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Written Statement of  
**RICHARD C. LIM**  
Director  
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS AND HOUSING**  
Monday, March 31, 2014  
2:50 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of  
**GM 557**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LEIGH-ANN MIYASATO,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism strongly supports the gubernatorial nomination of Leigh-Ann Miyasato to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation.

Ms. Miyasato has held positions as corporate council at Vantage Council; executive director of HiBEAM; and DragonBridge Capital as Vice President. She founded and serves as the Executive Director of the Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawaii which encourages entrepreneurial companies to get involved in community service. Ms. Miyasato's work in the entrepreneurial ecosystem, from startup mode to mergers and acquisitions, will greatly assist the HTDC.

With her success and experience in both high tech and corporate law, she can assist HTDC in multiple areas. Her vision and dedication to assisting companies will add a valuable perspective to the HTDC Board.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of the nomination of Leigh-Ann Miyasato.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



March 31, 2014

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & HOUSING

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair

HEARING

Monday, March 31, 2014

2:50 p.m.

Conference Room 16

Re: GM557: Nomination of Leigh-Ann Miyasato to the  
Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Leigh-Ann Miyasato's appointment to the High Technology Development Corporation. I am the President of Business Law Corps, a Hawaii legal nonprofit that offers free corporate law services to promising entrepreneurs, and a partner at Convergent Law Group, a Silicon Valley based law firm that represents high tech companies. I am also a Lecturer at Law at the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law (teaching the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Clinic), a member of the Board of Advisors of the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship and Small Business at University of Hawaii Shider School of Business, and a founding member of HiBEAM.

Based on my work with Leigh-Ann in a number of capacities, I know that Leigh-Ann would be a thoughtful, diligent, dedicated, active, intelligent and community-minded member of the Board. As a founding member of HiBEAM, I worked with Leigh-Ann when she was the Executive Director. She spearheaded a number of important initiatives at HiBEAM, and helped recruit and mentor a number of promising startups. I was also a co-founder with Leigh-Ann of DragonBridge, a Hawaii startup focused on helping bridge Hawaii to opportunities to China. At DragonBridge, I saw Leigh-Ann handle many of the important administrative aspects of a startup, which she performed extremely competently and with a positive spirit. I also worked with Leigh-Ann as a founding director of the Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawaii, a nonprofit focused on helping the startup community participate in community service. As President of the Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawaii, Leigh-Ann works with many Hawaii startups to help them give back to the community. Leigh-Ann is also on the Board of Directors of our organization, Business Law Corps, and has made valuable contributions to its growth.

In summary, I believe Leigh-Ann would bring a wealth of experience and the valuable skills, connections and values to the HTDC board. She understands the startup and venture worlds, and would be highly effective in helping HTDC navigate the challenges of growing Hawaii's technology industry and community.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of Ms. Miyasato's nomination to the HTDC Board of Directors.

Sincerely yours,  
Gregory R. Kim