

Castle & Cooke
Hawai'i



100 Kahelu Avenue
Mililani, Hawaii 96789-3997
P.O. Box 898900
Mililani, Hawaii 96789-8900
(808) 548-4811 Fax (808) 548-6670

LATE TESTIMONY

March 7, 2008

To: Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Education

Fr: Harry A. Saunders, President
Castle & Cooke Hawai'i

Re: GM 349 Consideration and Confirmation of Roy Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) for a term to end 6-30-2012
Senate Committee on Education, 1:15 P.M., Room 225

On behalf of Castle & Cooke Hawai'i, we would like to offer our support of GM 349 for the confirmation of Roy Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) for a term to end 6-30-2012.

Since its inception in 1959, WICHE administers the Western Regional Education Compact that is designed to pool educational resources, plans jointly for the preparation of a specialized skilled labor force, and avoids the duplication of expensive facilities and programs wherever feasible.

During his first term as a commissioner, Mr. Ogawa demonstrated his dedication to the purpose of WICHE. His selection as the Chair of WICHE for 2008 attests to his peers' recognition of the personal and professional commitment he is willing to make as a Commissioner. Mr. Ogawa has a strong belief in the importance of education and is deeply committed to providing high quality educational opportunities for our citizens.

Mr. Ogawa exhibits the same dedication to the other organizations. He has 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 this organization. Mr. Ogawa continues his service to BIA-Hawaii as a member of its Board of Directors.

For these reasons, Castle & Cooke Hawai'i supports the confirmation of Roy Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.