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Testimony of
David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & TOURISM
April 29, 2019
2:30 p.m., Room 414

In consideration of
GM 664, Mike McCartney
as the
Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Mike McCartney as the director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Mike was my chief of staff from December 2014 until January 2019, when I appointed him director of DBEDT. He has a diverse resume with experience in the private and public sectors that will serve DBEDT well, including past president and chief executive officer of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, executive director of the Hawai'i State Teachers Association, director of the Department of Human Resources Development Management and president and CEO of PBS Hawai'i. Mike also served in the Hawai'i State Senate for 10 years.

My administration is committed to reshaping the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I am confident that Mike McCartney will continue to support our employees as director of the DBEDT in this effort. Moving forward together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kūpuna, and all the residents of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Statement of
Mary Alice Evans

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Monday, April 29, 2019
2:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of
GM 664
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE MCCARTNEY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee.

I respectfully recommend your **strong support** for the confirmation of **Mike McCartney** as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I have worked with Mike for the last eight years in his roles as CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Governor Ige's Chief of Staff and DBEDT Director. Mike is an honest and honorable leader who cares about Hawaii's communities and the economy.

Mike's years as a union leader have contributed to his understanding of how important jobs are to Hawaii's families. His years as a State Senator gave him respect for the constitutional balance of power between the branches of government.

His experience as the DHRD Director has demonstrated his commitment to fair employment practices. His role leading the transformation of Hawaii Public Television proves his ability to be a change agent.

Mike's job as CEO of the HTA shows his ability to work with Hawaii's private sector to adapt to the global shifts that can hurt Hawaii's vulnerable economy. In all his roles, he shares his personal commitment to protecting Hawaii's host culture and all the different cultures that contribute to our diverse community.

I respectfully urge you to **recommend advice and consent** to the nomination of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
RODERICK K. BECKER

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 664

April 29, 2019
2:30 p.m.
Room 414

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MIKE MCCARTNEY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the appointment of Mike McCartney to the position of director of the department of business, economic development, and tourism.

I currently work with Mike in my capacity as director of finance and previously in various other capacities.

Mike is a solid choice to lead the department. He cares for his employees and understands how to support our economy. The ability of Hawaii's residents to provide for themselves and the State's capacity to provide needed services are greatly affected by the health of our economy. Mike's knowledge and experience in growing and diversifying industries important to Hawaii are attributes that are advantageous to the department and the State.

Mike is highly qualified and has the character, integrity, and dedication needed to lead the department of business, economic development, and tourism. Therefore, I highly recommend that he be confirmed as the director.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 664,
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
AS THE DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE MIKE MCCARTNEY.

by
Nolan P. Espinda, Director
Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Monday, April 29, 2019; 2:30 p.m.
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Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports GM 664, the nomination of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT). PSD recognizes Mr. McCartney's broad and extensive leadership experiences in government, public employment representation, the private sector, and the community as the strong assets he brings to the position.

Mr. McCartney's vision of a balanced, sustainable, and diversified economy for Hawaii is supported by his past experience, and PSD believes this will serve him well in motivating DBEDT to fulfilling that vision.

For these reasons, PSD urges the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism to support the confirmation of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
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April 26, 2019

To: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair,
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and
Tourism

Date: Monday, April 29, 2019
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 414, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: G.M. No. 664 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of
the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Gubernatorial
Nominee, MIKE MCCARTNEY**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Scott T. Murakami, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am testifying in strong support of Governor's Message 664, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mike McCartney, as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT).

Mr. McCartney has demonstrated that he has the leadership and experience to successfully lead the DBEDT. As the Chief of Staff and Administrative Director for the Governor, Mr. McCartney supported the Governor, Governor's Cabinet, and staff in their duties as well as worked towards executing the Governor's policies. In addition, Mr. McCartney's extensive background in public service, including his tenure as the CEO and President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, show his understanding of developing a clear vision, and strategically and sustainably managing the interests of various stakeholders.

I urge you to confirm Mr. McCartney to serve as the Director of the DBEDT so that he may continue to provide leadership and service to the public.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. McCartney.

DAVID Y. IGE
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TESTIMONY
OF
AUDREY HIDANO, DEPUTY COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM
ON
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019, 2:30 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 414, STATE CAPITOL
G.M. 664

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC, DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **MIKE MCCARTNEY**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 664. I strongly support the nomination of **MR. MIKE MCCARTNEY** to the position of Director of the Department of Business, Economic, Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

I have known Mr. McCartney for a very long time. Currently while he was Chief of Staff for Governor Ige, before that, as CEO and President of Hawaii Tourism Authority, as CEO and President for PBS Hawaii and as a three-term Senator representing the Windward side.

Mr. McCartney clearly understands public policy, knows the legislative process, and is truly a collaborative leader. He has years of business experience – both in the public and private sector. Mr. McCartney has Labor-Union knowledge and work experience, especially during his term as Director of Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD).

Mike has been involved in many organizations and continues to share his leadership abilities and knowledge with the various groups.

Mr. McCartney will truly be an asset to the State of Hawaii as the Director of the Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

DAVID Y. IGE
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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

**Monday, April 29, 2019
2:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 664
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
AS THE DIRECTOR OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE MIKE MCCARTNEY
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 664 nominating Mike McCartney to serve as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to expire at noon on December 5, 2022.

Mr. McCartney is a lifelong resident of Hawaii. His love for Hawaii is exemplified in his long and extensive public service in both paid and voluntary positions including chairing the Hawaii Tourism Authority, serving as a State Senator for 10 years; serving as the Director of the Department of Human Resources Development, serving as the President and CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Authority and serving as the Chief of Staff/Administrative Director in the Office of the Governor. Mr. McCartney also served as the President and CEO of PBS Hawaii and the Executive Director of the Hawaii State Teachers Association. This experience and his wealth of knowledge and contacts will serve him well as the leader of the State's planning arm.

The Department looks forward to working with Mr. McCartney as we address the difficult issues related to climate change and the impacts of tourism on our natural resources.

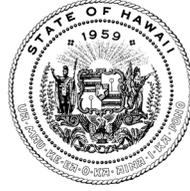
The Department strongly supports GM 664 and recommends that the Senate confirm the appointment of Mr. Mike McCartney to serve as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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Testimony to the Senate Committee on
Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

The Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session of 2019

Monday, April 29, 2019
2:30 p.m.

Testimony on **Governor's Message No. 664**, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the **Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism**, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Mike McCartney**, for a term to expire on December 5, 2022.

To the Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair, the Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), and I am writing in **support** of the appointment of Mike McCartney to serve as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, for a term to expire on December 5, 2022.

Mr. McCartney's previous experience in both the legislative and executive branches of the State provide him with a unique perspective, tremendous knowledge, and diverse skills to lead the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Over the last four years, I have sought Mr. McCartney's counsel and assistance on a number of matters affecting or involving DCCA. In response, Mr. McCartney has demonstrated principled adherence to fairness, and shown himself to be deeply concerned about the people of Hawaii, hard-working, and immensely capable.

I firmly believe Mr. McCartney will continue to be a valued and highly productive member of Governor Ige's cabinet, and respectfully request that you recommend

Testimony of Catherine P. Awakuni Colón

G.M. 664

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approval of his nomination as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Thank you for the opportunity to support GM No. 664. I would be pleased to respond to any questions that you may have.



TESTIMONY BY:

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April 29, 2019
2:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 414

G.M. 664

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE MCCARTNEY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Technology

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

We have worked extensively with Mr. McCartney when he was the Chief of Staff for the Office of the Governor. During the past four years, we were able to not only gain firsthand familiarity of Mr. McCartney's abilities as a leader, but were also exposed to his inventive approach to problem solving and his ability to get his point across and the job done. We have the deepest professional respect for Mr. McCartney who also headed the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and sincerely believe he will bring his unique energy, optimism, enthusiasm, and vigorous imagination to DBEDT.

Tourism and economic development are critical not only to our economy but also to our state's ability to remain competitive in the global marketplace. DOT is committed and stands ready to serve as an active partner with DBEDT in making sure that Hawaii remains the top destination for travelers. In this highly competitive global economy, tourism and businesses need every bit of help they can get. Mr. McCartney can always be counted upon for his candor, perseverance, and thoughtfulness. He is not afraid to say what he thinks, so one never has to guess where he stands on a particular issue. Mr. McCartney has widespread experience following his years as a Senator and has proven himself many times as a person who can make positive things happen.

We look forward to further find ways to work together with DBEDT and Mr. McCartney to drive economic growth.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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STATEMENT OF
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BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Monday, April 29, 2019
2:30 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of

GM 664
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MIKE MCCARTNEY, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) has not acted on this measure. In my capacity as Executive Director, I respectfully offer my strong support of Mike McCartney as the Executive Director for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). I am confident his vision and guidance will help the HCDA and DBEDT move forward in a positive direction.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer support for Mike McCartney.

DAVID Y. IGE
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

APRIL 29, 2019, 2:30 P.M.
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G.M. 664
SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS DIRECTOR OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MIKE MCCARTNEY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT
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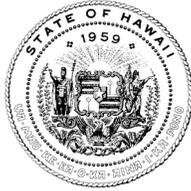
Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 664. I strongly support the nomination of Mr. McCartney to the position of Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Mr. McCartney served as Chief of Staff for Governor Ige since December 2014. Prior to that, he served as the CEO/President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Mr. McCartney has dedicated himself to public service, having served as a Hawaii State Senator, Director of Department of Human Resources Development and CEO/President of PBS Hawaii.

I have known Mr. McCartney for many years when he was State Senator and leading PBS Hawaii. His business savvy and passion to serve our community has been admirable. He always had strong core values of family, cooperation, and teamwork. Mr. McCartney has earned the respect of leaders both in the private and public sectors and his experience at the executive and legislative level qualifies him to serve as the Director of DEBDT.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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Testimony of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
Monday, April 29, 2019

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 664
Gubernatorial Nominee Mike McCartney

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the committee:

I am writing in strong support of confirming the nomination of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

During his long career in public service and in the public and private sector, Mr. McCartney has worked with many key organizations and industries that contribute to a strong, sustainable State economy: the visitor industry, labor, government, education, and politics. Mr. McCartney has been a state senator, Chief of Staff to Gov. David Ige, Executive Director of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, Director of the State Department of Human Resource Development, CEO of PBS Hawaii and Chairman of the Hawaii State Democratic Party.

I had the privilege of working closely with Mr. McCartney when I was Vice President, Administrative and Fiscal Affairs, at the Hawaii Tourism Authority in 2012 and when I joined the state administration as State Comptroller in 2015. During our many collaborations, Mr. McCartney consistently extended his "working with aloha" values, demonstrated his strategic thinking, shared his extensive knowledge of the local community, and provided strong leadership when bringing together diverse groups. His guidance and keen insights into often difficult situations were always welcome.

I encourage you to favorably support Mr. McCartney whose broad community building experience will be a tremendous asset to DBEDT, state government, and the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this nominee.



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Statement of
CHRIS TATUM

Hawai'i Tourism Authority
before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

Monday, April 29, 2019
2:30PM
State Capitol, Conference Room #414

In consideration of
GM 664

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism:

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority expresses its support for the confirmation of Mike McCartney for the position of director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Mr. McCartney, over the years, has gained extensive experience in a broad range of industries which provides him a very unique perspective on various issues which may face the department and Hawai'i. He is well-versed in government operations, organizational management practices, and the needs of the private sector particularly as it relates to our economy. His years of service as a Hawai'i State Senator serving as majority leader, education chair, labor chair and government operations chair and his years of experience in the visitor industry will surely play a positive role in strengthening DBEDT's commitment to this critical segment that provides more than 216,000 jobs throughout the State.

We are certain that, these experiences and his knowledge of business concepts will help to serve a positive influence on the numerous attached agencies under the department's umbrella. It is for these reasons that we humbly request the committee support the appointment of Mr. McCartney for this role.



Written Statement of
Len Higashi
Acting Executive Director
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism
Monday, April 29, 2019
2:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of
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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MIKE MCCARTNEY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON
12-05-2022.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Mr. Mike McCartney as the Director of DBEDT. Mike brings a wealth of knowledge to DBEDT through his past experience at the Governor's office, HTA, PBS, and the State Senate. He is uniquely qualified for this position and has already demonstrated his ability to lead. Mike's vision for an improved DBEDT department is inspiring and has the support of the team.

I have confidence that Mike's leadership will benefit DBEDT, HTDC, and the Hawaii economy. It has been a pleasure getting to know him over the past couple of months. Mike is humble, knowledgeable, and approachable. I look forward to working together in the years to come. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.



DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

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Testimony of
Gwen Yamamoto Lau, Executive Director
Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
Monday, April 29, 2019 at 2:30 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of **GM NO. 664**
**Confirmation of Director of the Department of Business Economic Development and
Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE MCCARTNEY**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Governor's Message 664, for Gubernatorial Nominee, Mike McCartney, as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Mr. McCartney brings to DBEDT decades of experience in tourism, nonprofit leadership and public service. I have had the pleasure and the privilege of working with Mr. McCartney over the past four months and have been impressed with his humble demeanor and servant leader philosophy and practice. His vision for DBEDT, as the economic engine for the State, is compelling and he has already implemented positive strategic changes within the department and attached agencies, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and alignment to the goals and objectives of our respective programs, while increasing effectiveness, leveraging resources and improving efficiencies by working together to achieve the State's goals.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and offer strong support and comments for Governor's Message 664.

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/26/2019 11:01:32 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Albitz	Testifying for Small Business Regulatory Review Board	Support	No

Comments:

Director McCartney has already introduced himself to our board and watched us work and is very impressed with our push to get input from all stakeholders. In my short time on this board, 1 year, I have been extremely impressed and inspired with the rules that end up being agreed upon by all parties when extensive stakeholder input has been collected. Director McCartney is very supportive of this process and therefore he should be supported and confirmed wholeheartedly.

DAVID Y. IGE
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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, &
TOURISM**

**APRIL 29, 2019
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**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 664
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THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MIKE MCCARTNEY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT
NOON ON 12-05-2022**

Chairperson Wakai and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 664, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), Gubernatorial Nominee, Mike McCartney, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022. The Department strongly supports this measure.

Mr. McCartney has many years of experience in public service including serving in top leadership roles such as the Chief of Staff to the Governor, Director of the Department of Human Resources Development, and as the CEO and President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. He has also served as a State Senator. His vast professional experience, community leadership and dedication to serve Hawaii will be critical in his role as the Director of DBEDT.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Testimony of **Denise Iseri-Matsubara**
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Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Before the
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
April 29, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., Conference Room 414

GM 664

Submitted for consideration and confirmation as
Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **Mike McCartney**

Aloha, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 664. I strongly support the Governor's nomination of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

I've had the honor and the privilege to work for Mike McCartney in my former capacity as a Senior Special Assistant at the Governor's Office. Under Mike's guidance, a set of strategic goals and priorities for the State was developed to help guide departmental initiatives, the executive budget, and programmatic activities to address key issues affecting the State. While working in the Governor's Office's last year, I also assisted with Governor's housing goals which included assembling a working group of stakeholders comprised of developers, housing advocates, and legislators. Mike's guidance and balanced approach helped this diverse group to identify a common goal and work toward it despite their conflicting interests and agendas.

Mike McCartney has served the State in numerous capacities, and he has held various leadership positions. He served as a State Senator for 10 years, Director of the Department of Human Resources Development, Executive Director of the Hawaii State Teachers' Association, CEO and President of PBS Hawaii, and CEO and President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. While serving as the CEO of PBS Hawaii, he was responsible for overseeing a major transition in which PBS went from being a State agency to becoming a private, non-profit foundation.

In addition to his public service, Mike McCartney was the co-creator of the hit singing competition TV show *Hawaii Stars*. As a business owner and operator, Mike knows first-hand what it takes to grow and run a business in Hawaii. His knowledge, experience, and ability to build relationships will facilitate the work that lies ahead in promoting economic development, innovation, affordable housing, and planned community development in Hawaii. Mike not only has the knowledge and experience for the job, he has the integrity to act in the public's best interest.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for this nominee.

DAVID Y. IGE
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Statement of
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April 29, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 414

In consideration of
G.M. 664

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MIKE MCCARTNEY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT
NOON ON 12-05-2022.**

The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) **strongly supports** the nomination of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Mr. McCartney's extensive and varied experiences and relationships established in State government and the private sector will benefit the Department and its attached agencies. Therefore, the HHFDC respectfully requests that the Committee support this nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments in support of this nomination.

Testimony of the
OAHU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD (OEDB)
In Support of GM 664
Relating to the Appointment of
Mike McCartney
Director, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT)

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Monday, April 29, 2019
2:30 P.M.
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Wakai,

Please accept this letter of unwavering support to confirm the nomination of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism for the State of Hawaii.

I have known Mike for nearly 25 years and I have been blessed to call him my friend and colleague. I would just like to share a short anecdote about he and I in the early summer of 2009. Mike had recently been appointed to be the CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Authority and I was soon to be appointed CEO of Enterprise Honolulu. He called me the night before to ask for advice on what he might share the next day as the first speech he would deliver to the stakeholders of tourism as their Chief. It wasn't a pressured task but rather a high bar encouragement of me to embrace and reveal the wisdom of my cherished teachers and kupuna in a difficult time of escalated oil prices of 2008 and the collapse of Aloha Airlines, Lehman Brothers, and the SARS Scare. Mike invited me to share with him, if I felt it okay, the words that come to me when I'm in my time of meditation and prayer when I'm seeking answers. The next morning I shared with Mike that he could share the words of Auntie Pilahi Paki about the Prophecy of Peace and Aloha at the conference and to bring forth HRS 5-7.5. Courageous as Mike is he took my download seriously and delivered the message to what I imagine was a stunned crowd of people who wanted to hear about heads in beds and butts in seats. Aloha has continued to undergird the Visitor Industry not just as a brand but as a lifestyle and HRS 5-7.5 has continued to be the foundation of Mike's service to Hawaii and our global responsibility. On behalf of the Board of OEDB we are grateful to have the opportunity to work with Mike as Director of DBEDT and we provide unwavering support to his confirmation.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Sincerely,



Pono Shim
President and CEO
Oahu Economic Development Board





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Testimony of
Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

Monday, April 29, 2019
2:30 p.m.
Conference Room 414

**Governor's Message 664
Mike McCartney**

Governor's Message 664 has been submitted to the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mike McCartney, for a term to expire at noon on December 05, 2022.

On behalf of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) and the Moku of Moku O Keawe (Hawaii Island), Moku O Pi'ilani (Maui), Moku O Kanaloa (Kaho'olawe), Nana'I Kaula (Lana'i), Molokai Pule O'o (Moloka'i), Moku O Kakuhihewa (O'ahu), Manokalanipo (Kaua'i) and Ka Aina O Kawelonakala (Ni'ihau), we strongly support this nomination.

Mike McCartney has the experience, and the knowledge needed to lead the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) into an added component of success that will enrich Hawaii realistically and culturally. A true caring person, he has been civic minded all his life, and has given back to not only his community, but to all communities in the Hawaiian Islands. He is intimately familiar with the traditional ahupua'a system on the individual islands and understands the *'ike* of *kupuna* and the *kaona* of the working man. He uses his gifts of understanding people, understanding economic stability, and understanding the many different cultures of Hawaii and how all of us can contribute to the well-being of our State. This knowledge and expertise bridges conflict and misunderstandings. But most of all, he listens to the people and is a true public servant.

Mike McCartney is a strong supporter of the Aha Moku Process, a traditional land and ocean management system that was restored through the translations of oral chants and mo'olelo that came from the 9th century by the late respected historian and kumu, John Kaimikaua. Attached to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) by the Legislature via Act 288, SLH 2012, Mike has often guided Aha Moku through the difficulty of understanding government policy.

The native Hawaiian generational and traditional practitioners of many different disciplines who are part of the Aha Moku process are grateful to Mike McCartney, who as a local boy, and now a man who continues to support and take care of his people.

Aha Moku strongly supports this gubernatorial nomination and urge this Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism to confirm the appointment of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Respectfully,

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Testimony on Governor's Message 664
Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
Mike McCartney

BY
Hawaii Paroling Authority Chairman
Edmund "Fred" Hyun

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development & Tourism
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Monday, April 29, 2019 – 2:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Edmund "Fred" Hyun, Chairman of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, in strong support of Mr. Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. One may wonder why a parole chair would support the nomination of a seemingly unrelated department? It's twofold: As a professional and keiki o ka aina, the candidate has a truly solid foundation of service and experience in all areas starting from a legislative aide in the state senate to State Senator, to private and non-profit business, labor and executive level management. With Mr. McCartney's broad base of experience in the travel industry, convention and media, I consulted with him in 2017 for Hawaii to host the 2021 Association of Paroling Authorities International Training Conference (APAI).

This past April, APAI held its training conference in Baltimore and previous to that in Vancouver, BC in 2017 and Lake Tahoe in 2018. Year 2020 will be in Tennessee. Hawaii shares some of the same issues with other states and countries such as substance abuse, homelessness, disproportionate indigenous groups incarcerated in jails and prisons. Also noted is the recidivism rates and overcrowding. Hawaii is considered to be the perfect venue for national and international consulting and training. Our local stakeholders will recognize that our problems are not unique to

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Hawaii, its global. By learning and sharing knowledge and resources, we can improve on our current systems and practices for better outcomes. There is tremendous value for the Hawaii Paroling Authority, Corrections, Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Judiciary to name a few.

As Director, Mr. McCartney will surely be a valuable resource for national/international recognition and relations. Secondly, on a personal note, through my career, private sector workings and personal life, ALL have been impacted by each position that Mr. McCartney has held. I urge this Committee to recognize Mr. McCartney's contributions but more so his greater value to Hawaii's continued growth.

I thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. McCartney and am available to answer any questions. Mahalo!

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
MIKE McCARTNEY FOR DIRECTOR OF
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM, GM 664**

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism (EET)
Monday, April 29, 2019, 2:30 p.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 414

To: Honorable Sen. Glenn Wakai, Chair,
Honorable Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair;
and EET Committee Members

From: Bernard R. Menor, Oahu Resident

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Committee Members:

My name is Bernard R. Menor. I am writing this testimony to strongly support Mr. Mike McCartney as Director of the State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT). With his tremendous experience working both in the private sector and in government, it leaves me without a doubt that he is well-suited for the position. I am confident that he will lead this department of government to become more effective and productive because of his good decision making and strong work ethic.

With that in mind, I strongly urge the committee to move forward with his confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully,



Bernard Menor

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Statement of
Hakim Ouansafi
Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Monday, April 29, 2019

2:30 PM

Conference Room 414

Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

GM 664

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, MIKE MCCARTNEY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-05-2022**

Honorable Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 664, appointing Mr. Mike McCartney to the position of Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

With decades of experience in the public and private sector, Mr. McCartney has a wealth of knowledge, an extensive understanding of the department and its attached agencies and knows how to work within the legislative system to effectuate comprehensive legislation and departmental appropriations.

I have worked closely with Mr. McCartney on a broad spectrum of issues and can sincerely state that Mr. McCartney is a man of great integrity, knowledge, high moral character, care and vision. His open and honest nature and approach to confronting, and ultimately solving issues, has proven to be most effective when working with diverse personalities and achieving goals.

The HPHA urges the Committee to pass GM 664 and appoint Mr. Mike McCartney to the position of Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, April 29, 2019
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 414
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GM 664

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE MCCARTNEY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

IN SUPPORT

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, I write today as a private citizen in strong support for the nomination of Mike McCartney to the position of Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

In my role as the Founder and Director of the Academy for Creative Media at the University of Hawaii, I have worked with Mike in his various roles both inside and out of government, starting with his leadership of PBS Hawaii, through his tenure at the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and then as Chief of Staff to Governor Ige. He has always been someone concerned with the future of our state and how do we keep our kids here with living wage jobs. DBEDT is charged with leading the executive branch's efforts at fostering new opportunities for business in Hawaii and I believe his breadth of experience makes him an excellent choice for the Director's position.

I do have to thank Mike for being an early supporter of the concept of the ACM which proposed and has now achieved the first true system-wide program at the University of Hawai'i. This was accomplished thanks to so many individuals, particularly then members of the House and Senate, joined by their colleagues, to provide essential funding and positions to make ACM a reality at all ten campuses on every island. This is the best example for me and for the students who have benefitted and are now at the vanguard of Hawai'i's emerging creative economy of how forward looking Mike can be. I

also know Mike as very much as a local boy who loves our islands and has dedicated his life to serving our people with aloha.

I hope this committee will support the nomination of Mike McCartney to the Director's position at DBEDT and thank you for the opportunity to testify today.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, and TOURISM

RE: GM 664 – MIKE MCCARTNEY, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

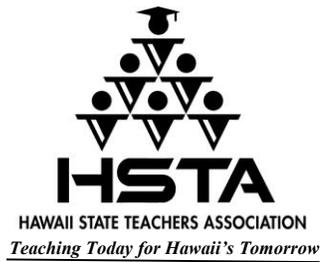
WILBERT HOLCK
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports GM 664**, submitted for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE MCCARTNEY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism's (DBEDT) mission is to help ensure that Hawaii's economy embraces innovation and is globally competitive, dynamic and productive, providing opportunities for all Hawaii's citizens.

Due to DBEDT's crucial mission HSTA, like all unions, has a vested interest in ensuring that there is a strong, experienced and competent Director. HSTA knows that is what we have in Mike McCartney given his diverse background. He will be able to bring a depth and breadth of knowledge of Hawaii's tourism industry, which is as you know Hawaii's largest section of our economy, since he was the President and CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. When you add that to his extensive knowledge of Hawaii's State Government from his time as Governor Ige's Chief of Staff, to Director of the State of Hawaii's Department of Human Resources Development and with his tenure in the Hawaii State Senate all makes him uniquely qualified.



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To help ensure that Hawaii's economy moves in the right direction, HSTA **supports** the appointment of Mike McCartney as the Director of the DBEDT.



NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Statement of
Gregory P. Barbour
Executive Director

Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority
before the

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Monday, April 29, 2019
2:30 pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of

GM 664 RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MIKE MCCARTNEY AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

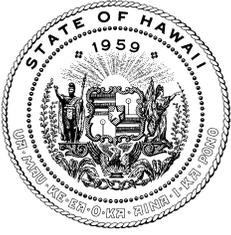
As Executive Director of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) I am pleased to provide testimony in strong support of Mike McCartney for the position of the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I have interacted with Mr. McCartney over the past several decades in various roles. His ten years of experience as a State Legislator provides him with exceptional experience and understanding of the legislative process, government, and economic development and as such he has perfect qualifications for this important position. He is dedicated to ensuring that we

develop our economy so our children can continue to find quality and meaningful jobs here in Hawaii and continue to call Hawaii home.

It is very important that we have a DBEDT Director who can see the “big picture” and have a broad vision to understand how the various sectors of our economy fit together so we can increase economic prosperity for all. His practical realistic assessment of issues and straight-forward thinking will be invaluable in this regard.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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Testimony of
SCOTT GLENN, Director

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM
Monday, April 29, 2019
2:30 PM, Room 414

in SUPPORT of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 664, MIKE MCCARTNEY
As the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Mr. Mike McCartney to serve as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Mr. McCartney has a long and extensive career in public and voluntary service for Hawai'i. He has served as the Chair of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority; a State Senator for 10 years; Director of the Department of Human Resources Development; the President and CEO of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority; and the Chief of Staff/Administrative Director in the Office of the Governor. Mr. McCartney also served as the President and CEO of PBS Hawai'i and the Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Teachers Association. He has demonstrated throughout his career a deep understanding of the balancing of economic development and environment and how intertwined they are.

The OEQC looks forward to collaborating with Mr. McCartney on integrating environmental review to enhance decision making about the economy and how to transition Hawai'i's economy to a less carbon-intensive one that reduces impacts on our natural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 664.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII



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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM
HEARING ON APRIL 29, 2019 AT 2:30 PM IN CR 414

IN SUPPORT OF

GM664

for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business,
Economic Development, and Tourism,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **MIKE MCCARTNEY**,
for a term to expire 12-05-2022

April 29, 2019

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee:

It is an honor to provide this testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DEBEDT).

Mr. McCartney's long tenure in public service, and varied background in business, show his well-rounded qualifications for this appointment. He has a comprehensive understanding of policy development and the legislative process, from time as both a staff member, and as a three-term legislator, of the Hawaii State Senate. For a background in business, he co-founded two small businesses, and did consulting work. And to add to business experience, he worked in the public labor union sector as both leader, Executive Director, Hawaii State Teachers' Association; and in negotiations/agreements. He finds time for community activities, among them: member of the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board; member, Windward School Advisory Council; Trustee, Pacific University, Oregon; and Co-founder, "Live Aloha." His involvement in the course of Hawaii government is long.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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Submitted on: 4/26/2019 3:54:54 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wil Okabe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Wakai,

It is my pleasure to submit this letter of support for Mike McCartney for confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. I have known Mike for many years and have found that his commitment to the people of Hawaii is his highest priority. Mr. McCartney's job experiences gives him the expertise needed for this position.

I wholeheartedly recommend Mike McCartney, as a Director to the Department of Business, Economic Development and tourism. I have no reservations in my recommendation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly @ 808-961-8211.

Mahalo,



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Submitted on: 4/25/2019 8:56:38 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

WE STRONGLY SUPPORT MIKE MCCARTNEY FOR DIRECTOR IF DBEDT! Mike has a proven track record of serving on every capacity he has been in, with DIGNITY, HONOR & INTEGRITY!

**Mike has also been able to reach all corners of our society & is especially LOVED & CHERISH in the native Hawaiian community. We believe that DBEDT is a perfect fit for Mike. This is a great choice. Please confirm Mike McCartney for DBEDT!
Aloha!**



WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF DR. PATRICK K. SULLIVAN
IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF
MIKE McCARTHY
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE AS THE
DIRECTORS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
(GM664)

Before
The Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
April 29, 2019
2:30 p.m.
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To: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair; Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

From: Dr. Patrick K. Sullivan, Founder & Chairman

Re: **Testimony in Support of Mike McCarthy (GM664)**

This testimony is submitted in strong support for the nomination of Mike McCarthy to
serve as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and
Tourism for a term to expire at noon on December 5, 2022.

I have known Mike both personally and professionally for many years. He is a unique
leader who cares deeply about our community and is open to developing economic
models and programs to help Hawaii grow its future.

I hereby humbly request your support in advancing this important nomination.

Thank you for your consideration.



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DATE: April 26, 2019

TO: Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair, Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Rick Tsujimura

RE: **GM 664 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE MCCARTNEY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022**
Hearing Date: Monday, April 29, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.
Conference Room: 414

Dear Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism:

I am writing in support of Mike McCartney's appointment as director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

I have known Mike for over four decades from his time at the Hawaii State Teachers Association with John Radcliffe, through his days as a legislator, through his stint at PBS Hawaii, and as Hawaii Tourism Authority executive. I can vouch for Mike's commitment to Hawaii and its people. This I believe is a most critical factor in the appointment and selection of the director of DBEDT. Like all humans Mike has his faults. I have many and I am certain most of us do too. But whether I agreed or disagreed with Mike in the roles I mentioned above, he and I have always had the kind of relationship where we could always discuss matters bluntly, and unemotionally.

When Mike was a senator I was managing a golf course project across Heeia Pier. Mike was fighting for the community, and I was advocating for my client's project. Despite some tough positions he and I, and folks like Bob Nakata and John Reppun became friends, not enemies. It was built on mutual respect. It is a trait which defines Mike.

I humbly ask for your support of Mike in this new position. I am confident he can bring his own special talents to the job, and I know he will keep the community first and foremost in his endeavors.

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 664

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
April 29, 2019, 2:30 p.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 414

To: Honorable Senate Committee on EET Sen. Glenn Wakai, Chair,
Honorable Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair; Honorable EET Committee
Members

From: Jovanie de la Cruz, Oahu Residence

Dear Senate Committee on EET Sen. Glenn Wakai, Chair; Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice
Chair; and Senate EET Committee Members:

I am Jovanie de la Cruz, a residence here in the City and County of Honolulu. I am
submitting this testimony in **strong support** of Mike McCartney as Director of the State
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. I had the honor and
privilege of working with Mr. McCartney in several occasions. His extraordinary humility
and extensive leadership experience both in government and private sector equip him the
needed skill sets to do what is always right.

Mike McCartney has been proven to have the passion and dedication to be a public
servant. He served as State Senator for three-term, Director of the Department of Human
Resources Development, Chief of Staff for Governor David Ige, CEO and President of
Hawaii Tourism Authority; just to highlight a few. His professional expertise coupled with
his immense experience both from private sector and the government makes him well-
suited for the position. The various community activities that he is/was involved with is a
testament to his gargantuan dedication to public service. Mike McCartney is definitely an
asset to our State in moving the government to become more productive, efficient and
responsive.

I strongly urge the committee to move forward with his confirmation. Thank you for the
opportunity to provide written testimony.

Respectfully,



Jovanie de la Cruz



Eric W. Gill, Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Gemma G. Weinstein, President

Godfrey Maeshiro, Senior Vice-President

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
State Capitol
415 South Beretania St.

Re: GM 664

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Taniguchi and members:

UNITE HERE Local 5 – a local labor organization representing nearly 12,000 hotel, health care and food service workers throughout Hawaii would like to offer comments in strong support of GM 664 and the appointment of Mr. Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

As an organization, we have known Mr. McCartney for many years now, and in that time have observed first-hand his steadfast commitment towards defending the public's interest. His commitment to the meaning of "Aloha," to Hawaii as a place and its hard working people are among his most recognizable brands.

We know Mr. McCartney to be an outstanding member of our community with a distinguished record of community and professional service that is unique and highly needed in State leadership. He will bring with him a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Department. But more importantly continue to help forge meaningful and lasting relationships between and amongst stakeholders across Hawaii's diverse economic and social spectrums.

Our organization is confident that Mr. McCartney, if confirmed, will continue to serve in our community's best interest.

Thank you for your consideration and we ask for your Committee's strong support of GM 664.



Ko`olau Foundation

P. O. Box 4749
Kane`ohe, HI 96744

April 28, 2019

To: Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development & Tourism
Attn: Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Brian Taniguchi; and Members

From: Aaron Mahi, President
Ko`olau Foundation

Re: Support for GM664 – Appointment of Mike McCartney, DBEDT Director

On behalf of the Ko`olau Foundation, I wish to offer our strong support of Mike McCartney, who has been appointed by the governor to serve as director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Our members have worked with and known Mr. McCartney for many years, and have been greatly impressed with his ingenuity, talent, and – most importantly – his people skills. He is a problem-solver, eager to find ways to resolve problems or conflicts between the community and government.

We urge your committee to support his confirmation to serve as head of DBEDT.

Mahalo for allowing us to present our mana`o. The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club offers its strong support for the appointment and confirmation of Mike McCartney as director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

As the largest Hawaiian organization in the Ko`olaupoko area, our members are very familiar with the nominee's history of service and dedications – not just to Windward O`ahu but also to the entire State of Hawai`i. Some of you may recall that Mike was once a State Senator, representing Windward O`ahu.

I have personally known Mike for many years, decades, in fact. During his time as Senator, I worked on his staff and was able to learn about his values and appreciate the kind of role model and leader he can be. When my son was seriously injured in an accident, Mike drove me to the hospital and was by my side throughout that ordeal; and we have been close friends ever since.

But more about his accomplishments, and how our civic club sees Mike McCartney as a part of the state administration:

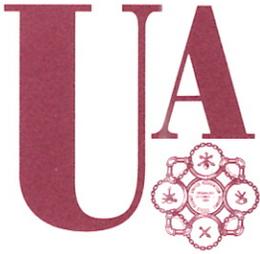
- He helped establish the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council and worked together with community leaders on the Kane`ohe Bay Master Plan, aimed at managing our marine resources in the bay.

- He worked with many community leaders throughout the Windward coast to address and resolve numerous conflicts between communities and the state government.
- He was a major supporter of efforts to improve the education of our students in the public schools.

There are many other examples of his ability to work with communities, with people, to solve problems. The department to which he has been appointed is diverse and has an extremely large kuleana. Can we count on him to help address the many problems facing the department?

Our civic club members say, `ae – yes – we trust in him and believe he can do the job and do it well. We urge your committee to join us by voting aye on advise and consent, and on his confirmation by the full Senate.

Mahalo nui for allowing us to comment on this appointment.



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April 28, 2019

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Committee Chair
The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Committee Vice Chair
Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
State Capitol- Conference Room 414
415 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: GM 664- Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE MCCARTNEY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022
Monday, April 29, 2019 at 2:30 pm

Aloha Chair, Vice-Chair, Committee Members;

Chartered in 1919, the Plumbers and Fitters UA, Local 675 is one of the oldest organized labor unions in Hawai'i and one of three 'licensed' skilled-construction trades, steeped in a rich history as one of Hawai'i's construction-industry pioneers.

On behalf of Local 675, Business Manager Val Ceria and its nearly 2,300 hard-working members and their families, we would like to thank the Committee Chair, Vice Chair and its members for allowing us to provide testimony in strong SUPPORT of GM 664, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE MCCARTNEY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Mr. McCartney possesses a lifetime of achievements and leadership roles in both public and private sectors. As a public administrator, small businessperson, and former legislator, Mike's experience, ability and willingness to work collaboratively and knowledge-based will prove vital, as DBEDT confronts Hawai'i's challenging and changing socio-economic environment, and works to balance the need for continued economic growth and prosperity with practical, responsible and sustainable management of our island resources.

Local 675 looks forward to continuing to work with Mr. McCartney and stands ready to assist where needed. Mahalo for your kind consideration of GM 664 and Nominee Mike McCartney. We humbly ask for your support and confirmation.

'A'ohe hana nui ke alu'ia ~ No task is too big if done together by all

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/26/2019 11:37:10 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Testifying for Ponoholo Ranch Limited	Support	No

Comments:

Dennis T. Ling
Honolulu, Hawaii
April 25, 2019

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development
and Tourism
State Capitol Room 414
GM 664

Dear Senator Wakai, Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to submit this letter in strong support of the nomination of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

The challenges of the Department requires someone with the insights in to the economic pressures and financial struggles both small and medium sized businesses face. The business community relies on DBEDT to create and advocate for policies and programs that support a thriving economy. And the community as a whole depends on DBEDT to take a long view of our state to ensure Hawaii is moving on in a direction that is attractive to new business and entrepreneurs in the future. Mr. McCartney is well suited to meet these needs.

As the Administrator for the Business Development and Support Division of DBEDT, I have witnessed firsthand Mr. McCartney's vision and ability to execute well laid plans for growing our economy. He is strategic, resourceful, creative and understands the importance of prioritizing resources and investing capital to maximize benefits for both the short-term and long-term.

Mr. McCartney also brings with him knowledge of the Asia-Pacific region and understands that our future will rely to some measure on the strength of our partnerships with the region.

I believe that Mr. McCartney is an asset to State government, with the unique set of skills and knowledge to lead DBEDT. He is not only a man of vision, but one of action, with the ability to communicate and rally people behind him to make things happen.

I respectfully ask the Committee to vote favorably on the confirmation of Mike McCartney to the post of Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Sincerely,



Dennis T. Ling

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/25/2019 10:00:27 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Burt Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism.

I am submitting this testimony as an individual in support of the confirmation of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Working with Mike, he brings a vision and commitment to the department and a plan to diversify Hawaii's economy. He comes equipped with his well respected experience in the legislature, PBS Hawaii, Hawaii Tourism Authority and the community as well as a keen knowledge of how to build Hawaii's economy for future generations. He is a valuable and needed leader for the department.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY OF JO ANN UCHIDA TAKEUCHI
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
Monday, April 29, 2019 2:30 PM
Conf. Rm 414

G.M. 664

**Testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 664
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism,
Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE MCCARTNEY
for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022**

TO THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I am writing to express my **support** of the appointment of MIKE MCCARTNEY to serve as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, for a term to expire on December 5, 2022. My name is Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi and I am submitting this supporting testimony in my personal capacity.

Director McCartney has a wealth of experience in the private and public arenas, including as a State Senator, Chief of Staff to the Governor, CEO and President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority and PBS Hawaii. He has the background, skills and dedication to Hawaii's citizens that make him an excellent choice for this position. He has been collaborative, helpful, and keenly interested in seeking solutions to issues of mutual concern. Director McCartney is hardworking, and is an individual who has the temperament, experience, ability and wisdom to effectively lead the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I believe Mr. McCartney is and will continue to be a valuable public servant and an asset to the administration and to the state, and I respectfully request that you recommend advise and consent of his nomination as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 664.

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/25/2019 9:20:40 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am very happy to support the nomination of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. McCartney is a fair and earnest man who is willing to work diligently to build sustainable businesses, revitalize and help promote a healthy economic development plan. Let's not forget his ability to promote our tourist industry. Aloha!

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/26/2019 4:11:26 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynette Marushige	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/26/2019 8:19:33 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rodrigo Romo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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April 26, 2019

Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Hawaii State Capitol
Conference Room 414
415 South Beretania Street,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Monday April 29, 2019 @ 2:30 p.m.

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 664 CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION OF MR. MIKE MCCARTNEY AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the committee:

My name is Anthony Borge and I am a board member on the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. Today however, I am submitting testimony as an individual and small business person. RMA Sales is a locally owned, small business manufacturing and distributing louver jalousie windows, storm/security doors, screens and ancillary products here in Hawaii since 1961.

Mr. McCartney has a wealth of knowledge of business, government and people. He has integrity, is forthright and pragmatic. He is the right individual to be at the helm to lead the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

As an individual and a small business, I **strongly support** his confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Borge
RMA Sales
99-134 Waiua Way
Aiea, HI 96701

WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
ROBERT YU

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 664

April 29, 2019
2:30 p.m.
Room 414

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MIKE MCCARTNEY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the appointment of Mike McCartney to the position of Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). I am working with Mr. McCartney in my professional capacity as Deputy Director of Finance.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our keiki, our kupuna, and the disadvantaged.

Mr. McCartney is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Mr. McCartney has been in various State positions which includes Director of the Department of Human Resources Management, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and most recently as the Chief of Staff for the Office of the Governor. Mr. McCartney's work experience and knowledge of State government will benefit DBEDT; therefore, I support confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/26/2019 9:35:46 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl T Nagasako	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to express my support for Mike McCartney's confirmation as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. As DBEDT's ASO I have worked closely with Mike over the past several months and have been very impressed with his integrity and aloha spirit. Mike has been developing a strategic plan to allow DBEDT to enhance economic opportunities, affordable housing, and energy efficiency which I believe is critical to these objectives. Mike also believes in providing open communications and information sharing with all stakeholders, while developing a consensus on DBEDT's direction. I strongly believe that Mike will do a great job for the State in the next four years.

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/26/2019 10:03:16 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chung Chang	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

I am submitting this testimony as an individual in support of the confirmation of Mike McCartney as the next Director of Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism. Mike brings to DBEDT his vast knowledge, leadership experience, and a lot of passion to promote technology and innovative industries in Hawaii. In the short time I have worked with Mike, I am thankful for his unwavering support of his staff and am supportive of his data-driven performance measures and collaborative decision-making to achieve DBEDT's mission in a "Hawaii economy that embraces innovation and is globally competitive, dynamic and productive, providing opportunities for all Hawaii's citizens." I look forward to working with him to diversify and grow the aerospace industry in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/26/2019 11:21:31 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Timothy Johns	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of the nomination of Mike McCartney as the director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. I have known Mr. McCartney for over twenty years and have worked with him closely in a variety of public and nonprofit sector settings. Mr. McCartney is right person to lead this very important department at this crucial time. I humbly ask that you view his nomination favorably.

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/26/2019 2:12:04 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dwight Takeno	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

To Chairperson Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism:

I am submitting written testimony in strong **SUPPORT** over Governor's Message 664 and your favorable consideration to recommend the confirmation of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

1. have personally known Mike for almost four (4) decades now since the late 80's. have also personally worked with Mike, worked under Mike, worked against Mike, and worked along side of Mike. Through it all, can honestly say that while respectfully agreed to disagree on many issues he has always been the quintessential professional and exemplifies the true spirit meaning of ALOHA. Mike's character traits embodies all the meaningful characteristics that describes the true meaning of ALOHA – Akahi, Lokaki, Oluolu, Haahaa, and Anonui. know that many of you have worked with Mike during the time he served in the State Senate, and I know you can appreciate and maybe also agree with this viewpoint.

Mike is the perfect fit, if there is such a thing, to lead the Department that is responsible for the State's business and economic development activities, energy development and management, economic research and analysis, planning for the use of Hawaii's ocean resources, and encouraging the development and promotion of industry and international commerce. Mike's professional work experience in both the public sector and private sector, combined with his wide and diverse professional network developed throughout his time served at the President and CEO of HTA, Chief of Staff, CEO and President PBS Hawaii, numerous boards and commissions, and community involvement, is unprecedented. The State, as well as this Department may never see a more qualified candidate with the experience, knowledge, skills, expertise, and most importantly the strong desire and passion not only for our State, our community, and our people, but also for those Keiki O Ka Aina that are yet to be born to our islands. Mike's lifetime ambition has always been, and it will never change, to continue to make Hawaii a better place - a place where our children will be able to appreciate, respect, enjoy, cherish, and maintain for the many generations to come.

I respectfully request your favorable recommendation to confirm Mike as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

TESTIMONY OF DAMIEN ELEFANTE
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019 2:30 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 414

GOV. MSG NO. 664

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MIKE MCCARTNEY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee. I am testifying as an individual and I am in strong support of Mike McCartney's confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I have known Mr. McCartney since I became Deputy Director of Taxation. During his time at the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism he has actively sought to develop a general understanding of the administrative process and procedures of the department. He has a commitment and determination to work towards establishing and achieving goals and moving the department in a positive direction. He has been cooperative, informative, and willing to talk.

His overall background and experiences working in the public and private sector is an asset and resource for the State. He has a very diverse work history in the areas of private business, education, union, travel, tourism, strategic planning and public government in the executive and legislative branches of government. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience in a variety of administrative and management responsibilities.

I urge you to support the confirmation of Mike McCartney as the Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Date: April 26, 2019

To: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

From: Ben Cabreros
Former State Representative-District 30
Filipino Community Leader

Subject: Mr. Mike McCartney
Confirmation as the Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

I have known Mr. Mike McCartney for the past ten years and I am proud to write this letter of **support and recommendation for his consideration and confirmation** as the Director of DBEDT for State of Hawaii.

Mr. McCartney is a person that you can trust to work to reach the goals and objectives of his department. He has the Legislative Branch experience as a former State Senator (three terms) and the Executive Branch experience as Chief of Staff/Administrative Director, Office of the Governor of the State of Hawaii. He is a leader that work diligently and goes the extra mile to get the work done.

Mike has also extensive Public and Community Leadership experience. Just to name a few...Chair, Democratic Party of Hawaii; Chair, Hawaii Tourism Authority; Member, Honolulu Police Commission; Vice-President, Carole Kai Charities and Great Aloha Run.

Our Hawaii Community is proud of his achievements. I strongly recommend him for your consideration and confirmation.

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/26/2019 5:55:27 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tyler Tokioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support Mike McCartney's confirmation as DBEDT Director. In my associations and interactions with Mike I have found him to have the values consistent with those that embrace what makes Hawaii special. As Director of DBEDT these values will prove to be critical as he must manage what is good economically for Hawaii without diminishing what makes Hawaii special. Mike can do this and has done this in the positions he has previously held. We would be fortunate to have a leader such as Mike as Director of DBEDT.

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/26/2019 6:40:11 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Morrison	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I wish to strongly support confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Mike McCartney to head DBEDT. Mr. McCartney's record of public service in media, the teachers association, tourism, the Governor's office, and in the Hawaii State Senate, make him an exceptionally highly qualified nominee in terms of breadth of background and experience. However, I wish to emphasize his personal characteristics and working style, having had the opportunity to work with him closely over a three-year period, beginning in 2009 as part of our informal APEC bid committee and later in the steering committee of the formal Hawaii Host Committee for APEC. I found Mr. McCartney to be perceptive and insightful about the challenges we faced and how to address them, always warm and courteous, and most of all, an effective team-player. He was well-prepared, well-networked, and deeply dedicated to our common goals. He is a good listener and quickly perceives and supports good ideas from others as well as contributes his own great ideas. He does not try to put himself first. I believe that his choice of Randy Tanaka as his deputy ensures a great and proven leadership team in DBEDT. I cannot imagine anyone better able to serve the business and tourism communities and advance State interests in these areas.

Testimony in Support of GM 664

Chairman Wakai and Vice Chair Taniguchi, my name is Joan Lee Husted, the retired Executive Director of the Hawaii State Teachers Association. I am testifying in support of the appointment of Michael McCartney as Director of the Office of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

As Deputy Executive Director, I supervised Mike when he was HSTA's Negotiations Specialist. His work was thorough, and he was able to establish a positive working relationship with the Department of Education which provided for solid collective bargaining provision. However, he also was a capable organizer and worked with the community in Kapaa, Kauai to move a planned building away from their historic courtyard to a better location.

He has management experience. He was my successor at HSTA where he developed programs for more than 13,000 public school teachers and oversaw a staff of forty-three. The Executive Director is responsible negotiations, legislative lobbying, political action as well as all legal activities.

I worked closely with Mike when he was in the State Senate. One of his strengths is his ability to interact with a variety of citizens as well as his legislative colleagues. He was able to move a number of our pro-public education issues through the legislative process.

As his resume shows, Mike has had a variety of work experiences which add to his skill repertoire. These will be invaluable as the Director of the Office of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I wholeheartedly support Michael's appointment for this directorship.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to testify.

Testimony Re: GM 664

To: Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
From: Randy Iwase
Re: Testimony in Support of GM 664

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

Please permit me to take this means to submit testimony in STRONG support of the nomination of Mike McCartney as Director of DBEDT.

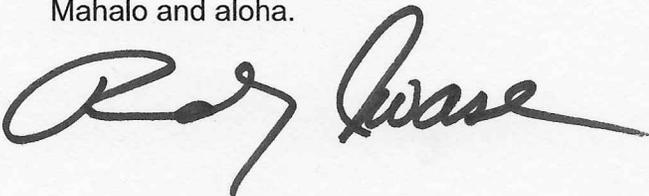
I first met Mike when he served as a State Senator in the 1990's. Having worked with Mike on various issues throughout these many intervening years, I can attest that Mike is truly a public servant who cares deeply about Hawaii's people, its children, and our future. That focus and caring has been and will always be the North Star for Mike.

I also believe that Mike's career in both the public and private sector makes him well-qualified to serve as DBEDT Director. Among his accomplishments are serving as an elected and appointed official in government, as Executive Director of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, President of Hawaii Stars Presents and Hawaii Stars Studio, President and CEO at the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and most recently, Chief of Staff for Governor Ige. These very challenging positions give a person deep insight into the issues confronting our state, a sober understanding of the complexities of addressing them, and of building the consensus we need if we are to move forward.

Mike's long and diverse professional experience in high profile and demanding leadership positions makes him, in my view, the right person at the right time to lead a department which can shape the vision and build pathways to create a better Hawaii for all.

I respectfully ask for your favorable vote on the nomination of Mike McCartney.

Mahalo and aloha.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Iwase". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/27/2019 1:42:17 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jordan Lowe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Legislators,

Integrity, dedication to public service and dedication to family are some of the fine characteristics of Mike Mc Cartney. I, as a retired federal law enforcement official and a current State of Hawaii law enforcement official highly recommend Mike Mc Cartney's confirmation as Director for DBEDT. Mike's record of public service has shown him to be a highly respected professional with a vision to better the State of Hawaii in all ways.

Thank you for consideration in this matter.

Jordan Lowe

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/27/2019 2:39:33 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
S. Apoliona	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM FOR GM 664 MONDAY APRIL 29, 2019

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF MIKE MCCARTNEY - Gubernatorial Nominee for Director of Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

Aloha Senate Chair Wakai and Senate Vice-Chair Taniguchi

I am Haunani Apoliona, Trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from 1996 to 2016, who also served as OHA Chairperson 2000-2010. I recommend and fully support your confirmation of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Mike's decades of multi-faceted, diverse endeavors: leading in "kuleana" as state legislator, state branch executive, public union *collective bargaining* labor relations leader, private non-profit AND as well as for-profit business leader -- in service to the community of Hawai'i while leading and serving Hawai'i, have laid the foundation.

Mike's vision and creativity have chiseled the drive, purpose and mission to lead DBEDT at this time.

His demonstrated and tested mediation and conflict resolution skills are essential assets to strengthening collaborations, among and between people in the art and delicate fine tuning of people relations to benefit the greater health and well being for Hawai'i in business, economic development and tourism.

Mike aligns the mana'o of "*Aloha* is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence.....and that it means to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable."(hrs5-5.5).

As DBEDT Director he frames such values as a way of life and a constant, envisioning and executing for - a balanced approach by reducing Hawai'i imports

of fuels, food and goods while maintaining growth of exports; a focus on clean energy technology and innovation and creative industries --" striving for the common of all who choose Hawai'i as their home requires, respectful collaboration, knowledge based decision making, data driven research, continuous listening and learning and an openness to change".

The Ko'olau, NÄ• pali hÄ• ulluli o ke ko'olau along the way..... He'eia Elementary School, Samuel Wilder King Intermediate School, James B. Castle High School, Pacific University, post graduate studies have marked early milestones in the lifetime that continues to strive to give back to Hawai'i. Let us all stand strong and stand up for confirmation of Mike McCartney as Director of DBEDT.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. Holomua kÄ• kou!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
alan oshima	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Mike McCartney as the Director of Business Economic Development and Tourism. Mike has a deep commitment to Hawaii and all of its people. He strives to continue to understand the challenges and opportunities in our unique island state and always tries to find equitable solutions. He has a deep knowledge of the tourism industry and the worldwide market forces that impact our economy. He is a strong proponent of clean and renewable energy who seeks to innovate while asking everyone to do their fair share. Please confirm him.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Russell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have met Mike McCartney only twice. Once at a private setting and the other time was at an official setting.

I feel Mr. McCartney will serve the People of Hawaii with integrity and will have a Duty to commit to excellence.

Sincerely

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/27/2019 9:04:27 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Colbert M. Matsumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mike's diverse and extensive background positions him well to provide value as the leader of DBEDT. His personal style of leadership is also well suited to help mediate the conflicting special interests that have deterred our economic security and sustainability. In this stage of Hawaii's development with so many competing values and objectives, it is important to find pathways to harmonously reconcile those differences to maintain our unity as a community. Mike is well suited to help identify those paths. Please support his confirmation as director of DBEDT.

April 27, 2019

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Energy, Economic Development,
and Tourism
State Capitol, Room 414
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Committee members,

I write in strong support of the nomination of Mike McCartney to serve as the Director of Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I have known Mike for twenty-nine years. We first met, and worked together, when Mike was a State Senator and I was the policy analyst for the Hawaii State Board of Education. After working with Mike for just a short period of time, it became clear to me that Mike was one of the most talented people I had met. Almost thirty years later, I still feel that way.

In my 40 year career, I have met just a handful of true visionaries. Mike McCartney is one of them. In almost every instance, he is able to see the big picture and often, it is his vision that is the big picture. Mike's people skills are also as good as anyone I have ever met in my life. He is able to relate to all types of people, and has a special way of making people feel comfortable, feel part of the team, and feel motivated to contribute. This is essential for a cabinet appointee.

Finally, no one, and I do mean no one, cares more deeply about Hawaii, and what makes it so special, than Mike McCartney. In everything he does, he does it with aloha, and with a deep respect for our host culture. He is the perfect person to strike the right balance between preserving what makes Hawaii so unique, while promoting needed economic development and tourism.

In closing, let me say that it has been my honor to call Mike McCartney a colleague, and a friend. He has my unequivocal support.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my thoughts.



Michael Broderick

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyoko Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Sen. Glenn Wakai

Chair

Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology

Senate, State of Hawai`i

Re: GM664 MIKE MCCARTNEY's Nomination to

The Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

Dear Sen. Waiaki and Committee members:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Mike McCartney to the Directors of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I worked with Mike when he was the Chair and then President and CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. His balanced and democratic but decisive leadership made the organization grow. His tremendous contribution to the direction of the tourism for the State of Hawaii was beneficial to not only for the people in the industry but all people of the State.

Your consideration and confirmation of her appointment is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Aloha

Kyoko Kimura

IVAN M. LUI-KWAN

Pacific Guardian Center, Makai Tower
733 Bishop Street, Suite 1900
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 27, 2019

RE: Hearing on GM 664
Nominee: Mike McCartney
Hearing Date and Time: April 29, 2019 at 2:30

Dear Chair Wakai and members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism:

I am honored to offer my total support of Mike McCartney's nomination to serve as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism ("**DBEDT**").

DBEDT's mission encompasses an enormous breadth with six divisions whose missions focus on promoting industry development, economic diversification, new investment, economic efficiency and productivity, and with very important attached agencies whose missions involve the tourism industry, aquaculture, high tech development and housing development. Leadership of DBEDT requires a director with special skills including (1) the capacity to understand the machinery of these divisions and attached agencies, (2) familiarity with the legislative process which these divisions and attached agencies must interface with, (3) respect of the business community, and (4) leadership skills with strong moral character and a reputation for high personal integrity. Mike McCartney possesses these skills.

Capacity to Understand the Machinery of DBEDT's Divisions and Attached Agencies. Mike McCartney possesses this capacity, enhanced by his former leadership of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Familiarity with the Legislative Process. Mike McCartney is very familiar with the legislative process, resulting from his experience as a former legislator and many years in interfacing with the legislature.

Respect of the Business Community. Leadership Skills with Strong Moral Character with a Reputation for High Personal Integrity. As a long-time member of the Hawaii business community, I have great respect for Mike McCartney's leadership capacity, strong moral character and high personal integrity. I know he will perform his duties as Director of DBEDT, applying hard work and incredible insight into people and circumstances with total honesty. This is Mike's reputation, as I know it, in the business community.

I am honored to offer my total support for Mike McCartney's nomination to serve as DBEDT Director.

Aloha ke Akua,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivan M. Lui-Kwan'. The signature is stylized with a long horizontal line under the first name and a large, looped 'K' at the end.

Ivan M. Lui-Kwan

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Monday, April 29, 2019 2:30PM Conference Room 414

GM664

Testimony in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee MIKE MCCARTNEY to serve as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism. My name is Charles Toguchi and I am providing written testimony in strong support of Mike McCartney to serve as the Director of DBEDT.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mike McCartney for 37 years. As a Senator for three terms...Chief of Staff to the office of the Governor...CEO and President of HTA...Director of the Department of Human Resources...CEO of PBS Hawaii...President, Co-Owner and Co-Creator of Hawaii Stars Studio..and Executive Director of HSTA...Mike is uniquely qualified to serve as Director of DBEDT. He will ably guide and support the Department in achieving its mission...with a focus on clean energy, technology and innovation.

Mike is a “big picture” person. He is able to see solutions to problems that have stymied others for years. He listens, learns, collaborates and is open to change...he strives and works for the common good...always seeking avenues to a better Hawaii for all,

Above all, in my interaction with Mike, he has impressed me as a person of high integrity, strong work ethics, and positive actions. Mike McCartney is a tireless worker who strives for the common good...enlists knowledge based decision making and data driven research...and will work toward a Hawaii with an economic future that is balanced, sustainable, and diversified.

Without any reservations, I strongly urge your favorable consideration and confirmation of Mike McCarney to the position of Director, DBEDT. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this written testimony.

Aloha,
Charles T. Toguchi

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Submitted on: 4/27/2019 9:16:03 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Priscilla Texeira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly urge the committee to confirm the nomination of Mike McCartney to be the Director of Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. I regard Mr. McCartney's confirmation is critical to the success of the current efforts to the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

In my view, the current leadership of Chris Tatum in HTA, if he is properly supported, will provide much greater return for the public and industry investment. But HTA will only be successful if there is a reliable and collaborative partner in DBEDT. Mr. McCartney has the complementary set of skills and contacts needed.

Mr. McCartney's record speaks for itself. I have worked in the visitor industry in Hawaii for several decades, and have been associated with HTA, the best being the period that Mr. McCartney was the President and CEO. He played an absolutely essential and critical role in developing a new, long-term directions for the visitor industry that is often under-appreciated. Mr. McCartney recognized the potential for new, visible, and high-value added visitor events in the large-scale APEC Leaders' Week and IUCN's World Conservation Congress that brought significant publicity and public relations value to Hawaii, and not just visitor nights and delegate dollars. By creatively linking the Hawaii stakeholders to these events, including the visitor industry, the downtown community, native Hawaiians, the governmental offices, and the academics, he ensured that these two large events happened. As someone who was deeply engaged with both, I can confidently say that they would not have occurred without Mr. McCartney.

In my mind, Mike McCartney is the right leader for DBEDT, someone who is creative, at the center of many critical Hawaii networks, and the embodiment of the Hawaii spirit of aloha.

Sincerely and Respectfully submitted in support of confirmation of Mike McCartney,

Priscilla Texeira, Principal

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Submitted on: 4/27/2019 9:50:56 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlene Chan	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

As an individual, I am offering my **strong support** for the confirmation of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully,

Charlene Chan

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April 28, 2019

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
and Member of the Energy, Economic Development & Tourism Committee
State Capitol. Rm. 407
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 664 Confirmation of Gubernatorial Appointee MIKE MCCARTNEY as
Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

Chair Wakai and Members:

As a former Kaua‘i County mayor and councilmember, I am pleased to support the confirmation of MIKE MCCARTNEY as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I have known Mike McCartney since he was HSTA president and I was a young mother lobbying, with other Kaua‘i moms, for public school reform. Since then our careers have intersected at various points along the way. While our roles have varied over the course of some 40 years, I am happy to say that our values and goals seem not to have not wavered. Public service has been our calling, and decision-making in the public interest has been our common goal.

I have had an in-depth discussion with Mike about his appointment as DBEDT Director. I am satisfied that he understands the Governor’s and your vision and plan for energy sustainability, economic diversification and innovation, and the urgent need to address the climate crisis. The reach of DBEDT’s work is far beyond the capacity of any one person to manage, and I am happy that Mike will be developing a cohesive team of talented leaders and collaborators in all of the Department’s divisions.

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair, and Members
Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
April 28, 2019
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As we all know, these are challenging times. It is gratifying that under Governor Ige's leadership, Hawai'i has taken the lead in renewable energy development and utilization. But there is far to go in other areas such as transportation, energy conservation, and business development. This will take leaders and managers of vision, integrity and effective action. I believe Mike McCartney is one of those leaders.

I support the appointment of MIKE MCCARTNEY as DBEDT Director and urge your confirmation.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JoAnn Yukimura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent loop at the end.

JoAnn A. Yukimura

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Submitted on: 4/27/2019 10:46:23 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Yuen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha to whom it may concern,

Senator Mike McCartney is a proven leader. As a Senator, he was is a listener and worker for the people, with all his actions for the benefit for all the people of the City and County of Honolulu. Since serving as a Senator for the people, he has moved on and contined to serve and perform his best; all for the benefit for the people, the little person, similar to what Mayor Frank Fasi has done. The similarities with Mayor Fasi ends there as Senator McCartney shuns the limelight, performing his best, always in the background and always with humble and modest intent. Governor Ige has appointed the right person for this position as Senator McCartney's numerous years of experience in all aspects of government and private sector work more than exceeds the demands which he will perform in the best interest for the people in the State of Hawaii.

April 27, 2019

Dear Honorable Chair Wakai and Committee Members,

RE: Testimony for Mike McCartney

I am pleased to offer this testimony for the nomination of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I had the opportunity to work with Mike McCartney in 1985 when I was an teacher in the "Save Kapaa's Courtyard" organization. It was an island wide community project created to preserve the heart and soul of an elementary school. Mike was instrumental in its success through the collaboration of students, teachers, union, state agencies and legislators.

Mike has always been sensitive to the concerns of the community due to the clarity of his heart.

He was the President and CEO of Hawaii Tourism Authority, Director of HSTA, State of Hawaii Director of Human Resources Management, President and CEO of Hawaii Public Television and served in the Hawaii State Senate for 10 years.

His varied life experiences creates the balance for great leadership. Mike would be an asset to Hawaii as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and I whole heartedly recommend him for this position to help move the state forward for all.

With Warmest Gratitude,



Lynn Muramoto
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Submitted on: 4/27/2019 11:07:29 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Osa Tui, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

I write to you today in **SUPPORT** of the confirmation of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Empathy is something that has been ingrained in Mike growing up as the child of a teacher of students with special needs. His early career involved a number of years working for the Hawaii State Teachers Association. In his role as a field representative, he was able to put that empathy to use for the betterment of those he represented. Many of the roots of his leadership journey began with his later position at HSTA as a negotiations specialist.

Mike made use of his empathy and leadership as he advocated for his constituents in his role as state senator. As his leadership capacity grew, he made successful forays into the private sector and then took positions as the CEO and President of PBS Hawaii and the Executive Director for HSTA. His work as the Director of the Department of Human Resources Development and the CEO and President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority added to his vast inventory of experiences Mike has had throughout his career.

Putting all of his experience, empathy, and leadership to use, Mike, in his capacity as Chief of Staff and Administrative Director for Governor Ige, helped to broker one of the most successful contracts to be ratified by those represented by the HSTA. His quiet work behind the scenes helped to bring about a noteworthy resolution to the bargaining impasse.

Mike's extensive resume, his lifelong empathy for others, and his passion for advocacy will do this state well as he tirelessly fights for the best interests of all of us as the Director of DBEDT. His history of public service drives him to do his best every day as he continually strives to live up to the words of his father: "The cosmic dust that you borrowed from the universe, give it back in brighter coin than you received."

Please vote to **CONFIRM** Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Osa Tui, Jr.
Vice President
Hawaii State Teachers Association

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Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John L. Reppun	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha and Good Afternoon Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, Committee Members

An appointment to head the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism - as this body knows so well - is critical to the future of our island state given our dependence upon those who visit our islands, residents and those with whom we do business here and abroad. As we approach 2020 elections, nationally, in an increasingly tense global situation, the choice for this position requites someone who is akamai to both local and global concerns .Mike McCartney is such a candiidate, with extensive and diverse exposure to all aspects of DBEDT's reach - an understanding of the tools available in this department with respect to relevant research and planning for the state; extensive background in economics, from tourism to agriculture; a grasp of the importance of timely and critical choices to be made with respect to a changing energy landscape for Hawaii (locally/nationally/globally);and, maybe most importantly, common sense and vision when it comes to maintaining and building relationships bettween and among both individual community/governmental leaders and industry for challenging times ahead.

Mike's background and my own have connected us over the past forty years. In fact, our connection goes deeper - pre-determined by shared guidance and civic engagement of our respective parents who were fellow community members who valued education, community service, the right of community members to be at planning tables where their destiny was under design. We grew up through tumultuous post-statehood decades, engaged in the process of working with (and many times against) the dreams and schemes we;'e all seen sweeping into and over the Hawaii we knew then from California-style subdivisions to golf courses, preceded by large-scale plantations that began where resources (land and water) were readily available then migrated, with pysical and technical developements to larger plains and economies of scale. The state leaped forward, chasing a dream of "progress" defined (maybe all-too-often) by forces from the outside, overunning values shared by our diverse cultural and ethnic mix, situations that our parents experienced first hand andthat both Mike and I were made aware of even before we, ourselves, came into direct contact with in our generation.

What I most appreciate - as I move through the Windward O'ahu landscape with which I am most familiar and from which I operate - is the way that Mike has assisted our

smaller, rural-agrarian communities and resources... not to just to be protected, but to find a place in the future of Hawaii that respects, honors and builds upon a past we all treasure. By way of example: I don't forget for a minute, as I traverse the long bridge in He'eia Uli (we called it the "stink bridge"), the diplomacy and solutions that Mike, then a State Senator, applied to our Kupa'a He'eia struggle in the 90's. The result is what we all can see, for our own, today: breath-taking progress undertaken by next generation leadership we've helped to foster and grow. It is now hard to stay focused on driving as you round the corner from the bridge to He'eia State Park, looking both mauka and makai at well over 400 acres of mauka "breadbasket" restoration (lo'i/farmland/wetland areas) and another 80+ acres makai of recovered/re-built historic fishpond - both now/again aimed at producing food as this ahupua'a did in ancient times. Of equal importance to what is being produced there is the fact that this work is being undertaken with huge social capital input/engagement driven by a motivated and highly evolved consortium of non-profit organizations, complete with hi-level interns - all of whom see the world for what it is (as Mike does): an opportunity to simultaneously, positively address education, economic development, tourism (locally and more) while also facing, head-on, the reality of imminent climate change and more. Mike's quiet, incredible skill at defusing such often-volatile local land/water-use battles, then assisting communities, land owners, government entities alike to amicable solutions are excellent examples of the skill, dedication and vision that he will bring to this appointment.

I can go....and will when testifying in person. Please accept this as my strong, written endorsement of Mike McCartney for the position to which he has been appointed. I invite your favorable consideration and assure you, as Senators with a wide range of personal and professional agendas, that you will not regret giving this proven leader a chance to be a part of our collective team.

Mahalo, John L. Reppun (239-4810, 277-8686)

Born in the Territory of Hawaii; lifetime resident of this state; (still) active member of the Windward O'ahu Community; 35 years of experience in both community-based planning/non-profit work... & a lifetime friend/collaborator, with Mike McCartney for the challenges ahead.

Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Hearing Relating to Governor's Message 664
Confirmation of Mike McCartney for Director of the
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
Monday, April 29, 2019
Room 414, 2:30 pm

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jennifer Sabas, and I am pleased to submit written testimony in support of the confirmation of Mike McCartney for the position of Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I have known Mike beginning with our days together at Castle High School, many years ago. We remained friends and allies as we each pursued our own political paths – he as the state Senator from Kaneohe and me working for U.S. Senator Dan Inouye. Thru the years and with the different positions Mike has held from the Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA), Hawaii Democratic Party, Hawaii Public Television to the Hawaii Tourism Authority, we continued to support one another and stay connected as you would expect childhood friends to do. We didn't always agree and in fact, at times, passionately disagreed. But in the end, I always knew that Mike arrived at his position with a clean and open heart, and that his style of leadership was true to him.

Mike possesses many years of experience in each of the priorities of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. I hope that he will be aggressive in the innovation and energy space, place a sufficient military economic sector presence in the department in acknowledgement of its position as the second largest driver of the state's economy, and then to look outside our state whether in continental U.S. or the Indo-Asia Pacific region for partners and new opportunities.

I support Mike McCartney for the position of Director for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. I hope you will accord him your full and fair consideration.

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Submitted on: 4/28/2019 11:16:01 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn Miyahira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

April 28, 2019

**Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
RE: Consideration of Confirming Appointment of Mike McCartney**

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Mike McCartney as the Director of the DBEDT.

Mike has a long track record of state service and has served in many capacities over the years. He deeply cares about the people of Hawaii and always leads with aloha. From serving in the State Senate to more recently as Governor Ige's chief of staff, Mike is known for his understanding of the people of Hawaii and has built relationships over the years that will serve DBEDT and the state well.

Mike knows the heart and soul of Hawaii and it is important to have someone like Mike in the position that will drive the economic development of this state. Often times we are faced with decisions that seem to pit business against cultural values and Mike is the right person to find balance in our strategy toward making a thriving and sustainable economy for Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Lynn Miyahira

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/28/2019 11:39:16 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brennon Morioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism. I would like to respectfully request your favorable consideration for the confirmation of Mike McCartney for the position of Director for the State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (GM 664).

I have known Mike for well over two decades both as a peer and as a friend. He is a person of high moral integrity and insight. He has a collaborative nature and always has the best interest of our state in mind.

Mahalo for your favorable consideration.

Aloha

Brennon Morioka

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/28/2019 11:47:10 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan B Burdick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the nomination of Mike McCartney to be Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Mike has a very long career in public service to the people of this State. He sets of public spiritedness in all of his endeavors, whether in his ten years in the State Senate or in transforming the public television station into a very successful public non-profit. I am hopeful that he will bring good new ideas to DBEDT.

April 28, 2019

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
Committee on Energy, Economic Development & Tourism
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Wakai and Members of the Energy, Economic Development & Tourism Committee:

GM 664 – Gubernatorial Nominee Mike McCartney

This letter is to support the gubernatorial nomination of Mike McCartney to the post of director for the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Mike and I go back a ways – about 30 years – and I’m part of a small circle of people who know Mike really well. We are like siblings, which means that on occasion we’ve been known to disagree like siblings too. Mike has a creative and brilliant mind that almost never turns off. Coupled with his constant desire to help others, it can be overwhelming (and drive his assistants crazy!).

I share this information not to make Mike look like a bad, but to demonstrate that the flip side of what might be construed as a “negative” is actually a complex and authentic person who believes in the goodness of ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

To “love” Mike is to know him and I feel blessed to call Mike a friend. He is a man of honor, principle and integrity. He was raised right. Mike is generous to a fault. I have seen him give his last dollar to a stranger in need. I have seen him offer a hand up to people in need of support but whose pride won’t let them accept an outright monetary hand-out (and I might add, Mike’s sensitivity to others is usually set so high that he is quick to recognize this in people).

I have seen Mike drop whatever he was doing to meet people whether to listen or to share sad or bad news. Once when he did this to me while we were both working at PBS Hawaii, it irritated me. I felt he was unable to prioritize his duties and could easily have handled the matter by phone. In hindsight, however, Mike’s style says more about him and less about me. In a world of constant (and maybe too much) communication, Mike’s style of being physically present is something many people appreciate about him.

In three decades of friendship, I know that everything Mike does – good, bad and otherwise – is about good intentions which, at times, gets lost or are misunderstood. His actions nearly always focus on the “greater good” rather than self-serving. Mike is not a

perfect guy, but who among us? He is as authentic as they come. He believes in and practices the aloha spirit and local values more than the rest of us (and shame on us). These are the guide posts to how he lives, works and plays. Mike is a deep thinker and people often find his enthusiasm to be infectious and inspirational. He brings out the best in people and sometimes at his own expense. Mike has dedicated nearly his entire life to serving the Hawaii community, whether it's in Kahaluu or Naalehu. Mike's commitment to public service is one way that he honors his parents who, as educators, gave generously of their time and talents to many.

These values and attributes will continue to guide him through the DBEDT post over the next four years and hopefully he will achieve his lifelong goal of leaving this place a little better than how he found it for future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this insight on Mike McCartney. I hope you will support his nomination to serve as DBEDT director.

Yours truly,



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Testimony by
Beth Lum

In strong support of GM 664
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MIKE MCCARTNEY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON
12-05-2022

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Monday, April 29, 2019

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Committee Members,

Let me begin by sharing a quote from Mike, "People don't always agree; they won't always support our ideas, but we can always work together with respect and aloha for each other."

I worked directly with Mike on the digital conversion project at PBS Hawaii and on various public and private projects over the past 10 years. I can confidently share that the above quote is how Mike works with people to get the job done.

Rather than just telling people what to do, Mike has an uncanny ability to bring people with diverse views together. He gives everyone an opportunity to share their ideas, resulting in a final product of which participants can feel proud.

Mike's style of leadership is simple. It's not about power or defeating those that disagree. His measure of success is based on whether the decisions that are reached will improve the lives of the people in our community.

I vividly recall when Mike brought a diverse group together to do what the other 49 states were struggling to accomplish. By listening to concerns, bringing in the experts needed and working with those experts to create a comprehensive plan, Hawaii became the first state in the country to permanently have its television stations convert from analog to digital.

As our state balances tourism, our fragile ecosystem, job creation so our children can stay in Hawaii, housing and other challenging issues, we need sound leadership to keep the values of our host culture, while incorporating them into an economic development plan that yields solutions.

How do we balance issues like affordable housing and development with global citizenship? How do we create an economy where we can continue to export tourism? What opportunities can we bring forward? How do we diversify our economy so we can continue to move forward?

I believe that Mike is the right person to lead the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. His extensive experience in state government and not-for-profits will provide him with the expertise needed to develop solutions for the critical issues facing our state. I strongly support his confirmation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen S. Mukai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is with great confidence that I support Mike McCartney's confirmation for the position of Director of DBEDT. For 13 years, I've had the privilege to work with Mike on various issues that involve the business practices of nonprofit agencies and social services that support the poor and needy. Mike demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to the state, as well as to the general public. He is high in moral integrity and is not afraid to debate or question. I believe that Mike's work will positively impact the people of our state.



April 28, 2019

**TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM**

**G.M. 664: CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MIKE MCCARTNEY AS DIRECTOR OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee of Energy, Economic Development and Tourism:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of G.M. 664, the consideration and confirmation of Mike McCartney as the Director of Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). My name is **Nobutada Nagai**, senior vice president of Kyo-ya Management Company.

As a family-owned company, Kyo-ya has been doing business in Hawaii since 1961 and is the steward of five major hotels properties on Oahu and Maui – Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, The Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Moana Surfrider, Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Hotel, and the Sheraton Maui Resort and Spa.

I first met with Mr. McCartney in his capacity as president and CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) where he was a strong supporter and advocate of Hawaii's visitor industry and tourism economy. During his tenure at HTA, we saw year-over-year growth in visitor arrivals and spending which included the expansion of airlift from Japan, as well as other parts of Asia and North America. He expanded HTA's reach into new markets to increase the awareness of Hawaii and its culture. We also saw the implementation of more programs by HTA that supported the Hawaiian culture, the natural environment and the overall visitor industry product that helps to ensure Hawaii continues to be a great place to live and visit.

Mr. McCartney took the time to meet with us in the industry and had the desire to learn about the issues, challenges and concerns we faced. He also took the time to learn about our business and employees which I truly appreciated as he worked with us collaboratively. He possesses a natural ability to work graciously with others and to make people feel comfortable throughout the process.

In Hawaii, Kyo-ya has more than 3,400 employees and we understand that Hawaii's economy is supported by a strong visitor industry. On behalf of the Osano Family, we support Mr. McCartney's nomination. We believe he will be a strong advocate for Hawaii, our visitor industry and tourism economy.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Mike McCartney's nomination.

Thank you,

Nobutada Nagai

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ben Shafer	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou Chairman Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Brian Taniguchi, Senators Lorraine Inouye, Jarrett Keohokalole and Kurt Favella - distinguished members the Energy Economic Development & Tourism Committee,

I speak in support of a man through the decades that I have know him, to have instilled in him the qualities of tremendous integrity and moral character. His leadership style is unique in that it fosters open and honest collaboration and seeks the outcome Hawaii can proud of.

I humbly ask for your support and your vote for Mike McCartney. If there are any questions that I could be of assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Shafer

From: [Ronald Y. Amemiya](#)
To: [EETestimony](#)
Subject: Confirmation hearing on Mike McCartney
Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019 7:52:18 AM

Glenn Wakai, Chair
Energy, Economic Development and Tourism (EET)
Hawaii Senate
Room 407 – State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Room 219 – State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members,

It is my privilege and honor to support the nomination of Mike McCartney to become the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Having served as a State Senator, the Director of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and as the Governor’s Chief of Staff, he combines the experience and knowledge to effectively lead DBEDT. He has been at the heart of decision making at the legislative and executive branches for many years. As the Chief of Staff, he has worked closely with the legislature and directors of all state departments and agencies. This comprehensive background will enable him to be at the forefront of our state’s economic development during the next four years and beyond.

Please consider my opinion and thoughts in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

/s/

Ronald Y. Amemiya

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Ronald Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I highly recommend Mike Mc Cartney for the Director of the Department of business economic development and tourism.

Mike, is someone who loves Hawai'i and it's people and I believe that's good for Hawaii.

Thank you

DAVID Y. IGE
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April 26, 2019

TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM
For Hearing on Monday, April 29, 2019
2:30 p.m., Conference Room 414

By

RYKER WADA
DIRECTOR

**Governor's Message 664
(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)**

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

RE: Consideration and confirmation of Mike McCartney, for Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I submit this testimony in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Mike McCartney over the past two years as Chief of Staff. I have found him to be a dedicated, knowledgeable, measured and a well-prepared person who is well suited for the position of Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. In his current capacity I have experienced Mr. McCartney as cooperative, helpful, and welcoming.

I support the confirmation of Mr. McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governors Message 664 and Mike McCartney.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Chu Takayama	Testifying for DOTAX	Support	Yes

Comments:

April 28, 2019



The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
Committee on Energy, Economic Development & Tourism
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Wakai and Members of the Energy, Economic
Development and Tourism

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in very strong support of the nomination of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Mike is a committed and dedicated leader who always leads with aloha.

I've known Mike for over 25 years and had the honor to work with him on many Creative Media projects while he was a State Senator, President of Hawaii Tourism Authority, Executive Director of the Hawaii State Teacher's Association, CEO of PBS Hawaii, and as Governor Ige's Chief of Staff.

As a mentor to many, he models compassionate professionalism and integrity to a generation living in a much different world than what he knew. His role as a public servant always advocating for public education, and social equality for our youth, elderly and the most vulnerable proves Mike McCartney understands that relationships paired with teamwork is a necessity in building a healthy and thriving Hawaii.

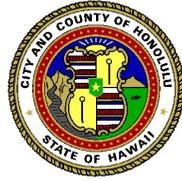
Please support Mike McCartney's confirmation as director of DBEDT.

Thank you

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April 29, 2019

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The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice-Chair
and members
Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
State Capitol
Honolulu Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism:

I strongly support the confirmation of Mike McCartney for the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Mike, as Executive Director of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, brought together the stakeholders of Waikiki tourism and city department heads. Every quarter, we would meet to discuss the critical issues impacting Waikiki and the state's leading economic driver, the visitor industry. Out of these discussions came the introduction and passage of the sit-lie legislation, as well as increased security enforcement and improved traffic management. Never before had the city and visitor industry leaders had such close and productive working relationships. This I attribute to Mike's leadership.

As a member of Governor Ige's office and cabinet, Mike ensures that whatever state government does, it is through the lens of Aloha. We need folks like Mike to remind us that while business needs to get done, we do things in Hawaii with Aloha, and that is what makes us different from anywhere else in the world.

Mike's strength is his understanding that collaboration is the key to success. His core values include treating people with respect, and to maintain the warmth and aloha of Hawaii in everything he does. It is a trait that sometimes gets lost in the fast paced world of today. People like Mike help us to remember the specialness of the Aloha spirit, and that it can and should thrive in government and business.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

This testimony in support of Michael McCartney as Director of DBEDT is being submitted by County of Maui Mayor Michael P Victorino.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with, then Senator, Mike McCartney, since my time on the Board of Education. Hard working, compassionate and knowledgeable are three words that amply describe Mr. McCartney and three characteristics needed, in my view, to be a successful leader. Always one to consider every side of an issue, Mike has always been fair and thorough in his decision making process.

In an ever changing economic landscape, we need someone who understands our economic driver, tourism, as well as the many other drivers that will diversify a 21st century economic future for our State. In Mike McCartney we have the perfect individual. His knowledge of the visitor industry is unparalleled and, at the same time, has the ability to work with all parties to ensure a diversified and lucrative economic path for future generations.

For all that he has done and for all that he will continue to do, I wholeheartedly support the appointment of Mr. Michael McCartney as Director of DBEDT.

Sincerely

Michael P. Victorino

Mayor, County of Maui



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THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

LATE

Testimony of Derek S.K Kawakami
Mayor, County of Kaua'i

Before the
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
April 29, 2019; 2:30 pm
Conference Room 414

In consideration of
GM664 Mike McCartney Gubernatorial Nominee for the
Director of Office of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

Honorable Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

I, Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami, **strongly support** the appointment of Mr. Mike McCartney as the Gubernatorial Nominee for the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Throughout his career, Mr. McCartney has distinguished himself as a leader who excels by his vast knowledge of business, economic development and tourism. Mr. McCartney will strive to continue to lead DBEDT by taking a balanced role in reducing Hawaii's imports, while improving its growth of exports. He takes a focus approach to clean energy, and helps to steer Hawaii into innovative and creative industries.

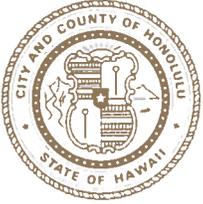
Through my experience working with Mr. McCartney when I was Chair of Economic Development and Business, we have worked closely together when he headed the Hawaii Tourism Authority as CEO and President. His integrity and leadership will continue to serve the people of Hawaii and her people. That leadership was evident during his role as the Chief of Staff/Administrative Director for the Office of the Governor of the State of Hawaii. As the Director for the Department of Human Resources Development, he was responsible and accountable for the Sate of Hawaii's personal system and civil service system.

Serving as a Hawaii State Senator for three terms, Mr. McCartney was the Committee Chair on education, high education, government operations, and labor and human resources. His vast leadership experience in the legislative branch also includes serving as Senate Vice-President and Co-majority leader.



I am strongly confident in Mr. McCartney's ability to guide and support the work of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, and support your appointment of his for another term.

Thank you for your consideration.



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April 29, 2019

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Testimony of Councilmember Carol Fukunaga before the
Senate Committee On Energy, Economic Development And Tourism
Monday, April 29, 2019 • 2:30 PM • Conference Room 414

In consideration of **Governor's Message 664**, Confirming
Director of Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
MIKE MCCARTNEY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022

Dear Chair Wakai and Senate EET Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 664, nominating Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism for a term of office expiring December 5, 2022.

Hawaii's economic growth has slowed in 2019, and the state faces multiple threats to its visitor-based economy, including homelessness and conflicts between traditional visitor accommodations (like full-range hotels, time-share and condo-tel properties), and emerging 'home-sharing' alternatives that have proliferated throughout Oahu and the neighbor islands.

Against this backdrop, DBEDT Director-nominee McCartney's extensive business, executive and visitor industry experience provide much-needed skillsets to address Hawaii's economic challenges. A review of the past fifteen years illustrates his contributions during a time of global tumult and instability, especially in the aftermath of the 2008 U.S. mortgage crisis and auto industry bailouts.

As Chair of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) and President-CEO of HTA during that tumultuous time, McCartney expanded Hawaii's long-standing relationships with Japanese and Korean visitor industry partners and spearheaded development of emerging markets in China, Taiwan, Southeast Asian and Vietnamese markets.

While some of us may chuckle at his constant references to Section 5-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Mike recognized early on that Hawaii's brand was inextricably linked to native Hawaiian values and culture:

"Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return. "Aloha" is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence.

I have no doubt that much of the continuing strength of Hawaii's visitor industry relationships with our Asian partners is based on the kind of one-to-one sharing, mutual respect and high regard that Mike conveyed among airline industry leaders, visitor accommodations and convention industry stakeholders, diplomats, military and ethnic Chambers of Commerce partners and community at large.

He has a deep-seated appreciation of the importance of native Hawaiian values and leaders in shaping new dimensions of the 'aloha spirit' around the world. Not only did HTA preside over Hawaii's hosting of the November 2011 APEC Forum at the Hawaii Convention Center, which brought over 10,000 people to Hawaii and brought enormous economic/PR benefits to the state's economy, but the Hawaii Convention Center served as the welcoming venue for the completion of Hokulea's 'Malama Honua' worldwide voyage in 2017.

At the same time, Mike McCartney understands the importance of digital media, music and technology in charting Hawaii's course in the global economy. Through his early business successes as President of "Hawaii Stars" and his role in transitioning Hawaii Public Television from analog to digital into PBS Hawaii today, he has embraced digital storytelling as integral to the expression of Hawaii's aloha spirit.

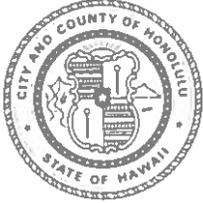
At Hawaii Public Television, he encouraged Sony Hawaii to support the development of digital media skills in Hawaii's public and private school youth. It became the keynote sponsor of digital equipment in OLELO **youth Xchange** competitions in the late 1990's, and Sony (and its equipment) has helped nurture scores of Hawaii youth recognized nationally as top-notch digital storytellers.

While the list of his accomplishments could go on and on, I can think of no one more qualified to lead DBEDT during today's times. I therefore urge your confirmation of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Carol Fukunaga
Councilmember, District 6



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TESTIMONY OF ANN KOBAYASHI
COUNCILMEMBER, HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

On

GM 664, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MIKE MCCARTNEY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT
NOON OF 12-05-2002.

Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
Monday 29, 2019
2:30 P.M.
Conference Room 414

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message 664, in **strong support** of the consideration and confirmation of Mike McCartney to the position of director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT).

Mike's prior experience, as a State Senator and Chief of Staff to Governor Ige, provides him with a strong understanding of policy and the legislative process. As the former Director of the Department of Human Resources, he successfully exhibited his ability to execute and manage complex strategic planning for the Department.

During his time as the President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Mike demonstrated that he can work collaboratively with both the public and private sectors to find balanced solutions for the betterment of Hawaii's economy.

Mike is not only qualified, but he is deeply committed to the well-being of Hawaii's economy and communities, thus I respectfully urge his confirmation to the position of Director of DBEDT. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,


Councilmember Ann H. Kobayashi
Honolulu City Council
District V

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/29/2019 10:20:01 AM
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Teranishi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Senator Glenn Wakai and Vice Chair Brian Taniguchi, and members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism,

I write in support of Mike McCartney's appointment to the position of Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Having co-chaired the inaugural Japan-Hawaii Economic Summit in 2017 with DBEDT's strong support, I know how important this agency is in fostering new business opportunities and a more positive operating environment for existing businesses, as well as creating new opportunities in the marketplace.

I've worked periodically with Mike for over 12 years in the various nonprofit and government roles he has had. Mike has had the ability to face situations with a complex array of issues and tackle them by assembling the right teams, developing the right strategies, and having the wherewithal to execute against these strategies, even in the face of daunting obstacles.

Having relocated my business to Hawaii a few years ago, I believe we all need to better support businesses of all sizes and diversify our economy to make our state more competitive both domestically and internationally. I believe Mike has the ability to harness the power of the many assets within DBEDT and our state and to collaborate with the business community and other government entities to achieve these goals.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Lori Teranishi

President, iQ 360

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/28/2019 2:36:20 PM
Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Kaneko	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Wakai & Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development & Tourism

FR: William M. Kaneko

DT:: April 29, 2019

RE: GM664 / Confirmation of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT)

I am attorney in private practice, and have known Mike McCartney for nearly 30 years. I am writing in SUPPORT of Mike’s confirmation as DBEDT Director.

Mike has a long history, understanding of, and experience in State government, including serving as a State Senator; Director of Human Resources Development; President & CEO of the Hawai`i Tourism Authority, and most recently as Chief of Staff to Governor David Ige. He also served as President & CEO of PBS Hawai`i, and Executive Director of the Hawai`i State Teachers Association. In those senior-level leadership roles, Mike has been highly successful, and garnished a keen understanding and capacity to now lead DBEDT.

Recently, I have had several opportunities to talk with Mike about this new position at DBEDT. It became clear to me that Mike has a strong vision and understanding of the factors, challenges and opportunities to grow Hawai`i’s economy, and to pursue a more sustainable energy future. With his background at the Hawai`i Tourism Authority, Mike also has an in-depth knowledge about the tourism industry, and the role that government can play to further develop this important industry in Hawai`i’s economy.

As a strong and recognized collaborator, Mike is in a unique position to utilize his skills and knowledge to lead DBEDT and pursue opportunities to strengthen Hawai`i’s economy. His network of contacts span business, labor, government and the nonprofit sectors, and he has the ability to coalesce and collaborate with leaders throughout the

state to achieve DBEDT's goals. I am confident that Mike will be successful in those endeavors.

I hope you will support Mike McCartney's confirmation as DBEDT director. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Aloha,

/s/

WILLIAM M. KANEKO

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	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

April 28, 2019

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

RE: GM 664 - Nomination of Mike McCartney

Director, Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Testimony in Support from Laurel A. Johnston

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Committee Members

I have known Mr. McCartney for 25 years, first working directly with him when he was a state Senator. He has remained a colleague and friend throughout my 30 year career in Hawaii state government.

Here's what I know to be true about Mike — he has a passion for supporting and giving back to Hawaii. He is very skilled at developing relationships that will benefit our State. And he extends Aloha in difficult situations.

The Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, as a key representative for our State, needs to care deeply about Hawaii's future, which Mike does. He will put the interests of our State first, and will lead the Department with the same commitment and Aloha.

Please support Mr. McCartney's nomination.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of my testimony.

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURSIM

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2019

Monday, April 29, 2019
2:30 p.m.



TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE NO. 664, NOMINATING MIKE MCCARTNEY TO DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM.

TO THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

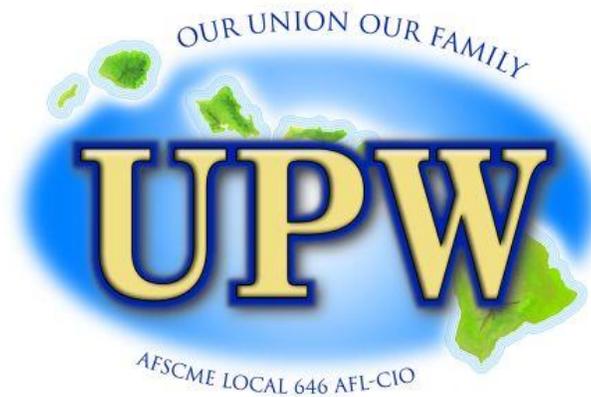
My name is Colin Hayashida and I strongly support the nomination of Mike McCartney to Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (“Department”).

Mr. McCartney’s extensive and diverse career in the areas of media, labor relations, entrepreneurship, and tourism will be a tremendous benefit to the Department. Additionally, Mr. McCartney served in the Hawai`i State Senate for ten years providing him insight into state government. This combined with Mr. McCartney’s innovative ideas, and ability to bring people with diverse viewpoints together makes him an ideal nominee.

Most importantly, Mr. McCartney brings with him that spirit of Aloha in his heart. As we develop and innovate our economy to compete globally, we must do what is right, for the right reasons, while taking into consideration all the people of Hawai`i. There is no one that can do this better than Mr. McCartney.

For those reasons I ask for your favorable consideration on the appointment of Mike McCartney to Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before the committee.



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THE HAWAII STATE SENATE

The Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session of 2019

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

Date of Hearing: Monday, April 29, 2019
Time of Hearing: 2:30 p.m.
Place of Hearing: Conference Room 414
State Capitol

TESTIMONY ON GM664 MIKE MCCARTNEY

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and four counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members in the private sector.

It is a pleasure and honor for the UPW to strongly support the nominee, Mr. Mike McCartney, for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Mr. McCartney has an excellent combination and balance of government and private sector experiences where he successfully performed in executive leadership positions. He worked inside the legislative branch and the executive branch of government and inside the executive level of private sector businesses. As Chairman of the Hawaii Tourism

Authority, he led the agency to emerge from tough economic times for the visitor industry. This hands-on approach and balance of experience and knowledge will be strong assets to the operations of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Mr. McCartney is committed to create a balanced, sustainable and diversified economic future for Hawaii. DBED&T will pursue the reduction of imported fuel, food and goods while maintaining growth of exports. The department will focus on clean energy, technology, innovation and the creative industries.

The UPW has had a professional and productive relationship with Mr. McCartney for many years while he served in state government. He possesses the right combination of private sector knowledge and experience, has community credibility and can build bridges between and amongst many stakeholders. His personal demeanor and respect for others has created trusting relationships throughout the years.

The UPW strongly **supports** Mr. Mike McCartney as the Director for DBED&T.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

GM-664

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Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Al	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

During Mr. McCartney's tenure as Chief of Staff for Governor Ige I had the privilege to meet Mike.

Mike is a hard working dedicated employee of the State of Hawaii.

I strongly support the appointment of Mike McCartney to Director, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/28/2019 4:48:02 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
duane kurisu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please accept my testimony in support of GM 664 for the consideration and confirmation of Mike McCartney as teh Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. With the support of us in the business community and those in the community at large, we believe that Mike will provide leadership and will be effective in that role.

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/28/2019 5:03:24 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Botticelli	Testifying for Hawaiian Airlines	Support	No

Comments:

April 27, 2019

HAWAIIAN AIRLINES TESTIMONY SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF MIKE MCCARTNEY AS DIRECTOR OF DBEDT

Aloha Chairman Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism,

Mahalo for this opportunity to support the appointment of Mike McCartney as Director of the State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Mike's varied career makes him well qualified for this position. His career path includes union leadership, entrepreneurship, public service and several successful years at the head of the agency charged with marketing the state's largest industry. Woven through all his professional endeavors is a steadfast and consistent commitment to volunteerism.

I have known Mike for years, and I have never had a conversation with him that was not focused on a societal change he was either driving or supporting. I have always found that his motivation in whatever he undertakes comes from a heartfelt desire to further the well-being of Hawai'i and its residents. I believe he would lead DBEDT well, and I encourage the committee to support his appointment.

Sincerely,

Ann Botticelli

SVP, Corporate Communication and Public Affairs

Hawaiian Airlines

LATE

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/28/2019 5:43:56 PM
Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Fitzgerald	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mike McCartney would be an excellent leader for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. I worked with Mike when he was head of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. I found him very capable, professional and possessing high ethics and a strong willingness to work with all members of the Hawaii community. I strongly support his nomination for this position.

Aloha

Pat Fitzgerald

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TO: The Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Senate

FROM: Catherine. H. Payne 

RE: Support for the Appointment of Mike McCartney to Director of the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

I am writing to support the appointment of Mike McCartney to Director of the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. I have known Mike McCartney since his time in the Senate representing the Windward area and I was a principal at Olomana School. He was always very supportive of the work we were doing in our schools and I found him approachable and willing to listen. He was a partner in helping us to solve problems and he worked hard to understand the concerns of students, teachers, and principals.

I believe that he has the dispositions needed to manage a large, important department in our state. I hope you will affirm his selection as Director.

Mahalo for your consideration of my letter.

GM-664

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Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matt Matsunaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the confirmation of Mike McCartney for Director of DBEDT. I've known Mike for 27 years, and we served together in the State Senate for eight (8) years. As our Majority Leader, Mike had the unique ability to keep our Caucus from fracturing despite tackling several extremely divisive issues, such as same-sex marriage, gun control and education reform. He accomplished this by envisioning a pathway, working hard and meeting with anyone and everyone who was a stakeholder. His ability to multi-task always amazed me, and his passion for trying to do the right thing occasionally subjected him to unwarranted criticism. Nonetheless, Mike always maintained his integrity and sense of humor through the trials and tribulations of making tough decisions. I believe that Mike can utilize these useful qualities towards assuring that our State's economy is balanced, sustainable and diversified.

Mahalo,

Matt Matsunaga

The Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session of 2019

THE SENATE

Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 414
Monday, April 29, 2019; 2:30 p.m.



**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON G.M. 664
DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

The ILWU Local 142 **strongly supports** the nomination of Mike McCartney to serve as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Mike McCartney has a plethora of work experience along with an endless dedication to Hawaii and our community by serving on numerous boards and commissions and consistently giving back by volunteering his time to make Hawaii a better place for all of us.

Mr. McCartney's broad and impressive work history as a State Senator, the Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, the Executive Director of the Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA), the CEO and President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA), the Director of the Hawaii Department of Human Resources and Development, and most recently as Chief of Staff to Governor Ige provides valuable experience and relationships needed to be the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Mr. McCartney has the legislative, executive and business work experience to get the job done and serve as qualified and competent Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. McCartney will be fair and balanced and provide effective leadership to embrace any challenges that may arise in the next few years. Mr. McCartney understands the visitor and hospitality industry and understands Hawaii's workers that help ensure Hawaii is one of the best places to visit in the world.

Mr. McCartney will also continue to accomplish DBEDT's mission of achieving a Hawaii economy that embraces innovation and is globally competitive, dynamic and productive, providing opportunities for all Hawaii's citizens. Mr. McCartney is unquestionably qualified and without a doubt the right choice to be the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

The ILWU wholeheartedly recommends a favorable recommendation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

April 28, 2019

LATE

Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee,

I am submitting testimony in support of Mike McCartney confirmation as Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (Governor's Message 664.)

I have known and worked with Mike since the 1980s in a variety of positions and activities. Among the most significant were in his days as CEO of Hawaii Public Television, his role at CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Authority and his sponsorship of what ultimately became the Live Aloha program. He will make a great director of DBEDT because he has the right sense of what about Hawaii resonates with others and what vision of ourselves resonates with us.

His skills are as a visionary, as an ambassador of Hawaii to those who come to visit us or are thinking of coming to visit us, and as someone who feels the aloha spirit of our land in a very deep and personal way.

One of the keys to any enterprise, public or private, is finding the place where each of us can make the greatest contribution to the world around us. This is a great role for Mike and for Hawaii, and I urge you to support Mike in this most appropriate role for his skills and talents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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GM-664

Submitted on: 4/28/2019 9:20:20 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachael Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism:

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony. I am writing in **strong support** of the confirmation of Mike McCartney as the director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism. You received numerous letters of support for Mr. McCartney that highlight his knowledge and experience, deep commitment and service to Hawai'i, character, and vision—all of which make him well-qualified for this position. This role plays to his many strengths.

I would like to offer additional insights on the type of leader Mike is. We worked together when he served as the Governor Chief of Staff and I led the Department of Human Services (DHS). Our conversations often focused on the health and well-being of Hawai'i residents, especially those who could most benefit from coordinated support and assistance. These types of discussions (and decisions) are, ultimately, based on values, and Mike's include mutual respect for all, inclusion, collaboration, and aloha. These are rooted in his deep love of Hawai'i and our shared communities, compassion, and hope.

Mike also strongly believes in social equity and gender equality, and he will stand up for others—even if there is professional and personal risk—because it is the right thing to do. Mike acts from a place of sound, ethical values and because of his deep love of our islands. This is true leadership, and he is the kind of person we want representing our state on the local, national, and international levels.

Thank you again for the opportunity to offer strong support for the confirmation of Mike McCartney.

GM-664

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Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stuart Yamane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

04/28/2019

I am writing in support of Mike McCartney's candidacy for Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (GM664).

I have worked with Mike for many years, during his tenure at Hawaii Public Television, Hawaii State Teachers Association and the Hawaii Tourism Authority. In each endeavor Mike has demonstrated strategic insight, a deep understanding of Hawaii business, and a strong ability to bring together stakeholders from diverse sectors in support of a common cause. In short, Mike is a proven leader and visionary who understands the "big picture".

I sincerely believe Mike will contribute substantially to the long-term, success and development of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBED).

Aloha,

Stuart Yamane

Filmmaker/Producer

Stuart Yamane Creative

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/28/2019 11:09:37 PM
Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Morikawa	Testifying for ClimbHI	Support	No

Comments:

I, Julie Morikawa, President of ClimbHI, a local non-profit responsible for developing and organizing workforce development programs across the state, want to submit this testimony in support of Mike McCartney being confirmed as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Mike's dedication to fulfilling DBEDT's mission, a Hawaii economy that embraces innovation and is globally competitive, dynamic and productive, providing opportunities for all Hawaii's citizens, has always been a part of his visionary leadership and trusted decision making process for as long as I've had the privilege of working across of him. I started ClimbHI 9 years ago to assist the Visitor Industry with workforce development and with Mike's vision and leadership at HTA, we partnered together for the first annual event that is now 8 years old, taking place on 4 islands, including over 1,000 high school students from 35 schools, and filling many of the 4-year and 2-year colleges with hospitality programs across the state. Without Mike's ability to quickly see the potential our innovative company had to help people across the state, ClimbHI would not be where we are today having helped over 7,000 people across Hawaii. I share this one example, but there are many other examples of Mike's visionary leadership and dedication to improving Hawaii for all its citizens. I offer this sincere testimony in support of Mike McCartney's confirmation for Director of DBEDT, and if there is anything further I can provide in support of this nominee, please let me know.

TESTIMONY OF
JAMES P. GRIFFIN, Ph.D.

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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

April 29, 2019
2:30 p.m.

MEASURE: GM 664

TITLE: Governor's Message Number 664.

DESCRIPTION: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mike McCartney, for a term to expire 12-05-2022.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

I support the appointment of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism ("DBEDT" or "Department"). Mr. McCartney has served in many public and private sector roles that are directly relevant to DBEDT's mission. With this experience, he has unique qualifications to lead the Department.

In my personal interactions with the nominee, he has a deep commitment to public service and collaboration to deal with challenging and complex issues. These attributes will help the nominee lead the Department in a positive direction. For these reasons, I encourage your committee to consider his nomination favorably.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. McCartney's nomination.



Pu'uhonua Bumpy D. Kanahele
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April 29, 2019

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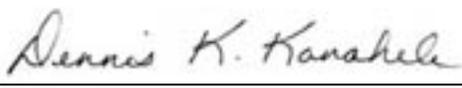
**Re: Confirmation of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business,
Economic Development and Tourism**

I am writing in my official capacity as Head of State for Nation of Hawai'i to support the confirmation of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I first met Mike 27 years ago during the rally on the steps of Iolani Palace. He was a legislator at the time, and was distraught with the arrest of many Hawaiians that day. I have worked with him since then, and have a great respect for him and his ability to navigate the turbid waters of Hawai'i state government.

Mike is a person who makes things happen and has a clear grasp on the importance of balance between the government, constituents, and politics. He has always provided an avenue to keep the dialogue open and transparent, and to bring all sides together to find resolutions and ways to move forward.

I look forward to working with him in his new capacity as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Signature: 
Head of State, Nation of Hawai'i
President & CEO/Director, Aloha First

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/29/2019 4:27:07 AM
Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Benjamin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

April 29, 2019

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Co-Chair

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

Chair Wakai, Co-Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

RE: GM 664—Confirmation of Mike McCartney as Director of DBED&T

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Mike McCartney to the position of Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I have known Mike for almost two decades. Most of my interactions with him over the years have been related to his work in the community, though I also interacted with him in his role as Chief of Staff to Governor David Ige.

Mike is someone who is truly passionate about Hawaii's communities and people, and who uses his relationships and creativity to find solutions to help both. As an example, Mike was tremendously helpful to me in my role as chair of Hale Kipa's capital campaign for its new campus on Old Fort Weaver Road. Mike believed in the project and in the organization's staff, and found many ways to assist the campaign. He help guide us through the State processes for obtaining grants, but also made introductions to foundations and individuals who could make private donations. His assistance helped lead to the ground breaking of the campus last December.

Mike's personality and resourcefulness will make him effective as DBED&T director. I am confident that his ability to build partnerships and find creative solutions will help strengthen and diversify our economy, benefiting all of Hawaii's people.

I urge the committee to confirm the appointment of Mike McCartney as Director of DBED&T.

Sincerely,

Christopher Benjamin

President & CEO

Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.

Testimony of Laulani Teale, MPH

in SUPPORT of GM 664

Confirmation as the Director of
the Department of Business,
Economic Development and
Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee,
MIKE MCCARTNEY



April 29, 2019

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Aloha,

It is rare that I would write to recommend a Director of any department of the State of Hawai'i. I have never done so before, and may never do so again.

For this candidate, I make an exception.

Hawai'i – not the State of Hawaii, but the land and the people of the real Hawai'i as a living part of our beautiful Honua – needs ALOHA.

Not the "Aloha" stamped on plastic souvenirs and trash cans. Not the "Aloha" used to quell and chastise the passion of those protecting what they love from destruction. I am speaking of the ALOHA that my teachers' teacher, Pīlahi Pākī, prophesied would bring healing to our troubled world.

Mike McCartney understands ALOHA.

He understands that it is not a force to be taken lightly. He understands that its healing power cannot be contained for the sake of convenience or profit. He understands that ALOHA is intrinsically bound to truth in its 'oia'i'o form, from which it cannot be separated. He understands that while ALOHA can bring much joy, laughter and powerful healing, it can also bring discomfort, hard decisions, and sorrow, and that these cannot be easily painted over for the sake of selling a prettier picture.

It is only through ALOHA that the true beauty of Hawai'i can be fully experienced, and only through ALOHA that real healing can take place and real peace can be achieved. It is time for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to understand ALOHA, to feel ALOHA, and to live ALOHA, in all of its aspects and all of its power.

Mike McCartney understands that §5-7.5 gives him the power to contemplate and reside with the life force of ALOHA. In exercising his power on behalf of the people and in fulfillment of his responsibilities, obligations and service to the people, even when it is hard to do so. He understands that although the word "may" in §5-7.5 allows for the freedom of choice, when ALOHA is understood and embraced, it is really the only choice.

ALOHA is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence.

We need this in business. We need this in economic development. We need this in tourism. Hence, Mike McCartney has my strong support as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Me ke aloha 'oia'i'o nō,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laulani". The signature is written in black ink and has a fluid, elegant style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Robert S. Harrison
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TESTIMONY OF
Robert S. Harrison
TO THE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM (EET)
ON
APRIL 29, 2019

GM 664

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **MIKE MCCARTNEY**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON 12-5-2022.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee.

I am testifying as an individual in support of the confirmation of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Budget Economic Development and Tourism ("DBEDT"). I have had the privilege to know and interact with Mike for the last 20 years in many capacities. Through that time, he has led organizations like PBS Hawaii, the Hawaii State Teachers Association and the Hawaii Tourism Authority, while at the same time, giving back to many community-based non-profits. These experiences have undoubtedly prepared him for this new and critical role. I have the utmost confidence in Mike and believe he will make a fine director.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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29 April 2019

Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha nui kākou e Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

I write this letter in support of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, term to expire on 5 December 2022. Between 2011 and 2015, I served on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, serving as chairperson of the board during my last year there. Mike served as CEO of the Authority for much of that time. As my role as director on the board was to serve in the capacity of one "with knowledge and expertise in the area of Hawaiian cultural practices," I worked closely with Mike and his staff to maintain a keen sensitivity on the affects, and effects, of the visitor industry, specifically but not exclusively, on the Hawaiian community. To that end, Mike and I spent many hours together discussing life in Hawai'i and how our lives here are absolutely unique from anywhere else in the world—not only because of our multicultural community but also because of our very unique political, social, and economic history.

As a board member, I found Mike to be a CEO who listened to my concerns as a Hawaiian representing Hawaiian cultural practices on a board representing an industry that has not always taken Hawaiian cultural practice and worldview very seriously. I found him to be genuinely concerned over the toll the industry took on the Hawaiian and local community, and I found him to be one who had the keen sensibility to seek for balance between the economic and driving nature of the visitor industry and the delicately intricate nature of our local world. While we were not always successful at attaining that balance, it was refreshing for me that *the* executive of the visitor industry saw it not only important but also critical to his role as CEO of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

I believe Mike McCartney to be a gentleman who cares deeply for our community. For that reason, I write this letter in support of him.

Aloha a mahalo nui,



Aaron J. Salā



LATE

April 29, 2019

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Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development & Tourism
Hawaii State Senate

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Dear Senator Wakai & Members:

ADMINISTRATION

President & CEO
Herb Lee Jr.
Chief Financial Officer
Louis F. Perez II
General Counsel
Ethan Cooper

Subject: GM 664; Consideration of Mr. Michael McCartney as the Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I am writing this letter in wholehearted support of Mr. Michael McCartney as the Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Pacific American Foundation
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Kāne'ohe, HI 96744

Phone: (808) 664-3027
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My name is Herb Lee, Jr. and I am the CEO of the Pacific American Foundation. Established in 1993, the Pacific American Foundation (PAF) is a national 501c (3) nonprofit, tax-exempt organization with the mission to “improve the lives of Pacific Americans through service with dignity, courage, humility, and competence.” PAF’s goal is to influence systemic change in the educational system that preserve and perpetuate traditional indigenous ways of knowing for emerging Pacific Century leaders, college career readiness, culturally responsive research, evaluation and assessment, economic and community partnership development. PAF is a Native Hawaiian serving organization that owns and actively manages an ancient Hawaiian fishpond in Kaneohe bay.

I first become acquainted with Mr. Michael McCartney about 30 years ago as a State Senator for the Windward side of O’ahu. We have been friends, colleagues and supporters of Hawaii’s families, children, culture and community all during that time.

His previous experience as President of PBS Hawaii, Hawaii Tourism Authority and public service in government makes him uniquely qualified in understanding both policy and implementation of serving the public to address critical issues facing Hawaii in the areas of business, economic development and the visitor industry. He has had an exemplary career giving back to the community, understanding the culture of Hawaii and how to find a balance between unique and competing issues facing all of us today.

What I want to focus upon is his passion and desire to serve, his integrity and high standards that he has consistently practiced and lives by daily.

Hawaii is at a critical crossroads in its history and the issues facing government given the responsibilities and role that this appointment entails will play a huge part in resolving the conflict between economic growth and the disparities that effect our most vulnerable populations.

As an educator, community non-profit and working over 10 years in government myself, we need leaders that are committed to the values that make Hawaii unique for Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians alike. We need to build bridges of understanding between indigenous and contemporary ways of knowing. Moreover, we need leaders that are fiercely respected by the work and deeds that have impacted our community in positive ways, over and over again.

I can't think of a better person in our community that has positively led us in so many ways, that has a proven track record of building relationships, doing what is right and pono while being innovative and productive in every way possible.

Please give Michael McCartney your highest consideration as a proven innovative leader and bridge builder that will embrace the kuleana that the Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism has in our community.

Sincerely,



Herb Lee Jr.
President & CEO
Pacific American Foundation



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April 29, 2019

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

TESTIMONY OF DAWN N.S. CHANG, PRINCIPAL OF KUIWALU CONSULTING

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 664

GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **MIKE MCCARTNEY**

Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair and Members of the Committee:

I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** the nomination of Mike McCartney for appointment as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. I have professionally and personally known Mike for many years.

Personally, Mike's roots are from the Windward side, specifically Kaneohe-Kahalu'u, where he grew up and graduated from Castle High School. He has always remembered where he came from and the local values of small communities where everyone knows each other and takes care of one another. Living on the Windward side has given Mike a great appreciation for the need to protect and preserve the cultural and natural resources that make Hawai'i such an ideal location for tourism, renewable energy, and economic opportunities.

Professionally, his experience has been vast and varied. He has served in the Executive Branch as Governor Ige's chief of staff and formerly as the Director of the Department of Human Resources, as well as having legislative experience as a State Senator representing the Windward community. He has served in the non-profit sector as the CEO of PBS Hawai'i, and has also served as the President and CEO of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. In addition, he has experience with the unions as the Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Teachers Association.

It is Mike's personal and professional experiences that uniquely qualify him to balance the protections of the valuable cultural, natural and environmental resources with the economic opportunities that these resources present. I am confident that as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Mike will ensure there is balance to address the economic needs of the State of Hawai'i for today and sustainability of those resources for the future.

I respectfully ask that Mike McCartney's nomination receive the consent of your committee and be forwarded to the full Senate for confirmation. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN N.S. CHANG
Principal

MEREDITH J. CHING
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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96801

April 29, 2019



The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Co-Chair
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Chair Wakai, Co-Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

RE: GM 664—Confirmation of Mike McCartney as Director of DBED&T

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Mike McCartney to the position of Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I have known Mike for a long time, going back to his days as a State Senator in the 1990's, and have numerous touchpoints with him ever since—in his leadership positions at PBS Hawaii, the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) and as Governor Ige's Chief of Staff.

Mike's passion is always and indisputably for the betterment of Hawaii. His broad experience within both the government and private sectors position him well to be an effective DBED&T Director. He understands how both sectors work and what motivates them, and will be able to develop win-win partnerships that strengthen and diversify our economy, ultimately benefiting the people of Hawaii. A strong economy offers all of us the opportunity to pursue a good quality of life, as we see fit, and for our children to do the same.

Mike has the personality and networks to bring people together to identify solutions. He has a vision for everything, always driven by the desire to take people and Hawaii to the next level. He is a fair and inclusive negotiator. And, he is respectful at all times to everyone he deals with.

I believe these are positive qualities for the DBED&T Director. And clearly Mike has a valuable background for the position with his tenure at HTA—both as its CEO and on the board, with tourism playing such an important role in our economy. Mike understands both the economic and social impacts of tourism, which is particularly valuable as this industry evolves and changes.

I urge the committee to confirm the appointment of Mike McCartney as Director of DBED&T.

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Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ian Kitajima	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha and mahalo for the opportunity to show my SUPPORT for Mr. Michael McCartney. I've known Mike for many years. He has always made time for me so I could learn from his many years of government experiences and knowledge. I believe his extensive experiences, collaborative work style, and his love of Hawaii will make him an effective Director. Mahalo, Ian Kitajima

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Winfred Pong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Members,

I respectfully submit my support of Mike McCartney's confirmation as the Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I served as the Hawaii Tourism Authority's VP of Administrative and Fiscal Affairs when Mike was appointed the President & CEO of the HTA until I retired in 2012 (to be a caregiver). I have always known Mike to practice his value of doing whatever is best for the people of Hawaii. That is his passion! He is not one to practice or even think about personal ambitions and interests. He always asks his staff whether "is it good for Hawaii."

Mike was also instrumental in developing a "real" strategic plan for tourism in Hawaii and another strategic plan for HTA. These strategic plans were not just adopted to provide a nice mission and vision statement to hang on the wall. Instead, the strategic plans he helped developed included specific actions plans that were aligned with valid and reliable measurements evaluated on a regular basis.

I participated in many meetings with Mike and various members of the tourism industry and members of the HTA board. Mike was always an active listener and learned to understand the unique interests of the tourism industry. However, those interests were always balanced against the overriding interest whether it would promote the economic development and welfare of the entire State and its people. He was attentive to community concerns and advocated those concerns with the tourism industry. He constantly sought opportunities that were a "win-win" for everyone.

Prior to serving at the HTA, I served 20 years as a Deputy Attorney General and had the opportunity to provide legal advice and counsel to various Department Directors and numerous Chairpersons of boards and commission. Compared to those Directors and Chairpersons, Mike has demonstrated a clear command and understanding of government processes (i.e., ethics, procurement, state budget and fiscal constraints, legislation). He actively sought the advise and counsel of Legislators and other members of the Executive Branch. More importantly, he reached out to the community to understand their needs and concerns.

As an administrator, Mike actively supported the empowerment of staff members. He constantly promoted self-development and celebrated achievements. He demonstrated a command of details that were relevant and actionable. He was always polite and sociable to staff. He was approachable and encouraged active participation by staff.

I have no reservations that Mike will be a great Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Mahalo,

Winfred Pong



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April 29, 2019

TO: THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

**REGARDING G.M. 664
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MIKE MCCARTNEY
AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM**

Dear Committee Chair Wakai
Vice Chair Taniguchi
Members of the Committee of Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter in **support** of G.M. 664, for the consideration and confirmation of Mike McCartney as the Director of Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

As the President and CEO of Stryker Weiner & Yokota Public Relations, Inc., I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. McCartney on numerous occasions in his roles with the Hawaii Tourism Authority and the APEC Hawaii Host Committee.

In both of those roles, Mr. McCartney was a strong representative of our community, and played a critical leadership role in positioning Hawaii on a worldwide stage and furthering the economic prosperity of our state as a whole.

This experience, along with his understanding of our community, will serve him well as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Mike McCartney's nomination.

Sincerely,

Neal Yokota
President & CEO

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/29/2019 9:45:40 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Danny Kaleikini, and I write in support of Mike McCartney's confirmation. I have known Mike for over 20 years in his various capacities as head of PBS and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. He is a man of integrity and has made many valuable relationships in business and tourism which will serve him well.

Aloha,

Danny Kaleikini

Ambassador of Aloha

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Glenn Wakai, Chair Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Support for GMM 664 –Appointment of Michael McCartney for Director of Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

Dear Honorable Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism:

The Ironworkers Stabilization Fund supports Mr. Michael McCartney for the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). We believe that Mr. McCartney is qualified for this position.

Prior to his tenure as the Chief of Staff for Governor David Ige, Mike has held positions as President of the Hawaii Tourism Association position which gave him the knowledge and experience in the tourism field; which is one of Hawaii's major revenue generator. Additionally, His experience as a co-creator and President of Hawaii Stars, Mike understands the trials small business goes through to thrive and grow in Hawaii. As the President of PBS Hawaii, Mike knows that it is in the best interest to have economic development thrive and grow with alternative modes of generation for Hawaii.

His understanding and knowledge of business and the economy is needed more than ever during these times of uncertainty. Mike has been in Hawaii during downturns and he knows that the economy is cyclical in nature. He understands the forces at work and will use it to make Hawaii survive and grow during these times. Mike is a local boy and he understands that without us preparing for the way for our children, Hawaii will not survive.

Mike has all the tools and experiences to take on this job. We believe that we need someone like him to help us for our future. Thank you for this opportunity to support Michael McCartney for the Director of DBEDT.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan Yokota	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and committee members:

I write in strong support of the confirmation of Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). Mike has significant experience in the public and private sectors, as President and CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Executive Director of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, and CEO of PBS Hawaii, among other roles. His diverse and substantial leadership experience will serve the State of Hawaii and DBEDT well.

Mahalo for your consideration.

SHOPO



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April 29, 2019

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 414
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 664
Nomination of Mike McCartney as DBEDT Director

Dear Chair Wakai and Vice Chair Taniguchi:

I write to you on behalf of the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers ("SHOPO") in Strong Support of GM 664. SHOPO supports the Governor's Message 664, for the nomination of Mr. Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT).

Mr. McCartney's resume reflects his extensive qualifications both as a professional, and personally as a father and husband. Not depicted in his resume, Mr. McCartney possesses the uncanny ability to unite people, professionally and personally, and necessary resources to successfully complete missions, goals, and visions, inspired by the "common and greater good for the residents and visitors of Hawaii."

For these reasons, SHOPO humbly ask the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism to please support the confirmation of Mr. Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

SHOPO is truly grateful for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Respectfully submitted,


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The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair and
Committee Members
Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Hawaii State Senate, Rm. 414
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 664 For consideration and confirmation as the Director of the
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Mike McCartney for a term to expire at noon
on 12-05-2022

Dear Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I write in support of gubernatorial nominee Mike McCartney, as the Director
of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
(DBEDT).

Mike's tenure in various government positions, including as a former member
of this body in the Hawaii State Senate, provides him with many tools that he
will find useful as the Director of DBEDT. Creativity and being able to think
outside the box are hallmark traits that Mike possesses. These traits will
enable him to find ways to keep Hawaii's economic opportunities growing.

Mike's leadership will help guide DBEDT and its many attached agencies into
the future. I strongly urge you to support for consideration and confirmation
as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and
Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee Mike McCartney.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,

Karen Piltz

April 27, 2019

Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

Senator Glenn Wakai , Chair

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair



Dear Senators,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit this testimony in favor of appointing Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Economic, Business Development and Tourism.

This testimony is an attempt, as Mike's spouse, to give you a broader view of Mike McCartney the person, the son, husband and father. To give you a sense of his character, strengths, and motivations. To give you some reasons why I feel that Mike will serve the people of Hawaii well as the Director of DBET.

Mike's commitment to a life of service runs deep and rooted as an only child of two passionate educators. Mike is reminded of those lessons in a poem which he keeps on his desk and was written to him by his father Bill on his 21st birthday, entitled **For Mike, Our Son.**

(addendum 1)

In it Bill advises to

“Deal not in guile. Deceive not anyone

Your word, once spoken, must become your bond

Avoid ass vanity — a trap for fools.”

Mike has lived his life with these words ringing in his ears and I can attest to his integrity, honesty, and incredible moral compass. As I have witnessed Mike leave several positions when he feels that he has accomplished his goals it is never about him. It is always about the the best interests of the organization, and ultimately the people of Hawaii.

Throughout Mike's career, I feel that he has always “walked the walk” rather than “talking

the talk”. He values hard work and honesty and empowers those around him to strive for excellence and to take pride in their accomplishments. His leadership style is not top down but rather from within, reminding us that we are all in “one canoe”.

At the end of the poem Bill reminds Mike to

“Pay well your debt unto the Cosmic Bank
For dust you borrowed from the Universe
In brighter coin than that which you received”

Like many of you, Mike has truly committed his life to that of service to the people of Hawaii. I can honestly say that each day Mike is thinking about what is best for Hawaii and how he can make it better for our three children and for yours.

And finally, with complex issues, Mike is often able to see through the noise to achieve and recognize the **balance** that is essential for success. Whether it’s with tourism, business, or energy Mike’s ability to **bring all sides together for the common good** I feel is his greatest strength. He is acutely aware of the challenges and incredible opportunities that are present for us to prosper in our new global environment. I feel that as Director of DBET Mike will help to ensure that Hawaii is a place that future generations would be able and would want to call home.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify.,

Candace Furubayashi McCartney

For Mike, Our Son

Your One-and-twenty trips around the sun
Fell due this day that marks you for a man,
And I am loath to spew advice, old saws,
And platitudes as many fathers do
At such a time. Witness Solonius!

Deal not in guile. Deceive not anyone.
Your word, once spoken, must become your bond.
Avoid all vanity - a trap for fools.

Strike down the tyrant and raise up the weak.
Pity the coward, and avoid the fool.
The knave, however, you must castigate.

Trust not too much in words. They often hide
Much more than they reveal. Deeds show the man.

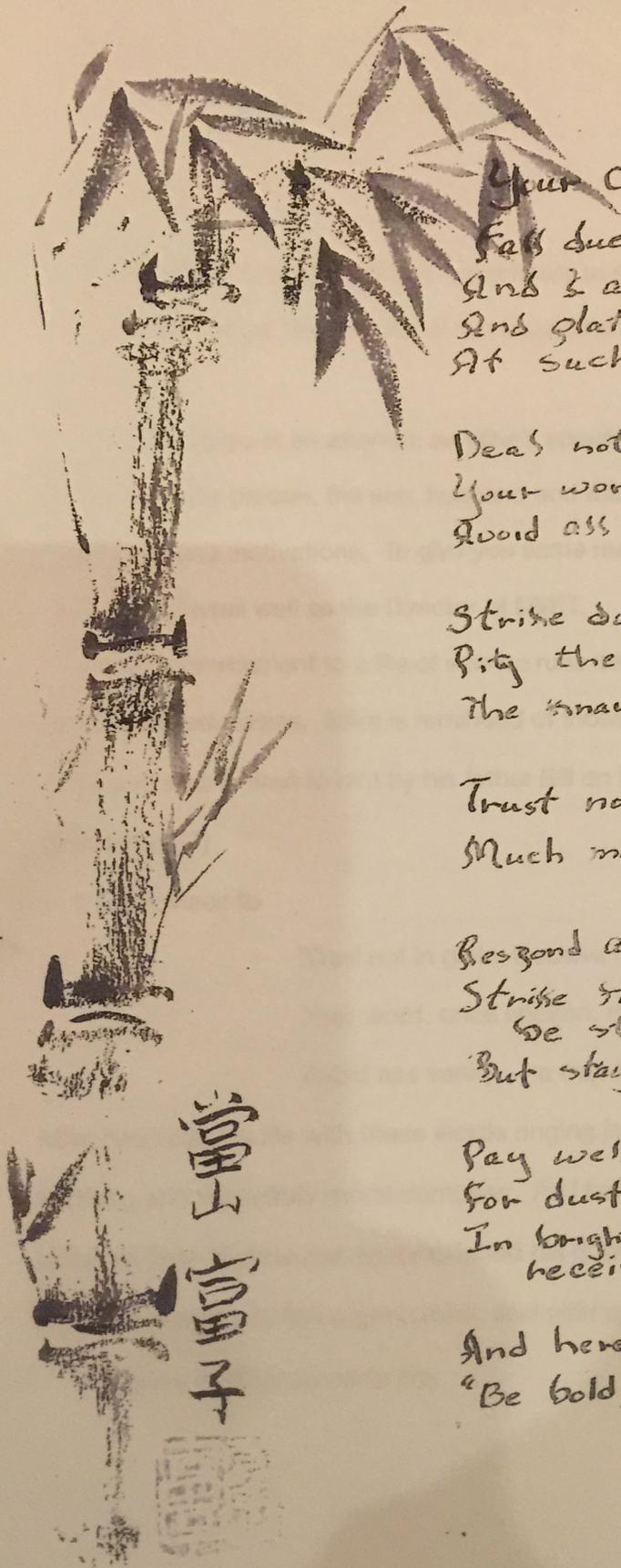
Respond at once when Duty's call is clear.
Strike first and last when blows are to
be struck,
But stay aloof beyond all gettingness.

Pay well your debt unto the Cosmic Bank
For dust you borrowed from the Universe
In brighter coin than that which you
received.

And here I quote from a wiser man:
"Be bold, be bold, be bold. Be not too bold."

Dug-Bull

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adrian Kamali'i	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUBMITTING TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF WILLIAM P. KENOI

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Senator Glen Wakai, Chair

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Monday, April 29, 2019 | 2:30 p.m.

Conference Room 414 | State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 664

Aloha e Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism Committee:

I am submitting testimony in support of GM 664 as you consider Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

As the former Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, I have had the privilege of working with Mike in various roles. As Chief Executive Officer of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Mike's primary focus was the image of our island home. When disasters threatened the function of Hawai'i Island, its industries and global image, Mike's guidance allowed us to disseminate critical messages on varied platforms.

Beyond his experience at HTA, Mike's legislative, government, non-profit and private sector experience makes him a qualified candidate to lead DBEDT.

Mahalo nui for your time and consideration.

Aloha,



William P. Kenoi

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY JON C. YOSHIMURA
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 664

April 29, 2019
2:30 p.m.
Room 414

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MIKE MCCARTNEY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the appointment of Mike McCartney to the position of director of the department of business, economic development, and tourism (DBEDT).

I've known Mike for more than 30 years both personally and professionally. He's a skilled administrator with an appropriate sense of history and vision necessary to lead DBEDT. His diverse professional and political background is unmatched and will ensure that great ideas evolve into policies that strengthen our economy.

A few years ago, several renewable energy advocates including myself met with Mike to discuss related issues and NextEra Energy's planned takeover of the Hawaiian Electric Companies. He understood that renewable energy adoption decreased the outflow of Hawaii dollars to foreign oil producers. He also saw value in retaining local control over electricity generation and distribution. Hawaii is now committed to a 100 percent renewable energy future and the Hawaiian Electric Companies are moving quickly toward upgrading their grid infrastructure to accommodate more renewable energy. I believe sustainability and local decision making are two principles that will guide Mike's vision for our state's economy.

Mike is amply qualified and has the integrity and dedication needed to lead the department of business, economic development, and tourism. I highly recommend that he be confirmed as its director.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pankaj Bhanot	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in strong support of Mike McCartney as the Director of DEBDT for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022. Mike is an extraordinary leader with multiple decades of professional and lived experience in public and private sector. He is the right person to lead DBEDT at this time. Mike's belief in and commitment to "Aloha Spirit" is strong and infectious. He believes in doing the right thing for right reason. He is also person of great character and integrity.

Please confirm my friend and colleague as the Director of DBEDT.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on GM 664.



TESTIMONY OF JAN SULLIVAN IN SUPPORT OF THE
NOMINATION OF MIKE MCCARTNEY
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE AS DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
(GM 664)
April 29, 2019 2:30pm

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism:

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Mike McCartney to serve as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism for the State of Hawaii.

Mike is uniquely qualified for this position due to the wealth of experience that he brings to the job. He is one of the few Directors that would bring experience from serving in the legislative branch, the executive branch, the non-profit sector, as well as experience in the private sector.

As the former CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, he understands the strengths as well as the vulnerabilities of Hawaii's dominant industry. He promoted diversification of the economy while he was at HTA and understood the urgent need for the State to develop beyond tourism.

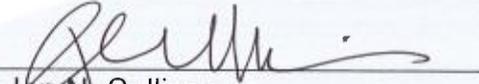
As an executive that runs a tech company, I feel it is a real positive that Mike has been an entrepreneur, and appreciates the challenges that are involved in running a small business.

I sincerely request your support in confirming Mike to this position.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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By 
Jan N. Sullivan
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Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai
 Chairperson
 Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
 State Capitol Room 414
 Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT: GM 664 SUPPORT FOR MR. MIKE MCCARTNEY Confirmation, Nominee for Director of Dept. of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

Aloha Chairperson Glenn Wakai, Vice Chairperson Brian Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee,

I am Carole Kai Onouye and I respectfully request your support for a hard-working and dedicated public servant, Mr. Mike McCartney, to be confirmed as the new Director for the Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Mike currently serves as a Director on the Board of our non-profit organization, the Great Aloha Run dba Carole Kai Charities, Inc., and we are ever so grateful that the community has supported us for our 35th Great Aloha Run!

I have known Mike McCartney for more than 24 years now! We started a company with Dirk Fukushima called, "Hawaii Stars in 1992. It was a successful venture and Mike helped the company greatly with his vision, contacts, great ethics, and his ability to work well with people. He left the company in 2008 to return to the public service which was his first love!

Dirk and I continue to have a great relationship with Mike - he gives us good insight on people and projects and is always accurate in his assessments! He is a man of integrity and humility and committed to working well with others and being inclusive,

Mike's business intuition and acumen has always brought good results that help everyone! We were very fortunate to have him serve as our company President. He is a good man with tremendous people skills and insight into what's happening in Hawaii and will continue to be a great asset serving the people of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you and I strongly urge your support for Mr. Mike McCartney!

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Carole Kai

Carole Kai Onouye
 President & Volunteer for 35 Years
 The Great Aloha Run dba Carole Kai Charities, Inc.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chipper Wichman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please accept my strong support for Mike as the director of DBEDT. I worked closely with Mike for many years especially when he was the President of HTA. Mike is a strong business man with excellent planning and strategy development skills and follows through on all of his commitments. He will serve our State well in this capacity. Please confirm Mike as Director of DBEDT. Aloha, Chipper Wichman

LATE

Edwin Sniffen
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GM 664 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL MCCARTNEY, for a term to expire 12-5-2022

Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
April 29, 2019
Room 414, 2:30 P.M.

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the committee:

It is with honor and pleasure that I submit this testimony and support of Gubernatorial nominee, Michael McCartney, as the Director, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT). Mike McCartney has been Governor Ige's staff since 2014. His career has included 10 years as a state senator; and stints as president and chief executive officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; executive director of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, Director of the Department of Human Resources Management; and president and CEO of PBS Hawaii.

Mr. McCartney's duties and responsibilities over the course of his career makes him well suited for the position, and his experience in state government has well prepared him for assuming this role as Director. Mike's calm demeanor and listening skills are important traits that he possesses.

Mr. McCartney's unique ability to bring people together and resolve issues in the collaborative spirit differentiates him from other organization leaders. He is truly a "people person" and believes people make an organization successful.

We, the people of Hawaii, will benefit from Mike's experience in the private and public sector. His willingness to serve as public servant with his abilities make him ideal person for the DBEDT director.

I respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination and thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

GM-664

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Makana Paris	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:



Written Testimony by
Stanette Kitamura, Vice President of Programs
Winners at Work dba Abilities Unlimited

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Monday, April 29, 2019

In consideration of GM664
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department
Of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee,
MIKE McCARTNEY, for a term to expire on 12-05-2022.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I have personally known Mike for over 30 plus years when he first graduated from college and returned to Hawaii with a strong desire to help the community. Since his return to Hawaii, he has always remained true to his mission to help the people of Hawaii. In all of his employment positions, State Senator for the Windward District for 10 years, Executive Director of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, Chief Executive Officer of PBS, Director of the State of Hawaii Human Resources Management, and Chief Executive Officer of Hawaii Tourism Authority, Mike has consistently demonstrated leadership with integrity.

Mike also has an extraordinary talent for working collaboratively with others. He is someone who can connect the people to the right resources, and facilitate groups to work together for the common cause of making this State a better place for all parties. Mike has always been genuine in his quest to make a difference in people's lives. It did not matter how busy he was, he always made time to listen to the everyday people and assist whenever possible.

Mike is one of the few who can walk with the crowd and still keep his virtue, or walk with Kings and yet not lose the common touch. His character of integrity, his leadership skills in working with others, and his knowledge of legislature, private sector, and non-profit organizations will bring about the positive changes we need for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony and for your consideration.



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And Tourism

Testimony by
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

Governor's Message 664 Consideration and Confirmation of Mike McCartney
Director, Department of Business, Economic Development
And Tourism

The Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, represents more than 1,900 professional active-duty fire fighters throughout the State. The HFFA, on behalf of all of our members, **supports Governor's Message 664** nominating Mike McCartney to serve as Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Mr. McCartney has served in a number of public and private sector executive positions. The HFFA has collaborated on many issues of mutual concern as a labor leader, legislator and most recently as Chief of Staff for Governor David Ige. We have found him to be adept in his leadership skills and has worked diligently to achieve positive outcomes for the parties. Mr. McCartney, as former CEO and President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, will bring his experienced skill set to lead the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. In addition, his familiarity through his other professional experiences in his State administrative and legislative roles, in addition to his public and private endeavors will well serve the State of Hawaii.

HFFA supports Mr. McCartney's nomination to serve as Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism appreciates your Committee's favorable consideration of Governor's Message 664. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



April 29, 2019

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of GM664

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Mike McCartney for the position of Director of DBED&T. I have known Mr. McCartney for 10 years but had the opportunity and privilege to work closely with him during my tenure as Chairman of the APEC 2011 Host Committee.

At that time, Mr. McCartney was serving as President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and his insights and collaboration contributed immensely to the overall success of the APEC meeting here in Honolulu. His efforts played a key role in helping to shape Hawaii not only as a tourist destination but also as an appropriate and attractive venue for business and convention meetings.

His leadership and broad experience will serve the state well as DBED&T seeks to develop important economic initiatives to move our state forward. I respectfully encourage the Committee's favorable consideration of Mr. McCartney's nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Peter S. Ho'.

Chairman, President and CEO

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Submitted on: 4/29/2019 12:49:25 PM
Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole K Galase	Testifying for Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments:

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council supports the nomination of Mike McCartney for the Director of Department of Business, economic development, and tourism. His experience in both the legislative and executive branch, along with his business and leadership experience will be an asset to Hawaii.

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/29/2019 1:02:14 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Micah Alameda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my support for the confirmation of Mike McCartney to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Mike has devoted much of his life to advocating for the betterment of Hawai'i's people. His professional experience along with his vision and work ethic is what makes him an excellent choice for the position.

I respectfully urge the committee to PASS GM664. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Micah Alameda



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

April 29, 2019

2:30

Room 414

In SUPPORT of GM664

Relating to Nomination of Mike McCartney as Director for the Department of Business,
Economic Development, and Tourism

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the EET Committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i is pleased to support the nomination of Mike McCartney as Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

As many have already noted in their testimony in support of GM664, Mr. McCartney has an extensive track record of professional and volunteer public service for the people of Hawai'i. In addition, we find his style of managing and approach to problem-solving is critical during these uncertain times for the future of Hawai'i's economy and environment.

We support Mr. McCartney's nomination because of his demonstrated commitment to finding lasting solutions to entrenched challenges. As an organization, we have experienced Mr. McCartney's approach to addressing community concerns. He has always been straight-forward, honest, and committed to the best interests of everyone in the Hawaiian Islands. We appreciate his willingness to work through long-standing obstacles by building bridges between opposing sides.

We believe that Mr. McCartney's diverse experience will certainly benefit the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, as well as all who call Hawai'i home.

For these reasons, we urge your Committee to recommend Mr. McCartney be confirmed as Director for DBEDT. Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in **support of GM664.**

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GM-664

Submitted on: 4/29/2019 1:58:27 PM
Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard S "Rick" Towill	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair/Senator Wakai,

Please accept my heartfelt support for the confirmation of Mike McCartney as the Director of DBEDT! Mike is a common sense thinker and long standing supporter and public servant of our Kahalu'u community, and will provide the needed local voice and leadership for this position. We have known Mike for the better part of forty years, and can attest to his honesty and upstanding abilities, through his many years of servant leadership!! Please confirm him this afternoon!

With Mahalo and Aloha Richard S "Rick" Towill

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Submitted on: 4/29/2019 2:01:39 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Heidi Ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Members of the Confirmation Committee,

I have known Mike McCartney for 20 years, and he has always been a concerned and good man, a great contributor to the community and an upstanding citizen of Hawaii. His overriding concern has always been for the betterment of Hawaii and the sharing of aloha. He share old school values with everyone he associates with he interacts with. He would be a wonderful asset as Director of DBEDT. I ask that you confirm him without reservation, as he would be the best person for the job.

GM-664

Submitted on: 4/29/2019 2:02:57 PM
Testimony for EET on 4/29/2019 2:30:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Testimony

Date: April 29, 2019 at 2:00pm room 414

To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and committee members

From: Christopher Rodriguez, Kapiolani Community College

Strong Support for Hearing: GM 664

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of GM 664. Hawaii has developed into a touristic site known for its culture, food, and attractions. Many jobs are available such as the hotel industry with jobs as security workers, housekeeping, restaurants and many more. In addition, there are other jobs like being a tour guide or starting their own business. When you visit Waikiki you can see how tourism has had an effect. Every year, many tourists come to Hawaii in the hope to see nice places and feel the aloha the state gives. I believe that Mike McCartney is capable to have the responsibility to be the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Hawaii is known for its tourism and most of our economy is based on tourism. Helping businesses in Waikiki would increase our economy and make it better. Developing a business plan to make Hawai'i a place with more opportunities. More jobs can be created, opening careers for students that want to pursue tourism in Hawaii. With Mike McCartney, the future of Hawai'i is in his hands and his decision making will help us in the long-run. Hawaii is a place where people travel a lot should be should expand our economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of which I strongly support GM 664.

Thank you,

Christopher Rodriguez



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Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

Subject: Support – GM 664, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE MCCARTNEY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee!

I write in strong support of Mike McCartney as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Through the more than two decades that I have known him, Mike has proven himself a leader who strongly supports Hawai'i's small businesses and the need to diversify jobs in our Island economy. Three illustrations come to mind:

- When we served on the APEC Host Committee together, as Chair of the Marketing and Communications Committee, I developed a brochure entitled "10 Things You Didn't Know About Hawai'i." It featured our Islands' economic initiatives in science and technology, diversified agriculture, renewable energy etc. Although many in the visitor industry preferred an approach that focused more on the State's major industry, Mike spoke with tourism leaders to help manage the issue. He made clear that Hawai'i should seek investment from APEC economies to help diversify and grow new industries as well as existing ones. Mike clearly saw the need for a larger vision of Hawai'i's economy and supported the marketing of emerging industries.
- During the same APEC initiative, Mike provided critical leadership with the Native Hawaiian community, reaching out to them and facilitating their inclusion in the program. He reminded the Host Committee of the importance of providing an authentic sense of place and imbuing our activities with the Aloha spirit delivered by members of the Native Hawaiian community. He also advocated for cultural tourism experiences during the week and for inclusion of small business programs in the APEC Leader Week schedule.
- Lastly, as President of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Mike led a number of institutional enhancements aimed at a more balanced management of the State's largest industry. In response to Neighbor Island requests for more information, he led an initiative to increase transparency and accessibility of HTA data so county leaders would have better decision-making tools. At the same time, he supported an expanded program of measuring resident sentiment toward the visitor industry. In short, he understood that the visitor industry served all of Hawai'i, not just those in the trade.

I believe that Mike will bring leadership to grow our economy in a manner that benefits residents of all Islands and communities in our diverse State. As a long time small business owner, I am honored to support Mike McCartney to become Hawai'i's next Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Mahalo,

Hon. Patricia M. Loui



SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

April 29, 2019, 2:30 P.M.

Room 414

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 664, MIKE MCCARTNEY AS DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & TOURISM**

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee:

I'm writing in support of Mike McCartney's nomination as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT). I have known Mike for over 10 years and have had the opportunity to work with him during his years in the Ige administration.

Mike has extensive leadership experience inside and outside government. He has served as a legislator, a non-profit executive, a small business founder, a department head, and more. His vision, knowledge, and relationship-based leadership style will serve him well as DBEDT Director.

Mike knows how to bring people together and to reach consensus. He is collaborative, and not afraid to have the broad conversations necessary to understand issues and move through roadblocks.

He understands that the traditional pillars of Hawaii's economy are shifting, and DBEDT needs to navigate this transition. Mike sees clean energy, innovation, and the creative industries as strong new areas for growth for Hawaii. He understands Hawaii needs to diversify its economy, and he will help guide the islands with an eye toward the future and an understanding of our past.

Most importantly, Mike acts with *aloha*. This key value is too often in short supply, and we all benefit when our community leaders practice this trait.

I am pleased to extend, without hesitation, my support for Mike McCartney's nomination as DBEDT Director and urge your favorable consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HBR', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Henk B. Rogers
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TESTIMONY OF
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Monday, April 29, 2019

2:30pm

State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of

GM 664

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE MCCARTNEY, for a term to expire at noon December 5, 2022

I submit this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the confirmation and appointment for **Mike McCartney** as Director of Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Mr. McCartney has an extensive career spanning over 20 years of public service as a former three-term State Senator with experience consisting of comprehensive policy development, managing budgets, and strategic vision. He has held leadership roles for government agencies such as the Director of Human Resources Development, several years as the CEO and President of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, and most recently as the Chief of Staff/Administrative Director-Office of the Governor of the State of Hawai'i. Also, he was the CEO and President for PBS Hawai'i.

Over the years, Mr. McCartney has demonstrated his community advocacy by his involvement on a range of challenges from water issues on the windward side of O`ahu in 1980s to the management and future of Maunakea since 2015.

He is a principled leader and a man of integrity based on respect and aloha for others despite their social status as a fundamental tenant of his character. Such qualities are foundational to developing quality relationships towards the opportunities of diplomacy as a core belief for transcending and leading change for a better Hawai'i.

For these reasons, I encourage the committee to consider his confirmation for the Director of Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to comment.



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April 29, 2019

TO: SENATOR GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY,
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SENATOR BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOEY MANAHAN
COUNCIL DISTRICT VII
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

Re: Testimony in Support of GM 664

Aloha Chair Wakai and members of the Senate Committee for Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

I humbly submit my testimony in **support** of the nomination of Mr. Mike McCartney as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT).

I have known Mike McCartney for over 16 years beginning with my employment at the Hawai'i State Legislature as a Senate staffer in 2003 working on the audit of the Hawai'i in Tourism Authority (HTA) and Hawai'i Visitor's and Conventions Bureau (HVCB). In 2010, as a State Representative, I served as Chair of the House Committee on Tourism when the House and Senate overwhelmingly supported the selection of Mr. McCartney to serve as President of the HTA. Mike McCartney was the first President of the HTA who is a native son of Hawai'i. In recent years as a member of the Honolulu City Council, I have worked with Mr. McCartney in his capacity as Chief of Staff to Governor David Ige on key issues facing our City and County of Honolulu, including rail, homelessness, and transit-oriented development.

With his experience and leadership Mr. McCartney has demonstrated innovative expertise in executing policies in the capacities he has served. Whether I was a staffer, State Representative, or now in my capacity as a Councilmember, Mr. McCartney has always treated me fairly and respectfully. I've often observed Mr. McCartney to go above and beyond the call of duty, especially when working with constituents.

I have the utmost confidence that Mr. McCartney has the ample capability to serve DBEDT as its Director, and he will always have the best interest of the people of the State of Hawai'i in mind.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at jmanahan@honolulu.gov or by phone at (808)-768-5007.

Mahalo for allowing me the opportunity to testify in **support** of Mike McCartney's nomination as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

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April 27, 2019

To: Sen. Glenn Wakai, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair
And Members, Committee on Energy, Economic Development & Tourism

From: Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa, President
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Re: GM644 – Supporting Appointment of Mike McCartney as DBEDT Director

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of this Committee:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club offers its strong support for the appointment and confirmation of Mike McCartney as director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

As the largest Hawaiian organization in the Ko'olaupoko area, our members are very familiar with the nominee's history of service and dedications – not just to Windward O'ahu but also to the entire State of Hawai'i. Some of you may recall that Mike was once a State Senator, representing Windward O'ahu.

I have personally known Mike for many years, decades, in fact. During his time as Senator, I worked on his staff and was able to learn about his values and appreciate the kind of role model and leader he can be. When my son was seriously injured in an accident, Mike drove me to the hospital and was by my side throughout that ordeal; and we have been close friends ever since.

But more about his accomplishments, and how our civic club sees Mike McCartney as a part of the state administration:

- He helped establish the Kane'ohē Bay Regional Council and worked together with community leaders on the Kane'ohē Bay Master Plan, aimed at managing our marine resources in the bay.
- During the 1970s, he worked with then Sen. Charles Toguchi to help fund the relocation of many families who were being evicted from lands at He'eia-kea.
- He worked with many community leaders throughout the Windward coast to address and resolve numerous conflicts between communities and the state government.
- He was a major supporter of efforts to improve the education of our students in the public schools.

There are many other examples of his ability to work with communities, with people, to solve problems. The department to which he has been appointed is diverse and has an extremely large kuleana. Can we count on him to help address the many problems facing the department?

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Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Testimony on GM664 – Mike McCartney

Our civic club members say, `ae – yes – we trust in him and believe he can do the job and do it well. We urge your committee to join us by voting aye on advise and consent, and on his confirmation by the full Senate.

Mahalo nui for allowing us to comment on this appointment.

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. One of the largest of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs, its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".

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