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TO: COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Committee Members: Senators Stanley Chang, Jarrett Keohokalole, Kurt Favella

FROM: Alan S. Hayashi, Chairman
Hawaii Workforce Development Council

SUBJECT: GM 714 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee KELLY UEOKA for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

Honorable Senator Taniguchi, Chairman of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, and Honorable Senator Les Ihara, Jr., and Committee Members Senators Stanley Chang, Jarret Keohokalole and Kurt Favella:

My name is Alan Hayashi, Chairman of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council (WDC). We strongly support GM 714, the nomination of Kelly Ueoka to the WDC.

Mr. Ueoka is President of Paxca, overseeing the day-to-day operations and the expansion of its products and services in Hawaii and beyond. He works to expand the company's core technology solutions and capabilities in collaboration with global partners to offer the most advanced platform of tools. He is a Microsoft infrastructure solutions architect, and a certified solutions expert in hybrid cloud. Prior to leading Paxca, Mr. Ueoka worked at Commercial Data Systems, Hawaiian Electric Company, Kauai Island Utility Cooperative, and the County of Kauai.

Mr. Ueoka will bring his keen understanding of developing the workforce through technology having founded a workforce development program within Paxca. The program helps displaced workers obtain technology opportunities through on-the-job training and self-paced learning.

WDC will benefit from Mr. Ueoka's leadership skills, strategic thinking and workforce development ideas participating in the Employer Engagement Committee and Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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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: Friday, March 18, 2022
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 225, State Capitol

From: Anne E. Perreira-Eustaquio, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**G.M. 714 Kelly Ueoka to Serve as a Member of the Hawaii
Workforce Development Council**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Anne Perreira-Eustaquio, and I am the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. The Department strongly supports the appointment of Mr. Kelly Ueoka to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Mr. Ueoka is the President of Paxca, a locally-owned technology services group and has over 15 years of expertise in the technology and workforce development fields. Under his leadership, Paxca created the Huakai Workforce Development Program to help displaced workers obtain technology opportunities by rapidly providing skills training with on-the-job participation and self-paced learning. Mr. Ueoka also has a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Information Systems from Southern Oregon University.

The Department believes Mr. Ueoka's extensive experience, leadership skills, and understanding of workforce needs will enable him to provide valuable service as a member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Ueoka as member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.



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

FROM: Kelly J. Ueoka, President
Pacxa

RE: GM 714 Gubernatorial Nominee Kelly Ueoka to the Workforce Development Council for a term to expire 06-30-2023

HEARING: Friday, March 18, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

POSITION: Strong Support

Good afternoon, Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts. I am Kelly Ueoka, President of Pacxa. I am deeply honored to be nominated by Governor David Ige as a private sector business member to the Hawai'i State Workforce Development Council, for a term to expire on June 30th, 2023. Thank you all for your consideration today.

Pacxa is Hawai'i's premier technology provider and systems integrator. We harness the power of technologies to help local businesses realize their full potential. Our team delivers customized solutions that enable nearly 400 commercial, government, and nonprofit organizations across the state to maximize opportunities and pursue innovation. Our mantra is, we make technology work for Hawai'i.

Pacxa is a member of the Island Holdings family of companies. Our founder, in 1929, laid out core values that include connecting our success with the well-being and growth of our local community. We uphold this focus today and into the future. We have a workforce development program, Huaka'i, whose goal is to nurture and develop a resilient local IT workforce that delivers innovation and excellence to help Hawai'i businesses leverage technology to succeed. We are invested in local business success, and also importantly, the success of local people, as IT careers provide sustainable living wages, improving economic trajectories of individuals and their families.

We are a founding member in the IT Sector Partnership, where we are bringing together industry leaders to collaborate on strengthening and growing Hawai'i's IT workforce. We are also a member of TRUE, a Hawai'i Executive Collaborative initiative focused on creating pathways for businesses to



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accelerate their adoption of technology, helping local organizations succeed, and making Hawai'i a place where all residents can thrive.

Additionally, my commitment to our community includes serving on the Board of Directors of Parents and Children Together, a nonprofit organization working together with Hawai'i's children, individuals, and families to create safe and promising futures; the Hawai'i State Department of Education Pathway Advisory Committee, advising the DOE on skills, knowledge, tools, and technology needed in today's careers; and the James Campbell High School Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math Advisory Board, advising and assisting teachers in achieving successful learning environments in Computer Science.

It would be my pleasure and honor to serve on the Hawai'i State Workforce Development Council. I am eager to contribute and collaborate with other leaders to develop and synergize IT workforce development efforts and solutions. I respectfully ask for your full consideration and support. Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

GM 714: Support for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, KELLY UEOKA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

As the "Voice of Business" in Hawai'i, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i is a statewide, non-profit organization whose mission is to serve as the advocate for business in Hawai'i. The Chamber works on behalf of its 2,000+ member organizations to advance the state's economic climate and help the business community to thrive locally, nationally and globally. **We strongly support GM 714, Support for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kelly Ueoka, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.**

Education and Workforce Development is a key focus area at the Chamber and we lead engagement between Hawai'i's business community and educational institutions to ensure that Hawai'i residents find meaningful careers here at home. Kelly Ueoka is the President of Pacxa, a premier technology provider and systems integrator. Kelly and Pacxa play a vital leadership role in our IT Sector Partnership, where we are bringing together industry leaders to collaborate on strengthening and growing Hawai'i's IT workforce. Additionally, Pacxa is developing an innovative workforce training program to help people enter IT careers.

The Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i is in full support of Kelly's nomination to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council and believes that Kelly's contribution to the Council and to the development of Hawai'i's IT workforce will be invaluable. We urge the committee to confirm GM 714 and Kelly Ueoka's gubernatorial nomination to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

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RE: GM714, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, KELLY UEOKA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

DATE: Friday, March 18, 2022, 3:00 PM, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Committee:

My name is William Kaneko. I am an attorney in private practice. I am writing in strong support of Kelly Ueoka's nomination to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council. I have known Kelly for about 10 years in his professional capacity as President of Paxca, one of Hawai'i's premier and largest technology firms in the state.

As president of Paxca, Kelly oversees 100+ technology professionals and staff in the delivery of solutions and applications to Hawai'i. Working with local, national and global technology partners, Kelly is a key stakeholder in enabling Hawai'i's businesses and government agencies to operate efficiently and effectively, and to be connected with the rest of the world.

Kelly recognizes the need to ensure that Hawai'i's workforce is sufficiently trained to meet the state's technology needs. He is a member of the TRUE initiative, a project of the Hawai'i Executive Collaborative which seeks to enable business to accelerate their adoption of technology. Having Kelly's background, perspective and focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) will be extremely valuable to the WDC's strategic focus and planning for Hawai'i workforce future.

Please support GM714 and Kelly Ueoka's nomination to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council. Thank you for the opportunity testify on this matter.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM M. KANEKO