

Honolulu, Hawaii

## APR 1 9 2024

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 695

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 695, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

## HAWAI'I COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (KAKAAKO DISTRICT)

G.M. No. 695 MICHAEL CHINA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028. (term to expire amended to 06-30-2025 by GM749),

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Michael China for service on the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kakaako District).

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Michael China from the Hawai'i Community Development Authority and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. China's experience, background, and dedication to the redevelopment of the Kakaako Community District qualify him for appointment to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority as a member. Your Committee notes that Mr. China is currently employed by the Ho'ea Wealth Advisory Group, the only wealth management team from Hawaii to be listed on Forbes' rankings of top wealth management teams. Mr. China is active in his community and serves on the advisory board for McKinley High School's Business Academy,



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and is also the head coach of Punahou's Varsity Division II boys' volleyball team. Your Committee finds that Mr. China thoroughly understands the roles and responsibilities of board members and his knowledge, experience, and desire to responsibly develop the Kakaako Community will be assets to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority. Your Committee therefore recommends that Michael China be appointed to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority for matters affecting the Kakaako District based on his knowledge, experience, and willingness to serve the public.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land 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 Water and Land,

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## Record of Votes Committee on Water and Land WTL Advise and Consent

| Governor's Message No.:*  | Committee I           | Date: |          |          |            |
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| GN 695  | WTL                   |       |          | 4/11/24  |            |
| The Committee is reconsidering its decision   |                       |       |          |          |            |
| The Recommendation is:  |                       |       |          |          |            |
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| Members   |                       | Aye   | Aye (WR) | Nay      | Excused    |
| INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)   |                       | V     |          |          |            |
| ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)   |                       | V     |          |          |            |
| CHANG, Stanley  |                       |       |          |          | ~          |
| MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.  |                       | ~     |          |          |            |
| FEVELLA, Kurt   |                       |       |          |          |            |
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| Recommendation:   |                       |       |          |          |            |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature   |                       |       |          |          |            |
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