

# GM 598

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, MILO SPINDT, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.
Report Title:	Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Description:	
Companion:	
Package:	
Current Referral:	HOU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



CRAIG K. HIRAI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
**LEILANI PULMANO**  
Chair, Board of Directors of the  
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation  
Before the

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

April 5, 2018 at 2:45 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of

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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MILO SPINDT, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2022.**

The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) Board of Directors **strongly supports** the nomination of Milo Spindt as the Board's Kauai County representative.

Mr. Spindt has served on the HHFDC Board since 2016 and is the current Board Vice Chair. He is a former founder and president of Housing For All, Inc., a non-profit housing advocacy organization. As a licensed real estate broker, property manager, and former Department of Land and Natural Resources Kauai District Land Agent, Mr. Spindt is well versed in the County of Kauai's land use issues, and housing needs.

The HHFDC respectfully requests that the Committee support Mr. Spindt's nomination for another term. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Statement of  
**MARY ALICE EVANS**  
Deputy Director  
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism  
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Chair Espero, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee.

I ***support*** the nomination of Milo Spindt, the current Vice Chair, as the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) Board's Kauai County representative.

Mr. Spindt is well-qualified to serve another term due to his wealth of relevant professional and personal experience that is of great value to HHFDC. He is a fully-engaged member of the Board, serving on various subcommittees that provide guidance and set policies for HHFDC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for HOU on 4/5/2018 2:45:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Grant Wolf	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Why would we appoint someone that not very much is known about to some Hawai'i Housing and Financing Development Corporation. In researching Milo Spindt for Board of Directors the only points he has with me is that he is Local and known on Kaua'i Other then that he was a firefighter which is another brownie point but what does this have to do with finance? He worked real estate and in my experience with real estate agents they tend to put the money into their own pockets do they not? Well, the state always looks for guys to line their own pockets or those of the "old boy network", aka the "old boys club". There is a pattern of ignoring the public here in Hawai'i just as much as anywhere else. We get tired of seeing bills passed which line politicians pockets, but rip off the everyday citizen. Marx and Engels saw that capitalism brought misery and suffering. Bills that put money in the pockets of those in power and deplete resources from the common folk are the detriments that were foreseen long before the Kingdom of Hawai'i was illegally overthrown, illegally annexed, illegally occupied, and falsely given Statehood. I do not support hardly anything I see passed off as a bill these days.

Milo Spindt

March 16, 2016

To: Honorable Senator Will Espero, Chair, Committee on Housing

RE: Nomination by Governor David Y. Ige to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation

This letter is in response to your request and the following questions:

1. *Why do you wish to be a member of the BOD for the HHFDC?* I have been serving on the Board for HHFDC since the fall of 2015, as the Kauai representative. I feel that my participation on the Board has had a positive effect on enforcing and creating new policies to streamline the process for the development of affordable housing. It is my hope to continue working with other members of the Board, the Staff and affordable housing developers to create policies and take actions that will increase our ability to produce affordable housing for Kauai and throughout the State.
2. *How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the BOD of the HHFDC?* As the Kauai Representative, I perceive my role as an advocate for the people of Kauai but also as a general advocate for affordable housing development throughout the State. In order to accomplish this, it is my responsibility to meet regularly with private non-profit and for-profit affordable housing developers, the Kauai Housing Agency and other members of the County administration to understand the short and long term goals of the County and how HHFDC can facilitate the effectuation of those goals. It is also important that I continue meeting with HHFDC staff to develop plans to address the needs of affordable housing Statewide and best utilize the tools that HHFDC has at its disposal. Above all it is essential that the BOD continues to maintain fiscal responsibility for HHFDC and develop policies that fulfill the communities' needs in the most efficient and cost effective way.
3. *Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the BOD of HHFDC, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the BOD of the HHFDC.* I was raised with the belief that it is everyone's responsibility to be involved in helping others and to be actively engaged in the work that our government does. My experience working in the private sector in real estate as well as working as the Kauai District Land Agent for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division, has given me unique insight into the market demands for affordable housing and the complex legal and governmental issues involved in developing and subsidizing housing projects. I have 17 years of experience in property management and sales. I have also served on the Board for other non-profits related to affordable housing development and was the founder of a non-profit Community Land Trust oriented to developing permanently affordable housing options. My base of knowledge in real estate appraisals, real estate laws, property management, and real estate finance have allowed me to quickly understand the complex finance tools and real property assets that the BOD for HHFDC oversees. By combining my real estate knowledge with active community involvement in the County of Kauai, I feel that I can be an effective advocate for my community and for the State assets that HHFDC oversees.
4. *What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?* The overwhelming need for affordable housing options within the County of Kauai and the State of Hawaii are transparent. It is my goal to help increase the total output of affordable housing units, on Kauai and throughout the State by effective fiscal and policy management. Specifically, I would like to see HHFDC expand its role in off site infrastructure projects that support affordable housing developments.

5. *Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the BOD of the HHFDC? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest? At this time, I do not foresee any conflicts of interest. If any come up, they will be disclosed immediately and I will follow the advice of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission.*