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WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
RODERICK K. BECKER, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
THE JUDICIARY
ON
AUGUST 29, 2017
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CONFERENCE ROOM 016

G.M. 19

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE
FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CLYDE SAKAMOTO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE
06-30-2020.

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the confirmation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Commission (the Commission), gubernatorial nominee, Clyde Sakamoto. The Department of Accounting and General Services is in support of Mr. Sakamoto's nomination and recommendation for confirmation.

HRS Section 9-2 requires that the Commission shall have at least one members from the county of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii. Mr. Sakamoto is a resident of the county of Maui and his appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee, I am Jonathan Johnson, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and I am pleased to testify in support of the nomination of Clyde Sakamoto to our Commission.

Mr. Sakamoto represents the Island of Maui, is a Maui resident and chancellor emeritus of UH Maui College. While at Maui College, Mr. Sakamoto successfully gathered wide support to advance the college in many ways including the change from a two-year college to a four-year college. Mr. Sakamoto's experience in Hawaii's higher education system and his understanding of the need to develop creative skills will be beneficial to the commission.

As the SFCA's role in arts education expands through the Arts in Education and Art in Public Places Programs, the SFCA is pleased to welcome Mr. Sakamoto, a veteran educator and administrator, to work with us. We are confident in Mr. Sakamoto's ability to make a favorable contribution in support of the SFCA and its mission to promote, perpetuate, preserve, and encourage culture and the arts for the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Sakamoto's nomination.

August 29, 2017

TO: The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

FR: Linda Chu Takayama

RE: GM 19
Nomination of Clyde Sakamoto
To State Foundation on Culture and the Arts

My name is Linda Chu Takayama, and I have known and worked with Clyde Sakamoto for more than 30 years.

His deep love, appreciation and critical sensibility toward art and culture in all its forms are evident in his life and his lifework, Maui College.

I strongly support his nomination and urge you to confirm him.