

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health Friday, April 15, 2016 at 9:30 A.M. Conference Room 229, State Capitol

RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 821 CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII HURRICANE RELIEF FUND, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STAFFORD KIGUCHI

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") is in **support** of Mr. Stafford Kiguchi's confirmation and appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Mr. Stafford Kiguchi, the Executive Vice President and Manager, Government Relations and Corporate Communications at Bank of Hawaii, currently sits on the board of directors for Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund, the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and Move Oahu Forward. In addition, Mr. Kiguchi is also a member of the advisory council of the American Diabetes Association, Hawaii Chapter, and the Government Relations Council – American Bankers Association.

Mr. Stafford Kiguchi possesses a wealth of experience and knowledge and will continue to serve Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund well. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our support for this nomination of Mr. Kiguchi.