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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, April 10, 2026
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229, and Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 698, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
TRINETTE KAUI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2030.**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Y. Ando, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Trinette Kauai to the Real Estate Commission.

Ms. Kauai has extensive experience in the real estate industry in Hawaii, including active service as a licensed real estate professional and a record of direct engagement with consumers, licensees, and industry stakeholders. Her background demonstrates a strong understanding of real estate brokerage practices, property transactions, and the day-to-day issues that affect both consumers and professionals in our state's real estate market.

In addition to her professional experience, Ms. Kauai has shown a clear commitment to public service and to the protection of Hawaii consumers. She has consistently prioritized fairness and transparency in real estate dealings, and she

appreciates the important role that the Real Estate Commission plays in administering and enforcing Hawaii's real estate licensing laws, overseeing education, and continuing education, and promoting high standards of professionalism in the industry.

The Department believes that Ms. Kauai's practical experience, balanced perspective, and commitment to consumer protection will be valuable assets to the Real Estate Commission. Her familiarity with neighbor island issues, small business realities, and community needs will help ensure that the Commission's deliberations and decisions reflect the diverse perspectives of real estate consumers and licensees statewide.

For these reasons, the Department supports confirmation of Trinette Kauai to the Real Estate Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



Testimony of
Derek S.K. Kawakami
Mayor, County of Kaua'i

Before the
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
April 10, 2026 at 9:30 AM
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration of
GM 698 Trinette Kau
Gubernatorial Nominee for the Real Estate Commission

Honorable Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** for the appointment of Trinette Kau to the Hawai'i Real Estate Commission.

Ms. Kau is a lifelong resident of Kaua'i who has dedicated her career to responsible land stewardship and real estate service across our community. Her professional record speaks for itself with nearly four decades as Area Manager and Broker in Charge for A&B Properties Hawai'i, LLC. Since 2022, she has continued that work as Vice President of Land Assets and Community Relations for BBCP Kaua'i Operating, LLC, while serving as a community representative for the company.

Ms. Kau holds a current State of Hawai'i Real Estate Broker's License and is a current Notary Public. These credentials reflect her ongoing commitment to professional standards in the field. She was honored as Realtor of the Year by the Kaua'i Board of Realtors in 2009, a recognition from her peers that underscores the trust and respect she has earned across the industry.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Ms. Kau exemplifies the kind of community-minded leadership that strengthens any regulatory body. She has served on boards for Hawai'i Pacific Health, Wilcox Hospital Foundation, the Contractors Association of Kaua'i, Historic Hawai'i Foundation, Hawai'i Self Help Housing Corporation, and many others. She has been recognized as Hawai'i's Mother of the Year, Kaua'i Volunteer of the Year by the Boy Scouts of America, a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, and a recipient of the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce Mea Ho'omana'o Award. These are all testaments to a life of service to our state and its people.

The Real Estate Commission benefits from members who bring not only technical expertise, but deep roots in the communities they serve. Trinette Kau brings both.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. I respectfully urge you to **Advise and Consent** to Trinette Kau's nomination and forward to the full Senate for their consideration.



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TO: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection (CPN)

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director
Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Committee: Friday, April 10, 2026
9:30 a.m.
Via Video Conference and Conference Room 229

RE: GM698 Confirming Trinette Kauai to the Real Estate Commission

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in **support for GM698, confirming Trinette Kauai to serve on the Hawai'i Real Estate Commission** for a term ending June 30, 2030.

The Hawaii Real Estate Commission is the regulatory authority responsible for overseeing real estate licensing, regulation, and compliance throughout the state of Hawai'i.

Historic Hawai'i Foundation is a statewide nonprofit organization established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of sites, buildings, structures, objects and districts that are significant to the history of Hawai'i. HHF is governed by a Board of Trustees elected by the general membership.

Ms. Kauai has served as a trustee for Historic Hawai'i Foundation since August 2022. In addition to her tenure as a board member, Trinette has been a member of the Board's Executive Committee since 2023 in a variety of officer positions, including First Vice President (2025-present); Secretary (2024) and At Large Officer (2023). She has been active on several working groups and committees, including Nominating (2025), Strategic Planning (2024-2025); HHF 50th Anniversary Commemoration (2024), and the annual Kama'āina of the Year Benefit (2023, 2025, 2026).

Ms. Kauai brings both subject matter expertise and a collegial spirit to the Historic Hawai'i Foundation Board of Trustees. She is collaborative in deliberations and applies standards fairly to all participants. She is a thoughtful and courteous participant in discussions and determinations. She reliably participates in any role she takes on, is prepared and participatory, and brings valuable perspectives and assistance to any issue being discussed. She is deeply committed to community service, finding many ways to support both grassroots efforts and institutions that bring people, place and cultural considerations together.

Ms. Kauai's knowledge, skills and abilities will serve the State well, and we believe she will bring the values of stewardship and collaboration to the position.

Therefore, Historic Hawai'i Foundation is pleased to support the confirmation of Trinette Kauai to the Hawai'i Real Estate Commission.

Historic Hawai'i Foundation is a statewide nonprofit organization established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, sites, structures, objects and districts on all the islands of Hawai'i. As the statewide leader for historic preservation, HHF works to preserve Hawai'i's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, environmental sustainability and economic viability of the state.



Letter in Strong Support of Confirmation of Trinette Kauai to Hawaii Real Estate Commission

April 7, 2026

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee:

My name is George Morvis and I'm testifying in my individual capacity. I currently serve as CEO of Hawaii Resource Strategy Group, LLC, though for much of my four-decade plus career in Hawaii, I worked at or on behalf of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. During that time, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Trinette Kauai on a number of initiatives involving A&B's Kauai landholdings, including the transition of sugar to coffee at McBryde (as well as the cessation of sugar operations in the mid 1990s), the sale of the Kauai Coffee operation to Massimo Zanetti Beverage, ongoing lease and lease renewal negotiations with agricultural and commercial tenants, the cessation of A&B's plantation camp housing at Numila, and the ultimate sale of A&B's Kauai landholdings to BBCP. Make no mistake, many of these initiatives were challenging, especially for those of us who worked tirelessly to see A&B's legacy agribusiness operations succeed. Trinette played an important role in ensuring that the human side was always kept in mind.

I can think of no better individual to serve as the Commissioner representing Kauai County on the Hawaii Real Estate Commission than Trinette. A native of Kauai, Trinette has spent her entire career in real estate here, and brings extensive experience in all aspects of real estate brokerage, serving as A&B's principal broker on Kauai for decades. She has been also been a pillar in the community: serving as a volunteer leader/board member for more than a dozen of Kauai's most prominent not for profit and professional/trade organizations, including Wilcox Hospital/HPH, the KIUC Foundation, the Kauai Chamber of Commerce, the Kauai Board of Realtors and the Contractor's Association. She also chairs the Kukuiolono Park Trust, which oversees the roughly 300-acre former home of Walter McBryde, which holds a special place in my heart as well as those of my fellow Kalaheo, Kauai residents and Kauai golfers.

In my dealings with Trinette, I have found her not only to be of the highest character, but also someone who cares deeply for the people of Kauai. In every instance where Trinette has been involved, she has ensured that the needs of Kauai's resident stakeholders, whether they were current or former A&B employees, or residential or commercial/industrial/agricultural tenants, or simply fellow residents, were raised, identified, considered, and to the extent possible, met. To wit:

- During her tenure at A&B, Trinette advocated for and supported the development of hundreds of affordable housing units for Kauai families, including single family residential projects at Ele'ele and Port Allen.



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- Among myriad responsibilities, Trinette served for nearly three decades as the primary property manager for (and liaison with the residents of) A&B's Numila Camp, ensuring that the needs of these remaining camp residents, most of whom were aging widows of former McBryde plantation workers, were met. When dwindling occupancy and increasing safety concerns led A&B to close the Camp, Trinette worked tirelessly alongside Kauai County and community resources to ensure that each of the remaining Camp residents found suitable future accommodation at reasonable cost.
- When the difficult decision to shut down McBryde's sugar operations in the mid-1990s, Trinette was the driving force responsible for developing and administering a comprehensive program to assist displaced sugar workers, including opportunities for job training and independent farming, encompassing the development of an agricultural park at Lawai where lands were leased at below market rents to former McBryde workers to pursue small scale diversified agriculture opportunities.

Although we are no longer coworkers (and sometimes find ourselves as counterparties), I'm proud to call Trinette a friend and colleague, and continue to rely on her expertise and insight. I'm confident that she will make an excellent Real Estate Commissioner representing Kauai, and recommend, in the strongest sense, her confirmation.

In closing, I want to thank the Committee for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Trinette's candidacy, and respectfully request your favorable consideration.

Mahalo,

/s/

George Morvis
CEO



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April 3, 2026

To: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Senate

From: Claudia Shay 
Executive Director

RE: GM 698-Trinette Kauai-Gubernatorial Nominee for Real Estate Commission

Aloha! It is my honor to write a letter in support of the Gubernatorial Nominee for the Real Estate Commission -Trinette Kauai. I have known Trinette Kauai for more than 30 years when she helped me on the Eleele Self-Help Housing Project in Kauai. Since that time Ms. Kauai has assisted the Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii with sound advice on real estate matters, and real estate development.

There could be no better member of the Real Estate Commission as Trinette Kauai has extensive knowledge in many aspects of real estate, being a broker herself with extensive experience. She also has the outstanding characteristics of not only being intelligent, reliable, cooperative, and diligent, but also of being committed to her community. As evidenced by her participation in several community organizations, it is clear that Ms. Kauai works for the betterment of various community groups, and is a key player in achieving results for those organizations.

Trinette Kauai will be as asset to the Real Estate Commission providing her sound advice and recommendations on all matters. Thank you very much.

Friday, April 10, 2026 at 9:30 am
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

To: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson
Vice President, Government Relations & Community Affairs

**Re: Testimony in Support of GM 698
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Real Estate
Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee Trinette Kauai, for a term to expire 06-
30-2030**

My name is Michael Robinson, and I am the Vice President of Government Relations & Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health. Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) is a not-for-profit health care system comprised of its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox and over 70 locations statewide with a mission of creating a healthier Hawai'i.

I write in support of GM 698 which submits for consideration Gubernatorial nominee Trinette Kauai to serve on the Real Estate Commission.

Ms. Kauai is a licensed real estate broker and is the Vice President of Land Assets and Community Relations for McBryde Resources and Kukui'ula Realty Group. She was formerly the Kaua'i Area Manager and Broker in Charge for A&B Hawaii, Inc., and represented A&B in the Kaua'i community for almost 40 years through a vast array of community services.

Additionally, Ms. Kauai's commitment to public service is evidenced by the number of boards she has served on over the years. Ms. Kauai was on the HPH Board from 2016 through 2025. She was also on the Kaua'i Medical Clinic Board until 2011. Based on her extensive experience as a participating member of the HPH board as well as the Kaua'i Medical Clinic Board together with her background in real estate, Ms. Kauai will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Real Estate Commission.

I fully support the nomination of Trinette Kauai to serve on the Real Estate Commission and urge this committee to recommend that her appointment be confirmed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

April 8, 2026

Testimony in Support of GM698 | Trinette Kauai | Hawai'i Real Estate Commission

Day & Date of Hearing: April 10, 2026 9:30am

Aloha Committee Chair and members of the Hawai'i Real Estate Commission,

My name is Jenai Hart, 2026 President of the Kaua'i Board of REALTORS® and Principal Broker of Aloha Sotheby's International Realty. I am writing in strong support of Trinette Kauai's nomination to serve on the Hawai'i Real Estate Commission.

I have had the privilege of serving alongside Trinette on the Kaua'i Board of REALTORS® for several years now and currently work with her in her role as Treasurer-Elect. Throughout that time, she has consistently demonstrated a level of professionalism, integrity, and sound judgement that sets her apart.

Trinette is exceptionally detail oriented and thoughtful in her leadership and oversight. She approaches all matters with diligence and a calm, solution-oriented mindset. I know she can be counted on for measured and insightful input in complex situations.

Beyond these strengths, Trinette is deeply committed to the Kaua'i community and to the real estate profession. She leads with integrity, consistently does what is right and represents the values that our industry should strive to uphold.

I have complete confidence that Trinette will serve the State of Hawai'i with the same level of dedication, professionalism, and care that she has demonstrated in every role that I have witnessed her take on.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Warm regards,

Jenai Hart

Principal Broker, Aloha Sotheby's International Realty

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April 7, 2026

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawai'i State Legislature
State Capitol, Room #229
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

RE: Letter of Support for **Trinette Kau'i** to the
Hawai'i Real Estate Commission (GM698)

I am Lauren Starner, President of the hundred member Contractors Association of Kaua'i (CAK), providing this letter supporting the nomination of **Trinette P. Kau'i** to the Hawai'i Real Estate Commission.

Ms. Kau'i has been a member of the Contractors Association of Kaua'i for over 30 years. She has also served on the Association's Board of Directors and has served two terms as President of the Association.

The Contractors Association of Kaua'i has always found Ms. Kau'i a tireless volunteer. With her decades of experience as a realtor and a Broker, we believe she has the tools and skillset to make meaningful contributions to the Real Estate Commission. Further, we believe she will be fair in her decision making.

The Contractors Association of Kaua'i supports the appointment of **Trinette P. Kau'i** to the Hawaii Real Estate Commission.

Copy: fyi: Senator Ronald Kouchi, Senate President

GM-698

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 10:34:04 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shawn Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good Morning- I am submitting testimony in SUPPORT of Trinette Kauai for the real estate commission. I was extremely pleased to hear of her nomination. I have been a real estate agent for almost 40 years and know Trinette personally and professionally. In both of these capacities i know Trinette to be honest, loyal, committed and very fair. Trinette would be a asset to all Hawai'i citizens in this important role. A absolute perfect candidate. With warm aloha

Shawn Smith

Friday, April 10, 2026, 9:30 AM
Conference Room 229

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2026

THE HONORABLE JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE CAROL FUKUNAGA, VICE CHAIR

GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TRINETTE KAUI
SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS
COMMISSIONER, REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Testimony of Michele Sunahara Loudermilk

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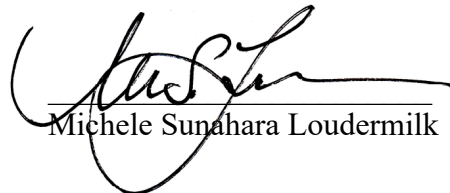
Governor's Message 698

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

Mahalo for this chance to voice my support for the confirmation of Trinette Kauai as a Commissioner of the Real Estate Commission. I worked with Ms. Kauai for a number of years when we were both employed by Alexander & Baldwin and A & B Properties. For a period of time, Ms. Kauai was the broker-in-charge of the Kauai branch office of A & B Properties, Inc., a licensed real estate broker, and as in-house counsel, I worked with her on issues related to that role, as well as other real estate issues relating to her position. Ms. Kauai has always been personable, practical, intelligent, and well-spoken. You will never meet a kinder person. She has an even temperament, but can be firm when needed. I support Ms. Kauai's confirmation because she has the experience, the disposition, and the intelligence to suit the position of Commissioner of the Real Estate Commission.

Ms. Kauai would be an asset and a credit to the Real Estate Commission, and I support her confirmation as a Commissioner without reservation. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,



Michele Sunahara Loudermilk

Testimony in Support of Trinette Kauai – GM 698

April 03, 2026

Hawaii Real Estate Commission
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawai'i

Dear Senator Keohokalole and Members of the Committee,

It is with great respect and personal confidence that I write this letter in strong support of Trinette Kauai's appointment to serve on the Hawaii Real Estate Commission.

Having served with her in two different organizations, I have seen firsthand her leadership and dedication in serving the community. She consistently brings a thoughtful, collaborative approach and leads with integrity in all that she does.

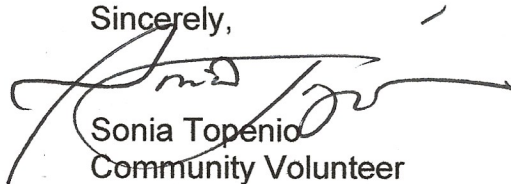
Her years of experience in real estate are invaluable. She possesses a deep understanding of Hawai'i's unique real estate landscape, combined with practical knowledge and sound judgment that come only from decades of hands-on experience. Her work reflects not only professional excellence, but also a genuine commitment to responsible stewardship of our island's resources.

What truly sets Trinette apart is her ability to balance business interests with the needs of the community. She approaches every situation with humility, respect, and a strong sense of responsibility—qualities that are essential in a regulatory role that impacts so many across our state.

I am confident that Ms. Kauai will bring thoughtful leadership, fairness, and integrity to the Hawaii Real Estate Commission. She will be a strong advocate for ethical practices and for the communities we serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Sonia Topenio
Community Volunteer

GM-698

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 12:24:05 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tom Shigemoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Chair Keohokalole and members of the Commerce and Consumer Committee,

I am honored to be able to provide my very strong recommendation for my friend and former colleague, Trinette P. Kauai, for a seat on the Real Estate Commission.

I have known Trinette for more than 30 years, 28 of which I have had the privilege of working with her at Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. She was responsible of all commercial and residential matters for our holdings on Kauai. It's not only her professional approach to dealing with the tenants on behalf of the company, but her very humane and thoughtful considerations she afforded everyone including, and especially to our residential tenants. Successfully managing residential property as well as our commercial/industrial tenants is truly an art that Trinette was able to master. I witnessed first hand how appreciative all of our tenants were with her when dealing with lease and rent renewals, even those who weren't happy with the increases that were proposed. She had a knack for calming everyone down to negotiate a fair and reasonable solution.

As you can see in her resume, she has been actively involved with the Kauai Board of Realtors and has served in various leadership positions for many years. This makes her an excellent candidate to fullfill a role on the prestigious RE Commission. She has had to deal with many different types and kinds of behaviour with agents and brokers on Kauai, so there aren't many scenarious with real estate that she hasn't encountered in her tenure with our Kauai Board. Of course now, it will now be on statewide platform.

Besides her active involvement with the real estate industry, please note the many other activities she has and is involved with in her resume. What's not indicated is how dedicated she has been with these different business and community boards. She does not serve in a temporary fashion but once she joins an organization, she is in it for the long haul until the board dissolves or her term expires. But by the sheer numbers alone you can see how valuable a volunteer she is. Everyone wants her to serve on their board, including other state commissions.

If this isn't enough, Trinette is a very devoted mother and wife and despite her very busy schedule, still has time to focus on her family and her church.

In short, this woman is more than qualified to serve on the RE Commission and will not disappoint if she is approved. I implore your committee to seriously give her every consideration in your deliberations. Thank you.

April 7, 2026

TO: Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Committee Members: Sen. Rachele Lamosao,

Sen. Angus L.K. McKelvey

Sen. Brenton Awa

**RE: GM698-April 10, 2026 Testimony in Strong Support for the appointment of
Trinette P. Kauai, to the Hawaii Real Estate Commission.**

Dear Honorables, Chair Senator Keohokalole, Vice Chair Senator Fukunaga and
Committee Senator Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my testimony of **Strong Support** of GM698,
the nomination of Trinette P. Kauai to the Hawaii Real Estate Commission.

I have had the privilege of meeting Trinette in 1996 and have observed first hand her
dedication to Kauai Island communities and taking the responsibility to obtain principled
actions with integrity and the unique property needs of Kauai. Trinette is also a devoted
Volunteer on various Boards and Organizations holding Leadership roles because of her
professionalism and willingness to constructively contribute to their vision and missions.

I respectfully encourage the confirmation of Trinette P. Kauai to the Real Estate
Commission which will provide her the opportunity to contribute to the continued
advancement of real estate practices in our State with professionalism, fairness and
integrity.

Sincerely,

Orianna Skomoroch

April 7, 2026

GM-698

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 6:25:42 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
K. Piltz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Keohokalole and Committee Members:

I stand in strong support for the consideration and confirmation to the Real Estate Commission, Gubernatoria Nominee Trinette Kauai for a term to expire 06-30-2030.

Trinette has a long history of civic, business and community participation in her community of Kauai Island. Working with Trinette, I have always wondered about her boundless energy and ability to cover many different areas all at the same time. She is thoughtful, insightful and is sensitive to the communities that she works with. I believe that Trinette will serve the Real Estate Commission with the utmost clarity and fortitude that she serves in all of her other positions.

I urge this committee to strongly support Gubernatorial Nominee Trinette Kauai to the Real Estate Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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April 7, 2026

Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee

GM698 Confirmation to Real Estate Commission
Gubernatorial Nominee, TRINETTE KAUI
April 10, 2026
09:30 CR 229

IN SUPPORT

My name is Randall J. Hee, currently retired by formerly President and CEO of the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative. I provide testimony as a private citizen,

It is with pleasure that I write this letter in **support** of Trinette Kauai for confirmation to the Hawaii Real Estate Commission. It is almost scary to think back some 45 or more years ago when I was at McBryde Sugar Company and Trinette started with A&B Properties. For a time, her office was across mine at McBryde. Over the years, I have watched Trinette successfully take on increasing and varied responsibilities in property management, becoming a licensed realtor, take on executive managerial positions and to her current Vice-President position. Her diversity is exemplified by her role with A&B in the late 199 to train and place displaced sugar workers from McBryde Sugar in new jobs elsewhere.

Her friendly demeanor, high ethics, deep sense of responsibility and commitment to community exemplifies her character. Trinette knows everyone and everyone knows her. She sits or has sat on numerous boards, and I have the pleasure of currently sitting on the board of the Kukuiohono Park Trust which she chairs. She always displays her commitment to community and her fiduciary responsibilities

I fully give my support and recommendation towards Trinette Kauai's confirmation to the Hawai'i Real Estate Commission.

Sincerely,

Randall J. Hee, PE



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April 8, 2026

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania St., #229
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM698 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Real Estate Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Trinette Kauai, for a term to expire 06-30-2030

Dear Chair Keohokalole and Committee Members:

I testify in strong support of GM698, nominee Trinette Kauai to the Real Estate Commission.

Trinette is a leader, an organizer and someone that cares very deeply about the community that she represents. In addition to her vast experiences with land use and business issues, Trinette is also very involved with her community, providing leadership in organizations such as the Kauai Watershed Alliance, the Historic Hawaii Foundation, Kauai United Way, the Wilcox Hospital Foundation and the Kukuioolono Park Trust. These charitable groups provide services for many of Kauai's residents and visitors alike.

I work with Trinette in her current position at Brue Baukol and have seen the impact that she has on projects and issues that will affect Kauai's resources and economy. Her decision making is always very insightful.

I believe that Trinette will serve the Real Estate Commission with the same thoughtfulness and mindful decision making that she uses in her current positions. Therefore, I strongly urge this committee to support her nomination to the Real Estate Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

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Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM698 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Real Estate Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Trinette Kauai, for a term to expire 06-30-2030

Dear Chair Keohokalole and Committee Members:

I testify in strong support of GM698, nominee Trinette Kauai to the Real Estate Commission.

Trinette is a leader, an organizer and someone that cares very deeply about the community that she represents. In addition to her vast experiences with land use and business issues, Trinette is also very involved with her community, providing leadership in organizations such as the Kauai Watershed Alliance, the Historic Hawaii Foundation, Kauai United Way, the Wilcox Hospital Foundation and the Kukuioolono Park Trust. These charitable groups provide services for many of Kauai's residents and visitors alike.

I work with Trinette in her current position at Brue Baukol and have seen the impact that she has on projects and issues that will affect Kauai's resources and economy. Her decision making is always very insightful.

I believe that Trinette will serve the Real Estate Commission with the same thoughtfulness and mindful decision making that she uses in her current positions. Therefore, I strongly urge this committee to support her nomination to the Real Estate Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

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Lila Mower	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

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Scott Sato	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Aloha,

It is a great honor to submit this testimony in support of Trinette Kauai for the Real Estate Commission. Throughout my years working with Trinette, I have found her to be an honest and trustworthy source of information, always doing what is right for the people and communities on Kauai. I have worked with Trinette in both the private and public sectors as she has always served our community with great pride. I know wholeheartedly that she will be a great asset to the Real Estate Commission and ask for your favorable support of her confirmation.

Thanks,

Scott K. Sato