

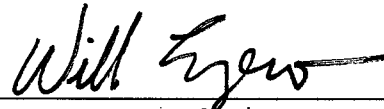
Manager for Hawaii National Bank and an Assistant Vice President for the Hawaii Island Region of American Savings Bank. Furthermore, before moving to the Island of Hawaii, he served as an Assistant Vice President and Trust Operations Manager for the Trust Division of Central Pacific Bank and Investment Performance and Operations Manager for the Trust Division of Bank of Hawaii on Oahu.

Mr. Mende has extensive community service experience. He currently serves as the Board Chairperson for the Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island and Third Vice President for the Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii. Of particular note, he currently serves as the Treasurer for the Big Island Housing Foundation, which is a nonprofit organization that provides decent, safe, and sanitary housing to low and moderate income families in Hawaii County.

Mr. Mende has been nominated to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation as the Hawaii County public member representative. His extensive experience in banking and financial services as well as his commitment to the Big Island community will be valuable assets to the Corporation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Housing,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



