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April 12, 2023

To: The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair,
The Honorable Chris Lee, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Technology

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol and Videoconference

From: Jade T. Butay, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: G.M. 649; Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, KELLY UEOKA, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations **strongly supports** the confirmation of Mr. Kelly Ueoka to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

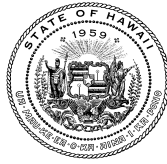
Mr. Ueoka brings over 15 years of expertise in the technology and workforce development fields. Most notably, Mr. Ueoka is the President of Paxca, a locally owned and operated technology services group. Under Mr. Ueoka's leadership, Paxca created the Huakai Workforce Development Program to help displaced workers obtain technology opportunities by rapidly reskilling individuals through 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 DLIR believes that 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 G.M.649.

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April 10, 2023

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Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
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Dear Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Lee, and committee members,

SUBJECT: GM649

Aloha. As Chair of the State of Hawaii Workforce Development Council (WDC), I am pleased to offer my support for GM 649 and confirmation of Mr. Kelly Ueoka as a reappointed member to the council.

Mr. Ueoka is the president of Pacxa which is a premier technology provider and systems integrator. Pacxa is well-recognized within the community for their tech solutions aimed at streamlining processes for our state's businesses. Mr. Ueoka is a wonderful asset to the council and currently serves as vice chair for our finance and performance measures committee.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter and I hope for your favorable consideration to allow Mr. Ueoka to continue his service as a member of the WDC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Hayashi".

Alan Hayashi

Chair, Workforce Development Council

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 649

TO: Chair Morikwaki, Vice-Chair Lee, & Members,
Senate Committee on Labor and Technology
FROM: Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO
DATE: April 12, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Parents and Children Together (PACT) supports GM 649, the gubernatorial nomination of Kelly Ueoka to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council.

Kelly Ueoka is an experienced local technology industry executive who is highly qualified for this appointment. He has demonstrated this through his leadership in his field and his extensive experience heading teams to accomplish enterprise-wide infrastructure projects. Mr. Ueoka serves on the board of directors for Parents and Children Together, donating his time and expertise to supporting innovative and evidence-based solutions to the challenges of under-resourced communities.

Founded in 1968, PACT is a statewide community-based organization providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 15,000 people across the state annually, we help identify, address, and successfully resolve challenges through our 20 programs. Among our services are early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community building programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org if you have any questions.

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Submitted on: 4/10/2023 4:43:18 PM

Testimony for LBT on 4/12/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nik Daubert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Kelly Ueoka since our freshmen year at Kauai High & Intermediate in 1993. He is an individual of strong moral character, whom has consistently leveraged his successful IT career into local public service endeavors. Of particular recent note, are 2 initiatives that Kelly conceived and launched through the Tech firm he presides over, Paca.

1. The Waipahu Library E-Sports Tech Lab (2022 – Present): Partnering with the State Library system and non-profit TRUE (Technology Readiness User Evaluation), Kelly and Pacxa created a turnkey E-Sports area at the Waipahu Public Library, proving access to popular E-Sports games and content, creating a unique and meaningful experience for the local surrounding community. The lab also enables advanced computer-based training for Industry recognized certifications.
2. Huaka'i Program (2021 – Present): Seeing the need to reskill workers across industries hit hard by the pandemic, Kelly put considerable Pacxa resources into developing a Fellowship program dedicated to Hawaii's workforce development. With a graduating cohort of 5 in 2021, and 8 in 2023, the Huakai'i program has made a tangible impact; empowering those with the desire to enter the IT industry, but without the requisite education or experience to do so. Kelly is willing to commit significant company funding to this cause out of a genuine belief that technology can play a vital role in the long term success of Hawaii's workforce.

Kelly has the vision, technical expertise, and born-and-raised Hawaii background & connections to continue to advance a progressive, IT focused agenda. I strongly recommend confirming his nomination and have complete confidence in Kelly's ability to not only be a source for innovative thinking and ideas, but to also see them through; as his track record has shown for decades.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nik Daubert
SVP of Operations, Pacxa

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Submitted on: 4/11/2023 9:19:52 AM

Testimony for LBT on 4/12/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Watanabe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello Chairperson Moriwaki, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the Labor and Technology Committee,

My name is Scott Watanabe and I am submitting testimony in support of Kelly Ueoka. I have known Kelly for over 15 years personally and professionally. Kelly is the ideal person to serve on the State Workforce Development Council as he truly believes in developing local human resources for Hawai'i's future. He is very passionate in preparing our local folks for job opportunities for Hawai'i and beyond. He is a leader that understands both the technical and political challenges we face in accomplishing workforce development. I fully support the nomination of Kelly to the Workforce Development Council.

Aloha Sharon, this is Scott from the days you served as DHRD Director. Hope you are well and thank you for the opportunity for me to share my support of Kelly.

Mahalo,

Scott Watanabe

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Submitted on: 4/11/2023 5:57:05 PM

Testimony for LBT on 4/12/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Geary Chun	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

This is Geary Chun and am writing to you in support of Kelly Ueoka’s nomination to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council. As a VP at Pacxa, I worked closely with Kelly on our own workforce development initiative. I can tell you from firsthand experience that Kelly is passionate about providing opportunities for more local residents to obtain high-paying local jobs! This program had been a win-win for both our workforce development participants and for Pacxa. In my team, we have mentored and hired no fewer than 7 individuals through our Huaka’i Fellows program. Some of these individuals have non-IT backgrounds but all have succeeded and have become indispensable members of the Pacxa team! With Kelly’s energy, vision and experience, I’m sure he’d be an invaluable member of the Workforce Development Council!

Mahalo,

Geary Chun

EVP at Pacxa