

GM 766

Testimony –

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA HAMAMOTO, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: State Foundation on Culture and the Arts

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
DOUGLAS MURDOCK, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ARTS
ON
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 766

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE
FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
PATRICIA HAMAMOTO

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on G.M. 766. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the confirmation of Ms. Patricia Hamamoto to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA).

Ms. Hamamoto has been the superintendent of the Department of Education, State of Hawaii and principal of Saint Louis School. Her career spanned all levels of the education system from teacher through superintendent. Ms. Hamamoto's experience in educating our youth and in executive management positions provides her with the necessary skills to be a valuable and contributing member of the SFCA.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony 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 Patricia Hamamoto to our Commission.

Since the inception of the State Foundation in 1965, education has been a priority of our agency. From the launch the country's first Artists in the Schools Program, to the ARTS FIRST Partnership legislation to integrate the arts in education, the SFCA and Department of Education (DOE) have worked together. As DOE Superintendent, Ms. Hamamoto worked closely with the SFCA to sustain the Artists in the Schools Program and launch the Artist in Residence Program, a successful collaboration that continues today.

The SFCA's role in arts education is expanding through our Arts Education and Art in Public Places Programs, and we are pleased to welcome Ms. Hamamoto, a veteran educator and administrator, to grow with us and to further our mission to promote, perpetuate, preserve and encourage culture and the arts for the people of Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Hamamoto's nomination.

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April 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Recommendation of Patricia Hamamoto to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) Board of Commissioners

I have known Patricia "Pat" Hamamoto for over 30 years, serving along-side her in various capacities with the Hawaii State Department of Education (DOE). Pat Hamamoto served the DOE as teacher, principal and as the Superintendent working with students, teachers, administrators and the public.

The SFCA needs the assistance of community leaders both knowledgeable in the arts and sensitive to local interests and desires. Because of her special insight and experience in education, administration and community relations, she would be an asset to the State of Hawaii by lending her personal expertise to the SFCA Board. Ms. Hamamoto is knowledgeable in the SFCA's strategic priorities of advocacy, accessibility, education, native Hawaiian culture and sustainability.

Pat Hamamoto possess the requisite qualities to serve on the SFCA board. Her people skills, balance, passion for education and knowledge of the art curriculum make her an ideal candidate for this position.

If you need her contact information, please let me know.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allen I. Emura", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allen I. Emura