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Written Statement of Robbie Melton

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before the

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology

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GM714 IN CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CREIGHTON ARITA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022.

In consideration of

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology,

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support the confirmation** of Mr. Creighton Arita to the HTDC Board of directors. Creighton previously served as a valuable member on the HTDC board of directors and would be a great addition to the current board. As CEO and founder of 'ike Hawaii and Team Praxis, Creighton has intimate knowledge of what it takes it build a successful technology company in Hawaii. His insights and experiences in investment banking, strategic planning, and health information technology markets would be invaluable assets for HTDC. Furthermore, Creighton is a passionate individual and shares his positive energy with everyone he is around.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.