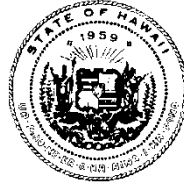


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In consideration of
GM 723

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SUSAN KUNZ, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2027

Honorable Chair Chang, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 723, to consider and confirm Susan Kunz to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Ms. Kunz has provided leadership, support, dedication, and care to the State's often overlooked and under-served low-income populations. With 5 years of service on the HPHA Board of Directors, as well as her current role as the Housing Administrator for the Hawaii County Office of Housing & Community Development, and many years serving in the housing spectrum, will continue to assist the State with her extremely valuable perspective when reviewing policy changes that affect the HPHA's program participants.

The HPHA Board needs Directors with a variety of life experiences and professional expertise in order to effectively fulfill its role as a policy guide for the Agency. Her knowledge and experience will continue to make her a great asset to the HPHA Board of Directors, and I am honored to be working alongside her.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Housing with the Agency's position regarding GM 723. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Susan Kunz to the HPHA Board of Directors.