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February 22, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi and Speaker Saiki:

I am sending this letter to wholeheartedly endorse Sabrina Nasir as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F).

Sabrina is a public policy professional with experience developing, managing, and executing projects in government and research institutions. Most recently, she served as a Senior Special Assistant with the Office of the Governor.

She previously served as Budget Chief for the Senate Ways and Means Committee; Project Manager for the Harbors Division at the Department of Transportation; Capital Improvements Specialist, Budget Analyst for the Hawai'i State Senate; researcher at the University of California, Irvine; and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Title IX Coordinator for the East-West Center.

Sabrina's academic background is impressive. She earned a PhD in sociology from the University of California, Irvine, an M.A. in demographic and social analysis from the University of California, Irvine, an MSc. in globalization and development from the SOAS University of London, and a B.A. in economics from the University of California, Berkeley. She views state budgeting as integral to public policy and takes a holistic approach in identifying priority needs in the state and how to adequately resource them.

Most importantly, she cares deeply about public service and the people of Hawai'i. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she worked with the Legal Clinic to develop and administer a program that delivered grocery cards for low-income immigrant communities adversely affected by the pandemic. Her PhD focused on socioeconomic inequality in Hawai'i.

Sabrina is an extremely hard worker and, given her expertise and experience, is a tremendous asset to the State as the Deputy Director of Budget and Finance.

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i