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The Twenty-Sixth Legislature, State of Hawaii
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Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
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G.M. 662 – Submitting for Consideration and
Confirmation to the Correctional Industries
Advisory Committee, James Wataru

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the nomination of James "Jamie" Wataru to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, which is responsible for advising the Department of Public Safety on the feasibility of establishing work and training program venture agreements.

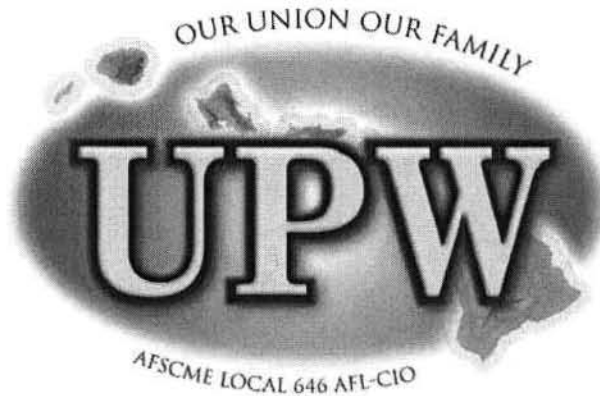
Mr. Wataru currently serves as the State President of the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 675, Vice-President of the Hawaii State Federation of the AFL-CIO, Commissioner to the Honolulu Fire Commission, Board Member to the Labor Community Services Program, and President of the Kaiser High School Athletic Booster Club. He has been employed as a Plumber for the State of Hawaii Department of Accounting and General Services since 1989, where he coordinates and supervises in-house plumbing projects and ensures a safe working environment for his staff, and previously worked for Honolulu Plumbing Company and Advance Plumbing Company until he received his journeyman plumbers' license.

We trust that Mr. Wataru will serve the Commission as one of the two labor representatives with distinction and honor. His work experience, combined with his professional affiliations and dedication to his community make him a valuable asset to the nine-member commission.

It is our pleasure to offer our unequivocal support for the confirmation of James "Jamie" Wataru to the Correctional Industries Advisory Commission and we request your favorable consideration for his appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director



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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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

DATE OF HEARING: Thursday, April 12, 2012
TIME OF HEARING: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY ON GM 662 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMES WATARU, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 11,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

James Wataru has been serving as State President of UPW, AFSCME, LOCAL 646, AFL-CIO and presiding over our State Executive Board since October 2009. Previously, he served as a Division Vice President overseeing the administration of the UPW Oahu Division Executive Board. James also served two terms as Delegate to the Oahu Division Board. He has remained actively involved as a member of UPW for nearly 13 years, having served

several terms as a union representative and Chief Steward at his place of employment. Concurrently, James has continued to serve as a member of our Executive and Full Negotiating Committees.

In his roles representing this union, James has demonstrated himself to be an individual capable of working with the whole; unafraid to ask the difficult questions in an effort to realize the collective vision of contributing to our community by improving conditions for our members in the workplace and the home. James has illustrated his understanding of our goals for a better community, not only as a member of this union and his participation in events benefitting the community; but also by participating – upon his own volition - in community projects, events and activities that are important to him as a citizen of the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii.

As it is clear that James understands the importance of an individual's contribution to society, he embodies the ideals necessary of a commissioner.

After your full consideration, I ask that the Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs find James Wataru qualified and recommend that the State Senate advise and consent his nomination.