



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor
Monday, April 18, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.
Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 638 CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, ALAN HAYASHI**

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") is in **support** of Mr. Alan Hayashi's confirmation and appointment to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Mr. Alan Hayashi, formerly served as the Support Solutions Director of Public Relations and Policy Advocacy in Hawaii at BAE Systems, the premier international defense and aerospace company. He has previously worked as the Director of Government Relations and Community Relations for 10 years at BAE Systems Spectral Solutions, executive director of the State of Hawaii's Convention Center Authority for eleven years, and as a management consultant overseeing several major projects in Honolulu. He serves, or has served, on the boards of directors of Gateway Peninsula AOA Board, Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Military Affairs Council (MAC), Friends of Hawaii Robotics, and many more.

Mr. Hayashi's record and resume show great expertise and passion and he will serve the Hawaii Workforce Development Council well. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our support for this nomination of Mr. Alan Hayashi.



Meadow Gold Dairies



GM 638, Alan Hayashi
Gubernatorial Nominee to the Workforce Development Council
Senate JDL Hearing
Monday, April 18, 2012
9:30 am, Room 325
Written Testimony By: Glenn Muranaka
Position: Support

Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate JDL Committee:

My name is Glenn Muranaka, President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies. Our company has been in Hawaii since 1897—119 years, providing Hawaii consumers with a variety of milk products and juices. Meadow Gold's long history has not come without effort. We continually adapt to our customers' and consumers' ever-changing needs, and we constantly evolve along with our industry, our community and our market. Over the years, this has required that we struggle, tighten our belts, innovate and work extremely hard, making us a better company in the process. The foundation of this work rests with the 350 employees that are committed to providing superior quality products.

Alan Hayashi recently retired from BAE Systems Support Solutions as the Director of Public Relations and Public Advocacy. Through his work there he developed knowledge and relationships with air, land and naval forces as BAE is the premier international defense and aerospace company for the armed forces, as well as advanced electronics, information technology solutions and customer support services.

As the former Executive Director of the State's Convention Center Authority for eleven years, he oversaw the location, development and construction of the \$350 million Hawaii Convention Center. His management consulting experience oversaw the development of several major projects, including HPOWER.

His community involvement through serving on Boards of Directors include organizations such as the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation; Military Affairs Council (MAC) of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; Friends of Hawaii Robotics; Army Hawaii Housing Foundation; United Service Organization Hawaii (USO), and the University of Hawaii, Manoa-Shidler Business College Alumni. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu, Friends of Hickam, Navy League, Hawaii Society of Business Professionals, and formerly of Soroptimist International of Waikiki.

Alan Hayashi's professional and volunteer experience and network has provided him a "30 thousand feet" perspective of workforce and economic development needs across the State. Your support of Alan Hayashi's confirmation to the Workforce Development Council is appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at 944-5911.

TO: Chairman Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran
Vice Chairman Maile Shimakuburo
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Subject: Confirmation of Mr. Alan Hayashi as a member of the
Workforce Development Council

Chairman Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairman Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, I am Edward V. Richardson, retired Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii, and I am testifying in support of the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Alan Hayashi as a member of the Workforce Development Council. I have known Mr. Hayashi for twenty-seven years and have been impressed with his intelligence, honesty, compassion, ability to get things done and strong leadership.

I first met Alan Hayashi when he was the Executive Director of the Hawaii Convention Center in 1988. He was tasked to build the Center and then serve as its Director. As you know, the Center was built on time and on budget and has been a facility that that Hawaii is proud of.

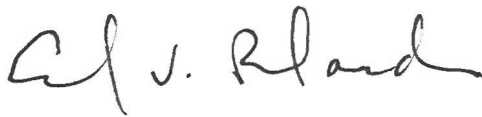
He then went to work for BAE Systems, which, as you know, is one of the largest employers in the islands. He and I served together on the Military Affairs Council with the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and he was always a strong advocate for bringing jobs to Hawaii. He was able to arrange for special briefings with the leaders of BAE America in Washington, D.C. and members of the Military Affairs Council during our annual visits to the Pentagon and Congress to push and advocate for more jobs and work in Hawaii. His efforts were successful in providing for the many jobs that BAE maintains in the Pearl Harbor shipyard and the US Military in Hawaii.

Recently, Alan Hayashi has been assisting the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy (HNGYCA) Foundation by working with his BAE staff in Hawaii and the UH Community College to provide opportunities for Youth Challenge members for job training and placement after graduation. His strong support and experience in this effort has been invaluable to the Foundation as it works to improve the status of our at risk youth.

I am very pleased that your nominating committee had the foresight to seek out and see the value of having a person like Mr. Alan Hayashi serve on the Workforce Development Council. He is the right person for the position and will do an outstanding job for the people of Hawaii.

I strongly endorse Mr. Alan Hayashi for a position on the State of Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. V. Richardson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "V".

Maj Gen Edward V. Richardson USAF (Ret)
Retired State Adjutant General