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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 777 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee LORNA WOO 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 777, the nomination of Lorna Woo to the WDC.

Ms. Woo is Director of Government Affairs for the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50, where she has worked for 15 years and previously as a Business Development Specialist.

Having previously served on the Oahu Workforce Development Board, the WDC will benefit from Ms. Woo's understanding of services provided at the American Job Centers and its impact on the workforce. She will provide a strong voice for workers in trade unions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 30, 2022

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 777 Lorna Woo – 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. Lorna Woo to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Ms. Woo has extensive experience with trade unions overseeing all aspects of government affairs and public policy issues and overseeing community relations and services. She has worked at the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50, for fifteen years. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

The Department believes Ms. Woo's background with unions, public policy and the impact on the workforce 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. Woo as member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/24/2022 10:42:51 PM

Testimony for LCA on 3/30/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raynette M Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Lorna Woo for 30 years. She has always been an advocate for the working people. Her passion for labor and the underrepresented in the workforce was always evident. She has my wholehearted support and will make an excellent member of the council.



**International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
District Council 50**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2022

**TIME/DATE: Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 3:00 pm
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference**

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 777 – "SUBMITTING FOR
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LORNA WOO, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026."**

**TO SENATOR BRIAN TANIGUCHI, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON
LABOR AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS:**

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50 (IUPAT, DC50) is a union of unions that includes the Painters, Local Union 1971; the Tapers, Local Union 1944; the Glaziers, Local Union 1886; the Carpet and Soft Tile Layers, Local Union 1926 and the Specialty Workers, Local Union 1941. Together, we have approximately two thousand members throughout the state. My name is Ryden Valmoja, Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, and I am in **strong support** of Governor's Message No. 777 – "Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Lorna Woo, for a term to expire 06-30-2026."

Lorna Woo is the IUPAT, DC50's Director of Government Affairs, works as the lobbyist that oversees labor legislation, political programs, and the candidate endorsement process. She also serves as the Communication's Director that manages the district council's social media and marketing campaigns.

Lorna understands the importance of good working conditions, benefits, excellent wages, but most importantly, providing everyone with career opportunities and not just a job! Most recently, she cultivated relationships with youth and adult program services who assist persons with disabilities, houselessness, and those who are transitioning back into the workforce. She is working to launch the trade's intern program which allows individuals on-the-job training, and upon successful completion, admission into the apprenticeship program.

For these reasons, I believe that Lorna Woo will bring a wealth of experience and acuity to the council.

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my support for Lorna Woo's consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, and I respectfully request your favorable consideration of her appointment.

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GM-777

Submitted on: 3/25/2022 5:57:13 PM

Testimony for LCA on 3/30/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Lorna Woo's nomination to this council. Her service in the Senate and in Labor organization makes her a great nominee. I urge your support for confirmation. Mahalo.

THE SENATE
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2022

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

Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

Testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 777 – "Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, LORNA WOO, for a term to expire 06-30-2026."

Aloha Senator Taniguchi, Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture, and the Arts:

My name is Lorna Woo, I am writing to request favorable consideration to serve on the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

I am the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50's, Director of Government Affairs, who oversees legislative affairs, political programs and I also serve as the Communication's Director managing the social media accounts and marketing campaigns.

Due to the high cost of living, many people struggle to purchase affordable housing, and find adequate rental properties. By providing job opportunities and creating pathways to a career, more workers can provide for their families and live more sustainably.

Upon returning from a conference, I was tasked to reach out to youth and adult services programs that assist persons with disabilities, houselessness and those who are transitioning back into the workforce. I am working to create a trade's internship program that would allow individuals on-the-job training. Upon successful completion of the program, the intern may be invited to apply for apprenticeship.

Mahalo for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony in support, and I humbly request favorable consideration to serve on the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

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

From: William J. Puette, Ph.D.

RE: GM 777 Gubernatorial Nominee, Lorna Woo, for a term to expire 06-30-2026
Hearing: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 @ 3:00pm, State Capitol Conference
Room 225

POSITION: Strong Support

Good afternoon Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts. I am William J. Puette. As Director of the Center for Labor Education & Research (CLEAR), I am pleased to testify in strong support of Ms. Lorna Woo's confirmation on the WDC for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

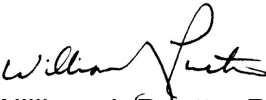
Lorna A. Woo is the Director of Government Affairs for the International Union of Painters & Allied Trades (IUPAT) in Hawai'i, a position she has held since January of 2013.

At IUPAT, Ms. Woo monitors developments (real estate, hotels, other commercial properties) and maintains up-to-date information regarding proposed/future projects in those industries. She creates dialogue between companies, organizations and government agencies, to inform and educate them to the importance of skilled labor.

I can attest that Ms. Woo has a deep and abiding interest in Labor Education programs and has generously consented to serve on the Labor Education Advisory Council (HRS §304A-1603), representing IUPAT having been unanimously nominated by the council at its August 24, 2011 meeting. I, therefore, respectfully urge you to confirm Ms. Woo as a member of the Workforce Development Council.

My testimony is submitted as an individual and not as a representative of the University of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.


William J. Puette, Ph.D.
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Randy Perreira
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The Thirty-First Legislature, State of Hawai'i
Hawai'i State Senate
Committee on Labor, Culture, and the Arts

Testimony by
Hawai'i State AFL-CIO
March 30, 2022

G.M. 777 – Gubernatorial Nominee to the
Hawai'i Workforce Development Council,
LORNA WOO, for a term to expire 06-30-
2026.

The Hawai'i State AFL-CIO is a state federation of 74 affiliate local unions and councils with over 68,000 members across both public and private sectors. We appreciate the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of the confirmation of the Gubernatorial Nominee, Lorna Woo to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council.

Lorna Woo is the Director of Government Affairs for the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50. She is a 15-year staff member with the Painters Local Union 1791. Lorna previously served as a member of the O'ahu Workforce Development Board, and she currently serves as a member of the Labor Education Advisory Council for the University of Hawai'i–West O'ahu Center for Labor Education and Research.

We believe that Lorna's background, experience, and voice will appropriately represent the Hawaii Labor community, and appreciate your favorable consideration of her nomination to the Workforce Development Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
President

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/28/2022 1:18:59 PM

Testimony for LCA on 3/30/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pride at Work - Hawaii	Testifying for Pride @ Work - Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

Pride at Work - Hawai'i, the state-wide chapter of Pride At Work (a constituency group of the national AFL-CIO) and an affiliate of the Hawai'i State AFL-CIO, fully supports Lorna Woo's appointment to the Workforce Development Council.

We hope that each of you will vote for her nomination.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration,

Pride at Work - Hawai'i

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/28/2022 1:30:07 PM

Testimony for LCA on 3/30/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch Jr	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I am writing to full support of Lorna Woo's appointment to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council.

I have known and worked with Lorna for several years and I know that she will be a great addition the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council. In fact I would go far as to say Hawai'i is lucky that she is willing to give of her time and talents to make Hawai'i a better place to call home.

It is my hope that you all will support her appointment and vote in the affirmative on her confirmation.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

In Solidarity,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Makakilo, HI



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The Senate
Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Testimony by
The Hawaii Government Employees Association

March 30, 2022

G.M. 777 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation
to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Lorna Woo

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the nomination of Ms. Lorna Woo to serve on the Hawaii Workforce Development Council (WDC). As an attached agency to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the WDC is governed by a 41-member advisory commission that serves to ensure our state is aligned with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, as well as prepares and oversees the state plan for workforce development in Hawaii.

Ms. Woo currently serves as the Director of Government Affairs for the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50 and is a member of the Labor Education Advisory Council for the University of Hawaii – West Oahu Center for Labor Education and Research. Ms. Woo previously served as a member of the Oahu Workforce Development Board. Her employment history and professional affiliations provide Ms. Woo with a solid foundation and comprehensive understanding of our state's workforce needs.

The WDC members must be diverse and knowledgeable in order oversee the state's plans to develop a robust workforce and we trust that Ms. Woo will be an asset to the Council. Therefore, it is our pleasure to offer our unequivocal support for the confirmation of Lorna Woo to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council and we request your favorable consideration for her appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director



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Hawaii State Senate
The Thirty-First Legislature
Regular Session of 2022

Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Wednesday, March 30, 2022
3:00 PM, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Governor's Message 777

Relating to the consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Lorna Woo, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair, Les Ihara, Vice-Chair, and Esteemed Members of the Committee

My name is Marc Yamane and I am the Business Representative for the International Union of Elevator Constructors, Local 126. I am writing on behalf of Lorna Woo regarding her appointment to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council.

I have known Lorna going on over 20 years and I am honored to have this opportunity to write this letter of recommendation. From time to time over the course of the last 10 years we have worked collaboratively to further the cause of labor through her position as the Director of Government Affairs of District Council 50 and me through my position as the Business Representative of Local 126.

Through all of this I have found Lorna to be a person of incredible integrity and honesty and she has proven to be an invaluable resource for me especially in the labor as well as in the political arena. I value her insightfulness and her judgment and will often turn to her for advice. Having worked with the many facets of the labor movement and with her intimate knowledge of the legislative process she has developed a great understanding and perspective of what it would take to move the Council forward.

Through her intelligence and skill Lorna has managed to garner the respect of the labor community. She is articulate, committed, fair, and creative which I feel are great characteristics for working in this particular type of setting. I am sure she is well aware of the responsibilities, duties, and concerns facing the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council and I am sure she is looking forward to facing these challenges head on. It is for all of these reasons I am in strong support of her appointment.

Sincerely,

Marc Yamane
Business Representative
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MEMORANDUM

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: Anton Ruesing, Executive Director, IUPAT Finishing Trades
Institute & IUPAT Labor Management Cooperation Initiative
Liz McElroy, Director, IUPAT Government Affairs

Date: March 29, 2022

**SUBJECT: Support of GM 777 - Consideration & Confirmation to
Hawaii Workforce Development Council,
Governatorial Nominee LORNA WOO**

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:

On behalf of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), the Finishing Trades Institute, and the IUPAT Labor Management Cooperation Initiative (FTI/LMCI), we write today to strongly support the nomination of Lorna Woo to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

The IUPAT represents over 100,000 active members in the Finishing Trades. Our members work as industrial and commercial painters, drywall finishers, wall coverers, glaziers, glass workers, floor covering installers, sign makers, display workers, and convention and show decorators. FTI/LMCI serve as the training and education arms of the IUPAT and our industry partners.

As the Director of Government Affairs for the IUPAT District Council 50 in Hawaii, Lorna Woo advocates for and promotes policies that will best serve working men and women in Hawaii. Her confirmation to the Council is a natural extension of that work as the goal of IUPAT and the FTI/LMCI are to develop and train a skilled workforce for careers in our industries.

IUPAT FTI & LMCI and Government Affairs

Support of GM 777 - Consideration & Confirmation to Hawaii Workforce Development Council

Gubernatorial Nominee LORNA WOO

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Through her work with District Council 50, Lorna has seen first-hand the impact that dedicated workforce development can mean to workers and our communities. She understands the importance of good working conditions, family sustaining wages & benefits, and providing pathways to careers for all who want the opportunity.

For these reasons, we believe that Lorna Woo will be an excellent addition to the Council where she can use her wealth of experience to benefit others. We thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to provide our recommendation of support.

Painting Industry of Hawaii Labor Management Cooperation Trust Fund

Hawaii Tapers Market Recovery Trust Fund

Hawaii Glaziers, Architectural Metal Glassworkers Local Union 1889
AFL-CIO Stabilization Trust Fund

Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Local Union 1926 Market Recovery Trust Fund

Re: The Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts
Hearing on Governor's Message No. 777
Hearing Date : March 30, 2022
Time : 3:00 p.m.

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Painting Industry of Hawaii Labor Management Cooperation Trust Fund, Hawaii Tapers Market Recovery Trust Fund, Hawaii Glaziers, Architectural Metal Glassworkers Local Union 1889 AFL-CIO Stabilization Trust Fund, and Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Local Union 1926 Market Recovery Trust Fund in **strong support** of Governor's Message No. 777, re-appointing Ms. Lorna Woo to the Workforce Development Council. The aforesaid organizations are labor management cooperation funds between the Painters Union, Tapers Union, Glaziers Union, and Carpet and Soft Tile Layers Union and their signatory contractors.

I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Woo for many years on a range of construction issues and can attest to her knowledge and insight into the construction industry. Ms. Woo is a dedicated and hard worker, who works well in collaboration with others, and will continue to make valuable contributions to the Workforce Development Council.

In addition to her duties as the Director of Government Affairs for the International Union of Painter and Allied Trades, District Council 50 ("DC50"), Ms. Woo is and has been a member of DC50's Joint Apprenticeship Training Fund for many years. As a member of that Fund, she has played an integral role in developing and maintaining successful training standards and programs for apprentices, as well as expanding DC50's recruitment programs. With her background, Ms. Woo is uniquely qualified to serve on the Workforce Development Council, where she can share her knowledge and skill of labor and the construction industry to the benefit of Hawaii's workforce.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of Governor's Message No. 777.

Jeffrey S. Masatsugu



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COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 30, 2022
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 225
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY ON GM777

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIR BRIAN TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR LES IHARA, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS:

Hawaii LECET supports GM777 submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Lorna Woo, for a term to expire on 06-30-2026. Lorna is the Director of Government Affairs for the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50. She has worked for the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades for 15 years and has experience in a multitude of areas, such as public policy, legislative advocacy and community relations, to name a few. Lorna is known for her ability to work well with the different trades, companies, organizations and agencies that support utilization of skilled labor.

Lorna's desire to serve the community is commendable, as she volunteers her time as a member of the Labor Education Advisory Council for the University of Hawaii West Oahu, Center for Labor Education and Research and was a prior Oahu Workforce Development Board Member. Hawaii LECET believes that Lorna's knowledge of the different labor sectors in Hawaii, her experience working with the legislature and various government agencies and her desire to serve the community will be an asset to the Workforce Development Council. Thank you for your consideration.

With Respect,

Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust



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Hawai'i State Senate
Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Testimony by
Hawaii Nurses Association
March 29, 2022

Re: G.M. 777 – Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Lorna Woo, for a term to expire June 30, 2026

The Hawaii Nurses Association -OPEIU Local 50 is affiliated with the AFL-CIO and was founded in 1917 and represents 4,000 nurses in the State of Hawaii. We are grateful to testify in **strong support** of Gubernatorial Nominee Lorna Woo to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Loran Woo has a long history of service to the labor community and will be a valuable addition to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council.

Thank you for your consideration and we urge you to confirm her nomination.

Respectfully,

Daniel Ross
President



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March 28, 2022

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Hearing: Wednesday, March, 30, 2022, 3:00 PM, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

RE: GM 777 – TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF NOMINEE LORNA WOO

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

Hawaii Electricians Market Enhancement Program (HEMEMP) is a labor-management organization advocating for fair contracting and a level playing field in the electrical industry. HEMEMP represents the National Electrical Contractors Association – Hawaii Chapter (ECAH), and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 1186.

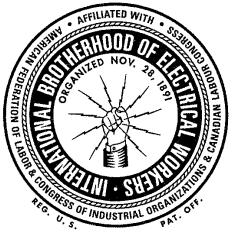
I would like to thank the Committee for considering the nomination of LORNA WOO for the Workforce Development Council and express my **STRONG SUPPORT** for your approval.

I have known and worked with Lorna in the construction, contracting, and labor industry for nearly 15 years and can assure the Committee that she is more than qualified to be an outstanding member of this Council. Lorna brings years of experience in understanding Hawaii's labor workforce as well as its needs, its shortcomings, and its successes. She will be a member of the Council that others will be fortunate to learn from her wealth of knowledge of training programs, regulations, laws and rules, and skilled construction trades.

Thank you again for the opportunity to express my support for Lorna's nomination.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Takahashi
Director of Compliance



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TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Hearing on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 3:00p.m. Room 229, Videoconference

RE: TESTIMONY IN **SUPPORT** OF GM 777

Honorable Chair Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr., and Members of the Committee
On Labor, Culture and The Arts:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186 (IBEW 1186), is comprised of over 3,600 men and women working in electrical construction, telecommunications, Spectrum, civil service employees, and educator and faculty associations.

IBEW 1186 is in **SUPPORT** of GM 777, the nomination of LORNA WOO to the State of Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Lorna has always been a strong supporter of Hawaii's workers. Her record has proven that she will work tirelessly to advance the workforce needs in our State, especially as it relates to the skilled construction trades. We believe the Workforce Development Council will be fortunate to have a member with the variety of skills and knowledge that Lorna possesses.

IBEW 1186 urges the Committee to approve this nomination.

Sincerely,

Damien T.K. Kim
Business Manager/
Financial Secretary

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March 30, 2022

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Committee on Labor, Culture, and the Arts
Hawai'i State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Strong Support for GM777

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members:

I write to strongly support the nomination of Lorna Woo to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, for a term ending on June 30, 2026.

The Hawai'i Workforce Development Council is a 41-member advisory commission comprised of both public and private-sector representatives, who are selected by the Governor to serve in staggered 4-year terms on the basis of their interest in and knowledge of workforce development programs in Hawaii and how to support economic development throughout the state.

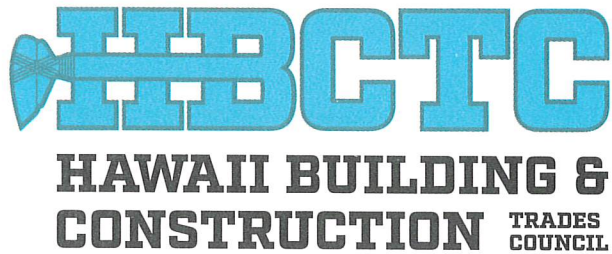
The Council functions as an "information clearinghouse" for all workforce development programs in the State, including workforce training and education programs, and also responsible for preparing and overseeing the comprehensive state plan for workforce development in the state of Hawaii, and for advising 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.

As Director of Government Affairs for the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50, and having served as a Business Development Specialist for District Council 50, Ms. Woo has extensive knowledge of not only the workforce needs of District Council 50 and their signatory contractors, but for the construction industry on the whole as well. Additionally, Ms. Woo previously served as a member of the O'ahu Workforce Development Board, which is the county counterpart for the State's Workforce Development Council.

I am proud to support Ms. Woo's nomination and humbly request your advice and consent on GM777.

Mahalo,





March 30, 2022

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Labor, Culture, and the Arts Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: SUPPORT for GM 777 Gubernatorial Nominee LORNA WOO

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

My name is Gino Soquena, Executive Director of the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council which represents 18 of the 19 construction trade unions here in the State of Hawaii. I would like to offer this letter in **STRONG SUPPORT** of LORNA WOO who is a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

I have worked with Lorna Woo professionally for the past 16 years in the construction and labor industry. She has a great understanding of the construction and labor industry.

Members of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council should have both knowledge and experience in the labor industry. Lorna Woo also brings extensive construction experience that will play a key role in the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Lorna Woo would be an asset to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council. She is honest and a woman of integrity. For these reasons I hope that this Committee agrees with my recommendation in appointing Lorna Woo to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Gino Soquena
Executive Director
Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council