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GM 759 – RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF SHIRLEY SWINNEY TO THE
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (KALAELOA
DISTRICT)

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Slom, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support for the nomination of Shirley Swinney to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA). I had the good fortune of getting to know Shirley Swinney several years ago when she served on the University of Hawai'i, West O'ahu Ad Hoc Stakeholders committee. Shirley played an integral role in keeping the neighboring homestead communities informed about the development of our new campus in Kapolei. She is very community-minded, grounded in her Native Hawaiian culture, and is recognized as a leader by the community as well as by business professionals. As President of the Kapolei Community Development Corporation, Shirley has been a tireless champion of the effort to establish a community center in the district.

She has been at the forefront of the development efforts to coordinate the public and private sector for the construction of a Heritage Center in Kapolei as well as the center's corresponding programs. Shirley's ability to balance the need to preserve our natural environment and host culture with the need for re-development makes her an ideal candidate for HCDA. Her experience with community-based development projects and her ability to foster partnerships in the public and private sector to move projects forward will continue to serve Shirley well at HCDA. I strongly support her confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.