

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3939

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 2026

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 611,
727

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 611 and 727, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

HAWAI'I COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

G.M. No. 611 ADENA DUVAUCHELLE
for a term to expire 06-30-2029; and

G.M. No. 727 JO-ANN LEONG
for a term to expire 06-30-2030,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Adena Duvauchelle and Jo-Ann Leong for service on the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

ADENA DUVAUCHELLE

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Adena Duvauchelle from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Community Development Authority; one member of the Honolulu City Council; Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; and four individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Duvauchelle's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify her for appointment to the Hawai'i Community

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Development Authority as a community member representing the Kalealoa District. Ms. Duvauchelle has owned and operated a small business since 2018, diversifying her brand since then to include event planning, decor rental, and floral design companies. All of her businesses remain grounded in inclusivity, sustainability, cultural awareness, and local engagement, which is especially shown by Ms. Duvauchelle's development of THRD HAUS, a community event space and social gathering place for creative collaboration. Ms. Duvauchelle also works as a property manager and community manager for the Wākea Garden Apartments in Kalaeloa, where she gained practical, first-hand experience in housing development policy. Your Committee further notes that Ms. Duvauchelle has served as an interim member of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority and has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of its members. Your Committee therefore recommends that Adena Duvauchelle be appointed to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority based on her knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

JO-ANN LEONG

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Jo-Ann Leong from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Community Development Authority; Ko'olau Foundation; Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club; He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve; and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Leong's background and dedication to serving the public qualify her to be reappointed to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority as a community member representing the He'eia District. Having spent her childhood around Kaneohe Bay, Dr. Leong has demonstrated her commitment to this community and its surrounding ecology through her positions as Director of the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology and Research Advisory Board Member of He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve, and through her service on the Board of Directors for Paepae o He'eia and Kāko'o 'Ōiwi and as a member of the Ko'olapoko Hawaiian Civic Club. Previously, Dr. Leong held the Emile Pernot Endowed Professorship while Professor of Microbiology and Chair of the Department of Microbiology at Oregon State University and published over one hundred and fifty research papers. Dr. Leong also owns three patents for pioneering aquacultural vaccinations. Your Committee



further notes that Dr. Leong has served on the Hawai'i Community Development Authority since 2017 as the representative of the He'eia Ahupua'a. Your Committee finds that Dr. Leong's experience and knowledge will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority. Your Committee therefore recommends that Jo-Ann Leong be reappointed to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority based on her experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land,
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts
WLA
Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:* GM 727	Committee Referral: WLA	Date: 4-15-2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision.				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Lorraine Inouye</i>				
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