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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES WATARU, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 631
NOMINATING JAMES WATARU
TO THE CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2019

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 632
NOMINATING JAY ISHIBASHI
TO THE CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2019

By
Nolan P. Espinda, Director

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 24, 2016; 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** the nominations of James Wataru and Jay Ishibashi to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, for terms to expire June 30, 2019.

Mr. Wataru has served on the Advisory Committee to the Hawaii Correctional Industries (HCI) for several years, and as UPW State President, will provide important experience and leadership continuity to the mostly new HCI Advisory Committee. In recognition of his experience and capabilities, it is our intention to ask Mr. Wataru to serve as Chair of the committee.

Jay Ishibashi has served the public sector for over 25 years and for the past six years as an HGEA Employee Representative. Together, Messrs. Ishibashi and Wataru will provide needed guidance to PSD from both blue collar and white collar labor perspectives, as we work to strengthen and grow work training and employment opportunities for inmates.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



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G.M. 631 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION
TO THE CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, JAMES WATARU

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME, Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the appointment of James 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 until he received his journeyman plumbers' license.

We trust that Mr. Wataru will serve the Committee 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 committee.

It is our pleasure to offer 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