of the board.

Respectfully Submitted,


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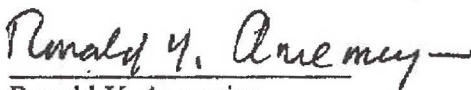
As a fellow lobbyist for the Ironworkers Union, Local 625, I give my firm support for Mel Kahele's nomination to be voted on and ratified by your committee and passed on to the full senate for confirmation.

I have worked closely with Mr. Kahele on many matters pertaining to the Ironworkers Union and its members, especially when labor issues are debated at the state and city government levels.

Based on his many years of leading the Teamster union in Hawaii, he is most knowledgeable concerning financial matters affecting union members. This added to the knowledge he has gained as a lobbyist for the Iron Workers Union combine to give him a different perspective which the Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corporation board should welcome.

Please take my thoughts into consideration when you deliberate on Mr. Kahele's nomination.

Respectfully,



Ronald Y. Amemiya
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