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TESTIMONY OF REGINALD V. CASTANARES, JR.,
UA LOCAL 675 PLUMBERS AND FITTERS OF HAWAII

IN SUPPORT OF GM786

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT (ENE)

March 26, 2012

Aloha Chairman Gabbard, Vice-Chair English and Members of the Committee

My name is Reggie Castanares, I have the privilege to serve the plumbers and fitters of Hawaii as their Business Manager. During the tenure of 91 years which our Labor Organization has diligently served Hawaii and it's members we have experienced many changes.

Hawaii's legacy of organized Labor has always been about a decent wage and a safe working environment which allows us to provide our families with a piece of the American dream. Food, shelter, clothing and educational opportunities. An essential part of that goal is the preservation and enhancement of our environment in the very special place we are privileged to call our home, Hawaii nei.

Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Azita Quon as a member of the Environmental Council, enhances our opportunities to maintain what is precious to our way of life and preserves and protects our environment and our island culture for our children and their descendents.

UA Local 675 Plumbers and Fitters of Hawaii, its members and I are honored to submit this testimony in support of the confirmation of Mrs. Azita Quon as a member of the Hawaii State Environmental Council.

Azita Quon, will bring a wealth of practical and professional knowledge and experience to the council. She is an active member of the architectural profession in Hawaii, with over 25 years of experience in the building and construction industry, master planning and architectural projects in Hawaii and the Pacific Rim. She has demonstrated her commitment to the use of evolving ideas in green technologies in both design and applications.

We are proud to support her nomination to be a member of the Environmental Council. We believe her knowledge in the design and building industry and her efforts in applying Green solutions will be well received. Her dedication and willingness to serve our community is commendable.

Mahalo,

Reggie Castanares,
Business Manager, UA 675