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To: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile Shimabukuro and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Allicyn Hikida Tasaka, Interim Executive Director
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RE: GM 660 Gubernatorial Nominee Carl Hinson to the Workforce Development Council for
a term to expire June 30, 2017
Hearing: Thursday, April 14, 2016 @ 9:30am, State Capitol Room 016

POSITION: Strong Support

Good morning Chair Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor. I am Allicyn Tasaka, Interim Executive Director of the Workforce Development Council (WDC) testifying in strong support of Mr. Carl Hinson's confirmation to the WDC for a term to expire on June 30, 2017. Mr. Hinson would fill a slot reserved for a private sector business member on the Council.

The WDC is an attached agency to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and is responsible for advising the Governor and Legislature on workforce development to support economic development and employment opportunities for employers and employees. The WDC is the State Workforce Development Board for purposes of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014. The WDC assists the Governor in developing and updating comprehensive, strategic workforce development plans and oversees publicly funded workforce investment activities in the state.

Mr. Hinson is the Director of Workforce Development and Human Resources operations for Hawaii Pacific Health (HPH). He has initiated a number of programs that enhance training, give individuals the opportunity to serve in the healthcare field through internships and has instituted changes in the new-hire orientation process at HPH. This experience along with his prior experiences provides him with the knowledge that has been valuable to WDC.

In this critical year, WDC has been preparing the Hawaii WIOA Unified State Plan. The plan covers the six core formula grant programs authorized under WIOA and outlines the state's

vision and strategy for carrying out activities under each program. The WIOA plan is a requirement in order for Hawaii to receive the bulk of federal funding for the State's primary job training and placement activities.

I respectfully urge you to confirm Mr. Hinson as a member of the Workforce Development Council where he would be a valuable asset to the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.