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Statement of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Friday, March 29, 2019  
2:50 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of

**Governor's Message (GM) 554/555**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

I strongly support the nomination of Ms. Cyd Miyashiro to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i.

Ms. Miyashiro's background in finance, banking, as well as a former State government employee, will serve her well as a member of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Board.

I have known Ms. Miyashiro, both professionally and personally for almost 10 years, and have had the opportunity to work with her first as a program officer of the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority, and subsequently in her capacity as Strategy Officer for the Hawai'i Broadband Initiative. Her diligent work, attention to detail, and out of the box thinking to improve processes have always been her assets, and she continues to demonstrate the highest level of professionalism. Ms. Miyashiro has gained my trust as someone that will always uphold the highest levels of leadership, and there is no question that she will greatly contribute to the work of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Board.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to advise and consent to the nomination of Ms. Cyd Miyashiro as a member of the Board of Directors of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 554/555.



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Statement of  
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

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in consideration of  
**GM 554 and GM 555**  
**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the  
Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
CYD MIYASHIRO, for a Term to Expire 6/30/2019;  
and Term to Expire on 6/30/23.**

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports Ms. Cyd Miyashiro to serve on the NELHA Board of Directors.

Ms. Miyashiro's background in both the private and public sector in finance and energy will provide a unique perspective that will be very beneficial to the NELHA Board of Directors. Ms. Miyashiro has demonstrated her ability to work with all the players -- the private sector, the Counties and other State agencies -- in encouraging everyone to work towards a common goal especially in the areas of finance and energy.

Ms. Miyashiro's experience and viewpoint in this area, having grown up on the island of Hawaii, will be an important addition to the NELHA Board of Directors.

Her private sector business experience will also be crucial to NELHA maintaining its self-sufficiency status and operating with a strong business-oriented perspective.

Ms. Miyashiro understands the need for growing existing businesses and attracting additional new corporations to invest in Hawaii, which is critical for NELHA's success.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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Statement of  
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**

Friday, March 29, 2019

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In consideration of

**GM 555**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII,  
GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE, CYD MIYASHIRO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2023**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee, the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation (HSDC) supports GM555 a bill that submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Candidate, Cyd Miyashiro, for a term to expire 6-30-2023.

Ms. Miyashiro has relevant expertise in the private financial sector and the public sector that will make her a valuable addition to NELHA's board. She has demonstrated a commitment to public service in support of the State's economic development goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



# NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Statement of  
**Gregory P. Barbour**  
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before the

## **SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

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in consideration of  
**GM 554 and GM 555**  
**GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE CYD MIYASHIRO AS A MEMBER OF THE NATURAL  
ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) is pleased to present testimony in strong support of Ms. Cyd Miyashiro to be considered for the NELHA Board of Directors. She has a long history of contributing to business and economic development in Hawaii and as a successful businesswoman.

Ms. Miyashiro's very strong background in finance and her private sector perspective is important to the NELHA Board as we strive to maintain our operational self-sufficiency and the need to operate as a business. More specifically, her private sector business experience affords an opportunity to provide invaluable advice and perspectives to the NELHA Board of Directors. In addition, Ms. Miyashiro has a background in energy that will assist in understanding the challenges attracting new energy projects to the technological park.

As I have worked with her over the years, it is very clear that she has a strong interest in the successful development of new businesses that can take advantage of Hawaii's unique opportunities such as the Natural Energy Lab. Her practical realistic assessment of issues and straight-forward thinking will be invaluable in this regard.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



**AMERICAN**  
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March 27, 2019

**RE: GM 554 AND GM 555 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION  
AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CYD MIYASHIRO**

**GABRIEL LEE**  
EXECUTIVE  
VICE PRESIDENT,  
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Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Committee Members:

Cyd Miyashiro is currently a Vice President with Corporate Banking at American Savings Bank. She is from Hawaii Island and her background in banking is well-suited to supporting the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority in its mission to develop and diversify Hawaii's economy, and their focus on energy and ocean-related research, education, and commercial activities.

At American Savings Bank, community is at the core of everything we do. We understand that bringing real impact to our community means more than just giving financially. It also requires the commitment of our time, "sweat equity", best ideas and leadership. As such, I strongly support the nomination of Cyd Miyashiro to serve on the Board of Directors of Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

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## **Testimony of Cyd Miyashiro**

Before the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism  
Friday, March 29, 2019 2:50pm. State Capitol, Room 414  
RE: GM554 and GM555

Aloha Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I am very interested in serving on the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority Board of Directors. I grew up on the Island of Hawaii and previously worked at the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism in the energy field. As such, I have had the opportunity to see NELHA grow and become a key economic development project in West Hawaii and the State.

My background in the finance and energy industry provides me with the knowledge to understand the steps necessary to lay the foundation for sustainable, long-term growth and assist NELHA in operating as a self-sufficient agency.

I firmly believe that this economic development project has significant potential to help diversify our economy especially in the areas of advanced energy technologies and other sustainable industries such as marine science and aquaculture. I think the focus on the green “sustainable” aspect of the technology park is an excellent supplement that helps to diversify our economy.

I would like to volunteer my time to assist NELHA realize its full potential and give back to the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these comments.

**GM-554**

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Testimony for EET on 3/29/2019 2:50:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Len Higashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Ms.Cyd Miyashiro to the NELHA Board of Directors. Working with Cyd while she was the Acting Executive Director of the HGIA and Broadband Strategy Officer for DBEDT, I have found Cyd collaborative and easy to work with. She is very knowledgeable about corporate finance and government operations and would be a great addition to the board at NELHA with her Big Island roots. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on her behalf.



Statement of  
**Mary Alice Evans**

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

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**and for a term to expire on 06-30-2023.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee.

I respectfully urge your **support** for the confirmation of **Cyd Miyashiro** to serve on the Board of Directors of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii.

I have worked with Cyd in DBEDT as she created financing tools for several DBEDT projects. Cyd's banking experience was a valuable addition to DBEDT. She is a good analyst and works well with a variety of stakeholders. I think she will make a valuable contribution to the NELHA board of directors.

I respectfully urge you to recommend advice and consent to the nomination of Cyd Miyashiro for the Board of Directors of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.