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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

On the following measure:
G.M. 543, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NIKKI SENTER,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Nikki Senter's appointment to the Real Estate Commission (Commission) as a public member.

Ms. Senter has been practicing real estate law and development for 19 years. She is currently senior assistant general counsel in real estate for The Howard Hughes Corporation and play a key role in helping the corporation establish its Ward Village Plan. Previously, Ms. Senter was the president, founder, and owner of Senter Law LLLC and associate general counsel for Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.

Ms. Senter served two terms on the Commission from 2011 to 2018 and was chair during her second term. In addition to her prior service on the Commission, Ms.

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Senter was a condominium consultant for the Commission. Her professional experience and noted history with the Commission is an invaluable asset to the Commission.

The Department believes that Ms. Senter's professional experience, continued desire to serve on the Commission, and commitment to actively participate in commission meetings will greatly enhance the Commission's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Neil Fujitani, and I am the Supervising Executive Officer of the Real Estate Commission (Commission). The Commission supports the confirmation of Ms. Nikki Senter's appointment to the Commission as a public member for the County of Honolulu.

Ms. Senter continues to demonstrate a commitment to public service, as reflected by her willingness to serve on the Commission from 2011 to 2018, and currently. During her previous tenure on the Commission, she was appointed as chairperson due to her outstanding contributions and participation in the work of the Commission. Ms. Senter understands the requirements and responsibilities of serving on the Commission, including: attending meetings regularly; preparing for discussion by reviewing meeting materials; and having a clear understanding of the Commission's laws and rules.

For these reasons, the Commission believes that Ms. Senter is an excellent candidate to serve on the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2020

THE HONORABLE ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR THE HONORABLE STANLEY CHANG, VICE CHAIR

GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE NIKKI SENTER SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS COMMISSIONER, REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Testimony of Michele Sunahara Loudermilk

for

Governor's Message 543

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

I appreciate this opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Nikki Senter as a Commissioner of the Real Estate Commission. I served with Ms. Senter for a year on the Real Estate Commission when our terms overlapped, and she made valuable contributions and continued to do so through 2018, including serving as Chair for four years. I support Ms. Senter's confirmation because she has the background, the experience, and the temperament to suit the position of Commissioner of the Real Estate Commission.

Ms. Senter is familiar with the scope of the Real Estate Commission's responsibilities and its procedures, and has extensive expertise in Hawaii's condominium and real estate licensing laws. If confirmed, she would be able to easily assume her duties. I know Ms. Senter has a strong sense of integrity, and if confirmed she would serve the State of Hawaii well, keeping the consumer's interests at heart. I believe that Ms. Senter would be an asset and a credit to the Real Estate Commission, and I support her confirmation as a Commissioner without reservation. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Michele Sunahara Loudermilk

TESTIMONY OF Alyson Nakamura

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I had the opportunity to know Ms. Senter when we worked together in the law department of Alexander & Baldwin. Ms. Senter previously served on the Real Estate Commission from 2011 through 2018, including 4 years as Chair. With years of legal experience and knowledge in Hawaii condominium and Hawaii broker laws, she was a beneficial asset to the Commission. Her success as a Commissioner was also due to her high moral and ethical values and desire for consumer protection.

I fully **support** Ms. Senter's confirmation, as she would continue to be an asset to the State as a Real Estate Commissioner.

Thank you.

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TESTIMONY OF MILTON M. MOTOOKA, ESQ.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2020

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I had the opportunity to know Ms. Senter from since 2004. Ms. Senter previously served on the Real Estate Commission from 2011 through 2018, including 4 years as Chair. With years of legal experience and knowledge in Hawaii condominium and Hawaii broker laws, she was a beneficial asset to the Commission. When she was serving as Chair of the Real Estate Commission, I had the opportunity to work with her, as Chair of the Programs Committee for the Hawaii Chapter of Community Associations Institute, to provide educational programs for the condominium associations on behalf of the Real Estate Commission. I found her to be thorough and fair in all dealings with her and thought she represented the Real Estate Commission very professionally and effectively. Her success as a Commissioner was also due to her high moral and ethical values and desire for consumer protection.

I fully <u>support</u> Ms. Senter's confirmation, as she would continue to be an asset to the State as a Real Estate Commissioner.

Thank you.

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GM-543

Submitted on: 3/2/2020 2:46:17 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/4/2020 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

Chair Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Stanley Chang and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of the confirmation of Nikki Senter for the Real Estate Commission.

I have known Ms. Senter for more than 20 years. During that time, I worked with her in the same law firm for 11 years and have had the opportunity to observe her development into an accomplished and respected real estate attorney. Ms. Senter previously served on the Real Estate Commission from 2011 through 2018, including 4 years as Chair. With years of legal experience and knowledge in Hawaii condominium and Hawaii broker laws, she was a beneficial asset to the Commission. Her success as a Commissioner was also due to her high moral and ethical values and desire for consumer protection.

I fully **support** Ms. Senter's confirmation, as she would continue to be an asset to the State as a Real Estate Commissioner.

Thank you.

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TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE**. NO. 543 RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE NIKKI SENTER FOR THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

TESTIMONY OF NATALIE I. KIEHM

Chair Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Stanley Chang and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in <u>support</u> of the confirmation of Nikki Senter for the Real Estate Commission.

I had the opportunity to know Ms. Senter from working with her as a client while she served as counsel for residential condominium projects. Having known Ms. Senter when she previously served on the Real Estate Commission (from 2011 to 2018, including four years as Chair), Ms. Senter took a thoughtful and deliberate approach to the work of the Commission, using her expertise in combination with her high moral and ethical values and desire for strong consumer protections.

Ms. Senter's years of legal experience and knowledge in Hawaii real estate and condominium law will also be beneficial to the Commission and State of Hawaii as Hawaii struggles to deal with its affordable housing crises. Condominium housing, including for single family homes, is likely a part of the solution.

I fully <u>support</u> Ms. Senter's confirmation, as she would be an asset to the State as a Real Estate Commissioner. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,

Natalie I. Kiehm

From: <u>Matthew A. Cohen</u>
To: <u>CPH Testimony</u>

Subject: Testimony of Jon M. Pang, Esq. for Nikki Senter - Real Estate Commission (GM 543)

Date: Monday, March 2, 2020 3:21:04 PM

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TESTIMONY OF JON M. H. PANG
TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
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I have known Ms. Senter for more than 20 years. During that time, I worked with her in the same law firm for 11 years and have had the opportunity to observe her development into an accomplished and respected real estate attorney. Ms. Senter previously served on the Real Estate Commission from 2011 through 2018, including 4 years as Chair. With years of legal experience and knowledge in Hawaii condominium and Hawaii broker laws, she was a beneficial asset to the Commission. Her success as a Commissioner was also due to her high moral and ethical values and desire for consumer protection.

I fully support Ms. Senter's confirmation, as she would continue to be an asset to the State as a Real Estate Commissioner.

Thank you.

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Aloha Chair Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Stanley Chang and members of the Committee, Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in **support** of the confirmation of Nikki Senter for the Real Estate Commission.

Associa Hawaii is a large property management company managing more than 30,000 units and 400 condominium and homeowner associations on six Hawaiian Islands. Our company has worked closely with Ms. Senter as we have served our mutual real estate developer clients during the development process, sale and start-up of residential condominium associations which today hundreds of Hawaii families call their homes. Nikki's high moral character, strong ethical values and her desire to protect consumers have always been her top priority in our numerous dealings with her. I fully support Ms. Senter's confirmation, as she would continue to be a valuable asset to the State as a Real Estate Commissioner.

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Pauli Wong, PCAM®, RS®, President

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TESTIMONY OF NEIL ROSS, PCAM

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2020

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Dear Chair Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Stanley Chang and members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in <u>support</u> of the confirmation of Nikki Senter for the Real Estate Commission.

I have had the pleasure of working with Nikki through her community service for the Salvation Army-Hawaii and Pacific Islands Division's Long-range Property Committee. Associa Hawaii prepared capital reserve studies for the 30+ properties owned by The Salvation Army.

This innovative and visionary initiative, which Nikki helped to launch, provided The Salvation Army with the valuable tools to ensure sound long-term capital budget planning to meet future costs and financial obligations for years to come. From start to finish of the project, Nikki maintained the highest moral character and ethical standards serving the very best interests of the organization and for those less fortunate.

I fully **support** Ms. Nikki Senter's confirmation, as she would be an asset to the State and to the public as Real Estate Commissioner.

Sincerely,

Neil Ross, PCAM
Senior Vice President, Operations
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Aloha Chair Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Stanley Chang and members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of the confirmation of Nikki Senter for the Real Estate Commission.

I have worked closely with Nikki since the early 2000s when she was Partner with Imanaka Asato serving some of North America's top real estate development companies doing business in Hawaii, thereafter when she moved to Alexander & Baldwin as Associate General Counsel, later when she opened her own real estate development law firm Senter Law LLLC and today in her position as Senior Assistant General Counsel-Real Estate for The Howard Hughes Corporation.

Throughout her career, Nikki's meticulous preparation of governing documents and timely registration of dozens of Hawaii condominium projects has resulted in thousands of Hawaii families realizing the American dream of homeownership and top real estate developers continuing to invest millions of dollars and creating hundreds of jobs in Hawaii. I have worked with Nikki during economic downturns, under very tight deadlines and enormous financial constraints. Even under the most trying situations, Nikki has always displayed the very highest level of integrity, honesty and desire to protect consumers.

I fully **Support** Ms. Senter's confirmation, as she would continue to be an asset to the State as a Real Estate Commissioner.

Mahalo

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TESTIMONY OF GLENN NISHIHARA

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

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Thank you.

From: Kristen Coles
To: CPH Testimony
Subject: GM543 support letter

Date: Monday, March 2, 2020 5:35:13 PM

To Whom It May Concern -

I am writing a letter in support of Dr. David Kern, ND, LAc for nomination to continue to serve on the state Board of Naturopathic Medicine. I have known Dr. Kern as a colleague for 7 years and find him to be a fair and honest individual with a desire to enhance the practice of naturopathic medicine in the state of Hawaii. I have also served on the Board of Naturopathic Medicine with him for the past 2 years and have observed his ability to uphold the standards of the duties of the board. I highly recommend his reappointment to the Board. Sincerely,

Dr. Kristen Coles

Dr. Kristen Coles Naturopathic Doctor, Licensed Acupuncturist Steelsmith Natural Health Center 438 Hobron Ln, Suite 314 Honolulu, HI 96815 808-943-0330

TESTIMONY OF GLENN NISHIHARA

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Thank you.

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March 2, 2020

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health ("CPN") Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: CPN Hearing; 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Testimony; GM 543 (2020); Nikki Senter; Real Estate Commission

Dear Chair Baker:

I **strongly support** the confirmation of **Nikki Senter** for a four (4) year term as a Public Member Commissioner on the **Hawaii Real Estate Commission** ("HIREC"). Ms. Senter previously served on the HIREC (2010 to 2018). She:

- 1. Chaired the HIREC until reaching her term limit, June 30, 2018, and is <u>well-respected</u> by both HIREC staff and Commissioners who have worked with her.
- 2. Provides valuable <u>experience</u> (HIREC, 7/1/10 to 6/30/18), <u>leadership</u> (seven years as HIREC Chair) and <u>expertise</u> as a condominium attorney, which is important because the HIREC is tasked with regulating and registering condominiums.
- 3. Will be a <u>much needed addition</u> in a year where the HIREC loses both it its Laws & Rules Review Committee Chair and Education Review Committee Chair.

I am confident that Ms. Senter's participation as a Public Member Commissioner will serve the public interest and HIREC well.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Pang

Chair, Hawaii Real Estate Commission

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