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March 30, 2022

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 765 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee SHELLI IHORI 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 765, the nomination of Shelli Ihori to the WDC.

Ms. Ihori is considered an innovator in the field of workforce development at Hawaii Pacific Health where she has worked since graduating college 16 years ago. Her experience in human resources includes benefits, talent acquisition, organizational development, regulatory compliance, and workforce development.

WDC will benefit from Ms. Ihori's keen understanding and focused experience of the healthcare industry. Her scope of work involves partnering with educational institutions and the community at large to increase awareness of healthcare occupations. She would be a good fit for the Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee, among the many board committees within 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: Wednesday, March 30, 2022  
Time: 3:00 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 225, State Capitol

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

**Re: GM 765 Shelli Ihori – 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 Ms. Shelli Ihori to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

For the past 16 years, Ms. Ihori has honed her professional skills in the area of workforce development with Hawaii Pacific Health. Her areas of strength include program development, regulatory compliance, training development and community partnerships in the healthcare industry. She received her education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa Shidler College of Business attaining her Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Human Resource Management.

The Department believes Ms. Ihori's focused experience in healthcare recruitment, retention, accreditation compliance, collaboration with educational institutions will enable her to provide valuable service as a member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

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

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 3:00 PM  
Via Video Conference

**Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts**

To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson  
Vice President, Government Relations & Community Affairs

Re: **GM 765 – Testimony In Support  
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce  
Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHELLI IHORI, for a term to  
expire 06/30/2023**

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My name is Michael Robinson, and I am the Vice President of Government Relations & Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system comprised of its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox and over 70 locations statewide with a mission of creating a healthier Hawai'i.

I am writing in SUPPORT of the nomination to Shelli Ihori to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council (HWDC). The HWDC is responsible for preparing and overseeing the comprehensive state plan for workforce development in the state of Hawai'i, and advising the Governor, via annual reports, on state policies and funding priorities that it believes should be adopted by the state government in order to address the unmet workforce and economic development needs across the state.

Shelli Ihori serves as the associate director of workforce development for Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Based on her experience in human resources including areas of benefits, talent acquisition, organizational effectiveness, regulatory compliance, and workforce development at one of Hawaii's largest health care organizations, Ms. Ihori is an ideal candidate for the HWDC. Having previously participated as a member of the HWDC, she is familiar with the important functions the HWDC performs and is well-suited to provide valuable insight into the workforce needs of the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

March 28, 2022

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

RE: GM 765 Gubernatorial Nominee Shelli Ihori to the Workforce Development Council for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Shelli Ihori to the Workforce Development Council. Shelli has been a valuable member of Hawai'i Pacific Health since joining our organization in 2006. Most recently, she has made a significant contribution within our Workforce Development team and community as our Associate Director, Workforce Development. Her oversight includes Talent Acquisition, Workforce Development, and HR Compliance.

Our health system is one of the largest in the state, employing more than 7100 employees committed to the mission of creating a healthier Hawai'i. As part of an ongoing commitment to education, community involvement, and recognizing that there is a large need for trained health care workers in Hawai'i, Hawai'i Pacific Health in partnership with local high schools offer ground-breaking high school training programs. These programs enable students to learn the skills necessary to enter the health care field upon graduating from high school.

Shelli played a vital role in launching our catalog of high school training programs. Since inception in 2018, our high school offerings expanded to five specialty programs and graduated over 300 students.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Shelli. It is my belief that with Shelli's leadership and forward thinking, we can provide professional job opportunities and build a well-prepared workforce for the State of Hawai'i.

Please feel free to contact me at 535-7566 should you have any questions about this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Carl W. Hinson  
Director, Workforce Development

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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts:

I feel honored to have had the opportunity to serve on the Kaua'i Workforce Development Board and am interested in continuing my service on the Workforce Development Council (WDC). I would like to share my expertise on workforce development strategies and initiatives that would support economic development and employment opportunities for employers and employees throughout the state of Hawai'i.

I have a passion for workforce development, as my work involves partnering with educational institutions and the community at large to increase awareness of various occupations at the fundamental level and develop training opportunities. With these partnerships, I am able to contribute to the success in a collaborative focused on workforce needs for our youth and community.

Working for one of the largest non-profit health care organizations in the state, would be an immense asset. Anchored by our four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox – Hawai'i Pacific Health also comprises more than 70 convenient locations statewide. Hawai'i Pacific Health's network of doctors and specialists work together to provide a distinctive and effective model of coordinated care for maintaining the health and wellness of our patients, from treating simple illnesses to complex diseases.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please contact me at 808-535-7568 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Shelli Ihori  
Associate Director, Workforce Development  
Hawai'i Pacific Health