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CRAIG G. NAKAMURA TO SERVE ON HTA BOARD

HONOLULU- The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA), the state's tourism agency, is pleased to welcome its newest board member, Craig G. Nakamura, who was confirmed by the Hawai'i State Senate on May 3, 2011. He replaces Kyoko Kimura, managing director of Hotel Wailea, who has served on the HTA board as the Maui County representative since 2003.

"We are pleased to have Craig Nakamura join the HTA board," said Mike McCartney, president and CEO of the HTA. "Born and raised in Hawai'i and having spent the past 25 years on Maui, he understands the importance of Hawai'i as a tourism economy and will bring his expertise, experiences and perspective to the HTA."

Nakamura is a practicing attorney with Carlsmith Ball LLP on Maui. Prior to that, he practiced law in Los Angeles and Honolulu. He currently serves on the board of Kapalua Maui Charities, Wailuku Heights Community Association and other community organizations. He and his family reside in Wailuku, Maui.

"On behalf of the HTA board and staff, we would also like to thank Kyoko Kimura for her dedication and commitment to the HTA, the Hawai'i visitor industry and our community," added McCartney.

Established in 1998, the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, the state's tourism agency, is responsible for strategically managing tourism to optimize benefits for Hawai'i that integrates the interest of visitors, the community and visitor industry. Tourism is our state's leading economic driver and largest employer and the HTA continually works to ensure its sustainability well into the future. For more information on the HTA, please visit www.hawaii-tourismauthority.org, find us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#) (@HawaiiHTA).

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