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Statement of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

April 16, 2015 at 1:15 P.M.
Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

G.M. 795

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, ALENA MEDEIROS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018**

Honorable Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Governor's Message 795 (G.M. 795), submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Alena Medeiros, for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the confirmation of Ms. Medeiros to the HPHA Board of Directors. The HPHA Board needs directors with a variety of life experiences and professional expertise in order to effectively fulfill its role as a policy guide for the agency. Ms. Medeiros has many years of state government service as a Deputy Policy Advisor to former Governor Linda Lingle, and as the Budget and Administrative Director and Legislative Researcher and Budget Analyst for the Senate Minority Research Office and as a Bill Researcher for the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Ms. Medeiros also has many years of non-profit experience as the Policy and Public Affairs Director for the Hawaii Primary Care Association. All of this experience will be extremely valuable to the HPHA Board when reviewing state housing policy and legislation.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing with the agency's position regarding G.M. 795. We respectfully request the Committee to confirm Ms. Alena Medeiros to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 2:38 PM
To: HSH Testimony
Cc: dmorimoto22@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM795 on Apr 16, 2015 13:15PM

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Submitted on: 4/15/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Morimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. I'm submitting email testimony in support of A. Nani Medeiros to serve on the Board of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). I serve on the Board of the Institute for Human Services with Ms. Medeiros and have come to respect her deep knowledge and insightful analysis of Hawaii's affordable housing challenges. I know Ms. Medeiros will be additive to the discussions and work of the HPHA Board and recommend her, without reservation. Aloha, David Morimoto

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**Alena Nani Medeiros
Public Member, At-Large
Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority**

Expiration Date: June 30, 2018.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for the nomination of A. Nani Medeiros as a board member for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

My name is Malia Espinda. I have known Nani in a professional and personal capacity for almost two decades. I have seen her grow professionally from her early days with the House Clerks, Ways and Means, and Senate Minority Offices. Nani's role in the Governor's Policy Office broadened her understanding of the functions of government. It was there that Nani's interest in healthcare, human services, and housing truly took root in her career. Nani was tenacious and detailed in developing meaningful policies. Today, in her position as Director of Policy and Public Affairs for the Hawaii Primary Care Association, Nani is committed to enhancing access to quality healthcare for Hawaii's vulnerable populations.

Nani's nomination to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority will provide this board with necessary content expertise and intelligent policy analysis. Nani's skills will help to tighten strategic planning and coalition building. The Hawaii Public Housing Authority will certainly benefit from Nani's dedication and experience in housing and human services issues.

From: Dyan Medeiros <D.medeiros@hifamlaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 9:00 PM
To: HSH Testimony
Subject: FW: I believe that my mother should be given this job

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I am forwarding this on behalf of my niece, Olivia Medeiros-Sakimoto, in support of GM795.

Begin forwarded message:

From: OMS
Date: April 15, 2015 at 6:05:17 PM HST
Subject: I believe that my mother should be given this job

I believe that my mother should be given this job because she is very responsible, enthusiastic about her job, non-procrastinational, caring, and also good at following the "Golden Rule". Having good responsibility is something kids are taught a lot now at home and at school, but sometimes at school you're surrounded by people who aren't responsible so things are tough when you try to be the good kid. At home I am with a great responsible, time-managing, caring person who does not let me procrastinate and won't let herself either. I believe that treating others as you would like to be treated is a big part of being caring and having a great attitude and my mom has just that. She'll help you get back up if you've fallen, literally, from hitting the glass table right on that soft spot, or she'll even give you a pep-talk to get you in the mood of school, or work. It's also really hard to stay mad at her or be annoyed because she'll make you laugh so hard your stomach with hurt. These are reasons to why my mom is great and you should definitely pick her. Nani is your guy, or girl, who will complete the work. Thank you!
~Olivia MS (Nani's daughter)

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