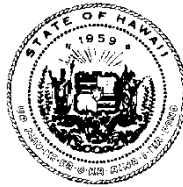


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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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In consideration of

G.M. 609
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAI'I PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, EN YOUNG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019

Honorable Chair Harimoto and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Governor's Message 609 (G.M. 609), submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. En Young, for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the confirmation of Mr. Young to the HPHA Board of Directors. The HPHA Board needs directors with a variety of life experiences and professional expertise in order to effectively fulfill its role as a policy guide for the agency. Mr. Young has many years of state government service in contracting and procurement, and sits on the Board of the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council. Mr. Young also has experience in the nonprofit sector, currently serving as the Executive Director for The Food Basket, which serves to feed the hungry in Hawaii County. Mr. Young is also very active in the community, volunteering for various organizations. Mr. Young's extensive experience in human service program development, familiarity with issues from neighbor island constituents, and his passion for assisting the community will be extremely valuable to the HPHA Board when reviewing state housing policy and legislation.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Housing with the agency's position regarding G.M. 609. We respectfully request the Committee to confirm Mr. En Young to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.