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Statement of CRAIG NAKAMOTO Interim Executive Director Hawaii Community Development Authority

before the SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Friday, March 4, 2022 3:00 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of GM 561 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, (Kalaeloa District), Gubernatorial Nominee, JOE LEWIS, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and members of the Committee. The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports GM 561,** that confirms Joe Lewis as a Kalaeloa district member of the HCDA board.

Mr. Lewis is a resident of Kapolei, a Native Hawaiian beneficiary of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), in one of DHHL's communities, which provides a unique perspective to the board. He is also the president and CEO of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, responsible for administering a \$27 milliondollar annual budget. Mr. Lewis has also held many leadership positions in community organizations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support.