

**GM740**  
**TESTIMONY**



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

Date: April 13, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

From: Dwight Takamine, Director  
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**GM 740 – MARIAN TSUJI**

**Hawai'i Workforce Development Council**

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) supports the confirmation of Ms. Marian Tsuji to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council.

Ms. Tsuji has a variety of work experiences concentrated in the public and non-profit sectors, which would enable her to make a strong contribution to the Workforce Development Council. Ms. Tsuji has over thirty years experience working with populations with challenges both here in Hawai'i and in New York City. Ms. Tsuji held various management positions with the corrections systems in New York City and Hawai'i, including Deputy Director for the Hawai'i Department of Public Safety.

Ms. Tsuji also served as the Chief of Staff for Lieutenant Governor Mazie Hirono and among her responsibilities was bringing people from government, the private sector and university communities together to work on projects in education, economic development and high tech. More recently, Ms. Tsuji has served as the President and CEO of Lanakila Pacific, a non-profit offering programs, including workforce training, that build independence for thousands of people each year.

I can personally attest to Ms. Tsuji's qualifications as I have had the honor and pleasure of working in public service with Marian in her various capacities for many years. Marian 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, Ms. Tsuji is well qualified and deserving of confirmation for the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council.

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To: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair  
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Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2011  
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From: James P. Hardway, Executive Director  
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**RE: GM 740 – Marian Tsuji  
Workforce Development Council**

The Workforce Development Council (“WDC”) supports the appointment of Ms. Marian Tsuji as a member of the WDC for a term to expire on 6/30/2015. Ms. Tsuji would fill a slot reserved for private sector members 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 finds the wealth of experience that Ms. Tsuji has will be a vital component on the WDC upon her appointment. With her knowledge of public safety, Ms. Tsuji will bring to the Council critical knowledge of the workforce training needs of inmates that are released into society. Along with her knowledge of special needs through her role as CEO of Lanakila Pacific, Ms. Tsuji will bring added value and depth to the knowledge base of the WDC as it moves forward in evaluating and recommending how federal training monies should be spent on these neediest of populations.

Thank you for this time to provide testimony for Ms. Marian Tsuji.

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I am submitting my testimony in support of GM 740 of Gubernatorial Nominee, Marian Tsuji, for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council., Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 9:00 am, Conference Room 016, State Capitol.

My name is Deanna Espinas and I have been with the Department of Public Safety for over 30 years. I had the privilege of working with Ms. Tsuji when she was Deputy Director of Corrections with our Department. Marian gave me the opportunity to work on the Gender Responsivity Project to address the needs of our incarcerated women. Marian believed that a comprehensive approach was important in our work with female offenders. She supported the Department in developing policies and plans to focus on a continuum of care. Marian also pushed us to partner with all sectors of state government and the community to support incarcerated women beginning from the time of arrest until their release back to society. As a member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Marian Tsuji will serve as a leader who continues to seek opportunities for those individuals who need our support to obtain education, vocational training, and meaningful work in order to become contributing members of Hawaii's working community.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of Marian Tsuji.

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