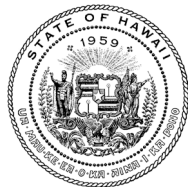


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**TESTIMONY OF
GARY S. SUGANUMA, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION**

TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

In consideration of G.M No. 520

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Tax Review Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARK FUKUNAGA, for a term to expire 05-08-2026. (Term corrected to 05-07-2027 by G.M. 675)

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Monday, April 27, 2026
TIME: 12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of the confirmation of Mr. Mark Fukunaga to the Tax Review Commission.

Mr. Fukunaga's extensive leadership experience, combined with decades of service in both the private and nonprofit sectors, make him exceptionally well-qualified to contribute meaningfully to the Commission's work.

Over thirty-five years with Servco Pacific Inc., he has demonstrated deep operational and financial expertise. As Chief Executive Officer from 1994 to 2023, and now as Executive Chairman, he has overseen complex automotive distribution and retail operations in Hawaii and Australia, as well as a global portfolio of musical instrument companies and venture capital investments. His tenure reflects a consistent focus on long-term planning, disciplined financial stewardship, and thoughtful organizational development—skills directly relevant to the Commission's mandate of evaluating tax policies and considering their long-term impact on the State.

His earlier legal career at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in New York

provided him with substantial experience in domestic and international finance, securitization, and sovereign debt restructuring. This technical background equips him with a solid understanding of financial systems, capital flows, and regulatory considerations—areas that frequently intersect with tax policy review.

His governance experience, financial acumen, and longstanding dedication to Hawai'i as well as his thoughtful analysis, balanced judgment, and a strong sense of public responsibility will make him an asset to the Tax Review Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 520.

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

Monday, April 27, 2026; 12:30 p.m.
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

RE: GM 520 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Tax Review Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARK FUKUNAGA, for a term to expire 05-08-2026. (Term corrected to 05-07-2027 by GM 675) – In Strong Support

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and members of the Committee:

Please accept my support of Mark Fukunaga's appointment to the State's Tax Review Commission.

I've been privileged to know Mark for well over three decades during which have seen him working with a number of community organizations and initiatives. My service with him on not-for-profit boards of directors has underscored to me his, wisdom, dedication, experience and collaboration. His integrity is unquestioned and he has always had our community's best interest at heart.

Mark would be an excellent addition to the State's Tax Review Commission. I fully support his confirmation and would be happy to provide any additional information your committee may desire.

Jeffrey N. Watanabe

GM-520

Submitted on: 4/23/2026 12:42:15 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/27/2026 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Ho	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am providing written testimony in support of Mark Fukunaga as a proposed member of the upcoming Tax Review Commission. I have known Mark for over 20 years both personally, professionally and civicly.

Mark possesses a keen intellect and decades of business experience. His family business, Servco, is one of the communities great success stories and is today a billion dollar enterprise employing many, many members of the community. Mark is also a committed community member serving as chair of the Hawaii Business Roundtable and previous chair of Punahou School's board of trustees.

Hawaii faces unprecedented challenges -- both socially and economically. In order to meet these challenges head on requires us to activate our best and brightest. Mark certainly meets this standard and I'm excited for him to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

I can think of no more capable candidate to serve on the Tax Review Commision than Mark. He will combine a thoughtful approach with very real passion and commitment to our community and our people. I support his appointment without hesitation.

Mahalo,

Peter S. Ho

Chaiman and CEO (retired)

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Michael E. Latham, Ph.D.
President

From: Michael E. Latham, President, Punahou School
Re: Appointment of Mark H. Fukunaga to the State Tax Review Commission
Position: In Strong Support
Date: April 23, 2026

Aloha,

I write in strong support of the confirmation of Governor Josh Green's appointment of Mark H. Fukunaga to the State Tax Review Commission. I believe Mr. Fukunaga would be an outstanding member of the commission.

Mr. Fukunaga's background and record of experience make him very well qualified for this work. Following his graduation from Punahou School, Mr. Fukunaga attained a B. A. degree from Pomona College and a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School. As the Chief Executive Officer and more recently Executive Chairman for Servco Pacific, here in Hawai'i, he has led one of our state's most important businesses for over 30 years, dealing with complex financial, trade, and commercial matters in addition to questions of taxation and analysis. Honored by *Hawaii Business Magazine* as the state's CEO of the Year in 2018, Mr. Fukunaga has an outstanding reputation for integrity, honesty, and wise judgement. Widely recognized as a principled and visionary leader, he currently serves as chair of the Hawaii Business Roundtable. Early in his career, as a corporate attorney with Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton in New York City, he also spent four years working on matters related to finance, securitization, derivatives, and debt.

Mr. Fukunaga's commitment to the good of the state and its people is also very impressive. Alongside his extensive business obligations, he has served on the boards of many non-profit and charitable organizations, including the Children's Discovery Center, the Honolulu Museum of Art, the McInerney Foundation, Pomona College, and Punahou School, and he is an Emeritus Regent of the University of Hawai'i.

I have personally known Mr. Fukunaga for eight years and was fortunate to work very closely with him when he served as the Chair of Punahou School's Board of Trustees from 2019 to 2021. Throughout that period, I learned a great deal from him and benefited from

his advice on navigating the challenges of COVID and starting my work as Punahou's President. During his continued service as a Punahou trustee, I have always found him a source of great insight and vision.

Mr. Fukunaga is strongly committed to equity and transparency. I am very confident that as member of the Tax Review Commission he will carry out his responsibilities to ensure that taxes are applied fairly and openly while balancing state revenue, household affordability, and support for businesses that provide employment and promote economic growth.

I recommend Mr. Fukunaga very highly and believe he is eminently well qualified for leadership in a position of public trust. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or seek further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Latham", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael E. Latham, Ph.D.

President

Punahou School

April 13, 2026

Dear Hawaii State Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I support the confirmation of Mark Fukunaga to the State Tax Review Commission.

I have known Mark for 15 years as colleagues serving on the Board of Trustees at Punahou School. His wisdom, perspective, intellect, and open-mindedness have made him a crucial leader in the life of the school.

Mark has held leadership positions within our board for many years, but since 2017, I have had the opportunity to serve more closely with him on various committees including the Executive Committee and the Presidential Search Committee. I am continually impressed by his insight, which is driven by curiosity and supported by close listening and expansive reading. He holds competing interests in mind while remaining balanced and fair in his approach and assessments. In addition, his vision for complex processes is methodical, efficient for purpose, and appropriately inclusive.

Mark's demeanor and wit, as well as his generosity of spirit and time also make him a pleasure to work with.

For these reasons, I feel he would be an ideal commissioner for the Hawaii State Tax Review Commission.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony,

Deborah Berger

GM-520

Submitted on: 4/23/2026 3:47:33 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/27/2026 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Liane Usher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and members of the Committee:

I am writing to offer my strong support of Mark Fukunaga's appointment to the State's Tax Review Commission.

I have had the privilege of working with Mark through his long-standing service on the Board of the Children's Discovery Center, where he has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, judgment, and a deep commitment to our community. Mark brings a thoughtful, analytical approach to complex issues, coupled with an ability to listen, collaborate, and build consensus, all qualities that are essential for meaningful public service.

Mark is not only an accomplished professional but also an outstanding member of our community, with a strong sense of responsibility and commitment to improving the lives of others. His perspective, experience, and values make him exceptionally well-qualified to serve in this role.

Mark would be an excellent addition to the State's Tax Review Commission. I fully support his confirmation and would be happy to provide any additional information your committee may desire.

Sincerely,
Liane Usher
President
Children's Discovery Center

April 24, 2026

Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair of Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Governor Message No. 520, Nomination of Mark Fukunaga to Serve as a Member of the Tax Review Commission

To Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee:

I am writing to support the nomination of Mark Fukunaga to serve as a Member of the Tax Review Commission. My support is based on many years of knowing and interacting with Mark as a personal friend and law firm client, and on my own experience as a Member of the 1995-1997 Tax Review Commission.

Mark and I have been friends since the 1970s when we both attended Pomona College in Claremont, California. After law school, I returned home to Hawaii and joined Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel where I practiced law from 1984 until I retired in 2021. I handled tax, corporate and transactional matters for individual, business and nonprofit clients. I also served as the Managing Partner of Goodsill for 6 years.


Servco Pacific Inc. has been a client of the Goodsill firm. I worked extensively on Servco's legal matters with Mark and his team. Under Mark's leadership as Chief Executive Officer, Servco has remained a strong and active business leader in our community.

Mark will bring many positive personal attributes to the Tax Review Commission. He is smart, thoughtful and works hard. He pays attention to detail but also can see the bigger picture. Mark is a team player who will help the Tax Review Commission do its best work.

Mark's background and experience will enable him to offer some unique perspectives about Hawaii tax policy. He has dealt with tax issues as head of a large Hawaii corporation that also does business in other tax jurisdictions in the U.S and internationally. He also has served on boards and in positions of responsibility for various nonprofit organizations in Hawaii and elsewhere. In all these roles Mark has demonstrated the ability to work both independently and on a collaborative basis with other decisionmakers to further the best interests of Hawaii.

I am pleased to support Mark Fukunaga's nomination to serve on the Tax Review Commission.

Very truly yours,



Miki Okumura



TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

In Support of Governor's Message 520,

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Tax Review Commission,
MARK FUKUNAGA, for a term to expire May 7, 2027

Monday, April 27, 2026

12:30 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to offer my strong and wholehearted support for Mark Fukunaga's appointment to the State Tax Review Commission.

My name is Micah Kāne, and I currently lead Parker Ranch on Hawai'i Island. I have known Mark for more than ten years and have had the opportunity to know him both personally and professionally. Over that time, I have come to regard him as one of Hawai'i's most respected business leaders and a trusted thought partner on issues that matter deeply to our state's socio- economic future.

Mark brings a rare combination of strategic insight, practical business experience, and grounded judgment. He is a leader defined not by ego, but by humility, integrity, and generosity. These qualities are evident not only in his public service and professional accomplishments, but in the way he treats people every day.

One of the aspects of Mark's leadership that has most impressed me is the way he is regarded by his employees. Despite leading a large and complex organization, he remains accessible and genuinely connected to his team. Many of my friends who work at Servco consistently remark on how valued they feel, how open communication is encouraged, and how Mark makes time to listen. That kind of culture does not happen by accident; it is a direct reflection of leadership rooted in respect and care for people.

Hawai'i faces important and complex questions around taxation, competitiveness, and fairness. Mark's depth of experience, analytical rigor, and balanced perspective make him exceptionally well suited to serve on the State Tax Review Commission. He understands both the realities of business and the broader responsibility we share to ensure policies serve the long-term interests of our communities.

I give Mark my strongest recommendation and am confident he would serve with thoughtfulness, independence, and a deep sense of responsibility to Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

Micah Kāne
President and CEO
Parker Ranch, Inc.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY
IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF MARK H. FUKUNAGA
TO THE STATE TAX REVIEW COMMISSION**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Hearing Date: Monday, April 27, 2026 12:30 p.m.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Christina Cox, and I submit this testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Mark H. Fukunaga to the State Tax Review Commission.

Mr. Fukunaga brings decades of experience in law, business leadership, and public service that make him exceptionally well qualified to serve on this Commission. As Executive Chairman of Servco Pacific Inc. and a former long-time CEO, he has extensive firsthand experience with Hawai'i's tax system and its impacts on businesses, workers, and families across our state.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Fukunaga has demonstrated a deep and sustained commitment to Hawai'i through his service on numerous nonprofit, educational, and civic boards. His background as a lawyer, combined with his practical understanding of complex financial and tax-related issues, will be invaluable as the Commission evaluates our tax structure and considers recommendations to improve fairness, sustainability, and economic competitiveness.

I am confident that Mr. Fukunaga will approach this role with thoughtfulness, integrity, and a genuine desire to serve the public interest. His ability to balance analytical rigor with real-world perspective will be an asset to both the Commission and the Legislature.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to recommend confirmation of Mark H. Fukunaga to the State Tax Review Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Cox

April 25, 2026

RE: GM 520 — Nomination of Mark Fukunaga to the Tax Review Commission — In Strong Support

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

I write in strong support of Mark Fukunaga's appointment to the State Tax Review Commission.

I am Carl Bonham, Executive Director of the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization (UHERO) and Professor of Economics at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I have known Mark for nearly twenty years—first through his leadership of Servco Pacific and his service with the Hawaii Business Roundtable, where he has been a consistent and substantive partner in advancing UHERO's research on Hawai'i's economy.

Over those two decades, our conversations have ranged across the issues most central to the Commission's work—tax policy, income inequality, economic competitiveness, and the long-term drivers of growth and affordability in Hawai'i. What has impressed me throughout is Mark's intellectual seriousness about these questions. He engages with economic evidence rigorously and consistently asks how policy choices will affect Hawai'i's residents and businesses over a generation rather than a budget cycle.

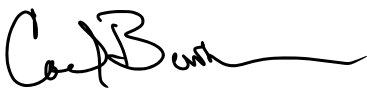
That orientation is exactly what the Commission needs. The Tax Review Commission's charge is to evaluate Hawai'i's tax structure and recommend tax policy to the Legislature—work that turns on weighing equity, efficiency, simplicity, and long-run revenue sustainability against one another. These are the same first principles Mark articulated in his own application letter. While the Commission's mandate is narrower than the broader questions of economic development and inequality, sound tax recommendations require members who understand how tax choices ripple through the economy. Mark's decades leading one of Hawai'i's largest and most diversified businesses give him a clear-eyed view of how tax structure shapes investment and employment; his extensive nonprofit and civic service give him an equally clear-eyed view of how tax policy affects households and community institutions.

Equally important, Mark brings the personal qualities that make a commission function well: independent judgment, intellectual humility, careful listening, and a commitment to being guided by evidence rather than ideology. In every interaction I have had with him, he has been an honest broker and a constructive collaborator.

I recommend Mark Fukunaga's confirmation without reservation. He will serve the Commission, and the State, with distinction.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,



Carl S. Bonham, Ph.D.

Executive Director, University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization
Professor of Economics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Written Statement of

**Su Shin,
President, Hawaiian Telcom**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

April 27, 2026, 12:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

SUPPORT FOR:

**G.M. 520 – CONFIRMATION OF MARK FUKUNAGA TO THE TAX REVIEW
COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE MAY 7, 2027**

To: Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee

Re: **Testimony providing support for GM 520**

Aloha Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully submit testimony in **strong support of GM 520 and the nomination of Mark Fukunaga to serve on the Tax Review Commission.**

I have known Mark professionally for many years and respect his integrity, judgment, and commitment to Hawai‘i. Through his role as Chair of the Hawai‘i Business Roundtable, I have worked with him on economic policy efforts and have seen firsthand his collaborative, thoughtful approach to complex issues.

Mark has demonstrated a long-standing interest in tax policy—dating back to law school—and brings a well-grounded, pragmatic perspective to public policy discussions. He approaches these issues with care and balance, and with a sincere desire to make Hawai‘i a better place.

The State Tax Review Commission plays a critical role in evaluating how our tax system affects residents and businesses and in supporting the long-term sustainability of our state. Based on my experience working with him, I believe Mark will be a careful listener, a rigorous and independent thinker, and a constructive contributor to the Commission’s work.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to confirm Mark Fukunaga to the State Tax Review Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

GM-520

Submitted on: 4/27/2026 7:43:49 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/27/2026 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Harrison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committee,

My name is Bob Harrison, Chairman, President, and CEO of First Hawaiian Bank. I am writing to express my strong **support** for the appointment of Mark Fukunaga to serve on the Hawaii State Tax Review Commission (“Commission”).

I’ve known Mark for over twenty years, and he is extremely qualified to serve on the Commission. Mark is currently the Chairman of Servco Pacific Inc. and spent many decades as it’s CEO. Servco is one of Hawaii’s most iconic and successful local companies having been a part of our community for over has 100 years. Under his leadership, Servco Pacific has grown into a diversified enterprise while maintaining a strong commitment to the people of Hawaii.

His qualifications align closely with the responsibilities of the Commission. Mark possesses a strong understanding of the economic forces shaping Hawaii and has demonstrated an ability to balance fiscal responsibility with sustainable growth—an essential perspective as the Commission evaluates the state’s tax structure and its impact on residents, businesses, and the overall economy.

Hawaii faces unique fiscal challenges, including a high cost of living, lack of economic diversification, and the need to remain competitive while supporting critical public services. The Commission plays an important role in helping to shape policies and make recommendations on how to improve the tax system. Mark’s insight, integrity, and collaborative leadership style make him exceptionally well-suited to contribute meaningfully to this important work.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to support his appointment.

Thank you for your consideration.

GM-520

Submitted on: 4/27/2026 10:04:22 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/27/2026 12:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

I strongly support for consideration and confirmation to the Tax Review Commission, Mark Fukunaga for a term to expire 5/7/2027. Mark is a strong business leader, who is forward thinking and looks at the future for ways in which to lead his company.

I believe that his understanding of Hawaii's various communities, and his leadership in many businesses, including non-profits, provide him with many tools that he can utilize as a member of the Tax Review Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Mark Fukunaga.