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March 23, 2017

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair,
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: GM562 Confirmation of Shannon Okinaka to Workforce Development Council

On behalf of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, as well as myself personally, this testimony is provided in strong support for the appointment and confirmation of Shannon Okinaka to the Workforce Development Council.

Shannon's impressive experience as Executive Vice President and CFO for Hawaiian Airlines, and also as a Board member for the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, Island Insurance, and the Oahu Economic Development Board, speaks to her character, intelligence, and responsibility as she undertakes this role.

I strongly urge her confirmation.

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March 23, 2017

To: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair and
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director
Workforce Development Council

RE: GM 561 Advise and Consent, Nominee Shannon Okinaka as a Member of the Workforce
Development Council for a term to expire June 30, 2017

GM 562 Advise and Consent, Nominee Shannon Okinaka as a Member of the Workforce
Development Council for a term to expire June 30, 2021

Hearing: Thursday, March 23, 2017, 10:00 a.m., Room 016

POSITION: Strong Support

Good morning Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor. I am Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Council (WDC) testifying in strong support of Shannon Okinaka's confirmation to serve as a member of the WDC for a term to expire on June 30, 2017 (GM 561), and for a term to expire on June 30, 2021 (GM 562). Ms. Okinaka would fill a slot reserved for a private sector member on the Council.

The WDC is an attached agency to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and advises the Governor and Legislature on workforce development to support economic development and employment opportunities for employers and employees.

Also, the WDC is responsible for the administrative oversight and implementation of a federally mandated initiative, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 or WIOA. WDC is tasked with strategic planning and developing the infrastructure for a seamless common intake and referral system at the American Job Centers (or One-Stop Centers) so job seekers and employers can maneuver through the workforce system efficiently and receive employment, education, training and support services throughout the State. It's a "no wrong door" approach to

workforce development.

Ms. Okinaka is Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Hawaiian Airlines, Incorporated where she is responsible for accounting and financial reporting, corporate audit, treasury, financial planning and analysis and investor relations. She has led corporate transformation teams and has participated in corporate-wide strategic planning and policy setting. She also serves on the boards of directors of several local community organizations.

Ms. Okinaka has been serving as Chair of the Council's Finance Committee, on an interim basis. She works with the fiscal staff to review the financials and reports at the quarterly board meetings. Ms. Okinaka's extensive experience in finance and management information systems in the private sector make her a valuable resource to the WDC.

I respectfully urge you to confirm Ms. Okinaka as a member of the Workforce Development Council where her financial acumen would help to maintain the fiscal health of the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Ms. Okinaka's nomination.