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Statement of  
**MIKE MCCARTNEY**  
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**

Thursday, May 14, 2020

1:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of

**GM 567**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CHUNG CHANG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE  
AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee.

I support the appointment of Chung Chang to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

I have had the opportunity to work with Chung as the Office of Aerospace Development Coordinator within DBEDT and I've watched him grow in his capacity and expand his working relationships with all the DBEDT managers. His communication skills, attention to details and ability to coordinate well with others are the qualities that led me to believe that Chung would make an excellent Deputy Director.

Chung's experience as a consultant and as small business owner gives him the perspective of empathizing with the kinds of challenges other business owners are facing during this economic crisis. Not only does Chung have the technical qualities for the position, but he is also a good man with strong character and integrity with good ethics and values who is dedicated to helping the communities of Hawaii recover from this pandemic.

The COVID pandemic provided many challenges for our department as well as the State as a whole. During this time, I've watched Chung take leadership in guiding the DBEDT managers through these unprecedented times with a "can do" attitude yet with a calm and cool demeanor.

For these reasons, I urge Chung Chang's confirmation as the DBEDT Deputy Director. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Thursday, May 14, 2020  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of  
**GM 567**  
**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the  
Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and  
Tourism, Chung Chang, for a term to expire on 12-05-2022.**

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

I respectfully ask your **support** for the confirmation of Chung Chang as Deputy  
Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT).

I have worked with Chung as DBEDT's Aerospace Coordinator and as Acting  
Deputy Director of DBEDT. He has experience as a business owner, a Legislative aide,  
and a member of DBEDT's leadership team.

Chung is a strong administrator who is calm and organized. Chung gets things  
done quickly. He asks questions to elicit the relevant facts and then takes action. He  
supports the DBEDT team with a positive helpful attitude.

I strongly urge you to recommend confirmation of Chung Chang as Deputy  
Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

May 11, 2020

To: The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai  
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi  
Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

Committee Members

From: Dennis Ling



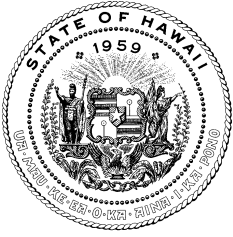
Re: GM 567  
Support Letter for Chung Chang for Deputy Director, Department of Business, Economic  
Development & Tourism (DBEDT)

I am writing in support of Chung Chang for Deputy Director of DBEDT. With almost three years of state service, and ten years in the private sector, Mr. Chang has broad and deep experience not only at DBEDT, but in the private sector. AT DBEDT, he has proven his ability to assist staff to continue its vital work, and to pursue innovate programs. His leadership is valued, and his commitment to enhance and grow Hawaii's economy, especially during these unprecedented times, is well respected.

Mr. Chang would be the perfect complement as a COO to the Director. He has a grasp of the administrative, technical, and systemic matters and issues of the department, as well as the state. His familiarity with the legislative process, and relationship with legislators is strong. These qualities, coupled with his experience and contacts in the private sector will tremendously help the Department. He definitely will be an asset to leadership and our Department to achieve its vision for our economy especially during the post-COVID-19 period.

I respectfully request that Chung Chang be confirmed as the Deputy Director of DBEDT.

Mahalo.



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Testimony of  
**SCOTT J. GLENN, Chief Energy Officer**

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**  
Thursday, May 14, 2020  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In SUPPORT of  
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 567, CHUNG CHANG**  
As Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
(Written Testimony Only)

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee, I am writing in support of the appointment of Mr. Chung Chang to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Mr. Chang has admirably led the Department as the acting Deputy, especially through the COVID emergency to help not only the Department but, more importantly, businesses with accessing the resources they need. His prior experience in the private sector, with the Legislature, and as the Office of Aerospace Development Coordinator gives him insight into the operations of the Department while bringing a private sector perspective to how the Department can improve itself.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**GM-567**

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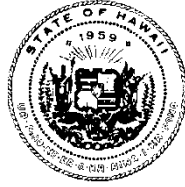
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Burt Lum	Testifying for DBEDT-HBI	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Burt Lum and I am the Strategy Officer for Broadband in DBEDT. I strongly support the confirmation of Chung Chang for Deputy Director of DBEDT. Even before this COVID-19 pandemic Chung has been a very supportive and stabilizing force in DBEDT. We need people like Chung to help achieve the goals of Hawaii as we enter into the challenging period of Hawaii's economic recovery.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Statement of  
**DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA**  
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation  
Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

May 14, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 016

In consideration of

**G.M. 567**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CHUNG CHANG, FOR A TERM TO  
EXPIRE ON 12-05-2022.**

HHFDC ***strongly supports*** the nomination of Chung Chang to serve as Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT).

Chung Chang is well qualified to serve as DBEDT Deputy Director. His business consulting and management experience in both the private and public sectors will serve him well in this position. Most recently, he served as the Coordinator for the Office of Aerospace Development and has done so with distinction. Chung's experience while working for the Senate committee on Ways and Means provided him with a good foundation for understanding the budget process and how government works. Chung Chang also serves as DBEDT's designee on the HHFDC Board of Directors. In addition to his professional experience, Chung's personal character and integrity make him the right fit for the job. We look forward to continuing to work with him at DBEDT.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Statement of  
**CHRIS TATUM**

Hawai'i Tourism Authority  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Thursday, May 14, 2020  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room #016

In consideration of  
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 567**  
**RELATING TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CHUNG CHANG**

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Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism: the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) **supports** Governor's Message 567, which requests the consideration and confirmation of Chung Chang to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) with a term to expire at noon on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The HTA has had the honor of working closely with Mr. Chang in various capacities over the past few years. He has consistently proven to be reliable, capable, and flexible in his ability to serve the people of Hawaii. He has been very responsive to the HTA and understands the important role that a healthy and sustainable visitor industry plays in the overall economic health of Hawaii.

It is for these reasons that HTA **supports** GM 567 and humbly requests your support of the confirmation of Mr. Chung Chang as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony.



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Written Statement of  
**Len Higashi**  
Acting Executive Director  
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before the  
**Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism**  
Thursday, May 14, 2020  
1:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of  
**GM567**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CHUNG CHANG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-  
05-2022.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Mr. Chung Chang as the Deputy Director of DBEDT. Chung brings a wealth of knowledge to DBEDT through his past experience at Office of Aerospace and the State Senate. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he has already demonstrated his ability to step up and lead DBEDT through crisis with a deliberate calm. Chung has command of the Department and the full support of the DBEDT team.

I have confidence that Chung's leadership will benefit DBEDT, HTDC, and the Hawaii economy. It has been a pleasure getting to know him over the past year. Chung is thoughtful, organized, and takes action with urgency and intention. I look forward to working closely together in the years to come. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.





DAVID Y. IGE  
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Testimony of  
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**Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority**  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**  
Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of **GM NO. 567**  
**Confirmation of Deputy Director of the Department of Business Economic Development  
and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHUNG CHANG**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Governor's Message 567, for Gubernatorial Nominee, Chung Chang, as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

As a former small business owner, Mr. Chang brings to DBEDT pragmatic business experience and expertise. Always consistently respectful and professional, Mr. Chang's implementation strengths perfectly complement the high-level, visionary strengths of DBEDT's Director. As the economic development driver of the State, under Mr. Chang's leadership, our DBEDT team have been working selflessly and collaboratively to assist during and beyond this pandemic.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and offer support and comments for Governor's Message 567.



# NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

*An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism*

**Written Only**

Statement of  
**Gregory P. Barbour**  
**Executive Director**  
Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority  
before the

## **COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

Thursday, May 14, 2020  
1:00 pm  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of

### **GM 567 RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF CHUNG CHANG AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

I am pleased to provide testimony in strong support of Chung Chang for the position of the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I have worked closely with Mr. Chang over the past several years in his position as Interim Deputy Director and Coordinator of the Hawaii Office of Aerospace Development. His experience and understanding of government, technology, property management, and large organizations provides him with perfect qualifications for this important position. In working with him, it is very clear that he has a very detailed knowledge of the workings of government, building teams and the different role of each agency in DBEDT.

In addition, he has represented DBEDT on the NELHA Board of Directors recently and I have valued his opinion on critical issues facing NELHA. His practical realistic assessment of issues and straight-forward thinking has been invaluable in this regard.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



CRAIG K. HIRAI  
DIRECTOR

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY  
CRAIG K. HIRAI  
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AND  
ROBERT YU  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 567

**May 14, 2020**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Room 016**

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CHUNG CHANG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

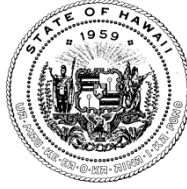
We strongly support the appointment of Chung Chang to the position of deputy director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our keiki, our kupuna, and the disadvantaged.

Mr. Chang is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Mr. Chang has been working at DBEDT as the coordinator for the Office of Aerospace Development since July 2018. Prior to that, he was a bills researcher for the State Senate Ways and Means Committee, and senior business analyst, section supervisor and marketing coordinator for HMSA. He is also a small business owner/manager/consultant. His work experience and business knowledge will benefit the department and the State; therefore, we support confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



**TESTIMONY BY:**

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May 14, 2020  
1:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 016

**G.M. 567**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHUNG CHANG, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

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Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** Chung Chang as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Mr. Chang is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and a hard-working Mule from Leilehua High School.

As Coordinator of Aerospace Development at DBEDT along with his experiences in the private sector, he offers his wisdom in health care, property management, fishery, sales, business acquisitions and start-ups.

He is a former Analyst of the Hawaii State Senate with the ability to dialogue and coordinate government, private, academic sectors and overseas institutions.

The DOT believes Mr. Chang as a catalyst in promoting business development, seeking opportunities and facilitating innovative products which are fitting in these times of unprecedented challenges.

The DOT wishes him the very best in fostering communities, creating affordable workforce housing and promoting innovation sector job growth.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**GM-567**

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Testimony for EET on 5/14/2020 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Derek Chow	Testifying for DOT Harbors Division	Support	No

Comments:

Governor's Message No. 567 submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHUNG CHANG, for a term to expire 12-05-2022.

Department of Transportation, Harbors Division SUPPORTS the nomination of Chung Chang as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

JOSH GREEN  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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May 14, 2020

To: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair,  
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development,  
and Tourism

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: G.M. No. 567 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy  
Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, CHUNG CHANG**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Scott T. Murakami, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am testifying in strong support of Governor's Message 567, Gubernatorial Nominee, Chung Chang, as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Mr. Chang has demonstrated that he has the leadership and experience to assist in leading the DBEDT. As the Deputy Director, Mr. Chang supports the Director in undertaking statewide business and economic development activities as well as research and analysis for planning energy development, tourism, and aerospace. Mr. Chang's tenure as the Coordinator for the Office of Aerospace Development of DBEDT demonstrates his familiarity with the DBEDT, and his abilities to promote opportunities for diversifying industries and developing important partnerships between local universities and businesses to improve training and growth in research initiatives.

I urge you to confirm Mr. Chang to serve as the Deputy Director of the DBEDT so that he may continue to provide leadership and service to the public.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Chang.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



CURT T. OTAGURO  
COMPTROLLER  
AUDREY HIDANO  
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OF  
CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

MAY 14, 2020, 1:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 016, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 567  
SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CHUNG CHANG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE  
AT NOON ON 12-05-2022

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 567. I support the nomination of Mr. Chung Chang to the position of deputy director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

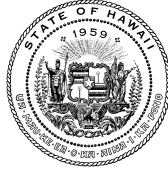
Mr. Chang has served as the interim deputy director of DBEDT since February 2020. Previously, he has served as the Office of Aerospace Development Coordinator since 2018. In addition, Mr. Chang was a bill researcher for the Senate Ways and Means Committee. He also was a business analyst, section supervisor and marketing coordinator at HMSA. In the private sector, Mr. Chang is a small business owner, manager, and consultant.

Mr. Chang's experience as a public servant as well as his experience in business qualifies him to serve as the deputy director of DBEDT.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



CURT T. OTAGURO  
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TESTIMONY  
OF  
AUDREY HIDANO, DEPUTY COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM  
ON  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020, 1:00 PM  
CONFERENCE ROOM 016, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 567

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **MR. CHUNG CHANG**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

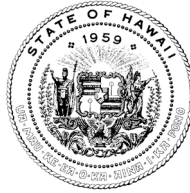
Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 567. I support the nomination of **MR. CHUNG CHANG** to the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Mr. Chang has entrepreneur experience and abilities to contribute to the job as Deputy of DBEDT. He has a touch of experience working at WAM as a bill researcher which gives him a perspective of government in the making. Mr. Chang has a wide range of contacts both internally and externally which will be an asset to DBEDT.

Mr. Chang has been working as the Office of Aerospace Development Coordinator for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism since July 2018.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



DOUGLAS MURDOCK  
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM  
Thursday, May 14, 2020

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 567  
Gubernatorial Nominee Chung Chang

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the committee:

I am testifying in support of Mr. Chung Chang, nominee for deputy director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). Mr. Chang currently serves as the department's Office of Aerospace Development Coordinator. Prior to that, he was a bills researcher for the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and consultant that provided business process improvement, labor management and advertising/marketing services.

Mr. Chung's resume reflects extensive experience in the business sector that will be an asset to DBEDT.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nominee.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF HAWAII

JOSH GREEN  
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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR., CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
AND TOURISM  
HEARING ON MAY 14, 2020 AT 1:00 PM IN CR 016

IN SUPPORT OF

**GM567**

for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of  
Business, Economic Development, and Tourism,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, **CHUNG CHANG**,  
for a term to expire 12-05-2022

May 14, 2020

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands provide this testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Chung Chang as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Mr. Chang is currently the Coordinator, Office of Aerospace Development, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, State of Hawaii. As such, he has been involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of aerospace-related programs developed/conducted through this office. His duties have called for him to establish and maintain collaborative working relationships with businesses, research centers, government agencies, educational institutions, as well as establish and maintain program documentation and contract files. Previously, he worked as marketing coordinator, section supervisor, and senior business analyst at the Hawaii Medical Service Association. Along the way, he has owned, and/or, managed three small businesses.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

**DAVID Y. IGE**  
Governor

**JOSH GREEN**  
Lt. Governor



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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
AND TOURISM**

**MAY 14, 2020  
1:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 229**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 567  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION, AS DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AND TOURISM, CHUNG CHANG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-05-2022.**

Chairperson Wakai and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 567, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHUNG CHANG, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022. The Department supports this measure.

Mr. Chang has extensive experience in government roles, both in the legislative and executive branches. He also has experience in the private sector with both large employers such as HMSA and as the owner/operator of a small business. His considerable experience will make him a valuable addition as Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Chung Chang, GM 567.



DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 567  
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE  
CHUNG I. CHANG

PRESENTATION TO  
THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA  
ADJUTANT GENERAL,  
DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY,  
AND HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR

14 MAY 2020

Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Brian Taniguchi, and committee members:

I respectfully submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of confirming the appointment of Mr. Chung I. Chang, to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Mr. Chang's broad experience and background in economic development coupled with his experience and various leadership positions in the public and private sector make him an exceptional candidate to be the Deputy Director for DBEDT. He has demonstrated leadership and an understanding of state government by holding positions, to include a bill researcher for the State Senate's Ways and Means Committee, a small business owner/manager/consultant, and as a Senior Business Analyst, Section Supervisor and Marketing Coordinator at HMSA. He has also served his community working on DBEDT's Space Policy Committee, Aerospace States Association, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and coordinator of DEBDT's office of Aerospace Development.

Mr. Chang is already doing an excellent job as an acting deputy director and my personal interaction with him have been productive and positive. It is clear that his breadth of experience has direct application to DEBDT that few others possess.

I strongly stand behind Mr. Chang. He will provide leadership and experience and help guide our state in the right economic direction in this time of crisis.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and for your consideration.

**GM-567**

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Testimony for EET on 5/14/2020 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephen	Testifying for DOD, Deputy Adjutant General	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony of

**Colonel Stephen F. Logan**

Acting Adjutant General, State of Hawai'i

Before the

**Senate Committee on ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

May 14, 2020

1:00 p.m., Conference Room 016

In consideration of

**Governor's Message 5067**

Submitted for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, Chung I. Chang

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Mr. Chung I Chang to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Mr. Chang has held several leadership positions including but not limited to that of Office of Aerospace Development Coordinator, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Bills Researcher, Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and Senior Business Analyst at the Hawaii Medical Services Association. These key

positions afford Mr. Chang a keen insight and experienced perspective on matters relating to the state and community.

Mr. Chang holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from University of Hawaii at Manoa. He has served his in a variety of private business and consultaion positions which make him ideally suited and enable him to have his finger on the pulse of our state's business community.

I'm confident that Mr. Chung I Chang will enable and empower the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to lead our economic recovery in this time of pandemic crisis and beyond, and help build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



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DIRECTOR

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May 12, 2020

TESTIMONY TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM  
For Hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2020  
1:00 p.m., Conference Room 016

By

RYKER WADA  
DIRECTOR

**Governor's Message 567: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHUNG CHANG, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

**(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)**

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

I submit this testimony in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of Chung Chang as Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Chang over the past year since he was nominated for this role. I have found him to be dedicated, knowledgeable and a well-prepared individual who has the necessary experience and expertise to serve as Deputy Director of DBEDT.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 567 and Chung Chang as Deputy Director of DBEDT.



DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

**Thursday, May 14, 2020  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 567  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM  
CHUNG CHANG  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON DECEMBER 5, 2022**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 567 nominating Chung Chang as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.**

Mr. Chang will bring his marketing and entrepreneurial skills to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). These skills will be much needed as Hawaii must pivot from an overwhelming reliance on tourism to a more diversified economy. The Department is particularly interested in this pivot as pre-COVID-19 data suggested that the State had reached maximum carrying capacity as far as tourism is concerned.

Mr. Chang's experience includes working for HMSA in progressively more complicated marketing and training and strategic planning positions. He has owned his own businesses, and most recently has served as the Coordinator for the Office of Aerospace Development at DBEDT. Mr. Chang has been serving at the acting Deputy Director for DBEDT since February.

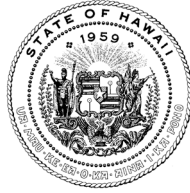
Thank you for your consideration of the Department's strong support of Governor's Message 567, nominating Mr. Chung Chang as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
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TESTIMONY OF JO ANN UCHIDA TAKEUCHI,  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:00 PM  
Conf. Rm 016

**Testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 567  
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as  
the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism  
Gubernatorial Nominee, CHUNG CHANG, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022**

TO THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR,  
TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). On behalf of DCCA and in my personal capacity, I am writing to express **strong support** of the appointment of CHUNG CHANG to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), for a term to expire on December 5, 2022.

Mr. Chang has a strong business, governmental and legislative background, and his experience in managerial roles within DBEDT means that he will be able to quickly assume this important position within the department and provide value, leadership and good counsel to the rank and file within the department and to the business community that the department serves. He is thoughtful, friendly, gracious and personable and is an individual who has the temperament, experience, ability and wisdom to effectively serve as the Deputy to the Department. I am looking forward to working with him on matters of mutual interest.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 567.

**DAVID Y. IGE**  
GOVERNOR

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To: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair;  
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair;  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and  
Tourism

From: Rona M. Suzuki, Director  
Department of Taxation

Re: **STRONG SUPPORT** of **GM 567**

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Taxation strongly supports GM 567 and the confirmation of Chung I. Chang as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT).

Mr. Chang is uniquely qualified to serve as Deputy Director as DBEDT. He most recently served as the coordinator for the Office of Aerospace Development at BEDT and is a member of the Space Policy Committee, Aerospace States Association, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. He is actively involved in promoting and maintaining collaborative working relationships between businesses and governmental agencies. He has worked for private businesses, the legislature, and owns his own consulting company. This background and work experience is an asset and resource for the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 567 and the confirmation of Chung I. Chang as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM  
May 12, 2020

Jeanne Unemori Skog  
Chair, Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii (EDAH)

**GM 567 Gubernatorial nominee as Deputy Director to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT)—Chung I. Chang**

Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Brian Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Chung Chang's nomination to the position of Deputy Director of the DBEDT.

Mr. Chang is eminently qualified to serve as the Deputy Director of the agency which serves as a resource for business and economic development in Hawaii. He received his Bachelor's degree from UH-Manoa and additional professional training in business analyses, managing projects, marketing, and food safety. Mr. Chang has worked in both the private and public sectors, gaining knowledge and insights that are valuable to DBEDT administrators. In the former, he served as the Marketing Coordinator, Section Supervisor, and Senior Business Analyst for HMSA, the provider of health plans to more than half of Hawaii's people. He is also the owner of two businesses, *Fresh Ahi Off the Boat* and *CIC Consulting*—a demonstration of his initiative and entrepreneurship. His public sector experience includes having served as a Bills Researcher for the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. In all of the aforementioned positions, Mr. Chang performed competently, established positive relationships with various constituent groups, and was able to multi-task and function ably in difficult situations.

EDAH has witnessed first-hand Mr. Chang's value to DBEDT and the state of Hawaii in his most recent roles as head of the Office of Aerospace Development and Acting Deputy Director of DBEDT. In both capacities, he has demonstrated natural strengths in forging meaningful relationships and following through with entrepreneurs and other business opportunities initially in the aerospace and broadening to other sectors. Relationships are a cornerstone to effective economic development and as such Mr. Chang is a most able and conscientious advocate for our state's goals.

Mr. Chang is able to analyze and interpret statutory language, prepare reports that are objective and documented, execute contracts, and communicate well with others. He has experience in developing efficient work procedures, mentoring and training staff, and forming productive work teams. He has also actively contributed to the well-being of the community: volunteering as a judge for the VEX Robotics State Championship and Soccer Coach and Referee for the American Youth Soccer Organization, and serving as a wrestling official for the Hawaii Wrestling Official Association.

Given his outstanding credentials and personal qualities, as well as his dedication to energizing Hawaii's economy for the betterment of her people, the EDAH Board of Directors believe that Mr. Chung Chang would make an excellent DBEDT Deputy Director. He has our respect and we support his nomination.

DATE: May 14, 2020, 1:00 p.m. Conference Room 016

TO: Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

RE: GM 567—SUPPORT for Chung I. Chang, Nomination for Deputy Director, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT)

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

It is an honor to write a letter of support on behalf of DBEDT Deputy Director Nominee Chung Chang. In my position with Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) and the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii (EDAH), I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Chang in his former position in the Office of Aerospace Development and now in his Interim Deputy Director position. He exhibits the highest level of professionalism and competence. Mr. Chang demonstrates strong collaborative skills, successfully cultivating public/private partnerships. He recognizes the strength of leveraging resources and expertise from the private sector and academia to guide strategic government investment.

Mr. Chang is a small business owner in Hawaii – the proprietor of two businesses which are geared toward serving a resident clientele – Fresh Ahi Off the Boat and CIC Consulting. His Hawaii-based entrepreneurship experience is an exceptional qualification for serving as Deputy Director of DBEDT. His first-hand insights into the backbone of Hawaii's economy will serve our state well in the COVID-19 economic recovery. His passion and knowledge base in science and technology will further contribute to our efforts to diversify our economy.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony for such a highly qualified nominee. Mr. Chang has my full support and I personally look forward to working with him as we move forward with economic recovery.

Sincerely,



Leslie Wilkins  
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**GM-567**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan S. Okimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Statement of  
*Sandy Ryan*  
*Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee Member*  
Before  
THE SENATE  
THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2020

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

In consideration of GM567 for consideration and confirmation as the  
Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, CHUNG CHANG, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee.

I am writing to express my support of the appointment of Chung Chang to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

As a member of the State's Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Committee, I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Chang on initiatives to promote Hawaii's Aerospace industry and related activities that support applied research and workforce development in this sector. His tenure in the State's Office of Aerospace Development has demonstrated his ability to identify new opportunities and foster collaboration and new partnerships.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments.

Sincerely,



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Aha Moku Advisory Committee  
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Testimony of  
Leimana DaMate, Executive Director

Before the Senate Committee on  
Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

Thursday, May 14, 2020  
1:00 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In **SUPPORT** of  
**GM 567, Chung Chang**  
**Relating to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism**

The Hawaii State Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) stands in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee, GM Chung Chang for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) for a term to expire at noon on December 5, 2022.

A local boy from Wahiawa, Mr. Chang is a perfect asset that enhances the mandate of DBEDT – “to achieve a brisk Hawaii sustainable economy that is globally that provides opportunities for all Hawaii’s citizens.” His background as a successful researcher and consultant, fiscal manager and business analyst fittingly prepared him for the Deputy Director position.

Mr. Chang’s professional affiliations with space committees such as the Aerospace States Association and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics gives him an insight into a very possible economic development opportunity for Hawaii.

But it is his openness, fairness and ethics that will ensure that he is successful at DBEDT. In our work with him, we found it was easy to communicate and found opportunities to learn how Aha Moku can work better with the business and tourism communities. We look to Mr. Chang as part of Mr. McCartney’s team to bridge the gap between the native Hawaiian economic opportunities and the reality of economics in Hawaii today.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure. We urge you to approve the nomination of Chung Chang as Deputy Director of DBEDT.

Respectfully yours,

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**GM-567**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacqui Hoover	Testifying for Hawaii Island Economic Development Board	Support	No

Comments:

Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board (HIEDB), a private, member-based 501(c)3 organization incorporated in 1984 to help strengthen and diversify Hawaii Island’s economy. My name is Jacqui Hoover and I have the privilege of serving as Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of HIEDB.

We are pleased to support the nomination of Mr. Chung Chang as Deputy Director of Hawai`i State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. HIEDB has had the privilege of working with Mr. Chang in his capacity as Program Manager for the State Office of Aerospace Development and he has demonstrated his comprehensive understanding of the opportunities and challenges to Hawaii's economy. His commitment to strengthening and diversifying our economy, ensuring resilience, and enhancing quality of life for residents and visitors alike is further reflected in his talent for relationship building and private-public collaborations.

We humbly ask that Mr. Chang's experience, acumen, and commitment be recognized and his appointment be confirmed.

Mahalo for this opportunity to speak on behalf of this important issue.

Jacqui Hoover

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