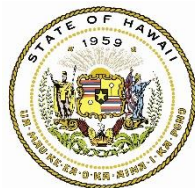


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February 24, 2021

To: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 225

From: Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director
Hawaii Workforce Development Council

Re: GM 603 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Brian Lee, for a term to expire at 06-30-2024.

Good afternoon Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts. I am Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Council (WDC) testifying in strong support of Mr. Brian Lee's reappointment to the WDC for a term to expire on June 30, 2024. Mr. Lee would continue to fill a slot reserved for a workforce/labor member on the Council.

The WDC is responsible for the administrative oversight and implementation of a federally mandated initiative, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA). Additionally, the WDC assists the Administration develop and update statewide comprehensive, strategic workforce development plans and actions to align and streamline the public workforce development system for continuous improvement and accountability. It supports employment opportunities for employers and employees through direct services at the American Job Centers throughout the State.

Mr. Lee is Executive Director of the Hawaii Laborer & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund. He has also worked in various leadership roles with the Hawaii International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Hawaii Operating Engineers, and Hawaii Construction Industry Association.

Mr. Lee is a very active member of the WDC serving as Chair of the Performance Measures and Accountability Committee, after serving as Vice Chair for a couple years.

This Committee reviews and analyzes the statewide performance measures for the WIOA Title I adult, dislocated worker and youth programs. They monitor the progress of each county's American Job Centers. Under Mr. Lee's leadership, the Committee will be conducting a statewide evaluation of training providers, along with training of training providers, and another evaluation of statewide service providers. As Chair he also serves on the important Executive Committee.

Mr. Lee has also served as a Mayor's appointee to the Oahu Workforce Development Board which allows him to offer valuable county perspective of direct delivery of employment services at the American Job Centers. He has worked with training and development in many industries, including media production, industry-wide skills development, and as a fiduciary Trustee overseeing multi-million dollars in member ERISA funds and apprenticeship training programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Mr. Lee's reappointment to the WDC.

BRIAN LEE

February 22, 2021

To: **SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

For hearing on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 3:00 pm in Conf. Room 225

Re: **GM 603, STATEMENT OF BRIAN LEE**, for consideration and confirmation to the **Hawaii Workforce Development Council** for a term to expire 6-30-2024

Aloha **Honorable Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara**, and Senate Members,

It is an honor to be reappointed by **Governor David Ige** to serve on the state-wide **Hawaii Workforce Development Council** (HWDC). I've served on the HWDC since 2018 and have seen the valuable work performed by the Council. I currently serve as Chair of the HWDC's *Performance Measures and Accountability Committee*, and work with the Council's Executive Board to further the goals of workforce development.

I've been blessed to work in the training field in several industries, such as construction, media production, and finance, including as a fiduciary Trustee overseeing hundreds of millions of dollars in membership ERISA trust funds. In the past, I have also served on the City & County of Honolulu's **Oahu Workforce Development Board**.

My background includes a productive and rewarding history of working with both labor and management sides of employment, and with collective bargaining, union, and non-union issues and concerns. I believe collaboration is the key to successful working relationships, and look forward to finding solutions that will benefit parties on all sides.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to offer testimony.

Mahalo,

Brian Lee

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February 24, 2021

To: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

From: Alan S. Hayashi, Vice Chair
Workforce Development Council

RE: GM 594 thru GM 605 **Gubernatorial Nominees:** Charles Shima / Jason Brand / Kira Higa / Ian Kitajima / Brian Tatsumura / Cary Miyashiro / Ken Loui / April Chun Acquavella / Brian Lee / Jason Bradshaw, to the Workforce Development Council for varying terms to expire June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025

Hearing: Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 225

POSITION: Strong Support for GM 594 thru GM 605

Good afternoon Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, I am Alan Hayashi, Vice Chair of the Workforce Development Council (WDC) testifying in strong support of ALL ABOVE LISTED NOMINEES for confirmation to the WDC for varying terms to expire on June 30, 2023 thru June 30, 2025. The Nominees would fill slots reserved for designated sectors on the Council.

The WDC is an attached agency to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and is responsible for advising the Governor and Legislature on workforce development to support economic development and employment opportunities for employers and employees. The WDC is the State Workforce Development Board for purposes of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014. The WDC assists the Governor in developing and updating comprehensive, strategic workforce development plans and oversees publicly funded workforce investment activities in the state.

All Nominees are well qualified and leaders in their respective organizations and sectors. We on the WDC Board feel fortunate to have such diverse talent willing to join the effort to provide job opportunities and skills training for our community

In this critical year, WDC has been implementing the Hawaii WIOA Unified State Plan. The plan covers the six core formula grant programs authorized under WIOA and outlines the state's vision and strategy for carrying out activities under each program. The WIOA plan is a Federal requirement in order for Hawaii to receive the bulk of federal funding for the State's primary job training and placement activities.

I respectfully urge you to confirm all submitted Nominees as members of the Workforce Development Council where they will be valuable assets to the deliberations of the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.



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G.M. 603 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Brian Lee

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Brian Lee to serve on the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council (WDC). As an attached agency to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the WDC is governed by a 41-member advisory commission that serves to ensure our state is aligned with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, as well as prepares and oversees the state plan for workforce development in Hawaii.

Mr. Lee currently serves as the Executive Director of the Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund, a partnership between the 5,000 members of the Hawaii Laborers Union and its 250 signatory union contractors. He previously served as the Research and Communications Director of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), where he conducted industry and legislative research, negotiated for collective bargaining, advised communications and media strategies, and worked with the Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council. Prior to that, he has served as a finance account executive, construction project and operations manager, Enforcement and Compliance Director of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund, and as Executive Director for the Hawaii Construction Industry Association. He has served on numerous industry-related boards and committees, including the Hawaii Planning Commission, Oahu Workforce Development Board, General Contractors Association of Hawaii and Hawaii Procurement Institute, and currently serves on the Hawaii Workforce Development Council where he is the Vice-Chair of the Performance Measures and Accountability Committee. His employment history and professional affiliations provide Mr. Lee with a solid foundation and comprehensive understanding of our state's workforce needs.

The WDC members must be diverse and knowledgeable in order oversee the state's plans to develop a robust workforce and we trust that Mr. Lee will be an asset to the Council. Therefore, it is our pleasure to offer our unequivocal support for the confirmation of Brian Lee to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council and we request your favorable consideration for his appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director