



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Human Services
Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 1:30 P.M.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol**

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 721 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT MURAKAMI**

Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** the confirmation of Mr. Scott Murakami to the State Rehabilitation 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. Scott Murakami currently serves as the Director of Workforce Development with the University of Hawaii Community Colleges (UHCC) and previously served as the Director of the Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training (PCATT) as well as chief executive officer of the Hawai'i Technology Institute, vice president of academic affairs at Hawai'i Business College, and financial service manager for Hawai'i Job Corps Center.

Mr. Murakami's record shows great knowledge and experience in workforce development, providing people with the necessary tools to learn new skills or improve job preparedness. In addition, his experience and interest in the analysis and policies which affects Hawaii's workforce, including employment outcomes for people seeking rehabilitation services, will be an asset to SRC. In his current position, he serves as a liaison with state agencies and private industries in developing cooperative partnerships to support economic and workforce development programs and initiatives in Hawaii. He will serve the State Rehabilitation Council well.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our support for this nomination.

GM 722

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT MURAKAMI, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Report Title: State Rehabilitation Council

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To: Senator Susan Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

From: Iain Wood, President, Ship Repair Association of Hawaii (SRAH)

RE: GM 721 and 722 Advise and Consent, Nominee Mr. SCOTT MURAKAMI as a Member of the State Rehabilitation Council Hearing: Tuesday March 29, 2016 at 1:30 p.m., Room 016

POSITION: Strong Support

Good morning Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services. I am Iain Wood, President of the Ship Repair Association of Hawaii (SRAH) testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Mr. Scott Murakami's confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2016/2019.

In my capacity I have had the pleasure to work with Scott on a number of initiatives to create awareness of the need for skilled tradespeople in the State of Hawaii to replace our aging craft workers. Among his many achievements Scott supported a continuing relationship between SRAH and Honolulu Community College Technical Education Center in developing a training program to prepare young adults for careers in the ship repair industry. This year's group includes seven graduates of the Youth Challenge Academy. Their training included a course in basic life skills called ICAN followed by basic welding and safety courses at HCC. They are scheduled to graduate in May 2016 and will be employed by SRAH member companies.

Because of Scott's character, drive and commitment, I respectfully urge you to confirm Mr. Murakami as a member of the State Rehabilitation Council where he would be a valuable asset to the Council.

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

Iain Wood
President
SRAH

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TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Allicyn Tasaka, Interim Executive Director
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SUBJECT: GM 721 Consideration and Confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT MURAKAMI, for term to expire 06-30-16

GM 722 Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT MURAKAMI, for term to expire
06-30-2019
Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 1:30pm, Hawaii State Capitol Room 016

POSITION: Strong Support

Good afternoon Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services. I am Allicyn Tasaka, Interim Executive Director of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council (WDC) testifying in strong support of Scott Murakami as a gubernatorial nominee to serve on the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC).

Mr. Murakami is currently Director of Workforce Development at the University of Hawaii Community Colleges. He represents David Lassner, University of Hawaii President on the WDC and has been an active representative and resource to the board. Most recently, Mr. Murakami greatly contributed to the Hawaii Unified State Plan with economic analysis and industry projections in coordination with the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii. The unified plan is a four-year strategy plan to better align the workforce delivery system for job seekers and employers under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. He was appointed to represent the WDC on the SRC by WDC Chair Leslie Wilkins.

Mr. Murakami's background, experience and interest in the analysis and policies which affects Hawaii's workforce, including employment outcomes for people seeking rehabilitation services, will be an asset to SRC. In his current position, he serves as a liaison with state agencies and private industries in developing cooperative partnerships to support economic and workforce development programs and initiatives in Hawaii.

Mr. Murakami previously held the position of Director of the Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training (PCATT), a non-profit consortium of the community colleges offering courses, training and services in the advanced technology fields. In addition, he has served as Provost at the Hawaii Technology Institute, and Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Hawaii Business College.

I strongly urge the Committee to approve Mr. Murakami's nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this nominee.

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GM721

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Comments: ALAN S. HAYASHI 207-4 KAWAIHAE STREET HONOLULU, HAWAII 96825 March 25, 2016 Chairperson Suzanne Chun Oakland Human Services Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 226 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 RE: Hearing on Nomination of Scott Murakami to serve on the State Rehabilitation Council GM 721 and GM 722 Chair madam Chun Oakland and members of the Committee: My name is Alan Hayashi and am testifying in support of the nomination of Scott Murakami to the State Rehabilitation Council. I have known Scott Murakami for over 4 years in my work with The Chamber of Commerce Business Development Committee, and the State of Hawaii Workforce Development Council. I have found Scott to be extremely committed, knowledgeable, reliable, and dedicated to further supporting and expanding the economy of the State of Hawaii, through his position at the Chancellor's Office of the Hawaii Community College System and position on other committees. I fully support Scott's nomination to the State Rehabilitation Council as a representative of the Workforce Development Council. He will be a great "bridge", between the organizations, to ensure cross pollenization of ideas and programs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the appointment of Scott Murakami to a position on the State Rehabilitation Council. Aloha, Alan S. Hayashi

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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair,
The Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

Nominee, Scott Murakami (GM 721 and 722)
For Member of State Rehabilitation Council

Tuesday, March 29, 2016
1:30 p.m. Room 016, State Capitol

Written Testimony of Carol Kanayama, Program Officer
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Workforce Development Division

Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Gil Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I am testifying in support of Mr. Scott Murakami's confirmation as a member of the State Rehabilitation Council.

I have worked closely with Mr. Murakami for several years on different workforce initiatives and have found him to be very knowledgeable about workforce demands with keen insight into workforce issues. He is conscientious and hard-working and addresses issues in a most collaborative manner among agencies and employers for the best outcome possible. For example, when he learned of a marine welder shortage at Honolulu Shipyard, he quickly formed a workgroup of shipyard employers and the Workforce Development Division to develop a new marine welders training program using existing resources. This project was planned and carried out in an incredibly short period of time to meet employers' needs.

While a true visionary, he is practical in his approach and sensitive to nuances of culture and personal differences. He is a kind person, compassionate to those in need and inclusive in his approach. As the Workforce Development Director of the UH Community Colleges, he is uniquely positioned to contribute a great deal to the State Rehabilitation Council to assist persons with disabilities transition into the workforce.

For these reasons, I highly recommend his confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council. Thank you.

From: [Crisafulli, Rolanse](#)
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Cc: [Scott Murakami](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support of Scott Murakami's Confirmation on the Vocational Rehabilitation Council
Date: Thursday, March 24, 2016 3:11:06 PM

Dear Senator Chun-Oakland

I am pleased to submit testimony in support of Scott Murakami's confirmation on the Vocational Rehabilitation Council. I have worked closely with Scott in his capacity as the Director of Workforce Development at the Community Colleges for the past seven or eight years. Oahu WorkLinks, the American Job Centers on Oahu, and the Community Colleges share a common vision (and a similar mandate under the federal WIOA) of transforming our workforce and education systems to ensure that everyone gets the skills and training that employers need, and that people are matched to good paying jobs that lead to self-sufficiency. Scott also serves on the statewide Workforce Development Council, which sets policy and directions for our state's one-stop system that has now included Vocational Rehabilitation as a core program under WIOA.

I have collaborated with Scott on several projects serving laid off workers and low skilled adults, piloting new approaches to accelerate learning and skill acquisition in a supportive environment to achieve better, faster success. The iCAN program, for example, has provided over 600 unemployed and underemployed individuals on Oahu the opportunity to overcome challenges and to pursue the first steps of their career paths to follow their dreams. Working with Scott, I have observed that he is not only a well-organized system thinker, but is also a compassionate down-to-earth person who can empathize with different individuals' personal struggles with their barriers to employment. His empathy also extends to businesses who have urgent needs to have a solution to their shortage of skilled labor. Scott provided the leadership to convene employers, educators, and workforce professionals to implement a highly successful program in Marine Welding that satisfies the needs of the industry.

Scott has been generous in sharing his knowledge and expertise on labor market analytics with his one-stop system partners. With great patience, he provides training to the partners and our front line staff how to use real time labor market data so that in turn we can provide better counseling and guidance to job seekers, students, participants, and even employer customers. His passion for labor market analytics has contributed to the better alignment of the education, workforce development, and economic development components in the draft WIOA Unified State Plan.

Scott will be an asset on the Vocational Rehabilitation Council with his knowledge, compassion and dedication, just as he has been an asset on the Workforce Development Council.

Please contact me at 768-5607 if there are any questions regarding this testimony.

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