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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE #599
RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
DAVID MAKIJI MATSUURA TO THE
CORRECTIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

by

Clayton A. Frank, Director
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Senate Committee on Public Safety
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

April 10, 2008, at 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Senator Espero, Senator Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (Department) fully supports the nomination and confirmation of Mr. David Matsuura to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee for a term that would expire on June 30, 2012. There is established within the Department a committee known as the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee. This Committee advises the Department on the feasibility of entering into venture agreements with private sector businesses to utilize the services of qualified, able-bodied inmates.

The Correctional Industries Advisory Committee consists of nine members who are appointed by the Governor. Hawaii Revised Statutes 345D-5 states that the Governor shall designate at least two members representing private sector business. We believe Mr. Matsuura will bring to the Committee his knowledge, expertise and years of experience by providing insight into negotiations and

regulatory requirements as Correctional Industries negotiates contract agreements.

Mr. Matsuura is the current President and Owner of Orchid Isle Nursery specializing in growing and exporting orchids nationwide. Mr. Matsuura's former positions as Managing Steward at Umikoa Ranch and Project Manager/Managing Member of Onipa'a LLC will provide the Correctional Industries invaluable experience and knowledge in land management and development, diversified agriculture, government and environmental regulations.

Mr. Matsuura will be able to provide Correctional Industries sound insight based upon his extensive experience and expertise. We have no doubt that Mr. Matsuura will be an exemplary contributing member to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee and, therefore, without reservation, would fully support his nomination to this committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Nina Fisher
89-639 Nanakuli Avenue
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April 9, 2008

Honorable Senator Will Espero, Chair
Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Vice President
Members of the Public Safety Committee

Subject: Strong Support of GM 559 David M. Matsuura

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in **strong support** of
Gubernatorial Nominee 559, Mr. David M. Matsuura.

I have had the privilege in working with David Matsuura when he served as a
State Senator in the Hawaii State Legislature, his leadership in the state Senate help pass
some of the toughest laws in Hawaii.

I believe his experience and positive contribution to the State can help the
Correctional Industry Advisory Committee and the Administration of Public Safety
accomplish goals and programs for our incarcerated prisoners here in Hawaii as well as
those in the mainland.

David Matsuura's working relationship with different agencies such as the
Federal, State, and Counties have successfully help other programs, groups and
organizations that his apart of.

I am confident to say that David Matsuura is well qualified for this position and
will make the hard decisions when need to, to accomplish the work and goals the
Correctional Industry Advisory Committee needs to address.

Thank you again for allowing me to testify.

Sincerely,



Nina Fisher

04/08/2008

Senator Will Espero
Chair Senate Committee on Public Safety
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Application of David Matsuura to the Correctional Industry Advisory Committee

Dear Senator Espero:

I would like to thank you for you and your committee's consideration of me to serve on the Correctional Industry Advisory Committee. I would like to use this letter to list my personal references as well as give you a little background as to why I would like to serve on this committee as well the reasons why I could positively contribute to help make correctional industries successful.

Personal References:

1. Dr. Fujio Matsuda - fmatsuda@hawaii.rr.com
2. Senate President Colleen Hanabusa - hanabusa1@capitol.hawaii.gov
3. Kahu Gayman Apaka - gaapaka@ksbe.edu

I would like to serve on this committee because I strongly believe that correctional industries can be a great way to help and rehabilitate our people that are currently incarcerated. By creating partnerships with local business can be a win win situation where we can help train and reintegrate our people before they are released and help local businesses at the same time.

I believe our role and responsibilities of this committee is to advise the Department of Public Safety as to how to effectively and efficiently implement the programs and operations of the Correctional Industries.

I feel I can bring a very unique perspective and understanding to this committee in that I have created two of these partnerships with Correctional Industries. The first project was one of the first partnerships started when Correctional Industries was created. Both projects had the potential to be successful but due to obstacles within the correctional system both were phased out. I believe that these obstacles can be overcome by a clear understanding of both sides (correction system and private business). I do not know if I can actually achieve this goal but I believe that correctional industries is the best and only program that the State has that has the potential of helping our people that are in our prisons and I am willing to volunteer my services to this cause. My background is mainly in Agriculture Business which I believe is one of the

main industries that we can integrate and train our people who are going to be released back into society.

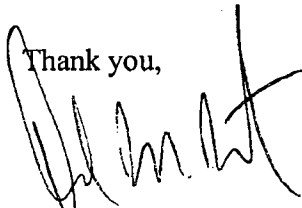
I believe the three qualities that I have that could benefit the committee and correctional industries are my past experience with working partnerships with Correctional Industries. I have personally experienced the problems and shortfalls of the programs and I believe that I can help advice and bring an understanding of how to overcome these problems. My business background coupled with my experience with the programs will bring the perspective of the private business partner to the committee. I believe that for this committee and correctional industries to be successful the perspective all parties involved has to be represented and understood. The third quality that I believe I can bring to the committee is my ability to think out of the box and challenge the system. My experience in government has taught me that you have to think out of the box, be creative and some times be aggressive to get anything accomplished.

The one experience that I had working with correctional industries that motives me to remain dedicated to this program is my personal experience in the first partnership with Correctional Industries. Having an inmate that was in our program come and thank me for helping. A lot of times we think of the incarcerated as something other then what they are...people just like us. It is a privilege and honor to help those left fortunate then us. I believe we can teach our "Least of these our brothers and sisters" to fish rather then give them fish.

The only conflict of interest I foresee is if we accomplish our goals of making correctional industries a successful partnership between the Department of Public Safety and private business; I would want to step back to the plate and try once again to form a partnership with correctional industries.

Thank you for your consideration of my nomination to this committee. I apologize in advance for not being at your hearing. My daughter is expected to give birth any day now and the 10th is her due date.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David M. Matsuura', written over the typed name below.

David M. Matsuura

DAVID M. MATSUURA

- Professional Experience** 1985 - Present Orchid Isle Nursery Hilo, HI
President / Owner
- 4.5 acre nursery specializing in growing orchids for cut flower and potted plant production for export sales nationwide.
 - Responsibilities: Planting and production of the crop. Construction of nursery structures and equipment maintenance & operation.
 - Working Experience & Knowledge: Diversified agriculture, small business management, marketing, and construction.
 - Working Relationships: Federal and State Agencies. Industry organizations (Agriculture).
- 1990 - 2008 Umikoa Ranch Hilo, HI
Managing Steward
- 2000 acre ranch specializing in salvage logging, reforestation of native forests and habitat restoration.
 - Responsibilities: Management of logging / reforestation and ranch operations. Obtaining private contracts and grant / cost share funding.
 - Working Experience & Knowledge: Reforestation, logging, land management, environmental regulations, conservation programs and ranching.
 - Working Relationships: Federal, State and County agencies. Industry and environmental organizations.
- 2004 - Present Onipa'a LLC Hilo, HI
Project Manager / Managing Member
- 530 acre development.
 - Responsibilities: Negotiate contracts, plan and oversee all development, coordinate development team and manage all financial affairs.
 - Working Experience & Knowledge: Governmental regulations and requirements in regards to land development; specific fields which embody an Environmental Impact Statement, and community relations.
 - Working Relationships: Federal, State and County agencies, businesses involved in doing an Environmental Impact Statement.
- 2004 Hoffman - La Roche Inc. Honolulu, HI
Government Affairs Lobbyist
- Responsibilities: General lobbying efforts in Hawaii.
- 1998 - 2002 State of Hawaii Honolulu, HI
State Senator
- Serving the 2nd Senatorial district of Hilo and Upper Puna.
 - Chairman – Health & Human Service Committee.
 - Vice Chair– Judiciary Committee. Member – Agriculture, Tourism & Intergovernmental and Labor Committees.
 - Working Experience & Knowledge: Governmental leadership and operations.

**Professional
Affiliations**

Hawaii Organic Farmers Assoc (*Member)
Hawaii Farm Bureau (*Member)
Hawaii Florist Shipper Assoc. (*Member)
Kaneohehua Industrial Area Assoc. (*Member)

**Community
Activities**

Gideons International (*Member)
Good Will Industries – (*Board of Director)
Haili Congregational Church (*Member)
University of Nations –YWAM : (*President Council / International Board)
Aloha Ke Akua (*Board)

* - Current

Education

1981 - 1985 University of California, Davis Davis, CA
Agricultural Economics (BS)
Managerial Economics (BS)

1981 Hilo High School Hilo, HI

**Personal
Background**

Date of Birth - February 21, 1963
Married - Elizabeth Matsuura - Children - Joy, Grace, Matthew, Faith & Hope

Awards / Acknowledgements

AWARD	FROM	RECOGNIZED FOR
OUTSTANDING LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR 2000	HAWAII MEDICAL ASSOCIATION	OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL COMMUNITY
OUTSTANDING LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR 2001	HAWAII MEDICAL ASSOCIATION	OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL COMMUNITY
OUTSTANDING LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR 2002	HAWAII MEDICAL ASSOCIATION	OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL COMMUNITY
OUTSTANDING RANCHER OF THE YEAR 2000	HAMAKUA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – NRCS	OUTSTANDING COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION EFFORTS
OUTSTANDING COOPERATOR OF THE YEAR 2001	HAMAKUA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – NRCS	OUTSTANDING ACHIEVMENT IN CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION
RESPECTOR OF LIFE - 2002	CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF HONOLULU	APPRECIATION FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN DIGNITY
LEGISLATIVE ANGEL OF THE ISLANDS AWARD - 2002	SISTERS OFFERING SUPPORT	ANGELS WHO HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF VICTIMS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
APPRECIATION OF SUPPORT – 1998	GIRLS SCOUT COUNCIL OF HAWAII	IN APPRECIATION OF SUPPORT
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - 2001	DEPT OF THE ARMY FOURTH REGION ROTC	DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF ARMY JUNIOR ROTC
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – 2003	HAWAII COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE – AMERICORPS HAWAII	FOR SUPPORTING AND INITIATING LEGISLATION THAT CREATED HCNCs – AMERICORPS HAWAII
PACIFIC CENTURY FELLOW	PACIFIC CENTURY FOUNDATION	ONE YEAR FELLOWS PROGRAM THAT TRAINS AND EDUCATES YOUNG LEADERS IN HAWAII

Special Committee Work / Accomplishments

Project Title	Sponsoring Organizations	Title / Accomplishment
2001-2002 National Committee on the Model Bioterrorism Bill	National Council of State Legislators (NCSL) / Centers for Disease Control (CDC)	Committee Member – Helped Hawaii to be the first State to implement Bioterrorism Bill
2001-2002 Committee on Long Term Care	Council of State Governments (CSG)	Committee Member
2001-2002 National Health Committee Chairs	National Council of State Legislators (NCSL)	Hawaii State Representative
2001-2002 National Science Foundation Advisory Committee	EPSCOR – Hawaii, University of Hawaii	Committee Member – Helped qualified Hawaii as an EPSCOR state with NSF.
2001-2002 Joint Legislative Committee – Long Term Care	2001-2002 Hawaii Legislature	Committee Co-Chair – Helped implement LTC Financing Bill
2001-2002 Joint Legislative Committee on Prescription Drugs	2001-2002 Hawaii Legislature	Committee Chairman – Implemented legislation & programs for discount drugs
2001-2002 Joint Leg. Com. on Felix Consent Decree	2001-2002 Hawaii Legislature	Committee Co-Chair – Investigation into Adolescent Mental Health
2001-2002 Joint Leg. Investigative Comm on Felix Consent Decree	2001-2002 Hawaii Legislature	Committee Member – Major reform to Dept. of Education, Dept. Of Health
Wetland Restoration Project (WRP) – Umikoa Ranch	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – USDA, Ducks Unlimited (DU)	First in the nation to implement a WRP and SHA to protect endangered Hawaiian Duck & other endangered species.
Safe Harbor Agreement (SHA) – Umikoa Ranch	HI - Dept. of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR) - United States Fish & Wildlife Services (USFW), DU	Second in State to complete a safe harbor agreement to protect endangered species
Forest Stewardship Project (FSP) – Umikoa Ranch	Hawaii State DLNR	Largest Forest Stewardship Project to establish a native Koa forest
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – Oneloa Project	Hawaii State / Hawaii County	First company to obtain approval to submit EIS on electronic media and internet web site
Private Stewardship Grant Project (PSGP) – Umikoa Ranch	United States Fish & Wildlife Service - USF&W	Awarded two grants in a nationwide competition for work with endangered species