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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 716 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee SEAN KNOX for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

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 716, the nomination of Sean Knox to the WDC.

Mr. Knox is Chief Executive Officer and President of HI Employment and previous owner of POI Employment, LLC. He has over 23 years of experience in professional staffing in Hawaii.

Mr. Knox has served on the WDC since 2016 and during that time as served in various leadership roles, He was Chair of the Performance Measures and Accountability Committee and now serves as Vice Chair, and Assistant Vice Chair of the full WDC. During his tenure leading the Performance Measures and Accountability Committee, he led the evaluation and enhanced the evaluation tool of the Executive Director position, and his committee made recommendations to the Executive Committee. Mr. Knox also currently serves on the Executive Committee.

Mr. Knox brings a strong understanding and strategic overview of the needs and gaps in the workforce system with a statewide perspective. We look forward to his continued leadership on the WDC.

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. 716 Sean Knox 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. Sean Knox to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Mr. Knox is the Chief Executive Officer and President of HI Employment and has over 23 years of experience in professional staffing in Hawaii. Mr. Knox has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and Management from University of Puget Sound.

Mr. Knox has served on the Hawaii Workforce Development Council since 2016 as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Performance Measures and Accountability Committee, Assistant Vice Chair of the full council, and member of the Executive Committee, providing insight and critical analysis of reports and measurables.

The Department believes Mr. Knox's expertise connecting individuals to jobs and careers is in alignment with and will continue to 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. Knox to continue as a member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.