

GM742
TESTIMONY



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April 11, 2011

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
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

GM 742 – SESNITA A.D. MOEPONO

Hawai'i Labor Relations Board

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) supports the confirmation of Ms. Sesnita A.D. Moepono to the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board.

Ms. Moepono's education, work experience and community involvement indicate that she has the requisite credentials to serve on the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board. Ms. Moepono earned a B.A. in Political Science from UH Manoa and a J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law. Ms. Moepono has served in numerous capacities in the public sector, including high-level administrative positions with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Department of Public Safety, and significant experience in various positions at the legislature over many years. Ms. Moepono also has legal experience in the private sector where she practiced in areas including employment, workers' compensation and contract law among others.

Notably, Ms. Moepono has volunteered her time and energy to participate in numerous initiatives and civic matters including a long involvement with her Neighborhood Board, the Kupuna Caucus and the Honolulu Planning Commission among other community organizations.

Ms. Moepono has the ability to serve as a valuable asset to the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board and is well qualified and deserving of confirmation for the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board.

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

April 11, 2011

Re: Governor's Message 742
Nomination of Sesnita A.D. Moepono, Esq. to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I am writing to offer my strong personal support for the appointment of gubernatorial nominee Sesnita A.D. Moepono, Esq. to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

I have known Ms. Moepono since we were law students together at the William S. Richardson School of Law over 25 years ago. Over the years, we have become good friends and colleagues in our joint efforts to serve the public. In my current position as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, I have worked with Ms. Moepono on several community prosecution initiatives that address illegal drug dealing and related neighborhood crime problems. In our work together, Ms. Moepono has demonstrated that she possesses the leadership, integrity, listening skills, intelligence, legal experience and solution oriented approach to difficult problems -- qualifications that will serve her well in her new position on the HLRB. Ms. Moepono has also earned a reputation in the community for her humility, compassion, patience, and ability to work with people of various cultural backgrounds and divergent interests.

Ms. Moepono is highly qualified to serve on the Hawaii Labor Relations Board, and I endorse her candidacy unequivocally.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my personal opinion on this nominee.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecelia C.Y. Chang
HSBA #3929

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HAWAII STATE SENATE – REGULAR SESSION 2011
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

April 13, 2011
9:00 AM, Conference Room 016

GM No. 742 –Relating to Governor Neil Abercrombie’s nomination of Sesnita A. D. Moepono for consideration and confirmation to the *Hawaii Labor Relations Board* for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

Chair Sen. Clayton Hee, V.C. Sen. Maile S. L. Shimabukuru and Committee Members:

Good morning. My name is Dante Carpenter, a concerned citizen of Hawaii whose residence is in the Salt Lake area of Honolulu, Hawaii. I have occupied positions as former state senator and OHA Administrator. I am in strong support of the nomination forwarded to you by Governor Neil Abercrombie of Sesnita A. D. Moepono for confirmation by the State Senate as a member of the Hawaii Labor Relations Board in accordance with requirements of the Hawaii State Constitution.

Ms. Moepono is a product of the U of H Richardson School of Law where she received her J. D. in 1986. She has been a member of the Legislature’s Senate Majority staff and Judiciary Committees where she distinguished herself even prior to becoming a law student by drafting the “Generic Drug” statutes which requires lower cost equivalent drugs to be made available to the consuming public. Further, she had drafted Firearms statutes requiring a minimum 7-day waiting period for evaluation for competence prior to registration, and permit approval by Hawaii’s local Chiefs of Police. These are long standing statutes of major import! She has also clerked for circuit court Judges Daniel G. Heely and Wilfred K. Watanabe.

I would further attest that a summary of her duties as a Deputy Administrator for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs included oversight of all administrative/financial services division in responsible charge of programs, services and activities relating to personnel, contracts, and myriad other associated duties. She was instrumental in producing for OHA the ability to gain legislative approval for OHA to issue and administer reimbursable bonds for certain projects advocated. This authority is identical to the U of H.

Finally, I am also aware that Ms Moepono has been a community advocate with impeccable credentials, including service on the City & County’s Planning Commission (8 years), member and Chair of Liliha-Alewa Neighborhood Board, and has performed volunteer service for the Red Cross, Neighborhood Justice Center, and Women’s Correctional Facility. Her willingness to share her time, expertise and energy in additional public service is truly commendable and sincerely appreciated.

I strongly recommend the approval of GM 742 and nomination of Sesnita A. D. Moepono to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Written Statement of
L.P. Neenz Faleafine
Community Developer
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
April 11, 2011
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
In Support of
**GM 742 Gubernatorial Nominee Sesnita A.D. MOEPONO for Hawai'i Labor
Relations Board**

TO: Chair Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, and Committee Members

From: L.P. Neenz Faleafine, Community Developer

Re: Testimony in Support of GM 742

Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of GM 742**, confirmation hearing of Gubernatorial Nominee **Sesnita A.D. Moepono** to the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board.

I have known Sesnita A.D. Moepono for most of my adult life on a personal level. She is a kind and genuine person who is always putting others first.

Recently, I was able to work with her during the 2010 campaign season. During those months, I was able to observe her steadfast work ethic of being of service to her community. She has the capabilities of bridging the private and public sectors and building strong communities.

Please approve her nomination for the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board.

Sincerely,

L.P. Neenz Faleafine

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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: GM742 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, SESNITA A. D. MOEPONO, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

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

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Sesnita Moepono for about thirty years and I strongly support her nomination to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. She has a lot of experience in the law and has also had a strong career as a legislative staffer and attorney. Sesnita comes from a long line of public service oriented people, including her mother, who served with distinction on the Employee Retirement System Board.

She is steady, well versed in labor law, and has a deep understanding of public employment.

Sincerely,

John H. Radcliffe

TO: Senate Committee for Judiciary and Labor
Honorable Clayton Hee, Chairman
Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Honorable Mike Gabbard, Member
Honorable Les Ihara, Member
Honorable Sam Sloan, Member

Subject: GM 742 – Sesnita A.D. Moepono

My name is Edmund “Fred” Hyun. I am submitting testimony in support of the nomination of Sesnita Moepono for Management Representative with the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

I met and became acquainted with Ms Moepono when she was a Youth Specialist with the Office of Youth Services in the early 1990s. Since then Ms Moepono has broadened her legal and administrative experiences with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Legislature and Senate Committees, Veteran’s Administration, and of recent, the Department of Public Safety.

We share a common passion for serving government and the people of Hawaii. I know Ms Moepono’s beliefs and practices of equality and fairplay. She is characterized by her loyalty and dedication to those she services. Ms Moepono is always considerate and aware of listening to all sides. Ms Moepono does not compromise her integrity and maintains the highest ethical standards in her practice. She is a very patient individual who studies and researches before opening revealing her position. I have ultimate faith in Ms Moepono’s decisions. I personally know her to be a genuine and sincere professional with a wealth of experience that makes her highly qualified for the position of Management Representative.

If any member has any questions or concerns, my contact information is listed below:

Edmund “Fred” Hyun
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Phone: 808 542-8531

Mahalo for your consideration.


E. Fred Hyun

Testimony before the
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Wednesday, April 13, 2011 -- 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 016

Statement on Governor's Message No. 742

Sharon Y. (Miyashiro) Moriwaki

To The Honorable Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Sesnita A. D. Moepono for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. She has an extensive background in employment and labor law and has a proven record of leadership and fairness in her various capacities as staff to the legislature and various state agencies and as chair and member of numerous community organizations.

I have known Ms. Moepono for over 10 years, beginning with our service on community projects. She has also been a tenacious and conscientious advocate for all those whom she serves – from my individual case with my aged uncle who needed her assistance to those who she assists through her work in the community –whether it be the Neighborhood Board, the Kunawai Neighborhood Watch & Patrol, or the Honolulu Committee on Aging or the Honolulu Planning Commission. If Ses is involved, you will have a passionate, caring, tenacious, and industrious advocate who will research the law, interview and uncover any and all options, and commit to addressing all issues involved.

Having served as deputy director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, I know the importance to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board of fairness, commitment to researching the law, and hearing all parties in making tough decisions. Having worked with Ses, I know that she will represent the interests of management and can be fair to all parties. Ses worked on labor laws when she served as chief of staff to this committee so she is no stranger to Hawaii's employment and labor laws and will be an asset to the Board.

Over the years, Ses has proven her steadfastness in ensuring the rights of citizens and in bringing together the various sectors and stakeholders to address complex community issues. During these challenging times when we face major changes amidst fiscal uncertainties that lay ahead, we will need steadfast and committed decision makers who can impart reason and fairness to address the rights of labor and management. Sesnita Moepono has proven that she can meet these challenges.

For the above reasons, I strongly urge your favorable action on the nomination of Sesnita A.D. Moepono to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

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April 11, 2011

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am a practicing attorney with an emphasis in workers' compensation matters. I have represented innumerable workers and a critical part of my practice is appearing at the State of Hawaii Department of Labor.

It is my pleasure to enthusiastically support the confirmation of Sesnita Moepono to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. Ms. Moepono is a person of great integrity, unwavering fairness, stellar credentials, and strong work habits. I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Moepono at my law firm several years ago and she was always a dedicated professional who was quick to grasp complex matters while at the same time always able to explain these matters in simple terms to our clients.

Ms. Moepono has the requisite experience and expertise to be a valued member of the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. Her confirmation will benefit each one of us. When I think of Ms. Moepono, I always think of someone who is intelligent, fair, and of sound temperament but I also think of Ms. Moepono's kind and gentle spirit.

Ms. Moepono will make an excellent Board member and I urge you and your colleagues to confirm her. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



T.J. Lane

TJL:cw

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Testimony for JDL 4/13/2011 9:00:00 AM GM742

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 4/11/2011

Comments:

I support Sesnita Moepono for the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. She is a hardworker with a lot of integrity.

Dear Senator Hee and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

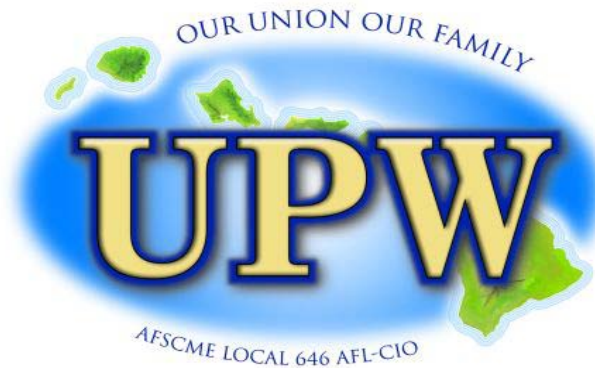
I am writing to express my strong support of the nomination of Sesnita A.D. Moepono to serve on the Hawai'i Labor Appeals Board. Ms. Moepono has a broad range of experience that will serve her and the people of the State of Hawai'i well if her nomination to this important board is approved. Sesnita has practiced law for the past 25 years. She served two terms on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu, one of the most demanding and important boards at the City. Sesnita has also served the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) as Deputy Administrator and many sessions at the Legislature, where she gained a broad perspective as to the needs of the people of the State, including both management and labor.

Sesnita's experience on the Planning Commission, at OHA, and the Legislature where she worked well with disparate groups of commissioners, trustees, and legislators will translate well to the work she will be called on to perform with the Labor Appeals Board.

Sesnita's commitment to the community and her leadership skills are also evidenced by her service as a long-time member and previous chair of her Neighborhood Board No. 14 (Liliha/Alewa/Puunui/Kamehameha Hts.).

I have know Sesnita for most of her 25 years of legal practice and know her to be diligent, fair minded, practical and knowlegable. In short, she would be an excellent member of the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board. Her service in management with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as well as at the Legislature give her, I believe, a good understanding of the management position in labor negotiations, balance by her desire to do what is best for all of Hawai'i's people, both in management and in labor.

Sincerely,
James S. "Jim" Williston, Esq.



**SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Date of Confirmation Hearing April 13, 2011**

**DAYTON M. NAKANELUA, STATE DIRECTOR
UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO**

**Testimony in Support of GM 742, Relating to the Consideration and
Confirmation of SESNITA A. D. MOEAPONO to the
Hawaii Labor Relations Board**

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO. The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for public employees in bargaining Unit 1 blue collar non-supervisory and Unit 10 institutional, health and correctional facilities.

The UPW is in favor of the confirmation of Sesnita A. D. Moepono to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. Ms. Moepono's background in employment and labor law and her proven record of leadership in her community makes her an asset to the Board.

As a practicing attorney and former Chief of Staff to this committee, Sesnita is no stranger to Hawaii's employment and labor laws. The Hawaii Labor Relations Board plays an important role and members must be fair to all parties. We believe that Ms. Moepono will listen fairly, diligently research the law and make the tough decisions needed during these challenging times.

After your full consideration of Ms. Moepono's background, character, experience and qualifications, I ask that the Committee on Judiciary and Labor find Sesnita A. D. Moepono qualified for the appointment and recommends that the State Senate advise and consent her nomination.

From: [michael pantzer](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support Nomination of SESNITA A. D. MOEPONO
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 6:01:04 AM

Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I support the confirmation of SESNITA A. D. MOEPONO to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

-Michael Pantzer
Pantzerace@gmail.com
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Testimony in Support of Governor's Message 742: Appointment of
Sesnita D. Moepono to Hawaii Labor Relations Board

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair

Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Sen. Mike Gabbard, Member

Sen. Les Ihara Jr., Member

Sen. Sam Slom, Member

Dear Chairman Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

My name is Bixby Ho, I am submitting this testimony in strong support of Governor's message 742, the appointment of Ms. Sesnita Moepono to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

Ms. Moepono has never faltered or failed on her mission to better the community she represents. A strong voice is what is best needed for the Hawaii Labor Relations Board and I am proud to call her my friend for the last 13 years.

I ask for the committee to accept the Governor's nomination of Ms. Sesnita Moepono to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

Mahalo,

/s/ Bixby K.G. Ho

Private Citizen

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Comments:
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

April 11, 2011

Re: Governor's Message 742

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I am writing to offer my strong personal support for the appointment of gubernatorial nominee Sesnita A.D. Moepono, Esq. to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

I have known Ms. Moepono since we were law students together at the William S. Richardson School of Law over 25 years ago. Over the years, we have become good friends and colleagues in our joint efforts to serve the public. In my current position as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, I have worked with Ms. Moepono on several community prosecution initiatives that address illegal drug dealing and related neighborhood crime problems. In our work together, Ms. Moepono has demonstrated that she possesses the leadership, integrity, listening skills, intelligence, legal experience and solution oriented approach to difficult problems -- qualifications that will serve her well in her new position on the HLRB. Ms. Moepono has also earned a reputation in the community for her humility, compassion, patience, and ability to work with people of various cultural backgrounds and divergent interests.

Ms. Moepono is highly qualified to serve on the Hawaii Labor Relations Board, and I endorse her candidacy unequivocally.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my personal opinion on this nominee.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecelia C.Y. Chang
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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Elizabeth Kent
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Submitted on: 4/11/2011

Comments:

Aloha, I met Sesnita Moepono when we were in law school together and we have remained friends since then. She is kind, compassionate, and dedicated to our community and making Hawaii a better place to live. I am confident Sesnita will work hard in this position and do her utmost to serve the state well. Yours, Elizabeth Kent

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Comments:

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Comments:
Very capable and cpmpetent

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

Comments:

Chair Hee and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee,

I am writing to support the nomination of Sesnita Moepono for the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. I have known Sesnita for many years, and I have worked closely with her in a professional capacity for the past 5 years. I believe that her good character, thoughtful judgment and diligent work ethic will prove valuable to HLRB.

I urge your favorable consideration of Sesnita's nomination to HLRB. Thank you very much.

Kerry M. Komatsubara, Attorney At Law

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Submitted on: 4/11/2011

Comments:

Aloha members of the Hawaii's State Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, I am writing in support of the governor's appointment of Ms. Sesnita A.D. Moepono to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board as the management representative.

Since 2005, I have worked with and witnessed first hand the integrity and professionalism of Ms. Moepono on various neighborhood concerns. I am happy to have a caring neighbor such as Ms. Moepono here on Skyline Drive.

Eric S.S. Wong
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Submitted on: 4/11/2011

Comments:

I have known Sesnita Moepono in a political context for a decade. She is calm, careful, diligent, and hard-working. She is public-spirited and eager to serve. I believe she would be a capable and useful member of the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2011

Comments:
I support the appointment of Sesnita Moepono.

Mahalo, Lynn Vasquez

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

Comments:

Dear Honorable Members Of The Senate,
I support the nomination of Sesnita Moepono to the Labor and Industrial Relations board because Mrs. Moepono has a good heart, strong will, and an understanding of the responsibilities of public service. Her empathy is unmatched and her desire to serve the people of Hawaii is unquestionable. I humbly ask for your vote of Advise and Consent for Mrs. Moepono.

Aloha,
Matt Wong



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI`I

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

FROM: *Stella M. Q. Wong*
Stella M.Q. Wong

DATE of Hearing: Wednesday, April 13, 2011
9:00a.m., Room 016

SUBJECT: **Submitting Testimony for GM 742**

Regarding appointment of Sesnita A.D. Moepono to the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee. My name is Stella Wong, I am Stella Wong, Vice-President of Programs at Catholic Charities Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to send **our full support** for the appointment of Sesnita Moepono to the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board for a term to expire on 6/30/2017.

Our staff at Catholic Charities Hawaii as well as myself have had the privilege of working with Sesnita in the neighborhood board in the Liliha - Nuuanu area and received support from her, especially in our senior programs over the years.

We have also appreciated her assistance when she was a staff member at previous legislatures. We find her very committed in helping the peoples in Hawaii especially those who are low income and disadvantaged. She is a person of integrity and will serve the State well. She is very knowledgeable on the laws and we know she would be a great asset to the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board. Again we support her appointment..

If there is anything that I can be of assistance towards her confirmation, please contact me at swong@catholiccharitieshawaii.org or at 808-4888. Thank you.



RE: GM742, Sesnita Moepono
Hawaii Labor Relations Board
Hearing Date: Wednesday, 4/13/2011
RM 016

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and the members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor committee:

I am writing in support of Sesnita Moepono's nomination to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. Sesnita and I worked together at the Legislature since 2007 as well as on various other projects outside of work.

Sesnita is an excellent choice for the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. She is an excellent researcher and uses her research to make well-informed decisions. Sesnita works well with others and cares greatly about not only the community she lives in but the quality of life throughout the State of Hawaii. During our years together at the Legislature, there wasn't a task Ses couldn't do or wouldn't do, she did whatever it took to get the job done. In 2008, the legislator we worked for was assigned the Senate Committee on Water and Land. Ses made sure she read up on laws applying to both areas of the committee.

Ses' problem solving skills, caring nature and strong ethics make her an excellent choice the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

Thank you,
Cherie Yamane

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Sesnita would be able to do a great job.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 742
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE SESNITA A.D. MOEPOONO

By

Thomas L. Read

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

Wednesday, April 13, 2011; 9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

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

I support the Governor's nomination of Sesnita A.D. Moepono, to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. During the time that I have known and worked with Ms. Moepono, I have found her to be a very intelligent, and knowledgeable person who is progressive in her thinking and diligent in her work ethic. I believe that she would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. Sesnita has always been very ethical and exhibits the highest moral standards in her day to day operations.

Sesnita has the experience as an attorney and civil servant, and the expertise from her years of practical experience to be an asset to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board and I support her nomination completely.

I urge this committee to confirm Ms. Moepono's nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on her behalf.

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Comments:

I enthusiastically support the selection of Sesnita A. D. Moepono to the Labor Relations Board. I have worked with Sesnita as a fellow board member on the Honolulu Committee on Aging. She is always prepared and on top of the issues with a focus on positive solutions. Her legal training and ethical standards make her an outstanding candidate to be on the Labor Relations Board.

April 11, 2011

Testimony in Support of
Sesnita Moepono's Appointment to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board

My name is Helen Sanpei and am a resident of the Liliha/Puunui neighborhood. I also serve as principal of McKinley Community School for Adults and former acting principal at Lanakila Elementary School, both in Honolulu. It is from this perspective and experience that I submit testimony in support of Sesnita Moepono's appointment to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

I have known Sesnita for many years as she has been very active with our community and the Department of Education as well. She has served on the first Liliha Neighborhood Board in 1977 and has represented us for 8 years by helping to address the many issues of our neighborhood. She has also been involved in other community activities for the past 30 years and has supported projects such as the Lanakila Senior Center, Citizens Neighborhood Patrol, Honolulu Committee on Aging, and as a student tutor at Lanakila Elementary School.

Given her past record of dedicated volunteerism and occupation as a practicing attorney, it is without a doubt that she has the necessary qualifications for this appointment. If selected, Sesnita would definitely be an asset to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Sesnita Moepono.

Helen H. Sanpei