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April 11, 2011

TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

For Hearing on April 13, 2011,
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 016

By

SUNSHINE P.W. TOPPING, DIRECTOR
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Governor's Message # 737

Relating to the Appointment of

DENNIS L. VANAIIRSDALE

To the Board of Trustees, Deferred Compensation Plan

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

To Chairperson Clayton Hee and Committee Members:

I am submitting this testimony in support of Mr. Dennis Vanairsdale to the Board of Trustees ("**Board**") of the State of Hawaii Deferred Compensation Plan ("**Plan**") in my capacities as the Director of the Department of Human Resources Development ("**DHRD**") and current member of the Board.

Mr. Vanairsdale has been an accounting professor for twenty-seven (27) years in the University of Hawaii system (and has taught accounting, taxation, and business law), and is the chairperson of the Investment, Finance and Audit Committee of UHPA.

He also has been licensed for approximately thirty (30) years as a certified public accountant and an attorney for approximately thirty-five (35) years (specializing in the area of taxation).

Mr. Vanairsdale's professional experience and understanding of financial planning and prudent investing will be beneficial to the Plan and its participants. His background will complement and enhance the expertise of the other Board members.

In summary, I believe that Mr. Vanairsdale will be a tremendous asset to the Board and urge your support of Mr. Vanairsdale's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sunshine P.W. Topping". The signature is stylized and cursive.

SUNSHINE P.W. TOPPING
Director, Department of Human Resources
Development; and
Ex-Officio Board Member, Board of Trustees
State of Hawaii Deferred Compensation Plan



The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Wednesday, April 13, 2011
9:00 a.m.

GM 737, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan, Gubernatorial Nominee, DENNIS L. VANAIIRSDALE, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Dear Chairperson Hee and Committee Members:

I stand in support of the confirmation of Dennis L. Vanairsdale to the Board of Trustees of the State Deferred Compensation Plan. I have known Mr. Vanairsdale for close to twenty years as he has served as an outstanding faculty member in the accountancy program of Kapiolani Community College and as a member of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly's (UHPA) Board of Directors.

Presently, Mr. Vanairsdale is the chair of UHPA's Investment, Finance & Audit Committee, and his background in both accounting and law has proven invaluable to our organization. Mr. Vanairsdale presents all the qualifications to carry out the role of Trustee in the evaluation and selection of a Deferred Compensation Plan for public employees. He is both an expert in the related fields and an able advocate for the public employees' interests embodied in any deferred compensation plan.

I strongly recommend the confirmation of Governor Abercrombie's appointment of Mr. Vanairsdale as a Trustee to this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J.N. Musto, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

April 10, 2011

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Dear Senators Hee, Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of DENNIS L. VANAIIRSDALE who was recently nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan. As a person who has been involved with a variety of senior care issues in Hawaii for over 35 years in numerous capacities, I am proud to support the nomination of Mr. Dennis Vanairsdale to become a member of the Deferred Compensation Plan's Board of Trustees. Dennis, as I know him, has been associated with issues related to seniors ever since he was working at the State Executive Office on Aging over 30 years ago. Since then, he has been a faculty at Kapiolani Community College in Business Education with a specialty in Accounting. Dennis has expert knowledge of long-term care insurance and the various other alternatives that older adults must consider for their retirement years. Given his commitment and knowledge of the financial needs of older adults, I am confident that he will be able to bring wise direction to the State's Deferred Compensation Plan.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Cullen T. Hayashida
Director

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

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Sunday, April 9, 2011

GM 737—Support for the confirmation of gubernatorial appointee Dennis Vanairsdale to the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan.

As a twenty-year community college faculty professor with Leeward Community College and a member of the Board of Directors of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, I would like to add my voice to those in favor of confirming Dennis Vanairsdale to a seat on the board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan.

Over the last several years, I have had opportunities to work with Dennis as a fellow BOD member, as a UHPA committee member and as UHPA Vice President. Not only does he consistently demonstrate a professional approach to his work, he also brings to it a keen interest in making constructive contributions and in voluntarily assuming responsibility.

At its monthly BOD meetings, UHPA Board members have equal opportunity to voice their concerns about any number of issues that affect individual campuses, departments, programs, or the UH-System generally, and Dennis certainly does so. Included in those issues are those concerning retirement and retirement plans, subjects that have become critical for the union over the last few years with the aging of the UH faculty.

With the appointment of Dennis to the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan, that Board of Trustees will have added to its number a unique and vital point of view developed through the give and take of collaborative problem solving.

Thank you.

**Salvatore S. Lanzilotti, Ed.D.
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

April 11, 2011

**TO: CLAYTON HEE, CHAIRPERSON AND MAILE SHIMABUKURO, VICE
CHAIRPERSON, JUDICIARY AND LABOR COMMITTEE**

FROM: SALVATORE S. LANZILOTTI, ED.D.

**RE: CONFIRMATION OF BILL GM737, SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DENNIS L. VANAIRSDALE, FOR A TERM
TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015.**

I have known Mr. Vanairsdale for over 20 years and worked with him on a variety of educational projects. Throughout the years Dennis has sought increased responsibility for improving student learning and success, increasing the quality of education at Kapi‘olani Community College, and enhancing the working conditions of his fellow faculty members.

Dennis has a keen mind and valuable experience in business, law, and education, and has been an ardent advocate for faculty and student rights at Kapi‘olani CC. Having myself served as a government employee for 20 years with the City and County of Honolulu, I trust that Dennis Vanairsdale will be a positive influence on and asset to the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan. I have no doubt that Dennis will be an outstanding member and that he will function honorably and with integrity in that capacity with the best interest of the all its members.

Therefore, I humbly request that you wholeheartedly support Dennis Vanairsdale for Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan Bill and pass Bill GM727.

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April 11, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016

RE: GM737 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan, Gubernatorial Nominee, DENNIS L. VANAIIRSDALE, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the nomination of Dennis Vanairsdale to the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan.

I have known Dennis for well over 20 years. He is an outstanding college teacher and has been a faculty leader at Kapiolani Community College for all that time. Both an attorney and a CPA, he has provided much invaluable service to the community and especially to the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly. He is deeply knowledgeable about finance and will make an outstanding addition to the Board of the Deferred Compensation Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments.

Sincerely,

John H. Radcliffe

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2011 3:19 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: dstevens131@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for GM737 on 4/13/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 4/13/2011 9:00:00 AM GM737

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 4/11/2011

Comments:

I fully support the appointment of Dennis Vanairsdale to the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan. Dennis teaches business law at Kapiolani Community College and has served for many years on the Investment, Finance and Audit Committee of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly. He currently serves as Chair of the IFAC and as Vice President of UHPA. As President of UHPA, I have worked closely with Dennis for several years. I fully support this appointment to a State Board.

From: [Gene Phillips](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony for Mr. Dennis Vanairsdale-GM 737
Date: Monday, April 11, 2011 11:21:46 PM

Greetings, Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and Committee Members.

I have been honored to address this Committee in regards to Mr. Dennis L. Vanairsdale, GM 737, with the hearing being held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Dennis Vanairsdale has been a long time professor at Kapiolani Community College in the area's of Law and Business. He has also spent much of his spare time working with the UHPA to help the members, and has off and currently on, been the chairperson for the Kapiolani Community College's Faculty Senate. I have had the pleasure of working with Dennis over the past few years in my capacity of chairperson of the Staff Council for Kapiolani Community College. In my capacity I represent Unit 1, along with Unit's 3 and 8 having representatives on our Staff Council.

I have know Dennis to be very strong willed in any action/issue/interest that catches his desire for equity, and honesty in the treatment of those he would represent and those whom would be on the "other side" of any issue. Dennis is very meticulous in his approach to any issue he has latched onto. He will look at the, at least two sides, of any issue, he will go through a very thorough investigation of an issue to come to an honest answer or balance or resolution. Most times one that will be of benefit to both sides of "the" issue.

Dennis has helped me in my capacity of chairperson of Staff Council in a number of issues over the years. Through in depth discussions, at times taking a day or two to think over the components and variables of an issue before getting back to me with his thoughts. I have also known Dennis to be very honest, very dedicated to the equity of those whom he is representing. Even in a case where the resolution may be taken as a "lost", Dennis will regroup, continue to think and investigate, and at some point find a different avenue to come back to the original issue and present the new avenue for further discussion. Dennis does not give up!

I believe Dennis will be of an invaluable status to the Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan. With his dedication and determination to bring to the current and future members of the Deferred Compensation Plan, the best possible plans, i.e. lowest possible costs to join and grow ones retirement with the highest possible payouts over a member's career. As I have mentioned above, Dennis will bring to the committee, a very strong sense and desire for an honest approach to issues of concern, balanced with the realities of the economy and what is best for the members over the long term. Dennis will also advocate for new members where ever he goes. He has a wit about him to bring up, in conversation, the latest venture he has taken on and how one could benefit, as would be the case if chosen as a committee member.

In conclusion, the Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan, will add person of honor, integrity, honesty and dedication by allowing Dennis Vanairsdale the opportunity to serve on this very important committee to the retirees of our Great

State of Hawaii. I sincerely asked that he be given the highest level of consideration, and ultimately chosen. for the future, positive benefit, of all.

Thank you very much for your time in this matter,

Sincerely,

Gene Phillips
Kapio`lani Community College
Staff Council Chair
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April 13, 2011

To: Senate Committee On Judiciary & Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

By: Richard C. Botti as an individual

Re: GM737—Appointment of Dennis L. Vanairsdale to the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan

Chairs & Committee Members:

I wish to support the nomination of Dennis L. Vanairsdale to the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan.

I have known Dennis for thirty years as a friend, and a tax attorney. His knowledge in accounting, tax law, as a U.H. Professor, his participation in non-profit Boards, and his knowledge of tax law, make Dennis the appointment that the State should not dismiss.

I consider Dennis an honest and credible individual with high integrity that will serve the goals of the Board to the highest and best interest to both the State and the participants.