

LATE TESTIMONY

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To:

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

From:

Alan S. Hayashi, Individual

Subject: Support of GM 568 for: MGen Edward Richardson (USAF Retired)

Chair Agaron / Vice Chair Rhoads, and members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee -- My name is Alan Hayashi, testifying as an individual in support of the appointment of MGen Edward Richardson (USAF Retired) to the Workforce Development Council Board.

I have known MGen Richardson for about 25 years, in his role as former TAG, and member of many community Boards we have served on together. In all his roles, he has exhibited excellence and great leadership skills. MGen Richardson will bring his great leadership, vast experience, and strategic thinking capabilities to the WDC Board.

During this period where the WDC mission is to closer integrate the needs for a qualified work force, identifying available workforce skills and available, or necessary, training programs, MGen Richardson will bring much needed expertise and personal contacts to the "Military to Civilian Transition Program". The area of Cyber security is a top priority in many organizations, and many of our exiting Military Veterans have acquired great skills that are being sought by private sector companies.

Most recently, I worked with MGen Richardson is establishing a partnership between Private sector (BAE Systems and Ship Repair Association Hawaii), and State (Hawaii Community College / Workforce Development Division) to train needed welders for the Hawaii maritime industry. All of the apprentice welder trainees were secured from the National Guard's "Youth Challenge Academy" Program, which MGen Richardson established during his term as Hawaii's Adjutant General. The first HCC graduating class of welders produced 3 graduates who are now fully employed by the Ship Repair industry. The second HCC class, currently has 10 YCA cadets in training, with expectations that all will be employed by the Ship Repair industry after successful graduation. This has been a very successful Private-Public Partnership, with MGen Richardson being a big part of the success.

I fully support the appointment of MGen Edward Richardson, and respectfully ask your positive appointment confirmation action.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I will be glad to answer any questions.

Mahalo, and Aloha. Alan S. Hayashi

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Subject: Support of GMs for: Shannon Okinaka, Glenn Alcalde, Evelyn Barfield, Glen Kaneshige, Ian Kitajima, Edward Richardson, Alicia Moy

Chair Agaron / Vice Chair Rhoads, and members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee -- My name is Alan Hayashi, testifying as Vice Chair of the Workforce Development Council (WDC) Board.

All of the WDC nominees: Shannon Okinaka, Glenn Alcalde, Evelyn Barfield, Glen Kaneshige, Ian Kitajima, Edward Richardson, Alicia Moy are willing to serve on the WDC Board, and are individually well qualified to support the WDC in its mission to closer integrate the needs for a qualified work force, identifying available workforce skills and available, or necessary, training programs.

Each of these individuals bring their industry sector background and expertise to the WDC Board to enable better informed, broad based decisions for betterment of Hawaii's diversified workforce.

I fully support the appointment of these nominees: Shannon Okinaka, Glenn Alcalde, Evelyn Barfield, Glen Kaneshige, Ian Kitajima, Edward Richardson, Alicia Moy, and respectfully ask your positive appointment action.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I will be glad to answer any questions.

Mahalo, and Aloha. Alan S. Hayashi