



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Education
Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 2:45 P.M.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol**

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 746 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ALAN OSHIMA**

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** the confirmation of Mr. Alan Oshima to the Education Commission of the States.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Alan Oshima is currently president and chief executive officer of the Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. Prior to joining the Hawaiian Electric Board in 2008, he served as senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of Hawaiian Telcom and later became a senior advisor and director helping the company successfully emerge from reorganization. Alan also founded the law firm of Oshima Chun Fong & Chung and, prior to that, practiced law with Carlsmith Ball. He has been consistently recognized as one of "America's Best Lawyers" in the field of public utilities.

In addition to his corporate responsibilities, Alan has always found time to support and encourage innovation in Hawaii's public education system, recognized by the Hawaii Institute of Public Affairs and the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation for his leadership and commitment to improving public education in Hawaii. He chairs Hawaii 3Rs, a non-profit organization that facilitates public-private partnerships to repair, restore and remodel Hawaii's public schools. Alan serves as a director of the Hawaii Institute of Public Affairs where he's helped lead an initiative to form a public school land trust to rebuild and upgrade school facilities across the state. He is also a member of the Governor's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Team and has served on the board of advisors for The Learning Coalition.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our support for this nomination.

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Linda Chu Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There is no stronger advocate for the public schools than Alan Oshima. Rather than turn his back when he sees a need, he rolls up his sleeves and gets to work to fix it. I have been privileged to see him in action in projects to benefit the public schools.

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April 7, 2017

RE: GM 746 Nomination of Alan Oshima

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee on Education:

I write this letter in **strong support** of Alan Oshima regarding his nomination to serve on the Education Commission of the States.

With Alan serving as president of our HEI Charitable Foundation, I have witnessed firsthand his passion and commitment towards enhancing our public school system and improving the opportunities for our students. Supporting programs that further "Educational Excellence" is one of our key focus areas at the Foundation.

Alan's support of public education extends to his personal life and community service. Alan is a proud graduate of Hawai'i public schools, as are his two children. And his wife, JoAnn, taught in the public schools for many years.

In 2006, Alan received the Ho'oulu Leadership Award for his commitment to improving public education in Hawai'i. Alan chairs Hawai'i 3Rs, a non-profit organization that facilitates government, business, community, and school partnerships to repair, restore and remodel Hawai'i's public schools. Also also serves as a director of the Hawai'i Institute of Public Affairs (HIPA) where he has helped lead an initiative to form a public school land trust to rebuild and upgrade school facilities across the state.

Alan is the kind of involved, passionate leader we need on the Education Commission of the States. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

/s/ Connie Lau

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Submitted Via Capitol Website

RE: **GM 746 – Confirmation to the Education Commission of the States, Gubernatorial Nominee, Alan Oshima**
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Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee on Education:

I am Rick Tsujimura and submit this testimony in **support** of the nomination of Alan Oshima to the Education Commission of the States.

I have known Alan for many years. His commitment to education has been unwavering and exemplary. One could not ask for a better representative for such an august body.

Please support his nomination for all of us committed to education.

We urge your support and approval.

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