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Statement of  
**MIKE MCCARTNEY**  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

Wednesday, March 30, 2022  
3:00 pm  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

in consideration of  
**GM 752**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Sister-State Committee,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, Kurt Osaki, for term to expire 06-30-2023.**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Ihara and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **strongly supports GM 752**, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Sister-State Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Kurt Osaki, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Kurt was born and raised in Kapaa, Kauai and attended Kapaa High School. His years growing up on Kauai were spent around his grandparents' restaurants – Tony's Charcoal Broiler and Tony's Delicatessen, both located on Rice Street. Mr. Osaki graduated from the University of Hawaii with a BFA in graphic design and later attended the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, majoring in design, packaging, with a focus on environmental design.

Mr. Osaki established Osaki Design in 1995 specializing in corporate and sports branding. Currently, he has offices in the Bay Area and Honolulu and his clients include professional sports teams, sports leagues, universities and corporations throughout the United States and Japan. One of his major accomplishments came in 2000 when he and his team designed the "H" logo for the University of Hawaii.

Mr. Osaki has given back to the community by serving on numerous boards and commissions including serving as a Board Member on the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii from 2020-2021 and he also served as an Advisory Board Member on the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce of Northern California from 2009-2021.

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We ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of **Mr. Kurt Osaki** to serve on the Sister-State Committee for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**GM-752**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Kurt Osaki's nomination to this committee. He is an outstanding individual that would represent the state well. Please confirm his appointment. Mahalo.