

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 743

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

LATE TESTIMONY

April 13, 2011, 9 a.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 016

To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Member
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Member
Senator Sam Slom, Member

From: McDaniel Martinez, President of Katipunan Club, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, RUTH E. MABANGLO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Dear Senators,

My name is McDaniel Martinez. I am a student at the University of Hawaii and the current president of Katipunan, the culture club of the UH Filipino and Philippine Literature Program.

The officers and members of the Club (224 in all for Spring 2011) that I am representing are in accord to write this testimony in strong support of GM843 in the Senate Committee on Justice and Labor, a nomination for Ruth Mabanglo to be a members of the Language Access Advisory Council.

Dr. Mabanglo herself founded Katipunan 19 years ago, in an effort to promote Filipino/Tagalog Language and Culture in the Community. In the process, most us second and third generation Filipino Americans have become proud of our heritage. We are aware that language can both be a unifying and liberating factor for immigrants who have chosen America to be their country. And while it can liberate, it can also at the same time be a factor for the non-enjoyment of the privileges open to English-speaking citizens and residents. Therefore, giving the non-English proficient access to the privileges is noble. To us, Dr. Mabanglo is the among the "right" persons to serve that Council. She is the right person for the job.

Thank you.

McDaniel Martinez
Presdient, Katipunan Club



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April 12, 2011

Testimony in Support of GM743 Appointing Dr. Ruth Mabanglo to the Language Access
Advisory Council

To: Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair
Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
And Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee

From: Serafin Colmenares Jr., Executive Director
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Re: GM743 Appointing Dr. Ruth Mabanglo to the Language Access Advisory
Council

Hearing: Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Wednesday, April 13, 2011
9:00 a.m., Room 016

I wish to submit testimony in support of the confirmation of Dr. Ruth Mabanglo as member of the Language Access Advisory Council.

Dr. Ruth Mabanglo is a professor and coordinator of the Filipino language program at the University of Hawaii. She is an internationally acclaimed Filipino linguist, writer and poet, and has developed and taught courses in translation in the Filipino language. She is a strong advocate of the right of limited English proficient (LEP) individuals to have equal access to government programs, services and activities.

I am confident that, given Dr. Mabanglo's training and experience, and her commitment to language access, she would be able to contribute to the work of the Language Access Advisory Council and the mission of the Office of Language Access.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: John Mayer, Chair 
Department of Indo-Pacific Languages and Literatures

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Dear Sen. Clayton Hee, Sen. Maile Shimabukuru, Sen. Les Ihara, Sen. Mike Gabbard,
and Sen. Sam Slom:

My name is John Mayer and I am chair of the Department of Indo-Pacific Languages and
Literatures at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I strongly support the confirmation of
Dr. Ruth E. Mabanglo to the Language Access Advisory Council.

Dr. Mabanglo is a highly respected full professor of Filipino Language and Literature at
the University of Hawaii. Her reputation as a scholar of Filipino is perhaps unparalleled
in the United States and the Philippines. The program which she coordinates here at the
University of Hawaii, one of the oldest of its kind in the United States and has a won the
highest praise both nationally and internationally for its language pedagogy, its heritage
language research, and its focus on Filipino literature. Locally, the program has long
been noted for its service to the Filipino community. It is perhaps the single most
important local resource in the state for providing for the linguistic and educational needs
of the large Filipino community in Hawaii.

Dr. Mabanglo a national treasure in the Philippines. This is attested by the numerous
awards and acclamations she has received through the years, including special
recognition for her literary achievements given by the City of Manila in 2006 for its
435th anniversary.

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The Department of Indo-Pacific Languages and Literatures greatly values and supports Dr. Mabanglo's work, and her appointment to this council will provide its membership with a solid foundation and an immense amount of experience in the areas of heritage languages, language education, literature, and translation and interpretation.

I strongly urge your positive consideration of Dr. Mabanglo's appointment to this position.

Mahalo.