

GM 629

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEAN SEKI, for a term to expire 12-1-2014



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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GOVERNOR

Testimony on GM 629
Confirmation of Dean H. Seki
Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

April 5, 2012
2:45 p.m. Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and committee members, I respectfully ask for your favorable support of my nominee Dean H. Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Mr. Seki brings a vast experience of over twenty years in government in both the Legislative and Executive Branches. He worked in both money committees during the 1990s before becoming a Deputy Director at the Department of Taxation and later at DAGS. Prior to being named Comptroller, Mr. Seki was headed the Public Works Division at DAGS and was also its Legislative Coordinator and Public Information Officer.

Being Comptroller is a difficult job that entails many duties and responsibilities. Since being appointed Comptroller on February 1, Mr. Seki has done an admirable job in overseeing this department and its many varied divisions and attached agencies. DAGS has eight divisions: Accounting, Archives, Audit, Automotive Management, Central Services, Information and Communication Services, Land Survey, and Public Works. There are also 11 attached agencies, including the Aloha Stadium Authority, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, the Office of Elections, and the State Procurement Office.

Mr. Seki is the right person to lead DAGS and I am proud to have him as a member of my team.

Thank you for your consideration to confirm this leader.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

April 5, 2012

TESTIMONY OF GLENN M. OKIMOTO Ph.D., DIRECTOR

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Dean Seki has served in various capacities in State government for as long as I can remember. In that time he has been my friend and colleague. Most notably, I was privileged to work with him while I was the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services in 2002.

Mr. Seki has shown tremendous professionalism and leadership skills within the Department of Accounting and General Services. His management abilities, experience and knowledge are exactly what is needed in to move our State forward. He understands the challenges ahead and that it will take all of us to make a difference.

I am especially pleased of his appointment by Governor Abercrombie in February 2012 and I look forward to working together with him again. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 629.





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TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2012
2:45 P.M.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 629

Chairperson Espero and Members of the Committee:

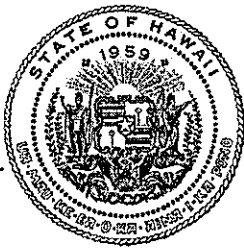
Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 629, submitting for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Mr. Dean Seki. I would like to express my strong support for Mr. Seki's nomination.

Mr. Seki has over twenty years of public service within the Executive and Legislative branches of Hawaii State Government, and his years of experience within the Department of Accounting & General Services in various capacities will be invaluable in the role of Comptroller.

In dealing with our department as interim Comptroller, Mr. Seki has been timely in his responses to our requests. He has been pleasant to work with and seems to approach his work with a sense of diligence and earnestness, especially in acknowledging the efforts of the rank-and-file staff who are responsible for the functioning of the department. We look forward to continuing to work with Mr. Seki in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.





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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS
Thursday, April 5, 2012
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of
GM 629
**Confirmation of DEAN SEKI as Comptroller
of the Department of Accounting and General Services**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee.

I respectfully urge your **strong support** for the confirmation of Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

The Department of Accounting and General Services delivers a broad range of services to state programs through many dedicated employees with specialized skills. These hardworking civil servants need a leader who is committed to the highest ideals of public service and understands the checks and balances that ensure accountable and efficient operations.

Dean Seki has served the State of Hawaii for many years in a variety of roles. He has worked for the Legislature, the Office of the Governor, and the Department of Accounting and General Services. Dean has extensive experience in budgeting and managing public works projects. He knows the various programs at DAGS from the inside and from the perspective of the Legislature as well.

I respectfully urge your **favorable consideration** of the nomination of Dean Seki as State Comptroller. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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April 2, 2012

Testimony of
Barbara A. Krieg, Interim Director
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS
Thursday, April 5, 2012
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224
in consideration of

Governor's Message 629
Relating to the Consideration and Confirmation of
Gubernatorial Nominee, DEAN SEKI
for

Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services

TO CHAIRPERSON WILL ESPERO, VICE CHAIR MICHELLE N. KIDANI AND
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** for the confirmation of Mr. Dean Seki as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Mr. Seki brings with him a solid understanding of DAGS's functions, which will empower him to provide the high quality of services to help ensure the State of Hawai'i is running at optimum efficiency. That combined with his years of experience with the Legislative process makes him an ideal candidate for Comptroller.

It has been my honor to work with Mr. Seki these past two months and I hope that with your support we can continue to work together to move Hawai'i forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and I humbly and respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of Mr. Dean Seki as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY
RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF
DEAN H. SEKI
AS THE COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND
GENERAL SERVICES

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL

April 5, 2012

Good Afternoon, Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee Members:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in strong support of Mr. Dean H. Seki, a gubernatorial nominee as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Mr. Seki since his appointment and can personally attest to his character, outstanding work ethic, selfless service, his sense of fairness and respect, and his integrity.

Mr. Dean H. Seki has a wealth of experience in the State Legislature working for the House Committee on Finance, Senate Ways and Means, and the Executive Branch. He was responsible for the developing, reviewing, and finalizing the State budget for both finance committees of the Legislature. Mr. Seki's experience in the Executive Branch included Deputy Director, Department of

Taxation and many positions in the Department of Accounting and General Services, culminating with his current appointment as the acting Comptroller.

Additionally, Mr. Seki has taken the initiative in upgrading the security for the State Capitol. He has taken the lead in coordinating with the Department of Public Safety and Department of Defense in modernizing the surveillance system which resulted in possible funding from Department of Homeland Security to Department of Public Safety.

As an exceptional leader in the Legislature and Executive Branch, coupled with his exceptional experience in fiscal, administrative and management at the Department of Accounting and General Services, Mr. Seki will be a tremendous asset, therefore, I respectfully request your favorable consideration and his confirmation as the Comptroller for the State of Hawaii.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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April 5, 2012

The Honorable Will Espero
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Governor's Message 629 – Testimony in Support of DEAN SEKI**
Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services

Dear Chair Espero and Committee Members:

I am pleased to offer testimony in support of DEAN SEKI for your consideration as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Since being nominated as the Director of the Department of Taxation (DOTAX) in December 2010, I have worked and consulted with Dean on many operational issues DOTAX has faced. A large number of the issues involve our modernization efforts, as well as our desire to streamline our business processes.

Throughout the time I have known Dean, he has always been easy to work with and responsive to our department's concerns. Due to his years of State government experience, including years at DOTAX, Dean has provided invaluable guidance and support to both me and the Department.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration and confirmation of DEAN SEKI as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frederick D. Pablo".

FREDERICK D. PABLO
Director of Taxation

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

April 5, 2012

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS COMPTROLLER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE DEAN H.
SEKI FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 1, 2014.

Please accept my testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Dean H. Seki, as
Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Mr. Seki has over 20 years of state government experience in various leadership
positions spanning the legislative branch, the Governor's office, Department of Taxation and the
Department of Accounting and General Services. Mr. Seki's wide variety of experience in State
government provides him with a broad range of knowledge and background that would be
valuable as comptroller for the State of Hawaii. Mr. Seki will bring a depth of experience to the
Administration to establish goals and objectives that would move the Department of
Accounting and General Services forward and similarly align the Administration's plans to better
address the department's customers, stakeholders, and the public at large.

Mr. Seki is well versed in government policies and procedures as well construction and
procurement. His personality and management style encourages collaborative team work.
These qualities are sure to be welcomed by the employees in the Department and to other
employees of the State for whom DAGS serves.

I respectfully ask for the Committee's favorable consideration of Dean Seki's confirmation
as Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



SANJEEV "SONNY"
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TESTIMONY OF
SANJEEV "SONNY" BHAGOWALIA, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Thursday, April 5, 2012, 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

G.M. 629

Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEAN SEKI.

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of the confirmation of Mr. Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I have been working with Mr. Seki closely since his appointment to ensure that mission critical operations in the Information Services and Communications Division (ICSD) are not impacted as we move forward with the information technology modernization initiative. I can personally attest to his collaborative, team-building, management style, and knowledge of organizational culture, which is well-suited for the diversity of agencies under the DAGS umbrella.

Mr. Seki's more than 20 years of public service in both the State of Hawaii's Executive and Legislative Branches is evidence of his dedication and commitment to serving the people of the State. He brings a depth of knowledge and understanding of DAGS to the Comptroller position having held several positions in the department over the last decade, including Deputy Director and Special Assistant. His management accomplishments, familiarity with capital improvement programs and legislative experience will serve him well in bringing a well-rounded perspective to the role and responsibilities of Comptroller.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration and confirmation of Mr. Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

DEAN H. SEKI
ACTING COMPTROLLER



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TESTIMONY OF
SCOTT L. CHAN, STADIUM MANAGER
STADIUM AUTHORITY
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

APRIL 5, 2012
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STATE CAPITOL, CONFERENCE ROOM 224

G.M. 629

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Mr. Dean H. Seki.

This testimony is submitted for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Dean H. Seki, for a term to expire 12-1-2014.

In the course of working with Mr. Seki at the Department of Accounting and General Services, I have found him to be an intelligent, even-tempered person with a decision-making thought process that is both comprehensive and mindful of its outcome and impact; qualities essential and instrumental to the position for which he is being recommended. With his extensive background, knowledge, and work experience in both the Legislative and Executive Branches of Government, Mr. Seki will be a definite asset to the State of Hawaii and will be valuable in moving the State forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Mr. Dean H. Seki.

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April 2, 2012

TO: The Honorable Will Espero, Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and Military Affairs

The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on
Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs Committee

Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs

FROM: Kristin E. Izumi-Nitao, Executive Director *Kei*
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **Testimony on G.M. 629, Consideration and Confirmation to the Comptroller
of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial
Nominee, DEAN SEKI**

Thursday, April 5, 2012
2:45 p.m. in Conference Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of gubernatorial nominee Dean Seki for the position of Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services ("DAGS").

As you know, Campaign Spending Commission is an administratively attached agency to DAGS. We therefore receive administrative assistance and guidance from DAGS. At our DAGS staff meetings, Dean has proven to be engaged, informed, supportive, and helpful. I have always appreciated his accessibility, good nature, and his interest in improving our state affairs. In these challenging fiscal times, Dean has the skills and strength to move DAGS forward collectively and collaboratively.

Accordingly, we are respectfully submitting our endorsement on his confirmation.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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April 3, 2012

Honorable Will Espero
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero:

Subject: Governor's Message No. 629
Mr. Dean Seki's Confirmation for Comptroller
Department of Accounting and General Services

I am writing in support of Mr. Dean Seki's confirmation as the Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

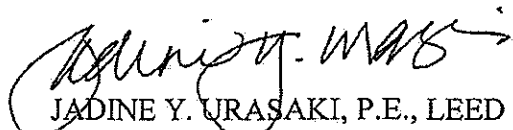
Mr. Seki has over 20 years of dedicated public service in both the Executive and Legislative branches of the Hawaii State government.

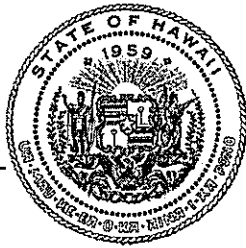
Mr. Seki has been involved in a significant amount of re-engineering principles within DAGS in his capacity as principal advisor to the Public Works Administrator. He is well versed in understanding the Contracts and Procurement related matters and Capital Improvement Programs of the State, as well as the legislative aspects of bills, testifying and budget issues.

Mr. Seki has been supportive in assisting the Department of Transportation with our documents, contracts and issues. He exhibits a high level of integrity and enthusiasm through his involvement with staff and peers.

In closing, Mr. Seki is a truly outstanding representative of the State in all respects. I highly recommend his confirmation.

Yours very truly,


JADINE Y. URASAKI, P.E., LEED AP
Deputy Director of Transportation



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**

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Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Thursday, April 5, 2012
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of
GM 629
**Confirmation of DEAN SEKI as Comptroller
of the Department of Accounting and General Services**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully urge your **strong support** for the confirmation of Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

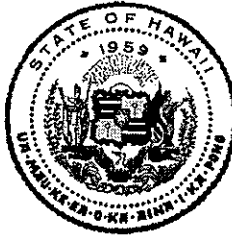
I have worked with Dean Seki for many years in a variety of roles. Dean and I worked together in the Governor's Office and at DAGS under Governor Cayetano. I have the highest respect for his integrity and professionalism. I trust his judgment in carrying out the Legislature's mandates.

Dean has extensive experience in budgeting and managing public works projects through to successful completion. Dean has worked at DAGS for over a dozen years and thoroughly understands all of the programs and attached agencies. DAGS is a complex department which needs Dean's experience and leadership.

I respectfully urge your **favorable consideration** of the nomination of Dean Seki as State Comptroller.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



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TESTIMONY ON GM 629
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DEAN SEKI,
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS COMPTROLLER OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

By

Keith Kamita, Deputy Director for Law Enforcement
Department of Public Safety

Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations
and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 5, 2012, 2:45 PM
State Capitol, Room 224

Chair Espero and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Dean Saiki over the past ten years in his many capacities at the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). Mr. Saiki impressed me in his ability to communicate and work effectively with not only the upper management but also with my Special Agents assigned to my Narcotics Enforcement Division. Mr. Saiki is an individual of high moral character, conviction and experience, he has the knowledge and ability to listen and address the needs of the numerous State Departments requesting assistance from DAGS. Recently I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Saiki on a joint project involving DAGS, PSD and the National Guard. This project to repair or replace the outdated and aging camera and security systems at the State Capitol demonstrated Mr. Saiki's ability to think out of the box and his willingness to collaborate on this complex problem.

For these reasons I would like to give my highest recommendation for Mr. Dean Saiki to be confirmed as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this important matter.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



DEAN H. SEKI
ACTING COMPTROLLER
JIAN S. GOUVEIA
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
JAMES C. RICHARDSON
ADMINISTRATOR, CENTRAL SERVICES DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

APRIL 5, 2012

**NOMINATION OF DEAN H. SEKI
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER**

As the Administrator of Central Services, I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Dean H. Seki for the past several years as the Deputy Comptroller of DAGS and as the Planning and Policy Analyst with the Public Works Division.

During this period, I was sincerely impressed by his ability to quickly understand the "big picture" as well as his attention to detail. To this end, I believe that he is well qualified to serve as the State Comptroller. He possesses the vision to understand the "task at hand" and decisively move towards a successful conclusion.

Dean is very personable and an approachable individual, who has high standards and expects the same of those who work with him. In this respect, I have had supportive conversations with Dean and realize his commitment towards innovation, as a means to further improve the efficiency, responsiveness and accountability of State government. For these reasons, I urge the Committee to support the nomination of Dean Seki for the State Comptroller's position.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Richardson".

James Richardson, Chief
Central Services Division

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



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MANAGEMENT DIVISION
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TESTIMONY BY BARBARA A. ANNIS
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

April 5, 2012

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS COMPTROLLER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE DEAN H.
SEKI FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 1, 2014.

Chair Espero, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public
Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to submit
testimony in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Dean H. Seki, as Comptroller for the
Department of Accounting and General Services.

My name is Barbara A. Annis. I am the Administrative Services Officer for the
Department of Budget and Finance. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mr.
Seki for the last five years. I have found Mr. Seki to be dedicated, ethical and a highly intelligent
individual. His vast knowledge and experience with fiscal analysis, policy and procedures along
with his managerial skills give him the tools much needed to keep the Department of
Accounting and General Services running smoothly. He is a team builder and has been a
mentor to me and many others within the rank and file. I have worked with Mr. Seki on several
projects and found his management style to be collaborative, fair and task oriented. His many

years of experience within the State and at the Department of Accounting and General Services, along with his leadership skills, make him especially qualified for the position of Comptroller.

I respectfully ask for the Committee's favorable consideration of Dean Seki's confirmation as Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



RICHARD BURNS
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, and MILITARY AFFAIRS

Thursday, April 5, 2012, 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as Comptroller of the Department
of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee,
DEAN SEKI, for a term to expire 12-01-2014

I am testifying in support of the appointment of Mr. Dean Seki as Comptroller of
the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I am Keith Fujio, Acting Special Assistant to the State Librarian and I have
personally known and worked with Mr. Seki since 1990 when we were on the staff
of the House Finance Committee. Even from that time, Mr. Seki demonstrated
good leadership skills in managing young, inexperienced analysts over a very
stressful and demanding legislative session. I continued to work with Mr. Seki,
while he was still with the legislature, on many Hawaii State Public Library System
(HSPLS) issues including our budget during the State's worst economic period.
Throughout this time, he always supported HSPLS and was always fair and
equitable in providing funding for our system.

Over the past years as the Executive Assistant to the Comptroller, Mr. Seki was very instrumental in helping HSPLS with our many Health and Safety Projects as well as the building of brand new libraries in North Kohala and Manoa. His major strength is acting as a collaborator and facilitator to move projects along rather than forcing the issue or making unreasonable demands on all parties. I believe the knowledge and experience he brings not only from DAGS but also from when he served as Deputy Director of Taxation makes him an ideal candidate as the State Comptroller. I have no doubt that we will continue our good working relationship with DAGS, with Mr. Seki at the helm.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Dean Seki.



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**Testimony for G.M. 629 Confirmation at Comptroller of the Department of
Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEAN SEKI**

WRITTEN ONLY

To the Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and Military Affairs
On Thursday, April 5, 2012
In State Capitol Rm. 224

Chair Espero, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

This testimony stands in strong support of your committee's confirmation of Mr. Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have been fortunate to call Mr. Seki both a colleague and a friend for nearly 20 years. Interestingly, after I graduated from college, Dean was my first boss. It was here working with the House Committee on Finance that he once told me, "...tough decisions are rarely popular decisions, but somebody has to make them because it's the right thing to do." Words that I carry with me everyday as I make decisions in my own work that impact the public.

Since our time working together at the Capitol, our paths have taken us both to different roles within various organizations in the State. In many instances we worked on the same projects and issues; each of us representing our own department or constituencies concerns. At times our roles placed us at opposing viewpoints or at opposite ends of the table, nonetheless, no matter the situation Dean has always been one of the easiest people to work with, negotiate with, or discuss critical issues with. He is a superb listener that works with a high level of integrity and he has the ability to find a common point of agreement for all parties without losing sight of the critical issues. Perhaps most importantly, he has a keen knack for approaching every problem with ferocious intensity, but also brings a refreshing sense of humor to the table.

I believe these traits and abilities will serve him well in his role as Comptroller. I have every confidence that he can make a positive difference for the Department of Accounting and General Services and the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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The Pacific Resource
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Testimony of C. Mike Kido
External Affairs
The Pacific Resource Partnership

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

GM 629 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dean Seki, for a term to expire 12-01-2014.

Thursday, April 5, 2012
2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, formerly the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

PRP supports Gubernatorial Nominee, Dean Seki, as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). Mr. Seki is currently Acting State Comptroller to DAGS and has committed over twenty years of public service in various Executive and Legislative Branches of the Hawaii State Government.

Some of his professional accomplishments include managing and coordinating the activities of the Public Works Division Staff Services Office, serving as the principal advisor to the Public Works Administrator and other managers on managerial, administrative, and fiscal matters and developing and recommending policies to provide greater efficiencies within the department.

Mr. Seki has experience with the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) performing reviews and selection for the CIP consultant selection, evaluating CIP projects for final approval by the

Governor and the Governor's Chief of Staff, and also providing supervisory guidance on the preparation, processing and awarding of construction contracts.

Mr. Seki's legislative experience includes working with the House Finance and Senate Ways and Means committees coordinating department testimony on legislation, supervising and training legislative budget analysts and clerical support staff. He also created the financial plan for the Finance Committee and interpreted fiscal impacts of all appropriation bills.

Mr. Seki has a great degree of experience which will continue to serve as an invaluable tool to the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for Dean Seki, as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services and we would like to kindly ask for your favorable consideration.

COALITION OF HAWAII ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSIONALS

April 3, 2011

EMAILED TESTIMONY TO: senespero@Capitol.hawaii.gov
senkidani@Capitol.hawaii.gov

**Hearing Date: Thursday April 5th, 2:45pm, Conference Room 224
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs**

Honorable Senators Will Espero, Chair; Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair; and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs.

Subject: GM 629 Comptroller Department of Accounting and General Services

The Coalition of Hawaii Engineering & Architectural Professionals represents several professional Engineering and Architectural organizations including American Council of Engineering Companies Hawaii; Hawaii Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers; American Public Works Association Hawaii Chapter; Structural Engineering Association of Hawaii; and the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers.

We support GM 629 - Dean H. Seki for the Comptroller for the State Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). He has the necessary experience (over 20 years of public service in the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Hawaii State Government) plus he has served in various roles directly for DAGS since 2001. His prior experience in the State Legislature and his experience at DAGS will give him a fundamental understanding of the complexities required to administer and help to guide the department.

We urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Dean H. Seki for DAGS Comptroller.

Sincerely,
Coalition of Hawaii Engineering & Architectural Professionals
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April 5, 2012

TO: HONORABLE WILL ESPERO, CHAIR, MICHELLE KIDANI, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: **Governor's Message 629: Consideration and Confirmation of Dean Seki as Comptroller and Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services**

HEARING

DATE: Thursday, April 5, 2012
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sherman Wong and I serve as the Chair of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii's (GCA) Legislative Committee. The General Contractors Association (GCA) is an organization comprised of over six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year; GCA remains the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii whose mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest. GCA is submitting testimony in support of GM 629 Dean Seki's nomination as Comptroller and Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Mr. Seki has served in various positions in DAGS and is very familiar with the procurement process of the construction industry. Mr. Seki's experience at the legislature has also been extensive where he worked with the House Finance and Senate Ways and Means Committees. Mr. Seki has been very responsive to concerns that GCA members may have regarding DAGS and the procurement process.

The GCA and its members have had numerous contacts with Mr. Seki working on construction industry issues. The GCA has always found Mr. Seki helpful in resolving problems that arose regarding contractors and the construction community.

The GCA supports the appointment and confirmation of Mr. Seki as the State Comptroller and Director of the Department of Accounting Services.

Very truly yours,

Sherman Wong, Chair
Legislative Committee



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TO: THE HONORABLE SENATORS WILL ESPERO, CHAIR, MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: GM 629 Submitting for Consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEAN SEKI, for a term to expire 12-1-2014.

NOTICE OF HEARING

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Dear Chair Esperó, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lance Inouye and I am President of Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd. (RSI), General Contractor and a member of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA). RSI and I personally, **strongly support** the confirmation of **Dean Seki** as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I have personally had the privilege of working with **Mr. Seki** during his tenure at DAGS, both when RSI worked on some of DAGS projects, and as a DAGS representative in a GCA committee known as the DAGS/GCA Committee. I know him as being extremely fair and understanding in his treatment of contractors, yet protective of the State's interests. I have witnessed his willingness to listen to problems brought to him by our industry from GCA's perspective and following up to address and help solve those problems. His honesty, professionalism and open and transparent handling of construction problems relating to procurement are impeccable. What impressed me most was his willingness to talk to us personally about any industry procurement issues despite his busy schedule and increasing scope of responsibility. He has always maintained an open door policy for our industry, our company, and me personally.

Accordingly, RSI and I personally, **strongly support** the confirmation of **Dean Seki** as Comptroller of DAGS.

BIA-HAWAII
BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations,
and Military Affairs**

Thursday, April 5, 2012

2:45 p.m.

Capitol Room 224

RE: GM 629, Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services

Good morning Chair Espero, Vice-Chair Kidani, members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, BIA-Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

The BIA-Hawaii **supports** GM 629, regarding the consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Dean H. Seki, for a term to expire 12-1-2014.

Mr. Seki has over twenty years of public service in both the Executive and Legislative Branches of our State government. He currently serves as Acting Comptroller for DAGS, and has been at DAGS as a policy and planning analyst since 2002. Prior to that he was Deputy Director for the Hawaii State Tax Department, spent 3 years as a member of the Governor's research staff, and he also has 7 years of legislative staff experience with the House Committee on Finance and with the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

BIA-Hawaii believes that Mr. Seki possesses the knowledge and experience of the many facets of government. At the helm of DAGS, his leadership would help to ensure that State capital improvement projects are carried out and completed as efficiently as possible.

BIA-Hawaii supports the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Dean H. Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views.



Testimony of Maurice Morita
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS &
MILITARY AFFAIRS

Thursday, April 05, 2012
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224

SB 2534 - RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Maurice Morita and I am the assistant director of Hawaii LECET (Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust). Hawaii LECET is a partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 and our union contractors.

I am in "**strong support**" of GM 629 submitting for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEAN SEKI, for a term to expire 12-1-2014.

I have known Dean Seki, formerly from Maui, and his parents as former public school teachers on Maui, and feel Dean Seki is very qualified to be appointed as the Comptroller of DAGS.

With Dean Seki's experience in the State Legislature and in the Department of Accounting and General Services, he has the leadership abilities we need to help us during our budget crisis.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 629 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DEAN SEKI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-1-2014.

TO THE HONORABLE WILL ESPERO, CHAIR; MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE CHAIR; AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ron Boyer and I am a former Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. I strongly support Dean Seki's nomination for Comptroller of the State of Hawaii. I am confident that he will continue his proven record as an excellent public servant.

I have known Dean for seven years, having first met him when I was an analyst with the Governor's Policy Office assigned to work with, among other departments, the Department of Accounting and General Services where Dean then had among his many responsibilities, drafting and shepherding DAGS legislation through the legislative process. As an analyst, I appreciated working with Dean and DAGS because they were always on-time in submitting bills, testimonies, and reports to the Legislature, and always responsive and helpful to requests for information, whether from the Governor or legislators.

Dean always went the extra mile. As someone new to the process in 2005, I was privileged to have Dean as not only a colleague in government, but as a friend. In addition to

mentoring me in the "how to" and the "why" of the legislative process, he always took the time to show an interest in the personal well-being of me and my family.

Dean makes a habit of giving credit to others. Whether in formal meetings or simply talking one-on-one, Dean has always been quick to "name names" whenever someone lauds DAGS or commends him personally for a job well done. He is sure to put the spotlight on DAGS employees for their hard work, and never fails to let their supervisors know that they are doing a good job.

From my vantage point, Dean Seki is conscientious, humble, and hard-working. He is intelligent, creative, and a good leader. Over the years, I have observed not only an excellent work ethic, but a thoughtful and analytical approach to complex and dynamic issues. Dean is goal-focused and works well as a team member. His abilities are complemented by an engaging and friendly personality. Dean is even-tempered and consistent; an individual of good character and integrity. I know him to be a most trustworthy individual: with Dean his word is his bond.

I have always been impressed with Dean's intelligence, character, and the passion he brings to his work. Dean has proven himself as an individual possessing the most important qualities of leadership: he listens before he speaks; he is always willing and eager to learn; and he treats everybody with dignity, compassion and fairness.

With Dean Seki at the helm, the Department of Accounting and General Services will be in very capable hands.

I strongly support his nomination, and encourage you to recommend Dean Seki to the full Senate for confirmation.

TESTIMONY OF
BRIAN Y. SAITO

TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON

APRIL 5, 2012

GM 629

RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF DEAN SEKI AS COMPTROLLER OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES.

Chair Espero and members of the Committee, thank you for the
opportunity to testify on the confirmation of Dean Seki as the state comptroller.

I've known Dean and worked with him for 10 years. I find him to be an
individual with character and one who has the compassion and drive to make a
difference. He will take all matters into consideration and will make an informed
decision.

In closing I believe the appointment of Dean Seki, as the State
Comptroller would be a prudent decision, which would benefit the State of
Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Testimony Before the
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
April 5, 2012
Conference Room 224

**Governor's Message 629: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as
Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services,
Gubernatorial Nominee, DEAN SEKI, for a term to expire 12-1-2014**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public
Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs:


It is my pleasure to offer testimony in strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Dean
Seki as the State Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services
(DAGS).

I have known Mr. Seki for over twenty years and have worked with him in his capacities
at the Legislature, Governor's Office, and DAGS.

I know Mr. Seki as an exceptional leader with high integrity. Mr. Seki brings a wealth of
knowledge and skills that will make a positive impact to the State of Hawai'i. It is
particularly important to note that Mr. Seki has over ten years of experience at DAGS and
has demonstrated high quality work and the ability to develop positive working
relationships.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for the confirmation
of Mr. Seki.

Sincerely,



Ryan T. Kurashige

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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 629
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SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DEAN SEKI, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE 12-1-2014

Chair Espero and Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I have known Mr. Seki for the past 12 years when we were both Deputies during Governor Cayetano's administration; at that time he was the Deputy for Department of Taxation and I was the Deputy for Department of Labor & Industrial Relations.

Since then, I have remained in contact with him even when he relocated to DAGS as the Special Assistant to the State Comptroller in 2001. In 2002 he briefly became the Deputy Director for DAGS then he began working in the Public Works Division.

Because I am in the construction industry, I would ask for his assistance to meet with our group to help "iron out" issues under the Comptroller during the previous administration. Mr. Seki always made time to help our industry with construction issues; he was very helpful and we worked well together. He is very knowledgeable with the issues relating to DAGS and he will be a tremendous asset to that department.

Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Seki's confirmation as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

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Comments:

Chairman Espero, Vice Chairperson Kidani and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of Dean Seki as Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Mr. Seki for over ten years. I had the good fortune of working with him as Senate staff and found him to be extremely helpful, knowledgeable, patient and above all, fair. What also stood out was his ability to work with anyone and everyone, often in the most challenging of situations.

Through the years, in our varying capacities as Senate staff and in subsequent positions, I came to appreciate his diligence, work ethic and ability to grasp complex issues. I have also come to rely on and value his judgement and opinions.

I believe the State of Hawaii could only benefit from having Mr. Seki as an integral part of its management team. His managerial skills, strong moral fiber and outstanding work ethic are qualities demanded by this position and characteristics of a compassionate and strong leader.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Dean Seki and I urge you to confirm his appointment as Comptroller.

From: Brian Minaai <bminai@gmail.com>

Date: April 3, 2012 1:05:57 PM HST

To: "PGMtestimony@capitol.hawaii.com" <PGMtestimony@capitol.hawaii.com>

Subject: Confirmation of Dean Seki

Chair Espero and committee members,

I am writing in strong support of Mr. Dean Seki, as the next Comptroller of the State Department of Accounting and General Services. I have known Mr. Seki for many years, first as co-workers, and subsequently as friends and colleagues. I am confident that Mr. Seki will be a tremendous leader of a very complicated state agency. He possesses the necessary leadership skills and in-depth knowledge and experience of his department.

Therefore, I hope you will join me in supporting Dean Seki as the next Comptroller.

Thank you,

Brian Minaai

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Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs:

My name is Mike Unebasami and I am offering testimony as an individual in strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Dean Seki as the State Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I have known Mr. Seki for over twenty years, both professionally and as a valued friend. In my capacity as the Associate Vice President for Administrative Affairs for the University of Hawaii Community Colleges, I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Seki in the various positions he has held at the Legislature, Governor's Office, and DAGS. Throughout his career, Mr. Seki has demonstrated exceptional leadership while maintain high integrity and credibility. Mr. Seki brings with him a wealth of knowledge and skills that will provide a positive impact to the State of Hawai'i as its Comptroller. As you are aware, Mr. Seki has over ten years of experience at DAGS and has demonstrated the ability to develop positive working relationships in leading DAGS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Unebasami

April 3, 2012

Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

In support of GM 629, Confirmation of DEAN SEKI as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee Members:

Dean is a personal friend that I have known for more than 25 years, and I strongly support his confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I have known Dean to be a practical, no nonsense decision maker who can be relied on to move things forward and get things done. Because DAGS' role is to provide a broad range of services and manages many programs, activities and facilities, there is great opportunity to make changes that will benefit the people of Hawaii, employees, and the state budget. Dean's ability to find efficiencies and elevate problems and to find solutions to those problems will make him a very effective Comptroller. His years of service to the State of Hawaii in various capacities provide him with the experience and relationships necessary to carry out the job.

With the continuing economic instability, externally-drive cost pressures, and the need for capital for State programs and facilities, strong leadership of this State agency is vital. To provide that leadership, I respectfully request that you recommend approval of the nomination of Dean Seki as State Comptroller. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Governor's Message 629.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirk Horiuchi', written in a cursive style.

Kirk Horiuchi

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April 4, 2012

The Honorable Willie Espero
Chair of the Committee On Public Safety, Government Operations, And Military Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Espero and Committee Members:

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Dean Seki as the as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Mr. Seki has been committed to public service in the Executive and Legislative branches of Hawaii State during the past twenty years.

While I was employed by the State, I had an opportunity to observe Mr. Seki's commitment. I worked with him at both the Department of Taxation and the Department of Accounting and General Services. He worked hard to carry out his duties and the mission of both departments. He understood the operations and policies of the Departments. But he did not forget any of the

employees that worked with him and always had a ready smile or a comment which would help ease the daily routine or work load.

I urge the Committee to submit his nomination to the full Senate for a vote.

Very truly yours,

Grant Tanimoto

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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
on April 5, 2012
State Capitol Building, Conference Room 224

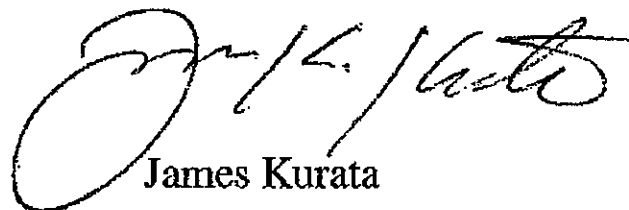
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 629: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee DEAN SEKI, for a term to expire on December 1, 2014.

Chair Espero and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony for the confirmation of Mr. Dean Seki, as the State Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

For the last 14 years, I have worked with Mr. Seki in his functional capacity as the designated DAGS Policy and Planning Analyst, as well as other assigned duties within the DAGS-Public Works Division and Office of the Governor. During that period of time, I found Mr. Seki: (1) to be a skillful leader with high integrity; (2) has a wealth of knowledge that will be beneficial to the State of Hawai'i; and (3) has demonstrated the ability to develop and foster positive working relationships with other State agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Seki.

Yours truly,



James Kurata

From: Kirk T. Tanaka, P.E., L.S. [kirk@tanakaeng.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 8:02 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: GM 629

Dear Honorable Chairman Espero:

I am writing to respectfully request you committee's support of Mr. Dean Seki for the position of Comptroller for the State Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Dean for the past 39 years where we were classmates in Middle and High school and at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Dean has worked his way up the ranks in DAGS and is a hard worker with the special knowledge of working with the Legislature at his various levels of advancement in State government.

I have no doubt that he will make a fine Comptroller and contribute to the overall mission of the Executive and Legislative branches of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

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April 3, 2012

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Governor's Message 629

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, DEAN SEKI, for a term to expire 12-1-2014.

Dear Chair Espero and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of Mr. Dean Seki's confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I have known Dean personally and professionally for approximately 23 years.

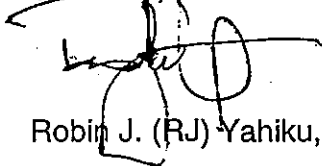
I first worked with Dean when we were House Finance Committee staff in the late 1980's, thereafter, when he served as Deputy Director at DOTAX in the early 2000's and most recently, in his present capacity as Acting Comptroller at DAGS. On a professional level, Dean has acquired a host of skill sets that have prepared him for the leadership role he now seeks to assume at DAGS. He is a highly motivated public servant with a strong work ethic, takes a proactive approach to problem solving, seeks input and consensus on issues from division heads and other employees with subject matter knowledge, quickly grasps complex issues, communicates effectively in a positive and encouraging manner, and is genuinely concerned about the challenges that departmental employees face in their work environment and well being.

On a personal level, I have watched Dean develop and mature as a gentle man with many notable qualities and attributes. He is caring, witty, sharing, humorous, conversing, and has a deep appreciation for family and friends.

Without reservation, I truly believe that Dean possesses the requisite professional and people skills necessary to serve DAGS and the people of Hawai'i with honor and distinction.

I strongly support Dean's confirmation and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.

Sincerely,



Robin J. (RJ) Yahiku, Esq.

Testimony for PGM 4/5/2012 2:45:00 PM GM629

Conference room: 224

Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Lance Yamamoto

Organization: Individual

E-mail: Yama5@hawaii.rr.com

Submitted on: 4/4/2012

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Dean Seki as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I have known Dean for over twenty years and have had the opportunity to work with him in various capacities. He has over ten years of experience working at the Department of Accounting and General Services. Dean also served as Deputy Director at the Department of Taxation and has extensive Hawaii State legislative experience. I know that Dean will use his knowledge and leadership skills to improve the effectiveness of the department, thereby, improving services to all State agencies supported by the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I believe that Dean is a wise choice for this very important position and I hope that you will consider his appointment favorably.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Dean Seki's confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

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Testimony for PGM 4/5/2012 2:45:00 PM GM629

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Comments:

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs Committee
Thursday, April 4, 2012 at 2:45pm

GM 629 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEAN SEKI, for a term to expire 12-1-2014.

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs Committee:

My name is Stephanie Kim and I am testifying as an individual. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support for the Governor's nominee, Dean Seki, for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have had the opportunity to know Mr. Seki both professionally and as a friend, for over twenty years. Mr. Seki would bring a firm commitment and dedication to this appointment and I know him to be dependable with a good knowledge base for the department. I have the utmost respect for his integrity and abilities. He would make an excellent addition to the Governor's cabinet.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to confirm him as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support for the Governor's nomination of Dean Seki.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012**

Testimony on GM 629

April 5, 2012

**CHAIR ESPERO, VICE CHAIR KIDANI, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:**

My name is Ed Teixeira, the former vice director of civil defense, State of Hawaii Department of Defense, a position I held from October 1, 1999 to October 4, 2011.

I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Dean Seki for the position of Comptroller, Department of Department of Accounting and General Services.

Mr. Seki has a wealth of experience in State government serving in various positions of responsibility in the Departments of Accounting and General Services and Budget and Finance. More importantly, Mr. Seki has participated in numerous State civil defense and Homeland Security training and readiness exercise sessions. He not only understands the roles and responsibilities for the Department of Accounting and General Services in preparing for disasters, he was a member of the Department's Emergency Response Team and performed disaster management functions in Public Works and Engineering in recent statewide disasters.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

Edward T. Teixeira
P. O. Box 30484
Honolulu, HI 96820

April 4, 2012

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Hearing Date: Thursday, April 5, 2012
2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224

SUBJECT: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NUMBER 629
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE DEAN SEKI AS COMPTROLLER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

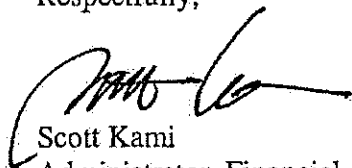
Dear Chair Espero and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **strong support** of gubernatorial nominee Dean Seki to serve as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I have had the honor to know and work with Mr. Seki during his tenure with the Department of Accounting and General Services. His broad wealth of knowledge, particularly in the areas of policy planning and project management, will enable Mr. Seki to excel in fulfilling his responsibilities as Comptroller.

Mr. Seki's experience within State government and the Legislature, particularly his experience in various positions at the Department of Accounting and General Services over the past 11 years, has provided him with the necessary experience and skill set to implement and oversee the Department's mission. His extensive experience in the areas of policy planning will allow him to deftly manage and lead the Department in performing all critical accounting and capital improvement project responsibilities.

For the reasons cited above, I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Mr. Seki's confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Respectfully,



Scott Kami
Administrator, Financial Administration Division
Department of Budget and Finance

The Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Thursday, April 5, 2012
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224

RE: GM 629, Confirmation of Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

To Senator Will Espero, Chair; Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rod Tanonaka and I am a former staff member of the Hawaii State Legislature, writing in support of Dean Seki, gubernatorial nominee as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Dean for a little over 20 years. I met him in 1991 when we were both staff members for then-House Committee on Finance Chair, Rep. Joseph Souki. Dean was a supervisor of budget analysts, of which I was one. Under his tutelage, I learned the state budget system, the legislative process and the ins and outs of working in the political arena. He was responsible for teaching a staff full of recent college graduates like myself the complex and oftentimes confusing world of tax revenues, methods of funding, and measures of effectiveness---all the while having us keep up with a whirlwind legislative calendar and ultimately, advising the Finance Chair on the best possible budget proposal for the House and later, the Legislature, to adopt. Needless to say, under the direction of the senior staff like Dean, the budget was passed on time and balanced.

As a veteran of many years working for both the House Finance Committee and the Senate Ways and Means Committee, I can attest that much of the systems used to run those committees were put in place by staffers such as Dean 20 years ago. Those well thought out systems have stood the test of time and still provide the staff today with a solid foundation on processing possibly the most complicated and challenging pieces of legislation that this body deliberates each year. With the benefit of those systems in place, the budget continues to be deliberated in an orderly and well-thought out manner and continues to be passed on time and balanced.

To me, it is clear that from an early point in Dean's career, he proved to have the ability to administer staff and to think forward about the work he was doing--two traits that I think will serve him well as the State's Comptroller.

Dean has also proven to be a dedicated public servant as he has spent his entire career in both the State Legislative and Executive branches. His experiences are wide and varied, and include high level posts in the Governor's office, the Department of Taxation and the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I believe Dean will prove to be an excellent Comptroller and I encourage you to support his nomination.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Rod Tanonaka

April 4, 2012

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Legislature
2012 Session

Re: Governor's Message No. 629
Testimony in Support of Dean Seki
Comptroller, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this written testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Dean Seki as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), State of Hawaii.

I had the opportunity to work with Dean in 2010 and 2011 when I was the DAGS Deputy Comptroller and Bruce Coppa was the Comptroller. During that time frame, I consulted with Dean on a daily basis in his capacity as the DAGS Legislative Coordinator and our Public Affairs Officer.

Dean's ability and expertise in crafting, editing and reviewing bills was critical. It enabled DAGS to introduce bills that established the needs and priorities for a department that had been cut severely and that needed to be funded and resourced in specific areas to ensure the business of government could continue. Dean's skill set allowed DAGS to stay on top of the numerous bills of interest to our many divisions and supported agencies so we could articulate the positive, and in some cases negative, impacts bills could have on DAGS and the State of Hawaii. In every instant, Dean was willing to call it like he saw it, in a tactful, clear and efficient manner.

Additionally, Dean brings in firsthand experience and knowledge of not just how the department works, but also how the management team operates and the opportunities and challenges they face daily. This familiarity with the key division administrators, issues, and strengths will allow Dean to quickly identify where work needs to flow will allow Dean to jump into the position with a much shorter learning curve.

Again, I support the confirmation of Dean Seki as the DAGS Comptroller. He will do good things for the department and State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Ryan T. Okahara

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted by: Kanani Kealalio
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Submitted on: 4/4/2012

Comments:

Dear Senator Espero & Committee Members:

I am writing to support the nomination of Dean Seki for the position of the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting & General Services (DAGS).

As a long-time and proven government employee, I believe that Mr. Seki is an excellent candidate to fill the position of DAGS Comptroller.

I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Seki on various projects during my tenure at DOT, while he was an Executive Assistant to the Comptroller at DAGS. I found him to be professional and with a strong knowledge of the intricacies of DAGS.

I believe Mr. Seki will continue to be an asset to DAGS and the State of Hawaii. I whole heartedly support the nomination of Mr. Dean Seki as the Comptroller of DAGS.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on Mr. Seki's nomination.

Mahalo,
Kanani Kealalio

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

April 4, 2012

Re: GM 629

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

I am submitting this testimony in support of the confirmation of Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lester Nakamura', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lester Nakamura
Retired Administrator
Information and Communication Services Division
Department of Accounting and General Services

April 4, 2012

Honorable Senator Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Governor's Message (GM) 629
Confirmation of Mr. Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of
Accounting and General Services

Dear Senator Espero and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of Mr. Dean Seki as State Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I first met Mr. Seki in 2001 when he was the Deputy Director of the Department of Taxation. We were both selected by our respective Department Heads to participate in the State's Management Certification Program, a curriculum designed for managers to develop leadership competencies. Mr. Seki's commitment to improving his managerial skill level and to effectively serve the public was evident by his active participation.

In 2002, Mr. Seki became the Planning and Policy Analyst with the Department of Accounting and General Services. He has also served as Deputy Comptroller and Branch Chief of the Department's Public Works Division, Staff Services Office. As the Department's Personnel Officer, I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Seki. I have personally observed his skillful application of leadership principles and techniques. He has impressed me with his innovative thinking to promote the department's mission and provide better service to our customers. He displays a genuine concern for our employees and the public he serves. Mr. Seki has consistently and generously supported all of our employee incentive and appreciation programs and activities. He is admired by many of our employees because of his enthusiasm, positive outlook, and management skills.

Mr. Seki has the character and attributes that I believe are necessary to carry out the duties of Comptroller. He possesses the integrity needed to form creditable relationships with a variety of individuals both within and outside of the department. He is intelligent, fair, patient, willing to listen, considerate, personable, trustworthy, responsive, and a consensus builder.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your favorable consideration and confirmation of Mr. Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Sincerely,



DIANNE F. MATSUURA
Departmental Personnel Officer
Department of Accounting and General Services

GM 629
Confirmation of Mr. Dean Seki
State Comptroller

Dear Legislature:

I am in support for the confirmation of Mr. Dean Seki, for State Comptroller.

I met Mr. Seki many years ago when Mr. Seki served the Legislature as a Budget Analyst for The House of Representatives, Finance Committee.

Mr. Seki showed patience and was able to listen and provide suggestions on budgetary issues relating to specific items of concern.

His outstanding work ethics, integrity, and his willingness to serve the State have been his outstanding qualities.

As he later was assigned to DAGS, I only heard positive remarks as he worked within the Department.

As I am a past Deputy Comptroller for the State of Hawaii, I feel Mr. Seki has the necessary experiences and temperament to serve the people of Hawaii as the State Comptroller.

I recommend that you confirm this nomination.

Sincerely Submitted;

Lloyd I. Unebasami
Former Deputy State Comptroller

April 4, 2012

The Honorable Will Espero
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and Military Affairs
State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM No. 629 – Confirmation of Dean H. Seki as Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services

Hearing Date: Thursday, April 5, 2012
Time: 2:45 pm
Place: State Capitol Conference Room 224

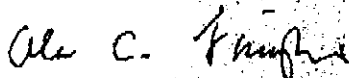
Senator Espero and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the appointment of Dean H. Seki as Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Dean personally and professionally for more than 20 years. He has extensive experience in the legislative and executive branches of state government, having served in numerous managerial capacities during his tenure with the Senate Ways and Means and House Finance Committees, Governor's Office, and Departments of Taxation and Accounting and General Services. His knowledge and understanding of government – in operations, administration, and policy – gives him a solid base with which to manage and lead DAGS effectively and efficiently. He is a great "people" person who listens and communicates well, understands concerns and competing perspectives, and is able to handle difficult situations appropriately, sensitively, and calmly. His integrity and honesty is above reproach and he is a dedicated and well-respected public servant.

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Seki's appointment. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,



ALAN C. TANIGUCHI

Testimony of Michael Yoshinaga

Before the Senate Committee on
Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Thursday, April 5, 2012
2:45pm
Conference Room 224, State Capitol

GM 629

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dean Seki, for a term to expire 12-1-2014.

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in full support of GM 629 on the nomination of Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have had the opportunity to work with Dean on a number of issues, when he was with the Office of the Governor, the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and now at the Department of Accounting and General Services and I've found him to be wise, knowledgeable, open-minded, and reasonable. He is first and foremost a people person, even-tempered, very approachable and not at all confrontational. Experience in and understanding of government operations and an ability to work with people are traits that Dean possesses and essential for the position of Comptroller.

I respectfully ask for this Committee's favorable consideration of Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

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TESTIMONY ON:

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 629: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee DEAN SEKI, for a term to expire on December 1, 2014.

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
On April 5, 2012; at 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol Building, Conference Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee:

I submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. Dean Seki for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller. In my capacity as a Deputy Attorney General, I have had the pleasure to work with Mr. Seki on numerous occasions on various Department of Accounting and General Services ("DAGS") matters. I always have found him to be knowledgeable, skillful, and prepared. He is very good with people, and has the integrity and other necessary attributes to be a successful Comptroller. I urge the Committee to approve and recommend Mr. Seki as Comptroller, as his confirmation will benefit not only DAGS but the State and people of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. Seki for Comptroller.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Patricia Ohara

Deputy Attorney General

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TESTIMONY OF
ESTELLE ENOKI
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON
April 5, 2012

G.M. 629

Chair Espero, and members of the committee, I am Estelle Enoki, a staff member of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) and I am testifying as an individual. I am grateful for this opportunity to offer testimony supporting the nomination of Dean Seki as Comptroller.

As an employee of the Department of Accounting and General Services, I have worked with Mr. Seki on matters pertaining to legislation, research and planning. He has always been very organized, knowledgeable, resourceful, and a clear thinker, with a high regard for principles, order, and propriety. Time and again, he has provided guidance and insight on matters of urgent and routine nature.

He is committed to conducting business with fair play and has a keen respect for public service and government's role in serving the people effectively. He has been important in providing exemplary leadership with regard to teamwork, which is so necessary for the many employees in the service sector in DAGS.

Mr. Seki renders astute technical decisions in policy. He understands complex laws and related mitigating circumstances that they invoke. In his brief tenure as Comptroller, Mr. Seki has restored belief in the good will and integrity of government workers. His pleasant demeanor and humor define him as a personable leader, which has positively influenced staff morale.

Thank you for your support of Mr. Seki's nomination.

Elmer K. Ka'ai, Jr.
P.O. Box 2056
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96805

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Thursday, April 2, 2012

GM 629 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, **DEAN SEKI**, for a term to expire 12-1-2014.

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for gubernatorial nominee, Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Mr. Seki for over 20 years, first meeting him while we both work at the Hawai'i State Legislature. I watched and have been admired by Mr. Seki growth over years not only as an individual, but as a proven leader. It is my belief that Mr. Seki possesses all the qualifications necessary to oversee the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I am supremely confident that his level of performance and commitment will continue as the State Comptroller. I strongly encourage you to vote in favor of the Governor's nomination of Mr. Seki. His service will be an invaluable contribution to the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

April 4, 2011

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations,
and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Legislature
2012 Session

Re: Governor's Message No. 629
Testimony in Support of Dean Seki
Comptroller, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this written testimony in support of the confirmation of Dean Seki as
Comptroller, State of Hawaii.

A comptroller is an essential position for all public and private organizations. It is the role of a comptroller to provide a system of checks and balances to ensure efficiency, help combat fraud, and reduce unnecessary loss. Mr. Seki has served the public for 20+ years, of which twelve years were at the Department of Accounting and General Services. His experience in state government provides a basis for his abilities to serve as the Comptroller.

On a personal note, I have worked with Mr. Seki for the last 9 months. In that time, I have found him to be respectful of others and supportive of his staff. He also encourages openness and transparency within the department.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jan S. Gouveia

To The Senate Committee on
Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair

The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

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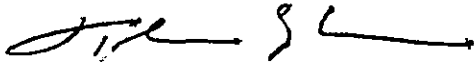
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Measure: GM629

Testimony in support of the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Dean Seki as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Mr. Seki has held various positions in State government throughout the years that included staff positions in the legislature, DAGS Public Works and DAGS Administrative Support. I have had the opportunity to work with him in various capacities and he has always been positive and diligent in his efforts to do a good job and provide efficient and effective service. He focuses on providing workable solutions and applies that concept to his work and leadership capabilities. His working experiences in State Government will be of great assistance to the Department and the State.

Sincerely,



Thomas Yamashiro, State Retiree

Former Administrator, Information and Communication Services Division

Former Deputy Director, Department of Budget and Finance

Testimony Before the
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
on April 5, 2012
State Capitol Building, Conference Room 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 629: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee DEAN SEKI, for a term to expire on December 1, 2014.

Chair Espero and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony for the confirmation of Mr. Dean Seki, as the State Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

For the last 10 years, I have worked with Mr. Seki in his functional capacity as the DAGS Departmental Legislative Coordinator and Public Information Officer; the DAGS-Public Works Division's Policy and Planning Analyst; as well as under other assigned duties within the DAGS-Public Works Division. During that period of time, I found Mr. Seki: (1) to be a skillful leader with high integrity; (2) to have a wealth of knowledge that will be beneficial to the State of Hawai'i; and (3) to have demonstrated the ability to develop and foster positive working relationships with other State agencies and legislative staff.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Seki.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph Morita". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ralph Morita, DAGS-Planning Branch, Chief

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Submitted on: 4/5/2012

Comments:

TO: Chair Will Espero, Vice Chair Michelle Kidani, and PGM Committee Members

RE: GM629

It is my pleasure to submit testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Dean Seki as Comptroller. I have known Dean Seki for 18 years. I have worked for him as legislative fiscal staff, across from him (FIN/WAM) as legislative fiscal staff, and with him in his various capacities in the Executive Branch. I have always known him to be a hardworking, honest, and dedicated public servant who never forgot the important role of the Legislature in delivering quality services to the public. I respectfully urge you to support his nomination.

From: John Cheung [johnccengineering@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 9:24 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: DAGS Comptroller Nominee - Dean Seki

Honorable Chair and Committee Members,

Support of Dean Seki to the post of State Comptroller. Confirmation Hearing - 4/5/2012.

I have known Mr. Dean Seki professional for many years through working on State projects. I have found him to be very professional and knowledgeable on various State projects. I believe he will do a very good job as the State Comptroller and I personally support his nomination.

I am the President of CC Engineering & Construction, a general contractor. I am also a Past President (2004) of BIA-Hawaii.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

John Cheung
President
CC Engineering & Construction, Inc.

(808) 848-2032

TESTIMONY ON:

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 629: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee DEAN SEKI, for a term to expire on December 1, 2014.

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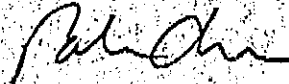
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On April 5, 2012; at 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol Building, Conference Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee:

I submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. Dean Seki for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller. In my capacity as a Deputy Attorney General, I have had the pleasure to work with Mr. Seki on numerous occasions on various Department of Accounting and General Services ("DAGS") matters. I always have found him to be knowledgeable, skillful, and prepared. He is very good with people, and has the integrity and other necessary attributes to be a successful Comptroller. I urge the Committee to approve and recommend Mr. Seki as Comptroller, as his confirmation will benefit not only DAGS but the State and people of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. Seki for Comptroller.

Very truly yours,



Patricia Ohara
Deputy Attorney General

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TESTIMONY OF
EVA LAIRD SMITH
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON
April 5, 2012

G.M. 629

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee, I am Eva Laird Smith, current executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA). I am testifying as an individual, offering my support of the nomination of Dean Seki as Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

He helps us greatly through complex organizational matters, especially those dealing with inter-departmental relations, and working with the administration and legislature in a cooperative and professional manner. Mr. Seki has a clear working knowledge of advisory Board requirements and has made his office available to help us with matters involving State policy and procedure, administrative rules, and personnel issues.

In his brief tenure as Acting Comptroller, I can honestly testify that Mr. Seki has instilled a high level of good will and integrity in DAGS workers and government in general. He is personable, has a positive attitude and works in the interest of effective communication. I highly support his nomination.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before you on this matter.

TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

G.M. 629

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEAN SEKI, for a term to expire 12-1-2014.

Chair Espero and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 629.

I would like to first thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me; to be considered for the position of Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) is indeed both an honor and a privilege.

I would also like to thank my wife Avis and son Reyn for supporting me in this important endeavor. I am grateful for their unconditional love.

I would also like to thank everyone here today for supporting me and those who have kindly submitted letters on my behalf.

I have lived my entire life here in Hawaii. After growing up on Maui I made the move to Honolulu to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa and have lived on Oahu ever since.

I feel the diversity of my work experience, has provided me with the qualifications required to lead DAGS as its Comptroller. Executive level positions such as the Comptroller require strong leadership skills and I believe above all high moral character.

While there are people I have looked up to in my past, what I try to do is look at each person I come into contact with and take a positive characteristic away with me. Whether it is Governor Abercrombie's enthusiasm for the issues, Chief of Staff Coppa's open and collaborative style, my dad's pragmatic view of life, or the janitor in my building making it a point to say "good morning" everyday, I view each of these experiences as positive characteristics I can use to better myself.

I firmly believe I offer the unique perspective of being someone that has come from within the organization to lead DAGS. I have worked with DAGS as far back as Governor Cayetano's administration and currently have worked over 12 years within DAGS. During this time I have developed the greatest admiration for the employees at DAGS. I would not

have accepted this nomination if I did not have the utmost confidence in our employees and know that we can get the job done.

I view myself as a facilitator. I look to our knowledgeable staff for advice but ultimately the decisions made are mine alone. I will always support staff and I will always embrace the duties and responsibilities that come with the position of Comptroller.

DAGS has many challenges, however, I believe that under my leadership we can face these challenges head on and commit ourselves to continuing the excellent service DAGS has provided in the past.

I humbly ask for your support on my nomination as Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 629.

The Honorable Will Espero
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero,

Thank you for your questions and the opportunity to respond to the following:

1. A description of your experience in the field of Comptroller, or any related field.

I have ten years of legislative experience a staff member on the House Committee on Finance and Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Based on this experience, I fully understand the role of the legislature and am ready to execute the policies enacted by the legislature.

My experience in the Executive Branch includes, two years as a member of the Governor's research staff and twelve years of experience as a Planning and Policy Analyst in the Department of Accounting and General Services, Public Works Division. During this time, I was also the legislative coordinator for the Department of Accounting and General Services. I was also served as a deputy director to both the State Department of Taxation and the Department of Accounting and General Services.

As a deputy director and the legislative coordinator for the Department of Accounting and General Services, I have a good understanding of the issues affecting the department. I have worked very closely with four different comptrollers, and have learned from their successes and failures.

As you can see from my experiences in State government, especially within the Department of Accounting and General Services, I am fully aware of all the requirements of the Comptroller position and am ready to fulfill the duties and responsibilities effectively and immediately.

2. An assessment of your strengths and weaknesses:

Strengths

- a. Highly motivated public servant with a strong work ethic
- b. Able to see the big picture and allow managers to run their operations

- c. Strong believer in customer service
- d. Supports dialogue and open communication
- e. Will always support staff
- f. Believe in face-to-face dialogue rather than email or telephone when possible
- g. I believe in creating and fostering a positive working atmosphere based on professionalism and a strong work ethic

Weaknesses

- a. Would prefer to deal with policy issues rather than small details
- b. Not very tolerant of long, disorganized meetings

3. *An assessment of the department/agency strengths and weaknesses. Please include an explanation of how the department/agency's strengths may be best utilized, as well as how the department/agency's weaknesses may be improved.*

Without doubt the department's strength lies in its employees. I have personally worked with many of DAGS' employees and have the utmost confidence and pride in knowing them. I call many of them my personal friends. They are hard working and knowledgeable about what they do. In the past, many of them have done more with less and they continue to do so. I believe that the employees that have weathered the "storm" have become seasoned veterans and are in a position to lead new employees which will result in the provision of better services for DAGS, other agencies, and the public.

However, doing more with less has reached a point where staff cannot maintain the same level of service without adequate staffing and resources. DAGS has suffered significant staffing reductions in the past two years and only recently has begun to rebuild its workforce. While we are still not close to previous high levels of staffing, each year we continue to rebuild and aggressively take action to fill vacancies.

4. *An overall vision for the department/agency, specifically what goals can be accomplished within the next four years and what types of annual benchmarks can be used to evaluate the department/agency's progress towards those goals;*

DAGS' mission is help State agencies better serve the public by providing, at best value with integrity: superior public facilities, expert technological solutions and services, operational support, fiscal guidance, oversight of administrative services, and preservation and promotion of cultural heritage.

Goals for the next four years:

- a. Both the Governor and the Legislature are considering measures during this current Legislative Session which propose an aggressive construction package. Whichever proposal passes, it is my goal to implement these

projects appropriated to DAGS as quickly as possible. DAGS has done this before under the Cayetano administration's \$1 billion construction initiative and we can do it again. Benchmarks for this, after bills are enacted into law, would be nine months to complete the allotment process and another year to reach the construction phase.

- b. Renovate and restore the State's buildings that are unoccupied. Two examples of this are, the Kamamalu Building which has been empty for ten years and the Lihue Courthouse which has sat vacant for five years. My goal is to renovate buildings like these and relocate state employees currently in private leased space into these State buildings. Benchmarks will be to obtain funding for these projects in FY 2013 and occupy the buildings by the end of FY 2016.
- c. The State Capitol is one of the most significant buildings in the State of Hawaii. Unfortunately, things like the security system, fire alarm, and public address systems are starting to fail. My immediate goal is to have the security system fully functional by the end of 2012. A re-evaluation of the existing security, fire, and public address systems will be done and a funding request will be made for the 2013 legislative session. If funding is approved, the allotment request will be processed by FY 2014 and the construction phase started toward the latter half of FY 2014.

5. *The department/agencies top budgetary priority for the biennium;*

The department's top budgetary priorities are as follows:

- a. Operating Budget
 - 1. CSD, AGS 231, request for utilities, submitted via Governor's message for \$4,769,000
 - 2. OIMT, Business Process and IT/IRM Reengineering, \$5,000,000
 - 3. OIMT, IT Integration Pilot Projects, \$1,825,000
 - 4. OIMT, IT Integration Pilot Projects, Digital Archives, \$175,000

CIP Budget

- 1. Kamamalu Building, design and construction for asbestos mitigation and renovation, \$17 million
- 2. Capitol Building, reseal and waterproof 5th floor roof deck; \$8 million
- 3. Lump sum advance planning-update of State Capital District Master Plan, \$1 million
- 4. Statewide Financial System Enterprise Reengineering (ERP), \$15 million

6. *An assessment of the department/agency staff's morale, including the turnover rate for personnel.*

My assessment is that DAGS' staff morale is good. In part, due to the restoration of positions and the filling of vacancies are definitely having a positive effect on staff morale.

There is minimal turnover at DAGS, but those that we lose to retirement take with them a significant amount of institutional knowledge.

7. ***Any foreseeable possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service in the department and how you would overcome them.***

At the moment I cannot think of any specific situation that would constitute a conflict of interest. However, as Comptroller, I do sit on a number of Boards and Commissions and should a conflict of interest arise I would recuse myself and assign someone to stand in for me on that particular issue.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to answer your questions. Please do not hesitate to call me in advance of the hearing at 586-0400 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Seki', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dean H. Seki