

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 516, 517

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 516 and 517, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII HURRICANE RELIEF FUND

G.M. No. 516	SCOTT EBELL, for a term to expire 06-30-2023; and
G.M. No. 517	CORY MITSUI, for a term to expire 06-30-2021,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Scott Ebell and Cory Mitsui for service on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund.

Scott Ebell

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Scott Ebell from the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and three individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Ebell's knowledge, background, and dedication to public service qualify him to be nominated for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund. Your Committee notes that Mr. Ebell currently serves as Chief of Staff for the Federal Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and is Chairman of the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board. Mr. Ebell is a veteran of the United States Army, has almost forty years of military and leadership experience in Hawaii, and has served in various senior positions in the civil service with the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. Notably, during his career, Mr. Ebell established a global All-Hazards Emergency Management Program by partnering with federal, state, and local emergency management organizations to obtain mutual aid agreements. Your Committee finds that Mr. Ebell has gained considerable experience in providing exceptional leadership through multiple worldwide executive assignments and possesses a unique perspective that will be beneficial to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Ebell be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund based on his experience, background, and dedication to serving the public.

Cory Mitsui

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Cory Mitsui from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, 440 International Inc., and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Mitsui's background and commitment to public service qualify him for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund. Your Committee notes that Mr. Mitsui has approximately twenty years of insurance and finance experience in Hawaii. Mr. Mitsui has been a managing member of Mitsui Insurance, LLC since 2003 and oversees approximately one thousand five hundred clients that include businesses and individuals for property and casualty insurance and life and health insurance. Previously, Mr. Mitsui was a Series 7 Securities licensed and certified financial planner and supervised investments and retirement plans for individuals and companies. Your Committee finds that Mr. Mitsui has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund and further finds that Mr. Mitsui's experience in the insurance and finance industries will be a valuable asset to the Board. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Mitsui be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund based on his knowledge and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on
Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

