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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i
Measure Title: Community Development Authority Heeia District, Gubernatorial
Nominee, DONNA CAMVEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

Report Title: Hawai'i Community Development Authority Heeia District

Description:

Companion:

Package: •

Current Referral: HOU

Introducer(s):

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Conference Room 414

Senate Committee on Housing
The Twenty-Ninth Legislature
Interim of 2017

**RE: Testimony on Gov. Msg. No. 54 Relating to Gubernatorial Nominee Donna
Camvel for Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) He'eia District**

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

I support the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Donna Camvel for HCDA He'eia District.

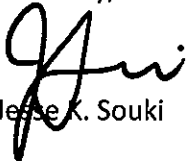
As the executive director of HCDA, I support the work of Ms. Camvel who is a current member of the He'eia CDD. Her thoughtful input and participation in board proceedings are appreciated by her colleagues and staff.

Ms. Camvel has a deep knowledge of the community and place where the He'eia Community Development District (CDD) is located. She comes from the He'eia Ahupua'a and spent her academic career focused on traditional customary practices and western science. Ms. Camvel's knowledge and experience in the area will ensure that the community's vision from the He'eia Community Development Plan is realized.

Ms. Camvel also played a role in the creation of the 29th NERR in the national system and first new reserve in more than six years. It includes unique and diverse upland, estuarine, and marine habitats within the He'eia estuary and a portion of Kaneohe Bay, protecting a stream, coral reefs, sand flats, and important cultural components. The cultural sites include traditional agricultural and heritage lands. Most all the land based portion of the NERR is leased by HCDA to Kako'o Oihi.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Jesse K. Souki