

**THE SENATE
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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Testimony on GM 804

April 16, 2015

Conference Room 211, 9:00 a.m.

Chair Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair Ronald D. Kouchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, DR. CHRISTOPHER GRANDY, for consideration and confirmation to the Council on Revenues. I am an Administrative Rules Specialist with the Department of Taxation and I am familiar with the Council's work. However, my endorsement was unsolicited and has nothing to do with my official duties.

Dr. Grandy has served the Council on Revenues for almost four years. Dr. Grandy is a respected economist and educator. Dr. Grandy's wealth of knowledge of local, national, and international economic and government affairs is a tremendous asset to the Council on Revenues.

With Dr. Grandy's continuous membership, the Council on Revenues will unquestionably carry out its mission to prepare revenue estimates for the State of Hawaii for fiscal year in progress and for each of the ensuing fiscal years of the six-year state program and financial plan in the most accurate manner.

I respectfully request the Senate's favorable confirmation of Dr. Grandy to the Council on Revenues.

Sincerely,

Titin L. Sakata

To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Dr. Donald J. Rousslang
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Re: Testimony in Support of Governor's Message (GM 804)
For consideration and confirmation of Dr. CHRISTOPHER GRANDY to the Council
on Revenues

I wish to testify in strong support of the Governor's nomination of Dr. Christopher Grandy to the Council on Revenues. Dr. Grandy is highly qualified for the position. Dr. Grandy is extremely knowledgeable about Hawaii's taxes: He served as a member of the 2005-2007 Tax Review Commission and is a professor of Public Administration at the University of Hawaii. Having had the pleasure of working with Dr. Grandy for the past four years in my role supporting the work of the Council, I can testify that he has applied himself conscientiously and with high competence to all aspects of the Council's work and that the quality of his contributions has been outstanding. I warmly urge you to approve his appointment to the Council.