

GM 659

Submitting for consideration and
confirmation to the Correctional Industries
Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee,
DAVID MATSUURA,
for a term to expire 6-30-2016

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 659, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION OF
DAVID MATSUURA
TO THE CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

by
Jodie F. Maesaka-Hirata, Director
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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 12, 2012; 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) strongly supports the nomination of David Matsuura to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, term expiration of June 30, 2016.

Mr. Matsuura has considerable business experience in the private sector. It has been a pleasure for Correctional Industries to work with Mr. Matsuura in the past year, in evaluating and assessing where Correctional Industries should be. Mr. Matsuura believes in our vision of employing inmates and preparing them for transition back to the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Mr. Matsuura's nomination.

April 10, 2012

David Matsuura
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Senator Will Espero
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Nomination to Correctional Industries Advisory Committee

Dear Senator Espero:

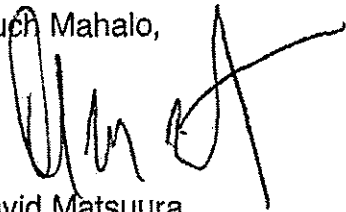
Thank you for hearing my nomination to the Correctional Industries Advisory Board.

In response to your questions;

1. I have served on this board for 4 years already and before that I had a working relationship with HCI as a partnership. I believe HCI has the most potential to help our people who are incarcerated before they are released. This program also has the potential to be a win win for both the incarcerated and government agencies / private partnerships.
2. I believe that my best experience and knowledge that would benefit the HCI is my prior partnership and working relations with HCI as a partner. I know the potential and benefits of HCI as well as the problems that gives me a better understanding as how to address the issues.
3. I am hoping that we can establish more programs to benefit the community like the play grounds HCI built for the DOE schools. I would also hopefully see HCI moving into industries like Agriculture to help give the incarcerated a job skill and opportunity before they are released back into society.
4. I do not see any conflicts of interest that could arise from my serving on the HCI board.

Again thank you for hearing my nomination to the HCI board and look forward to answering any other questions at my nomination hearing.

Much Mahalo,



David Matsuura