

The Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
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**LATE TESTIMONY**

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

State Capitol, Conference Room 016  
Wednesday, April 13, 2011; 9:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON G.M. 742  
SESNITA A.D. MOEPONO  
HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports the confirmation of Sesnita A.D. Moepono for the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

An attorney by training, Ms. Moepono has extensive experience in the practice of law, in public agencies, in the State Legislature, and in numerous community organizations. She has been active in her community, serving on her Neighborhood Board, the Downtown Business Association, and the Honolulu Committee on Aging.

The Hawaii Labor Relations Board conducts hearings to decide complaints filed by public and private sector employees or their unions and employers alleging prohibited or unfair labor practice complaints. As an adjudicatory body, the Board must be fair and impartial in its deliberations, even though one member is representative of management, another is representative of labor, and the third, the chair, is representative of the public.

We believe that Ms. Moepono has the requisite qualifications to be an effective, contributing member of the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. She is deliberate in decision-making and possesses unquestionable integrity. She can view matters from the perspective of both management and labor, having served in management positions at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and having worked closely with labor unions on labor-related legislation while on the staff of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor. Her legal training will assist her in sifting through the facts and arriving at a fair and just decision.

In addition, Ms. Moepono is a good listener and will make sure that her understanding is thorough before leaping to conclusions. Although she was appointed as the representative of management, labor unions like the ILWU have found her to be honest, forthright, balanced, and open.

The ILWU urges confirmation of Sesnita A.D. Moepono for the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views.

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Comments:

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April 13, 2011

Chair, Senator Clayton Hee  
Vice-Chair, Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro  
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hearing: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 @ 9:00a.m., CR 016

**Re: GM742: Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, SESNITA A. D. MOEPONO, for a Term to Expire June 30, 2017.**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Melissa Pavlicek. I am an attorney and a small business owner in Honolulu. I serve as the executive director for the Society for Human Resources Management - Hawaii Chapter, but this is my own, personal testimony and I am submitting it in my personal capacity. I am writing to support the confirmation of **SESNITA A. D. MOEPONO** to serve on the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

I have known Sesnita Moepono for several years in her role as an attorney at the state capitol. She has always been thorough, straight forward and open to community input. She is highly competent and has a temperament that is well suited to serving on the sometime contentious Labor Relations Board. More recently, I have gotten to know her as a community leader in Nu'uaniu, where I and my family reside. I believe she has the intelligence, diligence, integrity and community service to be an asset to the Labor Relations Board.

Please confirm Ms. Moepono's appointment.

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**Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senate Committee on Labor and Judiciary**

Lily O.C. Ling, Executive Officer  
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Wednesday, April 13, 2011

**Support for G.M. 742, Relating to Nomination of Sesnita Moepono to the  
Hawaii Labor Relations Board**

I have had the pleasure of attending community forums and working on political campaigns with Ms. Moepono.

As a fellow Richardson law school graduate and friend, I can vouch for Ms. Moepono's uncompromising integrity, intellect, and passion for community work.

My elderly parents live in the district where Ms. Moepono has devoted much of her time and efforts making their community a safer and better place to live.

The appointment of Ms. Moepono to HLRB is well-deserved. Her experience in law and the legislature will serve her well as a board member of HLRB.

I strongly support the nomination of Sesnita Moepono to the HLRB.

**LATE TESTIMONY****IRON WORKERS STABILIZATION FUND**Fax No. - **586-6659**

April 12, 2011

Hon. Clayton Hee, Chair  
 Committee on Judiciary & Labor  
 Room 407 - State Capitol  
 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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Appointment by Governor of Sesnita A. D. Moepono to the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board - **GM 742**

Dear Chair Hee and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Ironworkers Union Stabilization Fund, please accept our wholehearted support for the appointment of Sesnita A.D. Moepono to the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board.

In reviewing her employment background, it is quite evident that she has devoted much of her career to public service: in various legislative committee capacities, in state government administrative capacities, and, in the judiciary. She is invaluable in possessing a strong working knowledge of how our 3 branches of government operate.

She is an excellent writer who would be able to assist in reviewing and updating all HLRB policies and key documents.

And, last, but not least, she has been a practicing attorney, working with clients in all phases of the law: employment, workmen's compensation, contract, probate, real estate, bankruptcy, personal injury, and trust.

Based on our review and observation, we find Sesnita A. D. Moepono to be well rounded and most qualified to serve in this capacity. Should she be confirmed, the people of Hawai'i will be the beneficiaries of her service.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Y. Amemiya*

Ronald Y. Amemiya  
 Government Affairs

TESTIMONY OF BOB TOYOFUKU IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF  
SESNITA A. D. MOEPONO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE HAWAI'I  
LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

April 13, 2011

To: Chairman Clayton Hee and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and  
Labor:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I am testifying in support of Sesnita Moepono for confirmation as Gubernatorial nominee to the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board.

I have had the opportunity to work with Sesnita for several years on many issues when she was a staff attorney for one of the Senate committees. She is a hardworking, competent and honest individual and always listened to all sides of an issue. Sesnita has been able to deal with multiple issues at the same time and always gets the job done.

She has excellent skills in dealing with others, and is easy to work with, is fair minded and a competent attorney. I strongly support her nomination to the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board and urge this committee and the Hawaii State Senate to confirm her.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Comments:**

I have worked with Sesnita Moepono on Neighborhood Board #14 for several years and I know her to be a person of high integrity, understanding, and commitment. She has deep concern for our communities, is committed to quality public service, and has spent years serving the public at great personal sacrifice. Our community is better for her service. As the Chair of Neighborhood Board 14 I strongly support Sesnita's appointment to the Labor Relations Board.

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April 12, 2011

Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Governor's Message 742

Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board  
Gubernatorial Nominee Sesnita Moepono

Chairman Hee and fellow members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

I come before you to support the consideration and confirmation of Sesnita Moepono to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board..

Sesnita has been a long time community advocate, and continues to help people in need.

I have known Sesnita for over a decade and appreciate her involvement in our legislative process.

I ask for your consideration and confirmation of her appointment to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

Aloha and Mahalo,

George M. Waialeale



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Comments:

I had the pleasure of working with Sesnita Moepono on various labor and employment matters during her employment as Deputy Administrator of the Office of hawaiian Affairs (&quot;OHA&quot;). Ms. Moepono was always well prepared and quickly absorbed even the most complex legal issues. Ms. Moepono was concerned that OHA do both what was lawful as well as what was fair to OHA and its employees. I believe that Ms. Moepono has both the skills and the temperament to be a successful member of the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

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Senator Clayton Hee  
Chair, Senate Committee  
on Judiciary and Labor

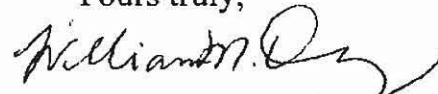
Re: Nomination of Sesnita Meopono  
Hawaii Labor Relations Board

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Sesnita Moepono to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. I have known Ses since our days at the William S. Richardson School of Law in the early 80s. I have supported Ses in her campaigns for public office in my district because I believe in her judgment and integrity.

Ses is a truly a unique individual. She is a wonderful wife and mother and always puts others before herself. Ses has served the community tirelessly on the neighborhood board as well as her work as an attorney and elder advocate. Although she has a sweet disposition, Ses is no push-over and will fight for the rights of others but will patiently listen to all sides and be fair. I have no doubt that her appointment will be a watershed event for the Labor Relations Board and the people of Hawaii. Mahalo for this opportunity to speak on her behalf.

Yours truly,

  
William M. Domingo

# LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

On

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 9:00 am

By

Dr. Jo-Ann Leong

Professor & Director, Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology

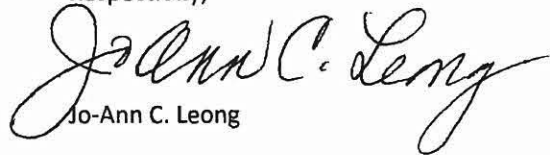
## **Appointment of Sesnita A.D. Moepono, J.D. to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board**

Aloha Chairperson Hee and Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee. I thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding the nomination of Sesnita A.D. Moepono, J.D. to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

My name is Jo-Ann Leong and I am the Director of the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology. Today, I submit testimony as a private citizen who has known Ms. Moepono for over 5 years. We worked together to draft legislation that would help to help protect Hawaii's natural resources and maintain the environment in Kaneohe Bay. Ms. Moepono is an accomplished attorney whose knowledge of labor law is extensive. She has broad experience through her service at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the State Senate of Judiciary and Labor, State Senate Committee on Water and Land, and the State Senate Ways and Means Committee. She has also worked as a private attorney and is adept in contract, employment, estate, and worker's compensation issues. Thus, I find her to be highly qualified for this position.

Ms. Moepono is also very committed to her community where she volunteers by serving on the Neighborhood Board and the Kunawai Neighborhood Watch and Patrol. She served on the Honolulu Planning Commission as Vice Chair. I am describing an individual who has the requisite experience and the commitment to serve on the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. I ask your committee to approve the Nomination of Sesnita A.D. Moepono.

Respectfully,

  
Jo-Ann C. Leong

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