

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony before the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

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**GM 765 Advise and Consent
Nominee SHERYL NOJIMA as a Member of the Workforce Development Council**

By Scott Seu

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

First, my apologies for the lateness of this testimony. I am Scott Seu, testifying in strong support of Dr. Sheryl Nojima's confirmation to the WDC for a term to expire on June 30, 2018. I have personally known Dr. Nojima for many years, from our early times volunteering for the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers (HSPE), to creating the non-profit HSPE Educational Foundation, to our current service on the volunteer Dean's Council for the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Engineering. Dr. Nojima is a skillful, creative, and diligent leader who excels at bringing people together. Above all, she personally commits herself and gets things done.

The Workforce Development Council would greatly benefit from her skills and expertise, especially in the area of growing our state's workforce in the technical areas. As a vice president of Hawaiian Electric, I can attest that developing the technical skill sets of our workforce is critical to our success in the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.