

GM 810

Testimony –

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service, Gubernatorial Nominee, RONALDO MATA, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Report Title: Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service

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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Chair-Senate Committee on Higher Education
Senate District 11
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Honorable Chairman Taniguchi and the Senate Higher Education Committee,

I am pleased to support the appointment and confirmation of Mr. Ronaldo Mata to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service for a first term. (GM 810)

This Commission enacted by Federal Statute, is responsible for administering and receiving federal funds to support AmeriCorps Programs in the State of Hawaii. There are currently 8 programs in the Hawaii portfolio, with approximately 350 to 400 members serving throughout the state bringing in over \$4,050,366.00 a year in Federal Funds. The current focus areas of our programs concentrate on education, land conservation, legal help for the needy, sustainable agriculture, early childhood care, and youth media education.

The composition of the Commission by Federal statute requires a minimum of 15 members, an equal representation of political parties with NO one party having a majority, and representation of various professional occupations.

Mr. Mata will represent Human Services. His appointment will also allow the Commission to maintain the equal balance between political parties that is needed to remain compliant with the Federal Statutes.

Please allow Mr. Mata the opportunity to serve on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service by confirming him.

Respectfully,

Tracy Lee
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