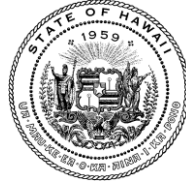


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To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair;  
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair;  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Rona M. Suzuki, Director  
Department of Taxation

Re: **STRONG SUPPORT of GM 790**

Date: Monday, May 18, 2020

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Place: Auditorium, State Capitol

The Department of Taxation (Department) strongly supports GM 790 and the confirmation of Murray Clay to the Tax Review Commission.

Mr. Clay serves as the President of Ulupono Initiative. His financial expertise and commitment to sustainability and the success of Hawaii will ensure that the Tax Review Commission balances government finance with innovative, transformative solutions for Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 790 and the confirmation of Murray Clay to the Tax Review Commission.



May 16, 2020

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
State Capitol, Auditorium  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Strong support of GM 790, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Tax Review Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MURRAY CLAY.

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

My name is Dawn Lippert, CEO of Elemental Excelerator, and I support the confirmation of gubernatorial nominee Murray Clay to the Tax Review Commission. I offer this support knowing the work well having served on the Commission in 2017-2018.

I have worked with Murray Clay for nearly a decade through our investments in Hawaii's cleantech innovation space.

As head of Ulupono Initiative team, Mr. Clay is both analytical and committed, taking a systems approach to identify key leverage points and relationships to have the greatest impact. In our work with Mr. Clay, his perspective and support have been invaluable. We share a common goal to diversify our local economy, advance local self-sufficiency, and support Hawaii's innovation in a placed-based way. Reviewing tax structures requires the ability to assess elements as pieces of the whole to recognize connections and interactions — which affect our local communities and our state. I believe Hawaii's Tax Review Commission would be well served with Mr. Clay's insight, analytical strength, and commitment.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my testimony in support of Mr. Clay's nomination.

Sincerely,

*Dawn Lippert*

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Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair  
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Monday, May 18; 10:30 a.m.  
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**Re: GM 790 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Tax  
Review Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MURRAY CLAY – In Support**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Murray Clay's nomination to the Tax Review Commission.

I have had the pleasure of working with Murray in his capacity as President of Ulupono Initiative. His background and keen financial and analytical skills make him well qualified to serve on the Commission. In addition, I've been impressed with his integrity and collaborative and thorough approach to issues.

Your favorable action on his confirmation is respectfully requested. I'm confident the Tax Review Commission and the State will benefit from his service.

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**GM-790**

Submitted on: 5/15/2020 1:11:40 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/18/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lani Mould	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Murray's resume has no tax policy experience. He is also the longtime President of Ulupono Initiative. They were very disrespectful to the local community here on Kauai and ultimately failed when they tried to make a dairy and impose their will. Their website does not show any financially successful for-profit investments so why should we trust him with our state's tax policies. Ulupono controlled Honolulu Seawater Airconditioning keeps using taxpayer bonds for its corporate welfare and still nothing to show for it. No way, auwe.