



GOV. MSG. NO. 518

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March 17, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Disability and Communication Access Board**:

Lance Kaneshiro

Term to Expire: 6/30/2011

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Disability and Communication Access
Board

March 20, 2008

Lance Kaneshiro

Disability and Communication Access Board

Chair Ige, members of the Senate Committee on Disability and Communication Access Board, thank you for this opportunity to present some background information about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

I was born in Honolulu and was raised in McCully. I attended and graduated from McKinley High School. I then continued my education at Washington State University, where I graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Architecture in 1989. I have been the Director for the Washington State University Alumni Association Hawaii Chapter for two terms.

Upon graduating from Washington State University, I began working at the architecture firm of Yamasato, Fujiwara, Higa and Associates. I have been working there for 19 years. I have utilized the Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines in practically all of the projects I have been involved with.

A position on DCAB would give me the opportunity to work on a broader range of issues that our citizens encounter. These citizens and visitors alike need to have their necessary issues addressed as to not be discriminated against and to have the highest possible accessibility in our community. I can understand their concerns as I have recently been given direct involvement with caring for my mother who has some accessibility issues.

I know that this position will challenge me but I feel that with my professional background, hard work ethic, and experience with the ADAAG will prepare me for these challenges. I humbly ask for your support on my nomination to the Disability and Communication Access Board. Mahalo.



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March 31, 2008

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 518 - Appointment of Lance Kaneshiro to the Disability and Communication Access Board

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Mr. Lance Kaneshiro to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. The Board is a seventeen (17) member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their families, or caregivers.

Mr. Kaneshiro is a licensed architect in the State of Hawaii with a private architectural firm. Mr. Kaneshiro has expressed interest and demonstrated expertise in the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for the design of buildings and facilities. The Board has responsibility, under §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to review all plans and specifications for the construction of state and county buildings, facilities, and sites to ensure physical access for persons with disabilities. Mr. Kaneshiro's architectural expertise will be valuable in the setting of policies, guidelines, interpretive opinions, and recommendations on key issues such as a new State Building Code.

We believe that Mr. Kaneshiro will be an asset to the Board and recommend your confirmation of his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director