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TESTIMONY
OF
SCOTT L. CHAN, STADIUM MANAGER
STADIUM AUTHORITY
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM
ON
July 1, 2020, 3:00 P.M.
Conference Room 224

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony supporting the appointment of Ms. Kau'i N. Burgess to the Stadium Authority.

G.M. 812

With the New Aloha Stadium Development District (NASED) being such an expansive and complex project for the Stadium Authority, it is essential that the Stadium Authority pursue and maintain a holistic approach in pursuing its goals and objectives. I believe Ms. Burgess has the positive characteristics that are essential to ensuring these successful project outcomes.

Ms. Burgess has extensive experience in community relations and working with the community to ensure successful outcomes for all parties involved. Ms. Burgess' background and experience will be beneficial and of value to the Stadium Authority as it prepares to address very challenging and complex decisions in the years ahead. As such, I respectfully ask for the Committee's favorable consideration in confirming gubernatorial nominee, Ms. Kau'i N. Burgess to the Stadium Authority Board for a present term to expire on June 30, 2024.

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



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#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF

CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

JULY 1, 2020, 3:00 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 224, STATE CAPITOL

#### G.M. 812

SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KAU'I BURGESS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 812. I support the nomination of Ms. Kau'i Burgess to the Stadium Authority.

Ms. Burgess currently serves as government and community relations director for Kamehameha Schools. In addition, at Kamehameha Schools, she has served as integrated strategies manager (endowment and community engagement) and community relations specialist (commercial real estate). Ms. Burgess has also served as a program manager for Hui Malama o ke Kai, a program at the John A. Burns school of medicine which is a youth leadership program steeped in Hawaiian values.

Ms. Burgess's experience in working with Hawaii's communities, as well as her expertise in meeting facilitation, stakeholder engagement and Native Hawaiian cultural practices makes her an invaluable member and asset to the Stadium Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



#### **GM812**

# SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KAU'I BURGESS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

July 1, 2020 3:00 p.m. Room 224

The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend to the Board of Trustees a position of <u>SUPPORT</u> for GM812, which nominates Kau'i Burgess to serve as a member of the Stadium Authority.

Currently, the Stadium Authority (Authority) has the responsibility to maintain, operate, and manage Aloha Stadium and its facilities. Recent proposals also envision the Authority as taking on larger roles in the development of the Stadium Development District (District), which is being actively considered for large-scale, mixed-use projects that can address, among other issues, the critical housing needs of local residents, including Native Hawaiians. Particularly given that the development of the District may serve as a "pilot project" guiding similar future projects in Hawai'i, it is critical that the Authority's members possess substantial experience and expertise relevant to both its current and potential future roles.

OHA supports Ms. Burgess' nomination because of her substantial relevant experience and expertise in planning, government relations, and community development, as well as her demonstrated understanding of Native Hawaiian issues and concerns with respect to "ceded" lands held by the state, and to which Native Hawaiians maintain unrelinguished claims. As the current Community & Government Relations Director of Kamehameha Schools since 2015, Ms. Burgess works to advance the wellbeing of Native Hawaiians through strengthened community relationships. Previously, as the Integrated Strategies Manager for Endowment & Community Engagement, Ms. Burgess provided communication consultation to support the development processes for commercial real estate and agricultural projects in Hale'iwa, Hawai'i Kai, and Kaka'ako. Such professional experiences in planning, government relations, and community engagement will no doubt serve the Authority well, as it oversees stadium-related operations, and contemplates development plans and proposals for the District. Ms. Burgess also possesses demonstrated skills in meeting facilitation and Ho'oponopono conflict resolution, skills that will also prove highly useful in the furtherance of the Authority's current and potential future missions. Further, OHA notes and appreciates that Ms. Burgess has been a staunch and consistent advocate for ensuring that Native Hawaiians have a "seat at the table" in discussions regarding development,

housing, and the disposition of public lands, including "ceded" and Public Land Trust lands – matters of particular importance to the Native Hawaiian community. Such demonstrated understanding of Native Hawaiian concerns may be particularly important to helping the Authority understand and navigate the nuanced issues that may arise in the development of public lands to address the state's dire housing crisis.

For all these reasons, OHA supports Ms. Burgess' nomination as a well-qualified and valuable member of the Authority. Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM812. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



June 26, 2020

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

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair

Senator Brain T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Re: GM 812

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAU'I BURGESS, for a term to expire 06-30-2024

Hearing: Wednesday, July 1, 2020

3:00 PM

Conference Room 224

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), a member-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to enhance the cultural, economic, political, and community development of Native Hawaiians, **SUPPORTS GM812**, which submits for consideration and confirmation of Kau'i Burgess to the Stadium Authority.

Mrs. Burgess is an exemplary member of our community with a range of expertise in working with community-based organizations, state agencies and private entities. In her capacity as the Director of Community & Government Relations for the Kamehameha Schools, Mrs. Burgess has spearheaded various initiatives that have significantly advanced the well-being of Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i residents. Mrs. Burgess provides a diverse perspective and serves as an impeccable candidate for the Stadium Authority.

CNHA appreciates and lauds the governor and legislature for providing Native Hawaiians, and particularly women to serve in this capacity, beyond the status quo.

For these reasons, CNHA respectfully urges members of the Senate to <u>ADVISE AND CONSENT</u> <u>to GM812</u>. Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Respectfully,

J. Kuńio Lewis President & CEO

Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement



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June 30, 2020

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice-Chair

July 1, 2020, Wednesday, 3:00 PM, State Capital conference room #224

#### **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT of GM 812**

Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAU'I BURGESS, For a Term to Expire June 30, 2024.

Aloha,

Papa Ola Lōkahi is pleased to recommend the gubernatorial appointment of Ms. Kau'i Burgess to the Stadium Authority.

Papa Ola Lōkahi is the Hawaiian Health Board, authorized by Congress through the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act. We are charged with raising the health status of Native Hawaiians and their families, which we do through public policy and strategic partnerships.

We are familiar with the work of Ms. Burgess at the John A. Burns School of Medicine and more recently as Director of Community and Government Relations for the Kamehameha Schools. We see in her the ability to be a team player, to listen to diverse ideas and perspectives, to embrace innovation, and champion creativity. Furthermore, we are confident in Ms. Burgess that she has the capacity serve in thoughtful planning, execution and evaluation that is required by the Stadium Authority.

Mahalo for the opportunity to strongly SUPPORT the confirmation of Ms. Kau'i Burgess to the Stadium Authority.

E ola mau,

Sheri Daniels, EdD Executive Director

<u>GM-812</u> Submitted on: 6/30/2020 12:17:26 PM

Testimony for EET on 7/1/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elena Farden	Testifying for Native Hawaiian Education Council	Support	No

#### Comments:

We support the nomination of Kau'i Burgess to the Stadium Authority and respectfully urge the members of the Senate to advise and consent to GM812.



June 30, 2020

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism Thirtieth Legislature Regular Session, 2020

**RE:** Governor's Message No. 812

Hearing Date: July 1, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Kau'i Burgess' nomination to the Stadium Authority. Kau'i has more than 24 years of working in and supporting Hawai'i's communities. She has convened and worked with multiple organizations that impact Native Hawaiian's and their communities. As the Director of Community and Government Relations for Kamehameha Schools she has been instrumental at developing strategies for strengthening the trusts' relationships in the community. She also has significant experience in advising executives throughout Hawai'i in development projects and in supporting long term community goals.

In addition, Kau'i grew up in Aiea in the shadows of Aloha Stadium and is a lifelong athlete having played collegiate volleyball. Kau'i's background, experience and knowledge of communities will be invaluable to ensure the community has a voice as the state advances the NASED redevelopment project. He will undoubtedly be an asset to the Stadium Authority and its mission. For these reasons, I strongly support GM 812 and hope you will confirm his nomination.

Mahalo,

Michael L. Iosua

#### Ross I. Yamasaki

222 S. Vineyard St, Suite 401 Honolulu, HI 96813 Ryamasaki808@gmail.com

July 1, 2020

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: SUPPORT for GM 812 – KAU'I BURGESS,** Stadium Authority

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

I write in strong support for Governors Message 812 Nominating Kau'i Burgess to the Stadium Authority.

I have known Ms. Burgess for the past few years through her role at Kamehameha Schools and her involvement in volunteer work. She is a strong and caring advocate for the community and her body of work is a testament to her success.

Her leadership will be valuable to the Stadium Authority. Her perspective on engaging the future, honoring the past, and serving a community beneficiary lend itself well the Stadium Authority as it evolves to serve its mission through the development of the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District.

I strongly urge the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism to advise the Senate to confirm Ms. Burgess's nomination to the Stadium Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments.

Sincerely

Ross I. Yamasaki

<u>GM-812</u> Submitted on: 6/26/2020 8:55:56 PM

Testimony for EET on 7/1/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Namaka	Individual	Support	No	

## Comments:

KÄ• koʻo! I support the confirmation of Ms. Kauʻi Burgess to the Stadium Authority.

Mahalo!

#### **GM-812**

Submitted on: 6/28/2020 4:35:44 PM

Testimony for EET on 7/1/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Chang	Individual	Support	No

#### Comments:

Aloha members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism,

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in strong support of the nomination of Kau'i Burgess to serve on the Stadium Authority Board. My friend Kau'i has an abundance of experience in marketing, developing and supporting events both small and large. She is also on a strong trajectory in leadership through her current role at Kamehameh Schools that I believe will prove helpful toward the efforts of reimagining Hawai'i's economic developemnt through sports ad entertainment events at our largest venue.

I strongly urge you to support this nomination.

Aloha

**Kevin Chang** 

<u>GM-812</u> Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:26:09 AM

Testimony for EET on 7/1/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Miyamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Mai Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism,

My name is Jocelyn Leialoha M. Doane and I write in <u>STRONG SUPPORT</u> of GM518, which would confirm Kau'i Burgess as a member of the Stadium Authority. Confirmation of Kau'i Burgess would provide the Authority with new energy and a grounded community leader that has relevant development and professional skills.

As the state considers how to best utilize its lands at the Stadium Development district Kau'i would be a great asset, as she has extensive experience in culturally- and community-grounded planning. In her work at Kamehameha Schools, the largest private landowner in the state, she has worked on large master plan projects, which included housing and commercial components, and which required large scale community consultation. These projects also required sensitive historic preservation decision-making and has been acknowledged by real estate interests and burial advocates as a successful example of community planning, which is almost unheard of.

Perhaps the most valuable asset Kau'i would bring to the Authority is her ability to work with and bring diverse stakeholders together. There have been many different proposals considered for the future of Aloha Stadium in recent years, and I believe that Kau'i's past practice of listening intently and respecting other people's opinions will contribute to more thoughtful and open-minded decision-making. I have personally witnessed Kau'i represent her organization's interest, while also building bridges with interests that are not obviously aligned. She has used her position of influence to ensure that various interests have a seat at the table.

Finally, I urge the Committee to consider that Kau'i's personal and special connection with Aloha stadium will ensure that her interests are aligned with what makes the Stadium Authority's work so important to continuing to serve the people of Hawai'i.

Accordingly, I believe his confirmation by the Senate will be of great value and service to the people of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of Ms. Burgess' nomination.

Jocelyn Leialoha M. Doane

## **GM-812**

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 4:02:50 PM

Testimony for EET on 7/1/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Letani Peltier	Individual	Support	No

#### Comments:

Aloha mai Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

My name is Letani Peltier and I am in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM812, relating to Kau'i Burgess' nomination as a member of the Stadium Authority. Kau'i is a hard worker, a quick learner, and is dedicated to creating a better future for all of Hawai'i's people. From what I have seen, Kau'i's leadership exemplifies grace and humility. She excels at building coalitions and supporting her team. The Stadium Authority would be lucky to have her on board.

Mahalo again for the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Kau'i Burgess' nomination.

Letani Peltier

DATE: Wednesday, July 1

TIME: 3:00 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 224

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Re: <u>GM812 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority</u>, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAU'I BURGESS

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify today in strong support of Kau'i Burgess for the position to the Stadium Authority. We have worked and consulted with Kau'i for over ten years. Kau'i is a detailed, creative and forward thinker. She is hardworking, conscientious, and dedicated to the task at hand.

We humbly ask that you consider and consent Kau'i Burgess for the position to the Stadium Authority.

Mahalo,

Melissa Pavlicek and Stephen Teves