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March 5, 2008

To: Senate Committee on Education

Re: GM 349 Nomination of Roy T. Ogawa to the Western Interstate
Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
March 7, 2008 at 1:15 p.m. in Room 225

Dear Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair; Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee:

My name is Denny Sadowski, owner of CO-HA Builders, Inc., a general contracting firm doing business in the state of Hawaii for over thirty years. It has been my pleasure to know and work with Mr. Ogawa for many years while I served as a member and past chair of the Building Industry Association's Government Relations Committee. During this period, Mr. Ogawa gave selflessly of his time and expertise to our committee as both a member and also as a past chair. His legal expertise and experience were both invaluable and educational for our committee and its issues.

Roy has a tremendous passion for education and its availability for all prospective students. The positions Roy has held as a commissioner of WICHE namely past Audit Committee Chair, Vice Chair, Chair Elect and current Chair of WICHE speak highly to his dedication and total commitment for both WICHE and higher education. As a citizen and resident of the state of Hawaii, I feel very fortunate to have Roy as a commissioner for WICHE. I know that through his diligent guidance, WICHE and our future students in higher education will certainly benefit. His past and current leadership in his service as a WICHE commissioner is of great value to the state of Hawaii and he should be allowed to continue in this position for this coming new term.

Please confirm the nomination of Mr. Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Ogawa's confirmation.

Kind Regards,

Denny Sadowski

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March 7, 2008

Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto Chair and Members
Senate Committee on Education
State Capitol, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: GM No. 349 Confirmation of Roy Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee on Education:

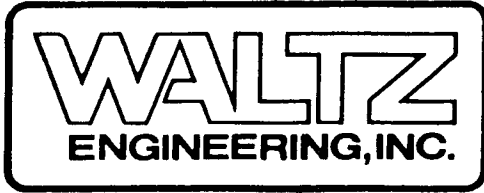
My name is Dean Uchida, Vice President, D.R. Horton-Schuler Division. I have worked with Mr. Ogawa in his capacity as the Chair of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), Government Relations Committee. I also have two children in high school and have become aware of the opportunities available to Hawaii residents through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) programs.

WICHE was created to administer the Western Regional Education Compact that is designed to pool educational resources, to plan jointly for the preparation of a specialized skilled labor force, and to avoid, where feasible, the duplication of expensive facilities and programs. Mr. Ogawa has a strong belief in the importance of education and is deeply committed to providing high quality educational opportunities for our citizens.

I have observed Mr. Ogawa's leadership skills in bringing an objective, analytical, and calm demeanor to some very complex and highly emotional issues. His selection as the Chair of WICHE for 2008 attests to his peers' recognition of the extra effort he is willing to make as a Commissioner. He is also very passionate about providing educational opportunities to Hawaii's youth through the WICHE program.

I respectfully request that you confirm Mr. Roy Ogawa as a Commissioner to WICHE.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views with you.



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February 28, 2008

Senate Education Committee
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Attention: Committee Clerk
Fax No. 586-8588

Re: GM 349; Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
Gubernatorial Nominee, ROY T. OGAWA
Hearing Date: Friday, March 7, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.

I urge you to confirm the reappointment of Mr. Roy Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. He is a man of intelligence, integrity and strong convictions.

I am a product of the Hawaii public school system and obtained my Bachelor of Education degree from University of Hawaii (Go Bows!). My husband and I own this small business and we have a 19 year old son attending the University of Hawaii system here on Oahu, so we do understand the need to nurture and grow the minds of our young people.

Mr. Ogawa has been our legal counsel for a number of years, during which we have come to rely on his advice knowing that he had done comprehensive research to reach the conclusions that he had before crafting his answers to us. We discovered early on that his recommendations were not only applicable to the situation on-hand, but were also great guidance for our regular business practices.

Hawaii is extremely fortunate to have a person of Mr. Ogawa's caliber as a WICHE Commissioner. He has the vision and determination to direct the focus of their programs to reach the intended goals. Mr. Ogawa is a "whip" smart person with a passion about the topic of higher education for our young people and an excellent representative of Hawaii to continue to serve on the WICHE Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorinda Lin Sung Waltz".

Lorinda Lin Sung Waltz
President

BIA-HAWAII

BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

March 7, 2008

Senate Committee on Education

1:15 P.M.

Room 225

RE: GM 349 Consideration and Confirmation of Roy Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) for a term to expire 6-30-2012

Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee on Education:

I am Warren Ho, Past President and a member of the Government Relations Committee of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

I offer my strong support of the confirmation of Roy T. Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). WICHE was created to administer the Western Regional Education Compact that is designed to pool educational resources, to plan jointly for the preparation of a specialized skilled labor force, and to avoid, where feasible, the duplication of expensive facilities and programs. Mr. Ogawa has a strong belief in the importance of education and is deeply committed to providing high quality educational opportunities for our citizens.

Roy Ogawa has already demonstrated his dedication to the purposes of WICHE during his first term as a commissioner. His selection as the Chair of WICHE for 2008 attests to his peers' recognition of his leadership abilities. When confirmed, he will continue his passionate pursuit of educational opportunities for Hawaii's students. He has shared his experiences on WICHE with our members and has educated us on the purposes of WICHE.

Mr. Ogawa served as the Chair of BIA-Hawaii's Government Relations Committee in 2007 and provided his legal expertise and knowledge of the construction industry on issues of importance to BIA-Hawaii. He continues his service to BIA-Hawaii as a member of our Board of Directors. His leadership style of collaboration with all the relevant parties to an issue proved valuable in the final outcome.

I ask for your confirmation of Roy Ogawa to WICHE. Thank you for the opportunity to share my views with you.



Warren Ho
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March 7, 2008

The Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chairperson
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Re: Reappointment of Roy Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

Dear Chairperson Sakamoto
And Members of the Committee:

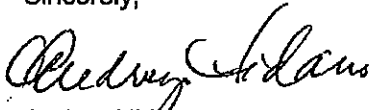
I am writing this letter in **STRONG support** of the reappointment of Mr. Roy Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), Governor's Message 349.

I have known Mr. Ogawa through his work as a member of the BIA of Hawaii for quite a while and see his passion in the subject of education. I also know him as a very smart and "level headed" attorney.

I know Mr. Ogawa has a strong commitment to community issues and he has an understanding of the governmental process and public policy making. I am confident that Mr. Ogawa will do well as a member of the WICHE Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Audrey Hidano

February 28, 2008

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Dear Senator Sakamoto:

It is with pleasure that I write to you to support the re-appointment of Roy T. Ogawa Esq. as a Commissioner of WICHE. Higher education is very important to our citizens; therefore, it is equally important that the Senate give its advice and consent to the appointment of responsible and qualified commissioners who will approach their fiduciary responsibilities in a professional, ethical and prudent manner. Without a doubt, Mr. Ogawa is such a citizen who I know will work towards that goal.

I have known Roy for many years. Professionally he is a dedicated attorney who is respected in the community not only for his legal knowledge and abilities, but more importantly for his respect and courtesy to others and for his integrity. With all of his good qualities Roy remains down to earth in his dealings with colleagues and friends alike. It is this integrity and character that makes Roy well qualified to be re-oy Ogawa appointed as a commissioner. The Higher Education Committee should welcome the re- appointment of such a well-qualified person to represent the State of Hawaii.

I highly recommend Mr. Ogawa without reservation. I am confident that a fair review by the Senate Education Committee of Mr. Ogawa's qualifications will allow his fine qualities to shine through. Please support Mr. Ogawa's re-appointment to WICHE. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Robert H. Gerell

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I enthusiastically recommend Roy T. Ogawa for another term as a state commissioner for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). I have worked with Roy on the commission for the past year. During this time, I have come to know him as a highly-respected and beloved member of WICHE. Having the experience of serving as a WICHE commissioner for four years, including serving on the Issue Analysis and Research Committee and the Audit Committee, Roy has gained sufficient confidence of the commissioners to become the current Chair of WICHE.

Roy's leadership in WICHE has been manifested in his diligence and interest in providing quality educational opportunities for the community of fifteen Western states. Specifically, for Hawai'i, he has supported the return of college students under the WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program to work in Hawai'i after they graduate. In addition, under Roy's leadership last year, WICHE unanimously approved a motion to make Hawai'i residents eligible to enroll in community colleges in the Western region participating in the WICHE's Western Undergraduate Exchange Program at a reduced tuition.

There are many other WICHE educational, research, and economic development programs that have the potential to improve student access and success in postsecondary education and workforce development. Roy has the WICHE experience and commitment to connect the State of Hawai'i with the benefits that WICHE can provide.

Please reappoint Roy T. Ogawa as a state commissioner for WICHE.

Thank you for your support of his nomination.

Sincerely,

Helene Sokugawa

testimony

From: Mary Flood - HI [MKFlood@drhorton.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2008 4:15 PM

To: testimony

Subject: GM 349 Consideration and and Confirmation of Roy Ogawa TO WICHE for a term to expire 6-30-2012

Hearing ,March 7,2008,Senate Committee on Education,1:15PM Room 225

Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee on Education:

I am Mary K Flood ,Vice President of Sales and Marketing for DR Horton –Schuler homes ,LLC a real estate development company here in Hawaii and current President of BIA,the Building Industry Association of Hawaii .I would like to join Karen Nakamura the CEO of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii in strongly supporting the confirmation of Roy T. Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Roy Ogawa has over the past several years shown his interest in promoting the goals of WICHE as a commissioner. The fact that he has been selected to be Chair of WICHE for 2008 further suggests that those who have served with him recognize his dedication and leadership abilities. These are qualities that Mr. Ogawa carries with him always as part and parcel of his character.

I have served with Mr .Ogawa on the Board of Directors of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii .He is reliable, enthusiastic, analytical and vocal in the pursuit of the issues presented .He is often the one Board member whose sharp insight and intelligent observations can bring the Board to consensus on a difficult subject. He has demonstrated his knowledge and integrity often to assist us all in achieving a final decision.

As President of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii and as a colleague in the business community in Honolulu ,I offer my sincere and utmost support for Roy Ogawa and request that he be confirmed to WICHE.

Thank you for reviewing my testimony.