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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 698, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CHRISTOPHER LEE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2022.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 698, nominating Mr. Christopher Lee for membership to the State Board of Public Accountancy ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

Mr. Lee has nearly 20 years of experience in accounting, starting in 1999 as an associate at Robert H.Y. Leong & Co. and eventually becoming partner at ECA LLP. He earned his bachelor of business administration in accounting degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and became a licensed certified public accountant in Hawaii in 2003. Mr. Lee is also on the Aloha Festivals Executive Committee, serving as treasurer. He understands the responsibility of attending and preparing for the Board's monthly meetings.

Given Mr. Lee's experience and desire to serve in other roles related to accounting in Hawaii, the Department believes that he is in a good position to positively contribute to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Mr. Lee's nomination to the State Board of Public Accountancy.

April 9, 2018

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Support for Christopher Lee, CPA
State of Hawaii Board of Public Accountancy


Dear Senator

I am submitting this letter to support the appointment of Christopher Lee, CPA to serve as a board member of the State of Hawaii Board of Public Accountancy.

I have known Mr. Lee for over 10 years and he has consistently displayed a high degree of civic duty, integrity and professionalism. I have also personally served on the Board of Kumu Kahua Theater with Mr. Lee. He provided sound guidance to help build the capacity of the organization.

He is very committed to the profession and would be an asset to any organization he is associated with.

Sincerely,



Mark R. Kalahele
President
Aloha State Services, Ltd.



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Dear Ms. Baker,

I am submitting this letter to support the appointment of Christopher Lee, CPA to serve as a board member of the State of Hawaii Board of Public Accountancy.

I have known Mr. Lee for over 17 years, which includes almost 3 years working together at Grant Thornton LLP. As an Assurance Manager at Grant Thornton LLP, I supervised Mr. Lee on various audits. We worked closely during that time as he was the Senior Auditor responsible for the State of Hawaii, Department of Education audit. Mr. Lee is a hard worker who is very responsible and consistently demonstrates a high degree of integrity and professionalism. His passion for the public accounting field is very apparent as he has over 15 years of experience in the industry. On a personal level, Mr. Lee also spends time volunteering for various community events. I believe he would be a valuable asset to the board and support his appointment.

Respectfully,

Betty Sumida
Controller
Ko Olina Golf Club