



GOV. MSG. NO. 7

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

October 22, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following interim nomination to the **State Board of Public Accountancy**:

STATE BOARD OF
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

TERM TO EXPIRE

Darryl Komo

6/30/2017

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Abercrombie".

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
INTERIM OF 2013

Tuesday, October 29, 2013
10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 7.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Laureen Kai and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Public Accountancy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 7, regarding the appointment of Darryl T. Komo to the Board of Public Accountancy ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Komo's appointment to the Board.

Mr. Komo has served on the Board as an interim appointee since August 9, 2013, and is being appointed as a certified public accountant member. He has been licensed since October 7, 1977, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Komo is a reliable member and has attended 2 of 2 meetings. He is conscientious in his preparation for the meetings and by sharing valuable insights that he has gained over his more than thirty years of professional experience in certified public accounting, Mr. Komo contributes to the breadth of information that the Board finds useful when making its decisions.

The Department believes that Mr. Komo's interest in serving on the Board, his experience in the profession and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Darryl T. Komo to the Board of Public Accountancy, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Before the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Conference Room 229

Re: Support for GM 7

Relating to the Nomination of Darryl T. Komo, M.B.A., CPA
to the Board of Public Accountancy

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and committee members:

I am a certified public accountant (CPA) and State President of the Hawaii Association of Public Accountants (HAPA). HAPA represents local public accounting practitioners throughout the State of Hawaii.

HAPA enthusiastically supports GM 7 and the nomination of Mr. Darryl T. Komo, M.B.A., CPA, to the Board of Public Accountancy. From his years as a principal in a prominent Hawaii CPA firm, his service as a past president of HAPA and as a past Secretary of the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants, and his previous service on the Public Accountancy Advisory Committee of the State of Hawaii Regulated Industries Complaints Office, Mr. Komo has the knowledge and experience to understand and address the breadth of issues facing the Board of Public Accountancy. In addition, Mr. Komo understands the consumer protection issues and the challenges facing public accounting practitioners in Hawaii.

HAPA urges the approval of the nomination of Mr. Komo, and thanks you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John W. Roberts, M.B.A., CPA
HAPA State President

NIWAO
&
ROBERTS

Certified Public Accountants, A Professional Corporation

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to the Board of Public Accountancy**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and committee members:


I am a certified public accountant and attorney in the State of Hawaii. I have known Darryl T. Komo, CPA, for over 20 years in his capacity as past State President for the Hawaii Association of Public Accountants (HAPA), as a board member of HAPA, as past Secretary-Treasurer for the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants (HSCPA), and as a very knowledgeable and dedicated public accounting practitioner.

Mr. Komo is well-known and very highly respected in the public accounting community. He has spent countless volunteer hours toward the betterment of the public accounting profession and has been extensively involved with helping accounting students transition into the public accounting profession.

Mr. Komo has over 30 years of experience in public accounting, and is a principal with Robert H.Y. Leong & Company, CPAs, Inc. He holds an M.B.A. degree and a BBA degree in accounting from the University of Hawaii. He has been involved as a past Public Accountancy Advisory Committee member of the State of Hawaii, Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO).

My firm urges you to approve the nomination of Mr. Komo to the Board of Public Accountancy and thanks you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn M. Niwao, J.D., CPA
President

Darryl T. Komo, Nomination to the State Board of Public Accountancy

Response to Questions from Senator Rosalyn H. Baker

October 3, 2013

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the State Board of Public Accountancy ?

Most of my life has been involved in the practice of public accountancy. I graduated from the College of Business at the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in accounting. Upon graduation with a Bachelor's degree I started working at the public accounting firm of Robert H. Y. Leong & Company (where I am still currently employed). I received my license to practice public accountancy in 1977. I have served as an officer of both the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants (HSCPA) and the Hawaii Association of Public Accountants (HAPA). I have also served as an advisor to the Regulated Industries Complaints Office Public Accountancy Advisory Committee. I have a strong conviction to maintaining the credibility of the profession. Based upon my experience, I believe that I can contribute to the Board.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the State Board of Public Accountancy ?

I believe that the general role and responsibilities of a member of the Board is as follows:

- Rulemaking authority (defining the scope of practice).
- Licensing authority, to grant and deny conditions of licensing.
- Decision making authority on disciplinary actions.

These responsibilities should be defined by those that are involved with the profession to ensure that these rules and decisions are fair to members of the profession and to the public. Our goal should be to maintain high ethical standards in servicing the public.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position ? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board.

I have been a practicing public accountant in Hawaii for over 30 years. I have served on the Boards of Directors and been an officer of both the HSCPA and HAPA. As a member of these Boards I have been involved with coordinating Continuing Professional Education (CPE) and have spoken to student groups at the various Hawaii colleges about the public accounting profession. Therefore I am familiar with many of the issues currently affecting the public accounting profession in this state.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service ?

During my term I hope to continue and improve on the work of previous members of the Board of Public Accountancy. I hope to be fair and to make careful decisions.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and how will these qualities benefit the Board ?

Three qualities that describe me are:

- Willing to work hard
- Good Listener
- Fair

Members of the Board must be willing to devote time and energy into researching and investigating issues affecting the profession. I am willing to devote time and energy into these projects.

Listening is an important skill, since members of the Board must be able to listen objectively to different positions of a dispute and make a decision based upon this information.

Each Board member must attempt to be fair and impartial in their decisions.

6. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member ?

As stated above, my experience both as a practitioner and as a member of the Boards of Directors of accounting organizations will be beneficial as a member of the Board of Public Accountancy.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board ? How would you overcome possible conflicts of interest ?

No, I do not see any possible conflicts of interest that may arise. If it does occur, I will recuse myself from discussion and voting on that issue. If need be I will resign from the Board if the conflict cannot be resolved.