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Testimony



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To: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
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Date: April 5, 2011
Time: 8:55 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

From: Dwight Takamine, Director
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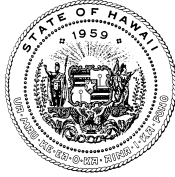
**GM 561 – ALFRED C. LARDIZABAL
Hawaii Workforce Development Council**

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Alfred C. Lardizabal to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

The addition of Mr. Lardizabal to the Workforce Development Council would bring a wealth of experience, education and knowledge to the Council. Mr. Lardizabal has served in numerous capacities in the public and private sector, most recently as the Director of Government and Community Relations with the Laborers' Union. Mr. Lardizabal's resume includes stints as a Hawaii legislator, director and deputy director of state and county departments, private sector jobs in the international arena and solid academic credentials. Serving in all these aforementioned capacities will give Mr. Lardizabal a unique perspective and insight to bring to the Council. In short, Mr. Lardizabal is supremely qualified and well positioned to effectively help the Council achieve its goals while serving as Labor's representative.

I can personally attest to Mr. Lardizabal qualifications as I have had the honor and pleasure of working in public service with Al in his various capacities for nearly 30 years. Al has the character, knowledge, enthusiasm and commitment to serve as a valuable asset not only to the Workforce Development Council, but ultimately to the entire State. In summary, Mr. Lardizabal is well qualified and deserving of confirmation for the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

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To: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2011
Time: 8:55 a.m.
Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 016

From: James P. Hardway, Executive Director
Workforce Development Council

**RE: GM 561 – Alfred C. Lardizabal
Workforce Development Council**

The Workforce Development Council (“WDC”) supports the appointment of Mr. Alfred Lardizabal as a member of the WDC for a term to expire on 6/30/2015. Mr. Lardizabal would fill a slot reserved for members of labor unions on the WDC.

The WDC is an attached agency to the DLIR and is responsible for advising the Governor and Legislature on workforce development to support economic development and employment opportunities for all. The WDC is also the State Workforce Investment Board for purposes of the federal Workforce Investment Act (“WIA”) of 1998. The WDC assists the Governor in developing and updating comprehensive five-year strategic workforce investment plans and oversees workforce (public) investment activities in the state.

The WDC feels that Mr. Lardizabal is qualified to be a member of the WDC due to his long-standing experience regarding labor issues in the State. His career, spanning four decades of service to the public, from that of a Hawaii State Representative to serving as Deputy Director in the Department of Labor, Department of Personal Services as well as being a deputy labor negotiator for the State of Hawaii, Mr. Lardizabal comes to the Council with a wealth of knowledge and experience that will help the WDC continue to focus on developing the Workforce in the state of Hawaii.

Mr. Lardizabal’s views of service to the WDC mirror well the entire view of the 31-member Council and will become a vital player in the primary jobs that the WDC does for the community.

Thank you for this time to provide testimony for Mr. Alfred Lardizabal.



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April 5, 2011

TO: CHAIR CLAYTON HEE
State Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 8:55 a.m., Conference Room 016

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 561

**NOMINATION OF MR. ALFRED C. LARDIZABAL FOR THE HAWAII
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Honorable **Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro** and members of the **State Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,**

The **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186** represents over 3,200 members working in electrical construction, telecommunications, and with Oceanic Cable. Our members include civil service employees at Pearl Harbor, Kaneohe, Hickam, and at every military installation in Hawaii. IBEW Local 1186 also represents over 110 signatory electrical contracting companies that perform most of the electrical work in the state.

It is my pleasure to humbly offer my support for the confirmation of **Mr. Alfred Lardizabal's** nomination to the **Hawaii Workforce Development Council**. Mr. Lardizabal's experience working in and with government, labor, and management in the construction industry will be valuable to the Council. Al is a hard worker who has a passion for the working man and woman and their safety and training.

Mr. Lardizabal's background and his temperament for working with others to find solutions will be a tremendous asset to the Governor, the State Legislature, the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, and the people of Hawaii.

We urge you to support Mr. Al Lardizabal's confirmation and thank you for this opportunity to offer my testimony.

Aloha and mahalo,

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Testimony of Glenn Ida

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Before the Senate:
Committee on Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Tuesday, April 5, 2011
8:55 AM, Conference Room 016

GM 561 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Alfred C. Lardizabal, for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Aloha Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members,

My name is Glenn Ida; I represent the 1300 plus active members and about 600 retirees of the Plumbers and Fitters Union, Local 675.

Local 675, strongly Supports, GM561, the nomination of Mr. Alfred C. Lardizabal, to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, whose term expires on June 30, 2015.

Mr. Lardizabal is a member of the Hawaii Building Trades Council Legislative Committee and Construction Task force Committee representing the Hawaii Laborers' Union. He lobbies state and county governments on legislation affecting the construction industry, which could result in employment for his members and others. He also advocates for labor related issues such as workers rights and benefits, unemployment insurance, worker compensation, prevailing wages, collective bargaining, and training.

He is a former an elected member of the State House of Representatives serving on the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Public Employment and Labor. He was a former Hawaii State Director of Personnel, former Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, former Director of Finance for the County of Kauai.

We believe that Mr. Lardizabal possesses the experience and knowledge that will make him an asset to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council in achieving its goals and mission.

Local 675 respectfully request the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Alfred Lardizabal to the Hawai'I Workforce Development Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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