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Statement of **DEAN MINAKAMI**

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

April 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of

GM 701

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, SEAN SASAKI, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and members of the Committee:

HHFDC <u>supports</u> the nomination of Sean Sasaki, the current Secretary of the HHFDC Board of Directors, to serve another term on the board.

Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 201H-3 requires that at least four public members of the board have certain affordable housing knowledge and expertise and at least one public member be appointed from Honolulu County, and Mr. Sasaki meets both of those requirements.

Mr. Sasaki has a wealth of experience in construction management and project controls. He is the Project Manager, Financial Controls for Na Ali'i Consulting & Sales, LLC, an affiliate of the Nakupuna Companies, a Native Hawaiian organization that specializes in management consulting, information technology, facilities support, and environmental services to federal and defense organizations. His expertise will continue to be an asset in reviewing affordable housing projects recommended for HHFDC financing awards and to qualify under our development programs.

Mr. Sasaki is well qualified to serve another term due to his wealth of relevant professional and personal experiences that is of great value to HHFDC.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for GM 701.



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I am in support of the appointment of Sean Sasaki to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC).

Mr. Sasaki has an extensive background in project management, construction management, civil engineering, cash-flow management and quality control and also has experience in project audits, performance analysis and management reviews. With over 25 years of project management experience at every level from proposal to closeout, Mr. Sasaki's background will serve as an asset to the HHFDC Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 701.