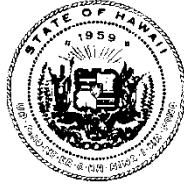


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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

May 12, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 229

In consideration of

**G.M. 589**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CAROL REIMANN, FOR A TERM  
TO EXPIRE ON 06-30-2024.**

HHFDC **strongly supports** the nomination of Carol Reimann to serve as the Maui County representative on the HHFDC Board of Directors. She is well qualified for this position.

Ms. Reimann has ample experience in housing and land development on Maui. She is currently the Vice President of Alexander & Baldwin – Maui. Prior to this, she was the Director of the County Department of Housing and Human Concerns. While working the Maui County administration, she initiated programs to facilitate the development of affordable housing in conjunction with HHFDC. Her knowledge, experience, and commitment to affordable housing will serve the board well.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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May 12, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

**TESTIMONY ON GM 589**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, CAROL REIMANN, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Room 229  
1:30 PM

Aloha Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**HFB strongly supports the confirmation of Carol Reimann to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.**

Ms. Reimann has a long history of commitment to the welfare of the community. Farm Bureau's association with Ms. Reimann began during her tenure with the Maui Hotel and Lodging Association. She understands the connection between agriculture and tourism and worked collaboratively to address agriculture issues. As an example, Ms. Reimann worked with the Farm Bureau to support community needs via the "Visitor Industry Walk" which she organized. Throughout her career, Ms. Reimann has exhibited a capacity to see the bigger picture, understanding all of the pieces that need to come together to have a successful project.

Ms. Reimann's tenure as Maui County's Director of Housing and Human Concerns will serve HHFDC well. Housing is one of Hawaii's major concerns. Agriculture needs affordable housing for workers to expand the industry. Every industry in Hawaii can say the same. We need people that look to creating collaborative partnerships to make this possible.

HFB respectfully requests your support in confirming Ms. Carol Reimann as a Boardmember to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.



To: The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair  
The Honorable Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Housing

From: Michael D. Formby, Executive Director  
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RE: GM 589—Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Carol Reimann—**STRONG SUPPORT**.  
Hearing date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020  
Hearing time: 1:30 P.M.  
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Members of the Committee:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes in **strong support** of GM 589, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), Gubernatorial Nominee, Carol Reimann, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Ms. Reimann's commitment to public service; understanding of the challenges and need for affordable housing in the State of Hawaii; leadership experience in business, government, and community relations; and her ability to work with residents and communities across the State of Hawaii renders her best-suited to serve as a member on the Board of Directors of the HHFDC.

Therefore, PRP is pleased to offer our strong support for Ms. Reimann's confirmation to the HHFDC Board.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Formby  
Pacific Resource Partnership



**GM-589**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 9:11:55 AM

Testimony for HOU on 5/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

| Submitted By     | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Janice Takahashi | Individual   | Support            | No                 |

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **support** of Carol Reimann's nomination to the HHFDC Board. Having worked with Carol when she headed the County of Maui Department of Housing and Human Concerns, her ability to network and think outside of the box will be valuable to HHFDC and the people of Hawaii.

**GM-589**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 10:50:49 AM

Testimony for HOU on 5/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier<br/>Position</b> | <b>Present at<br/>Hearing</b> |
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| J Ashman            | Individual          | Support                       | No                            |

Comments:

**GM-589**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 10:52:52 AM

Testimony for HOU on 5/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier<br/>Position</b> | <b>Present at<br/>Hearing</b> |
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| Warren Watanabe     | Individual          | Support                       | No                            |

Comments:

**GM-589**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 4:38:32 PM

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| Submitted By  | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Linda Munsell | Individual   | Support            | No                 |

## Comments:

I am submitting testimony in support of Carol Reimann for the Maui County representative on the HHFDC board. I worked with Ms. Reimann for a number of years while I was the Assistant Housing Administrator for the County of Maui, and Ms. Reimann was the Director of Housing and Human Concerns. I have never worked with anyone with more energy or more passion for housing than Ms. Reimann displayed as our Director. Ms. Reimann was instrumental in bringing a number of positive changes to the department, and was proactive in seeking new solutions to a very old, and challenging problem. Her fresh perspective and ability to absorb diverse pieces of information in order to find new ways to bring housing to Maui County was an asset to our County, and will be an asset to your board.

I am currently the Deputy Director for the Department of Human Concerns for the County of Maui, and look forward to working with Ms. Reimann in an official capacity as a member of your board. I am pleased that she is under consideration and I ask that you support her.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Linda Munsell  
Wailuku, HI