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February 5, 2013
2:45 p.m. Conference Room 224
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415 South Beretania Street

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 582

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
THEODORE I. SAKAI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12/1/2014**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFIARS

I **support** the appointment of Mr. Ted Sakai as Director of the Department of Public Safety. His contributions to the Department of Public Safety (PSD) and our community are noteworthy and significant, and I consider him eminently qualified for this important responsibility.

As a former director of the PSD, he introduced several innovative leadership and improvement programs, and in 2002 inaugurated the provision of law enforcement services by Deputy Sheriffs to Oahu district airports. This program has ensured that Honolulu International Airport, its tenants and the travelling public are accorded a safe and secure environment that meets FAA and TSA standards. The PSD also ensures the safe and expeditious transfer of prisoners to and from other states through our very busy airport. Mr. Sakai is a skilled leader and is well equipped to guide the department to its new goals.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Mr. Sakai.



NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor



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LATE TESTIMONY

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TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Tuesday, February 05, 2013
2:45 P.M.
Conference Room 224

Governor's Message NO. 582

Chairperson Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message no. 582, submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director for the Department of Public Safety, Mr. Theodore I. Sakai. I express strong support for Mr. Sakai's nomination.

Mr. Sakai's long experience in various positions at the Department of Public Safety, including having previously served as the Director for the Department of Public Safety, will serve him well as he again looks to take on those responsibilities. The Department of Agriculture has been collaborating with Ted and the Department of Public Safety to encourage agricultural opportunities for inmates to provide alternative rehabilitation programs and possible career paths. In addition, our departments are continuing to work closely to increase the consumption of locally grown products by the Department of Public Safety.

We look forward to continuing to work with Mr. Sakai in the future because he has demonstrated the leadership and capability necessary to be an effective Director for the Department of Public Safety.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify.



LATE TESTIMONY
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February 1, 2013

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Nominee, Theodore "Ted" I. Sakai (GM 582)
As Director of the Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Tuesday, February 5, 2013
2:45 p.m. Rm 224, State Capitol

Written Testimony of Dwight Takamine, Director,
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

It is with great pleasure that I testify in support of Ted Sakai's confirmation as Director for the Department of Public Safety. We are truly fortunate to have a person with such outstanding credentials and experience in both Industry and Government to help move our state government forward.

Ted Sakai is not new to the position and he achieved a stellar record while serving in the same position previously. Through his lifelong experiences, he has gained tremendous personal credibility with those he will be particularly working with - in this field.

I wanted to note that one of the special programs that he played a key role in helping to develop is the "going home" program, a rehabilitation program that was developed for the Kulani inmates (just prior to their release). With very little financial resources and lots of people power, he was part of making this a model program for the State of Hawaii. This was a program that was working well, prior to the shutdown of the Kulani facility by the previous administration, and is still an effective model that we can be proud of.

It is his low key style of leadership that has earned him much respect from his colleagues and his ability to pull people together to get things done that makes

him effective. Having him continue to serve in a capacity that he excels at is a smart investment for all of the inmates and the residents of this state.

Therefore, I would like to add my unqualified and solid support to Ted Sakai for Director of the Hawaii State Department of Public Safety. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

LATE TESTIMONY

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 582

Consideration And Confirmation Of Ted I. Sakai
Director of Department of Public Safety

by

Pamela Ferguson-Brey, Executive Director
Crime Victim Compensation Commission

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Senator Will Espero, Chair

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 5, 2013; 2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

Thank you for providing the Crime Victim Compensation Commission ("Commission") with the opportunity to testify in strong support of the Confirmation of Ted I. Sakai as Director of the Department of Public Safety.

When the Commission was established in 1967 to mitigate the suffering and financial impact experienced by victims of violent crime by providing compensation to pay un-reimbursed crime-related expenses, the Commission was administratively attached to the Department of Public Safety. As an administratively attached agency, the Commission was fortunate to have the support of Mr. Sakai during his last tenure as Director of the Department of Public Safety and during his current seven-month tenure as Interim Director.

During his previous tenure, Mr. Sakai demonstrated strong support for the Commission and its efforts to assist crime victims. Without Mr. Sakai's support during his tenure from 1998-2002, the Commission would not have been able to successfully implement its Restitution Recovery Project, a pilot project to distribute restitution payments collected from inmates to their crime victims. The project began in 2003 and, within nine months, collected over \$30,000 in restitution from inmates and parolees and disbursed them to crime victims. Since then, the project has opened over 4,000 cases and collected over 1.8 million dollars in restitution. The project is now an part integral part of the victim component of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative ("JRI").

During his current tenure, Mr. Sakai has been working closely with the Commission on JRI initiatives. He has worked diligently to integrate victim-centered models into the Department of Public Safety. In September 2012, Mr. Sakai met with representatives of the victim services community and Victim Witness Advocates from the various counties Prosecuting Attorney's Offices to outline his vision for the Department of Public Safety's Victim Services Unit. The Victim Services Unit will coordinate the Statewide Automated Victim Information Notification System (SAVIN), act as a liaison between the counties' Victim Witness Advocates programs and the Department of Public Safety, and create programs aimed at offender accountability.

Mr. Sakai has been a strong ally in addressing institutional barriers in the Department of Public Safety that affect restitution assessment and collection. The Commission is confident that restitution assessment and collection will continue to increase through this continued, collaborative effort.

Thank you for providing the Commission with an opportunity to testify in favor of the confirmation of Ted I. Sakai as the Director of the Department of Public Safety.

LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFIARS
ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 582

February 5, 2013

RELATING TO THEODORE I. SAKAI
FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support for the nomination of Mr. Theodore I. Sakai to the Director of the Department of Public Safety.

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Sakai over the better half of the last year as he as served as the interim director for the Department of Public Safety. During that time, Mr. Sakai has worked closely with my office and the Department of Budget & Finance in the contemplation and construction of their department budget. As a past director of the department, Mr. Sakai has proven himself as a strong advocate for his department, staff and personnel.

Mr. Sakai also has been very engaged in contemplating the strategic vision and plan for the Department of Public Safety as a business organization into the future. I have found Mr. Sakai to have a tremendous grasp of the various aspects of the Department, what is required for his staff to be successful, and how the department fits into the overall plan for the State and its impact on the taxpayer.

I am confident that Mr. Theodore I. Sakai will prove to be a very valuable role model to the future direction and stature of the Department of Public Safety. I urge the members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs to support his selection by voting favorably on his nomination and advancing G.M. 582 for full Senate confirmation.

LATE TESTIMONY



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Vision

Through pū`ā, the process of feeding, nourishing, and strengthening, there will be the emergence of enlightened and empowered communities and society.

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
State Capitol, Room 224
415 South Beretania
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Letter of Support for Ted Sakai, Nominee for Director of Public Safety

Aloha e Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee,

I welcome this opportunity to provide a letter of **support for Ted Sakai**, Gubernatorial Nominee for the Director of Public Safety.

By way of background, I am the executive director of the Pū`ā Foundation, a non-profit organization working in the area of community healing and well-being. One of the Foundation's projects involves working with the prison and forensic community. Over the years we have been involved in various initiatives, such as: 1) the Trauma Informed Care projects at the Women's Community Correctional Center, and the Waiawa Correctional Facility; 2) the Pu`uhonua Summit—Establishing Contemporary Pu`uhonua as the Space for Healing Native Hawaiians Within the Correctional System and Community, sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Department of Public Safety (Act 117) and 3) the Native Hawaiian Justice Taskforce Summit, set to eliminate the over representation of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System (Act 170). Through this work I have come to know Director Sakai.

Complex societal problems such as those that pave a person's pathway to prison, require comprehensive solutions. Creating places of healing and transformation, forming partnerships, sharing resources and working together as a community, are efforts to be part of the development of those solutions. As a community based non-governmental organization working toward systemic change and collaborative impact, we believe that public/private partnerships are crucial at resolving these public health and public safety issues.

Ted Sakai has years of experience and a great track record with working collaboratively with community. Under his continued leadership at the Department of Public Safety, more public/private initiatives are possible, and true partnerships can be formed so that progress can be made for effective positive change.

We strongly support Ted Sakai's nomination for the position of Director Public Safety, and look forward to the opportunity to work with him.

Very truly yours,


Toni Bissen
Executive Director

LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF THEODORE I. SAKAI AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

February 5, 2013

To: Chairman Will Espero and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I am submitting this testimony in support of the nomination of Theodore Sakai as the Gubernatorial nominee to the Director of the Department of Public Safety.

I have known Theodore Sakai for over 20 years and feel that he will be an excellent Director of the Department of Public Safety. He is noted for his hard work, organizational skills, and his positive attitude and has a proven record as a competent administrator. Ted has always conducted himself with the highest degree of integrity and treated others fairly and in a professional manner, and has a reputation for being a decisive and straightforward person. He is very dedicated to community issues and I am confident that he will be a great asset to the Department of Public Safety and I strongly support his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony on Governor's Message No. 582
Consideration and Confirmation to the Director of the
Department of Public Safety
Gubernatorial Nominee, THEODORE I. SAKAI
For a Term to Expire 12/1/2014

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 224
Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 2:45 p.m.

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Theodore "Ted" Sakai's confirmation as Director of the Department of Public Safety.

I worked with Ted Sakai for 10 years as the former administrative services officer for the Department of Public Safety. What makes Ted an effective leader is his sincere belief in the value of people to an organization's success. His leadership style is "down to earth" and accessible. Ted encourages input from staff, teamwork, and a respect for differences.

I believe Ted will make an exceptional Director of the Department of Public Safety and respectfully urge the Committee to support his nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Teshima

LATE TESTIMONY

February 4, 2013

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Espero and Committee Members:

I would like to express my strong support for Mr. Ted Sakai to be the Director of Public Safety. His resume will indicate that he is well qualified to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of one of the most difficult and controversial Department in the State of Hawaii to manage.

I have known and worked with Mr. Sakai for more than 25 years when I was employed with PSD. He was the Director when I was the Division Administrator for the Intake Service Center. Over the years, he has demonstrated his skills to organize and lead an agency to accomplish its services mandated by law.

To illustrate, when he became the Director in 1998, Mr. Sakai was able to develop a Five Year Strategic Plan (a first) for the Department. With the aid of a facilitator, he was able to work with key administrators to identify the problems confronting Corrections, together determine its solutions and then designate and hold accountable each component, under his command, to execute the goals and objectives of the strategic plan.

In addition, Ted has the knowledge and experience to collaborate and form partnerships with the appropriate organizations in both the public and private sectors and community leaders to address the issues regarding public safety.

Thank you for this opportunity to recommend and humbly request that you confirm his nomination to be the next Director for the Public Safety Department.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wendell Murakawa
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LATE TESTIMONY

Chair Espero, Vice-Chair Baker and members of the committee:

I am **anonymously** submitting this letter of **NON-SUPPORT** for Theodore Sakai (Ted) as Director for the Department of Public Safety for the same reason others before me have submitted letters to the Senate committee on Public Safety and Military affairs, fear of retaliation by my employer. I have been made aware of issues occurring in our department that question Mr. Sakai's honesty, fairness, integrity and professionalism. This happens to be a level of conduct stated in our Mission Statement I believe Mr. Sakai does not uphold.

Approximately one year ago, the PSD created a pilot program called the Criminal Investigation Office (CIO) with the sole purpose of investigating corruption of our uniformed and non-uniformed employees within the department. Two former, retired Honolulu Police Officers, Mr. David Thorton and Mr. Jerry Trinidad were tapped to investigate these issues of corruption. Their core function has been to investigate criminal felony cases within the PSD. During this past year, criminal cases were prosecuted. The Department formed strong alliances with the Honolulu Police Department and the Prosecutor's office with the intent to minimize and eliminate corruption in our department. Most recently, multiple Adult Correctional Officers (ACO) have been arrested and prosecuted for assaulting inmates and bringing in contraband. These officers were being paid by inmates to bring cigarettes and drugs into our jails and prisons.

It is alleged that UPW President Dayton Nakanelua contacted and pressured Interim-Director Sakai on the issue of ACOs being arrested and convicted. UPW by contract represents correctional officers for issues that arise between the officer or employee and the employer (The Department of Public Safety). When a correctional officer is arrested for a criminal felony offense, UPW has no jurisdiction. Because of Nakanelua's influence, Mr. Sakai succumbed to the pressure, knowing that UPW's support of Interim-Director Sakai's upcoming confirmation hearing would add to his repertoire of support. As a result of this UPW influence, Interim-Director Sakai made a decision to move the CIO unit out of our central office at 919 Ala Moana Blvd. to the Attorney General's office, stating that "the unit is too close to him". Interim-Director Sakai is fearful that employees might think that as the new Director, he would be targeting them, a foolish folly on his part. Interim-Director Sakai has a responsibility to address corruption in our department instead of sweeping it under the rug. We are accountable for our actions. As a Director of a state agency, Interim-Director Sakai's responsibility should be to represent us all equally, instead of submitting to the interests of individuals with agendas for personal gain or labor unions as is with this issue.

Mr. Sakai's confirmation

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In the last confirmation hearing of Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, over 40 people submitted anonymous letters of non-support from employees that this committee chose to ignore merely because they did not sign their names to their letters for fear of being retaliated against. Not once did this committee take the time to investigate to determine if any of the allegations might have merit. In the end, Ms. Maesaka-Hirata was relieved of her duties by the Governor's office. Apparently, some of those allegations had merit. When an employee takes the time to write to this committee and is telling you that they fear retaliation, why would you not investigate? That tells me that there something very wrong within our department.

Now this committee is about to make a decision about the confirmation of Interim-Director Sakai as our Director. I do not support his confirmation. It is apparent to me that he does not have the honesty and integrity to make good decisions for our department and its employees because he is already giving special dispensation to special interest groups that benefit him personally. Interim-Director Sakai has given preference to "Restorative Circles" and sits on this board along with Ms. Lorren Walker and Craig Chong of "Fresh Leadership", consulting firms with whom he has personal contact and has received compensation for as a consultant. This smells of favoritism and cronyism. Interim-Director Sakai has approved approximately \$100,000.00 to "Fresh Leadership" because of these personal ties. Interim-Director Sakai claims he has recused himself of any decision making by turning over the awarding any consultation fees to Deputy Director of Administration, Martha Torney. All Deputy Director Torney did was make the award to "Fresh Leadership" instead of Interim-Director Sakai at his instruction making Deputy Director Torney just as corrupt as Interim-Director Sakai. To support this notion of corruption by the appointees in the PSD, prior to Interim-Director Sakai's retiring from PSD in 2005, Deputy Director Torney at the time was the Department's program specialist hired by Interim-Director Sakai funneled federal funds to Hawaii County for which Torney was aware that Mr. Sakai would be awarded the contract.

The above information can be verified and the list goes on and on. Now do you really think this committee should confirm Mr. Sakai when it is apparent that he is not a good steward for the employees of this agency and drains our budget by funneling money to special interest groups that benefit him because he gives preferential treatment to these groups of people? Think about it. I do not support his confirmation! Pick somebody who has honesty, integrity, fairness, passion and truly cares about our 2500+ PSD employees, our 6,000+ offenders and the community at large!

In closing you **ALL** have a responsibility to the public, to make the right decision and you **ALL** work and represent the people of Hawaii.

LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 582
Consideration and Confirmation of Theodore I. Sakai
as Director of the Department of Public Safety

By

Joan K. Yanagihara

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Roselyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 5, 2013; 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

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

It is my pleasure to write in support of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Ted Sakai as Director of the Department of Public Safety. Working as Ted's assistant, I can attest to the breadth and sheer volume of requests, complaints and project, program and personnel matters he handles on a daily basis with intelligence, fairness, courtesy and compassion – all while maintaining a calm and pleasant demeanor.

I can tell you of Ted's work ethic – he has usually cleared his desk by 6:30 a.m. and goes on to tackle a demanding schedule of often back-to-back meetings and events. He reads and remembers everything that crosses his desk. He is organized, decisive and prompt in dealing with paperwork. Ted is an excellent time manager and delegator, and expects much from all of us, but no more than he would expect of himself. I have rarely seen him take notes in a meeting, yet he can recall important details, often from years past.

Ted's directions to staff are clear and direct, and delivered in a reasoned and sensitive manner. He has a real open-door policy – he is open to and encourages new ideas and suggestions. But, what has impressed me most is his interest in nurturing people – in the time he spends sharing his knowledge and discussing ideas with the many who seek his counsel.

In Ted, Public Safety has a leader with a unique combination of intelligence and vision, extensive skills and experience, and the desire and commitment to transform the department into an effective and humane provider of public safety services for our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my unequivocal support for Ted Sakai's confirmation.

LATE TESTIMONY

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February 4, 2013

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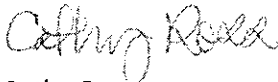
Dear Senator Espero and Committee Members:

I would like to express my strong support for Interim Director Theodore I. Sakai's appointment as the Director for the Department of Public Safety.

I have been employed with the State of Hawaii for the past 12 years, and began working at the Department of Public Safety last October. Even in the short time that I have been with the Department, Mr. Sakai exhibited tremendous leadership capabilities, thoughtful decision making, and passion for and dedication to the Department, its staff, and its customers. It is for these reasons, in conjunction with Mr. Sakai's extensive knowledge of and previous experience with the Department, that I believe Mr. Sakai is fully qualified to be the Director of the Department of Public Safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and I humbly ask that you confirm Mr. Theodore I. Sakai's nomination as Director for the Department of Public Safety.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Ross