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March 27, 2018



The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair Senate Committee on Ways and Means Twenty-Ninth State Legislature State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz:

This is a letter in support of Ken Kitamura's appointment as Deputy Director of Finance.

Mr. Kitamura is a veteran State manager with extensive budget, analysis and management experience at the Legislature, Legislative Auditor, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and Department of Human Services. He knows State government and its programs and understands budgeting and management principles and practices.

Mr. Kitamura is bright and hardworking. In the years that I have had the opportunity to work with him, he has demonstrated sound judgment, administrative ability, and good people skills.

I believe that Mr. Kitamura possesses the experience and skills to help lead the Department. I urge the Senate to confirm his appointment.

Sincerely,

Neal Miyahira, Administrator

Budget, Program Planning & Management Division

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DAMIEN A. ELEFANTE DEPUTY DIRECTOR



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To: The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director

Department of Taxation

Re: G.M. 590 Relating to Ken Kitamura



My name is Linda Chu Takayama, and I am currently serving as Director of Taxation for the State of Hawaii. I am in strong support of the confirmation of Ken Kitamura as Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance.

His positions over the years speak to an extensive knowledge of the unique fiscal and accounting practices of state government. These are skills that can only be acquired after years on the job.

Clearly, he will be a valuable asset to the state administration as it deals with some of the most challenging and intricate budget problems that have ever been faced.

I urge your favorable consideration of his nomination.



PANKAJ BHANOT DIRECTOR

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March 26, 2018

TO: The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **GM 590** - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy

Director of the Department of Budget and Finance, Gubernatorial Nominee,

KEN KITAMURA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-03-2018.

Hearing: Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

Conference Room 211, State Capitol

As the Director of the Department of Human Services, I am writing in strong support for Governor's Message 590 – nomination of Ken Kitamura as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance. Before being nominated for the position at the Department of Budget and Finance, Ken Kitamura served as Business Management Officer of the Department of Human Services. He brings a long history of experience and service to sound fiscal management of different state departments and will continue to provide effective business management expertise to the Department of Budget and Finance. Please confirm Ken Kitamura as Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony in support.



Testimony by: JADE T. BUTAY DIRECTOR

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March 27, 2018 11:00 a.m. State Capitol, Room 211



G.M. 590

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEN KITAMURA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-03-2018

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) strongly **supports** Ken Kitamura as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F).

Mr. Kitamura received his Masters in Public Administration from the University of Hawaii and has worked various roles since 1986 in Hawaii State government.

Mr. Kitamura is well-suited for the position and brings a know-how combined with a reasoned perspective to address the complex issues facing our State budget and to keep B&F moving in a positive direction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



THOMAS WILLIAMS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

KANOE MARGOL DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 27, 2018

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means Hawaii State Capitol, Room 208 Honolulu, HI 96813



Re: Governor's Message No. 590, Consideration and Confirmation of Mr. Ken Kitamura as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

I strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Ken Kitamura to serve as Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance.

He has extensive experience in public service having served in various administrative and managerial positons with the Department of Human Services, the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, and the Legislature including the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. His government experience, business and human resources management, and administrative guidance will be a much needed asset to the Department and to the Employees' Retirement System.

It is for these reasons that I urge the Committee to confirm Mr. Kitamura as Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance.

Thomas Williams

Executive Director

