STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1998

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 639

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 639, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

G.M. No. 639 CHASON ISHII, for a term to expire 06-30-2027. (Reference to Kakaako District removed and nominee's position corrected to an At-Large member by GM 653),

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Chason Ishii for service on the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Chason Ishii from the Hawai'i Community Development Authority and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to the nomination for the appointment of Chason Ishii from one individual. Your Committee notes that the testimony submitted in opposition to this nominee contained no substantive information or commentary relating to his appointment.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Ishii's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify him to be appointed to the Hawaii Community Development Authority as an at-large member. Mr. Ishii is a



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versatile executive and community leader with more than two decades of business experience. Prior to his current role as President of Atlas Insurance Agency, the largest insurance agency in the State, Mr. Ishii was the developer and President of Green Home Solutions/Koa Capital; President of HHL Holdings, Inc.; and President of Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties. Your Committee notes that Mr. Ishii is also a member of several professional groups and organizations, including the Young Presidents Organization, Chief Executive Group, and MarshBerry Organization. Your Committee additionally notes that Mr. Ishii has chaired the Hawaii Community Development Authority for nearly two years and his skills as a successful business leader will continue to be assets to the Authority. Mr. Ishii further holds a degree in Executive Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Business and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Mr. Ishii indicated in his personal statement that he hopes to bring his years of executive leadership experience and insight and understanding of the housing and commercial development market in the State to continue to help guide the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Your Committee therefore recommends Chason Ishii be appointed to the Hawaii Community Development Authority based on his decades of experience in business, history of community involvement, and proven leadership.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

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The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism EET Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:*	Committee Referral:		Date:	Date:	
GM 639	EET			4-18-23	
The Committee is reconsidering its decision					
The Recommendation is:					
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Members		Aye 🖊	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DECOITE, Lynn (C)					
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)		\checkmark			
FUKUNAGA, Carol		\bigvee			
KIM, Donna Mercado					
FEVELLA, Kurt		\checkmark			
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