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Statement of
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

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

in consideration of
GM 665

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE COMMUNITY-
BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KALEOKALANI KURODA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023.**

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

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **strongly supports** GM 665, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Community-Based Economic Development (CBED) Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, **KALEOKALANI KURODA**, for a term to expire 6-30-2023.

Mr. Kuroda has unselfishly volunteered his time and expertise to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council since 2015 and has graciously accepted the nomination for an additional 4-year term to the Council. He is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools, and the University of Hawaii with university degrees in Accounting and Finance. A CPA by trade, he currently is an Assistant Vice-President at one of Hawaii's largest credit unions – Hawaii USA Federal Credit Union. This position focuses on strategy development, organizational effectiveness, and financial services and construction industries.

Mr. Kuroda brings to the Community-Based Economic Development (CBED) Advisory Council skills that include: Enterprise-level project management, the ability to transform data insight into actionable plans and results, knowledge of all facets of the accounting field - specializing in financial services and construction industries, an extensive auditing background, and most importantly, a desire and commitment to support community sustainability and low income families, and to *make a difference* in his birth place --- Hawaii.

The Community-Based Economic Development (CBED) Program incorporates community vision and values into an effective strategy to achieve community goals by empowering communities, increasing capacity, and conserving local resources.

The experience, skills, and commitment Mr. Kuroda brings to the CBED Program and CBED Advisory Council has and will continue to prove invaluable to our State, Department and our communities.

We humbly ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of **Mr. Kaleokalani Kuroda** to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.