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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: GM564 Confirmation of Evelyn Barfield 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 Evelyn Barfield to the Workforce Development Council.

Evelyn has extensive experience in Human Resources, with Meadow Gold Dairies Hawai'i, Hawai'i Human Resources, and Hawai'i Job Corps, among other organizations. Her involvement with the Volunteer Leadership Training Program in Washington D.C. speaks to her character and commitment to public service. Evelyn's background makes her an excellent candidate to serve on the Workforce Development Council.

I strongly urge her confirmation.

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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 564 Advise and Consent, Nominee Evelyn Barfield as a Member of the Workforce
Development Council
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 Evelyn Barfield's confirmation to the WDC for a term to expire on June 30, 2019 (GM 564). Ms. Barfield 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. Barfield is the Human Resources Business Partner at Meadow Gold Dairies Hawaii. She has extensive and comprehensive work experience with diverse industries including Professional Employer Organizations (PEO) and Administrative Services Organizations (ASO), unionized

food and beverage processing plants, hotel and resort properties, federal government contracted businesses, private member clubs, and corporate retail organizations. She has also been the Human Resources Manager for Job Corps, a partner program within WIOA.

I respectfully urge you to confirm Ms. Barfield as a member of the Workforce Development Council where she would bring her many years of human resources knowledge to the Council.

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



Testimony to the
Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor
March 23, Room 16
State Capitol - Conference Room 016

RE: GM 564 Evelyn Barfield's nomination to the Workforce Development Council

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and members of the committee:

On behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management – Hawaii Chapter (“SHRM Hawaii”), we are writing in support of the nomination of Evelyn Barfield to the state’s Workforce Development Council. SHRM Hawaii represents more than 800 human resource professionals in the State of Hawaii. Ms. Barfield was elected by the SHRM Hawaii members, her “HR” peers, to serve on its board of directors. She currently serves as the SHRM Hawaii state Conference Committee Co-Chair.

Ms. Barfield has demonstrated her commitment to professional development by earning certification as a SHRM Certified Professional (SHRM-CP). She has also received the Human Resource Certification Institute’s Professional in HR designation (PHR). She is pursuing a master’s degree in business administration with an emphasis on strategy and management. We believe that she will make a positive contribution to the Workforce Development Council and work in the best interests of the people of the state of Hawaii.

Please support her nomination. Mahalo.

Melissa Pavlicek
Executive Director



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