



Written Statement of  
**Len Higashi**  
Acting Executive Director  
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation  
before the  
**Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism**

Wednesday, March 9, 2022  
3:00 p.m.  
Videoconference

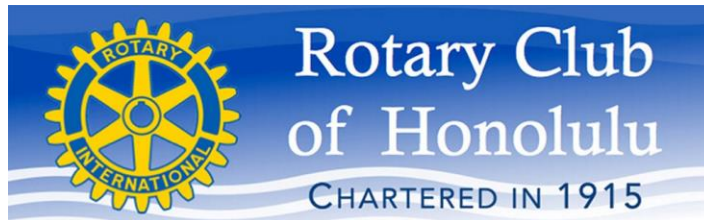
In consideration of  
**GM615**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, CRAIG NAKANISHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.**

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

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Mr. Craig Nakanishi to the board of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

I have had the privilege of working with Craig during his previous term on the Board of Directors for HTDC. Craig was a great board chair, providing both leadership and support for the agency. Craig is strategic and always asks the right questions to keep the agency on task. Craig also has experience serving on the HSDC board which will be a tremendous asset with the new federal investment program being launched by HTDC this year. I look forward to having his leadership on the board in the in the years to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.



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Testimony of  
**Gwen Yamamoto Lau, President**  
**Rotary Club of Honolulu**

before the

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

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224 and Video Conference

in consideration of

**GM NOS. 614 & 615**

**Confirmation to the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation,  
Gubernatorial Nominee CRAIG NAKANISHI,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2026**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of Governor's Messages 614 and 615, for Gubernatorial Nominee, Craig Nakanishi, to serve as a Board Member of the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation ("HTDC").

In addition to his very busy law practice, Mr. Nakanishi has been a member of the Rotary Club of Honolulu ("RCOH") for over twenty-four (24) years. People of action, Rotary is where neighbors, friends and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders and take action to create lasting change. Chartered in 1915, RCOH remains the oldest and largest Rotary Club in Hawai'i, and includes like-minded business, civic and community leaders who are guided by our Rotary principles and bonded together by a common philosophy of "Service above Self". Mr. Nakanishi will be a contributing asset to HTDC.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and offer strong support for Governor's Message 614 and 615.

Statement of  
**Patsy H. Nanbu**  
before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR  
THE HONORABLE BENNETTE MISALUCHA, VICE CHAIR

**Governor's Message 614**

**Governor's Message 615**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Board of Directors of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation,  
Nominee, Craig I Nakanishi, for terms to expire 6/30/2022 and 6/30/2026

March 7, 2022

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of the confirmation of Craig I. Nakanishi to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

I have known Mr. Nakanishi for over 30 years. As an attorney in a private law practice, he has extensive experience in business transactions, governmental regulations, and general business relations and commerce. He is very knowledgeable in the technology area and the need to facilitate development of the industry in Hawaii. He approaches situations with innovative ideas, and seeks to resolve situations in a collaborative manner. Mr. Nakanishi's service on the Board of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation will serve the organization well. Therefore, I urge you to confirm Mr. Nakanishi's appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,

Patsy H. Nanbu

**Testimony of Roy Catalani**  
*before the*

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR  
THE HONORABLE BENNETTE MISALUCHA, VICE CHAIR

**Governor's Message 614**  
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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Board of Directors of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation,  
Nominee, Craig I Nakanishi, for terms to expire 6/30/2022 and 6/30/2026

March 7, 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 614 and Governor's Message 615 concerning the nomination of Craig Nakanishi to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation ("**HTDC**"). **I submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. Nakanishi's nomination and appointment.**

Mr. Nakanishi has an ideal background, as a business and legal advisor to private sector entities, for the HTDC Board and to further its mission to facilitate the development and growth of Hawaii's commercial technology industry. He has a long record of providing assistance and developing resources for Hawaii's entrepreneurs, start-up companies and employers, including those involved in technology development.

In addition to his previous service on the Board of Directors HTDC and the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation, Mr. Nakanishi is a lawyer and concentrates his practice in the areas of energy, business and commercial transactions and public utilities. He has, for over thirty (30) years, represented and advised clients from multinational corporations to individuals in the acquisition or divestiture of capital stock or assets of wide array of businesses providing goods and/or services in numerous areas, including energy, technology, professional, transportation, utility, entertainment, broadcasting, franchise, manufacturing, distribution, and retail. Mr. Nakanishi represents and advises clients in the negotiation, documentation and implementation of a diverse array of contracts, involving energy, technology development, manufacturing, wholesale, retail, and distribution arrangements covering a variety of goods and services.

Mr. Nakanishi received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Hawai'i in 1983, with distinction, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Davis in 1986, Order of the Coif. Mr. Nakanishi worked for the Los Angeles office of Jones Day Reavis & Pogue and was formerly a partner at Goodwill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, Catalani Nakanishi & Caliboso LLP, and Rush Moore LLP, before joining Cades Schutte LLP in 2015. Over the years he has also been involved in numerous community activities and groups, including Rotary Club of Honolulu, Family Programs Hawaii, and Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii.

Mr. Nakanishi's strong professional background in the private sector makes him an excellent choice for the HTDC Board and its role in support of private sector development. I respectfully request that you confirm his nomination to the Board of HTDC for terms expiring 6/30/2022 and 6/30/2026.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Governor's Messages 614 and 615.

Statement of  
**GREGG J. KINKLEY**  
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR  
THE HONORABLE BENNETTE MISALUCHA, VICE CHAIR

**Governor's Message 614**  
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Board of Directors of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation,  
Nominee, Craig I Nakanishi, for terms to expire 6/30/2022 and 6/30/2026

March 7, 2022

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy,  
Economic Development, and Tourism:

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Craig I. Nakanishi to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

I have known Mr. Nakanishi for over 26 years, from the time we were business partners at the law firm of Goodsell Anderson Quinn & Stifel. As an attorney in a private law practice, he has extensive experience in business transactions, finance, governmental regulations, and general business relations and commerce. He is very knowledgeable in the areas of high technology and finance, and the need to continue to support the development of innovation in Hawaii. He is creative, collaborative, and very enthusiastic about the need to continue to support innovation.

Further, his institutional knowledge gained from previous service on the Boards of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation and the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation could be invaluable to future strategic planning for the organization. Based on my experience with Mr. Nakanishi in the past, I am confident that he will be an outstanding contributor to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation. Therefore, I respectfully request your confirmation of Mr. Nakanishi.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,



Gregg J. Kinkley