

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 28 2015

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 809,  
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Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 809 and 810, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

HAWAII' I COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

G.M. No. 809      KAI DUPONTE,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2016; and

G.M. No. 810      RONALDO MATA,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2018,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees and finds Kai Duponte and Ronaldo Mata to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

KAI DUPONTE

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Kai Duponte from three individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Duponte has served as a Practicum Coordinator for the University of Hawaii Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work. She has also previously served as a Residential Services Division Administrator with Catholic Charities Family Services.



Ms. Duponte has been an active member of her community, volunteering her time with Aloha United Way, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Hospice Hawaii, President of a condominium board, and the Project Kealahou Governing Council. She has also contributed her services as an Adjunct Faculty with the University of Hawaii School of Social Work and served on the Commission on the Status of Women (Maui Council). Ms. Duponte's vast volunteer experience will make her an asset to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Your Committee therefore recommends Ms. Duponte be appointed to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service based on her extensive experience, knowledge, and dedication to volunteerism.

RONALDO MATA

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Ronaldo Mata from one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that prior to retirement, Mr. Mata served as the Program Director for the Foster Grandparent Program in the Department of Human Services. He has also served with the United States Navy and the Federal Aviation Administration. Mr. Mata has been an active member of the community, serving as a member of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board, as President of the Momilani Community Association, and as a member of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mr. Mata's experience in the human services arena will serve him well as a member of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Mata be appointed to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service based on his experience, background, and commitment to volunteerism.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education  
and the Arts,



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BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair





