




February 19, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR: ALLICYN TASAKA
Executive Director, Workforce Development Council

FROM: THOMAS M. DOWD 
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Employment and Training Administration

SUBJECT: Statement of Support

It is my pleasure to write this statement of support on behalf of Ms. Winona Whitman's consideration for appointment to the State of Hawaii, Workforce Development Council (WDC). I have known Ms. Whitman for over 30 years as a workforce development professional, and feel confident expressing my full support for her membership on the WDC.

Ms. Whitman and I previously served together as members of the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Native American Employment and Training Council and as executive members of the National Indian and Native American Employment & Training Conference. She is a reliable and effective advocate for workforce development and training issues as a workforce development professional, especially as a subject matter expert for Native Hawaiian interests.

As the career Deputy Assistant Secretary with DOL's Employment and Training Administration, I can attest to Ms. Whitman's appointments to the Native American Employment and Training Council by multiple U.S. Secretaries of Labor. She is highly regarded by her peers for her wisdom and thoughtfulness that has helped to guide the council's work and input to DOL's policy considerations.

I fully believe Ms. Whitman's appointment to the WDC would serve the workforce development and training needs of Hawaii's citizens well.

GM-563

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Testimony for LCA on 2/21/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan S. Hayashi	Testifying for Workforce Development Council, Board Vice Chairman	Support	No

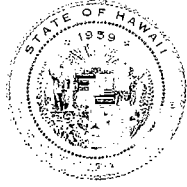
Comments:

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts:

My name is Alan S. Hayashi, Vice Chairman of the Workforce Development Council (WDC) Board, and am testifying in strong support of Miriam Winona Whitman to become a member of the WDC Board.

Miriam (Winona) brings extensive knowledge of the sector she represents and will be valuable in contributing sector information during the WDC Board's deliberations on many workforce matters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Aloha, Alan S. Hayashi



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GOVERNOR

January 30, 2019

The Honorable Ronald Kouchi, President,
And Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

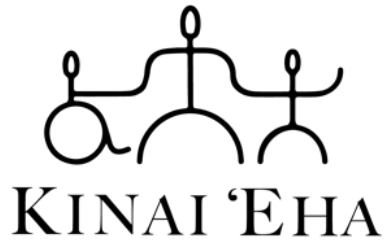
Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination:

Miriam Whitman
Hawai'i Workforce Development Council
Expiration Date: June 30, 2022.

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



Date: February 19, 2019

Time: 2:45 pm

Committee: The Senate, Committee on Labor, Culture, and the Arts

Person Testifying: Josiah `Akau, Founder and Executive Director at Kinai `Eha

Re: GM 563, Testimony in support of Miriam Winona Whitman

Aloha,

The Kinai `Eha program is in full support of Miriam Winona Whitman's nomination to the Hawai`i Workforce Development Council. As the Founder and Executive Director at Kinai `Eha, I have had the privilege of working with Winona recently. Winona took the time to meet and get to know the youth and our program and was instrumental in leading, developing and directing the workforce development and training partnership between Alu Like and Kinai `Eha. Winona clearly understands the need to provide workforce development and training opportunities to the youth at risk that we serve.

It is with confidence that Kinai `Eha supports Winona in her desire to continue to serve as a member on the Hawai`i Workforce Development Council. Her knowledge, passion and dedication to serve others will serve the Hawai`i Workforce Development Council well.

Mahalo nui,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josiah `Akau".

Josiah `Akau

Founder & Executive Director, Kinai `Eha

