



TESTIMONY OF DANIEL NĀHO'OPI'I
INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO, HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM

Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:30 p.m.

In consideration of

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 702
NOMINATION OF MUFI HANNEMANN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY

Aloha Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of Mufi Hannemann's nomination to serve as a member of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority Board of Directors.

Mr. Hannemann's experience as City Councilmember, City Council Chair, Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu, and his executive experience in the private sector built the knowledge and network that he brings to our boardroom. Since his nomination in July 2023, he has been a very active member of our board. In recognition of his many contributions, Mr. Hannemann was elected by his peers to serve as Chair of the board in December 2023.

Mr. Hannemann has worked hard to expand our lines of communication and collaborative relationships between HTA, the visitor industry, the Legislature, and other elements of county and state government. He has been a tireless advocate for the people of Maui following the August 2023 wildfires, focused on ensuring that those who are ready to work have the opportunity to do so.

HTA is a stronger organization thanks to Mr. Hannemann's leadership, experience, and commitment. We wholeheartedly support this next step in Mr. Hannemann's distinguished career of public service, and appreciate this opportunity to express that support before this committee.

Mahalo.