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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: GM566 Confirmation of Glen Kaneshige 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 Glen Kaneshige to the Workforce Development Council.

Glen is the President of Nordic PCL Construction, an Associated General Contractor Governor for Hawai'i for the General Contractors Association, a management trustee of the Hawai'i Carpenters Union Health and Welfare Fund, the Hawai'i Masons and Plasterers Training Fund and Vacation/Holiday Fund, and serves as chair of the General Contractors Labor Association Labor Negotiations Committee.

In 2011, he was awarded "Outstanding Builder of the Year" by the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters for his exceptional contributions to union construction and labor-management relations.

Glen brings a valuable perspective, extensive knowledge, and practical experience to the Workforce Development Council.

I strongly urge his confirmation.



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**TESTIMONY OF HAWAII LECET
CLYDE T. HAYASHI - DIRECTOR**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

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TESTIMONY ON GM 565 and 566.

TO THE HONORABLE GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR, KARL RHOADS, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of the Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368 and its 250+ unionized contractors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** for GM 565 and GM 566, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN KANESHIGE, for a first term to expire on 06-30-2017 and a second term to expire on 06-30-2021.

Mr. Kaneshige has extensive experience in the construction industry, having worked for Nordic Construction initially as a Project Engineer, and diligently worked his way up to becoming the current President of Nordic PCL Construction, Inc. He has comprehensive experience in all aspects of company operations and business development, as well as financial and estimating operations and contract negotiations, all of which will be an asset as a member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council. His experience in the construction industry will be a valuable resource to support workforce development programs in Hawaii and economic development strategies throughout the state.

Despite his busy schedule, Mr. Kaneshige volunteers his time to serve on the Board of Directors for several non-profit organizations, such as Child & Family Service, the American Heart Association and Teach for America. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Benefit Administrators, General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA), and General Contractors Labor Association of Hawaii.

In addition, he volunteers to serve as a Trustee for the Carpenters Union Health & Welfare Fund, the Masons & Plasterers Training Fund, and the Masons & Plasterers Vacation/Holiday Fund. I strongly believe Mr. Kaneshige will be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council. His industry experience is invaluable, and his willingness to serve the community is commendable. For these reasons, I humbly ask for your **SUPPORT** of Mr. Glenn Kaneshige to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.