

TESTIMONY OF DANIEL NĀHOʻOPIʻI INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO, HAWAIʻI TOURISM AUTHORITY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Thursday, February 15, 2024 2:02 p.m. In consideration of HB 1518 HD 1 RELATING TO THE HAWAIʻI TOURISM AUTHORITY

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) supports this measure, which removes the term "and qualified" from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority's appointment process to clarify advise and consent authority of the Senate.

HTA appreciates the clarity in statutory language that this measure proposes to enact.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer these comments on this measure.