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Statement of  
**Hakim Ouansafi**  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2020**  
**1:30 PM**  
**Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of  
**GM 709**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LEILANI PULMANO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06/30/2024**

Honorable Chair Chang and Members of the Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message (GM) 709, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Leilani Pulmano, for a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the confirmation of Ms. Leilani Pulmano to the HPHA Board of Directors. The HPHA Board needs directors with a variety of life experiences and professional expertise in order to effectively fulfill its role as a policy guide for the agency. Ms. Pulmano's 20 years of experience in land use development will make her a great asset to the HPHA Board of Directors, and she will also bring a fresh perspective in developing sound and thoughtful policy decisions.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Housing with the agency's position regarding GM 709. We respectfully request the Committee to confirm Ms. Leilani Pulmano to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.

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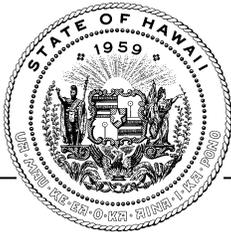
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HHFDC ***strongly supports*** the nomination of Leilani Pulmano to the Board of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). She has served with distinction on the HHFDC Board of Directors for two terms, most recently as the Board Chair.

Ms. Pulmano also has extensive land use planning, community design, and permitting experience, and understands the development and construction processes. Her work in large-scale project management with Pacific Rim Land, Inc., and prior experience with residential and mixed-use development with Kapalua Land Company, Ltd. have made her invaluable to the HHFDC Board in establishing policies and providing guidance to staff in these areas. Beyond being very well-qualified to serve on the HPHA Board, she is a good human being who always works in the best interest of the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing.

I respectfully ask your **support** for the confirmation of Leilani Pulmano as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

I have served with Leilani for eight years on the board of director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Leilani has served as vice chair and chair of the board for the last three years. She is a professional planner who understands the planning, financing, design and construction process for affordable housing. She also understands the need to include the voices of Hawaii's families and communities in decisions that affect them.

Hawaii is very fortunate that Leilani is willing to continue serving Hawaii's families who need affordable housing in Hawaii's fight to prevent homelessness.

I strongly urge you to recommend confirmation of Leilani Pulmano as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**GM-709**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 9:18:00 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Janice Takahashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **support** of Leilani Pulmano's nomination to the HPHA Board of Directors. As an HHFDC board member and current chairperson, Leilani has a track record of being well-prepared, engaged, and community-minded. She is a proven leader and all-around good person.