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Testimony on GM 805
April 16, 2015
Conference Room 211, 9:00 a.m.

Chair Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair Ronald D. Kouchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, DR. JACK P. SUYDERHOUD, for consideration and confirmation to the Council on Revenues. I am an Administrative Rules Specialist with the Department of Taxation and I am familiar with the Council's work. However, my endorsement was unsolicited and has nothing to do with my official duties.

Dr. Suyderhoud has served the Council on Revenues for over eleven years. Dr. Suyderhoud is a highly respected economist, educator, researcher and community leader. Dr. Suyderhoud's wealth of knowledge of local, national, and international economic and government affairs is a tremendous asset to the Council on Revenues.

With Dr. Suyderhoud's continuous membership, the Council on Revenues will unquestionably carry out its mission to prepare revenue estimates for the State of Hawaii for fiscal year in progress and for each of the ensuing fiscal years of the six-year state program and financial plan in the most accurate manner.

I respectfully request the Senate's favorable confirmation of Dr. Suyderhoud to the Council on Revenues.

Sincerely,
Titin L. Sakata

To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Dr. Donald J. Rousslang
Tax Research and Planning Officer
Department of Taxation

Re: Testimony in Support of Governor's Message (GM 805)
For consideration and confirmation of Dr. JACK S SUYDERHOUD to the Council on Revenues

I wish to testify in strong support of the Governor's nomination of Dr. Jack Suyderhoud to the Council on Revenues. Dr. Suyderhoud is extremely knowledgeable about Hawaii's taxes and forecasting Hawaii's economy: He is a professor of Business Economics at the University of Hawaii, he served as Executive Director of the 1982-84 Tax Review Commission, and he is a widely respected forecaster of Hawaii's economy. I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Suyderhoud in my role supporting the work for the Council since I came to the Tax Research and Planning Office in 2011 and I can testify that the quality of his work on the Council has been consistently outstanding. I warmly urge you to approve his appointment to the Council.