

# GOV. MSG. NO. 521

## Warren Haruki

Graduate of Hawaii's public school system. Experienced business and community leader. Led several companies to improved performance and financial success. Actively involved and served numerous community and non-profit organizations in board and leadership capacities. Passionate about education and increased private sector partnerships for educational support by many businesses statewide.

2005 -2023

### President & CEO GROVE FARM COMPANY

Led Grove Farm's transformation from a sugar plantation to a sustainable leader on Kauai. Managed agricultural leases, and residential, industrial, and commercial land & community development. Supported renewable energy, maintained, and enhanced valuable water infrastructure, and led initiatives to preserve of our island's rich culture - mele, mo'olelo, recipes, and traditions.

Education is key and Grove Farm supports education in numerous ways - gifting 210+ acres of land upon which the Kauai Community College, Island School, and the Kawaikini Public Charter School are located. Numerous educational initiatives, scholarships, and grant programs were initiated from 2005- 2023. Worked with Department of Education on Early Childhood Learning Center location, educational rental housing project, and centralized kitchen site planning.

2009 - 2023

### Chairman & CEO MAUI LAND & PINEAPPLE COMPANY (MLP)

Led MLP through major strategic, operational, and financial challenges and achieved financial solvency and profitability. Instituted major structural changes to achieve operational effectiveness and efficiencies.

Oversaw the transformation of MLP from a pineapple plantation to a community development firm, including the world-class Kapalua Resort. Preserved, enhanced, and expanded the Puu Kukui Watershed Preserve, the largest of its kind in the State.

2004 -2012

### Trustee & Chairman Parker Ranch Foundation Trust (PRFT)

Led PRFT to fulfill its charitable trust responsibilities to its four beneficiaries - Parker School, Hawaii Preparatory Academy, North Hawaii Community Hospital, and the Waimea Fund - Hawaii Community Foundation. Annual distributions to these four worthy organizations commenced for the first time since the inception of the PRFT. The broader Waimea Community finally benefitted from the benefactor's significant gift.

### High School Diploma

*Kapaa High & Intermediate School*

### B.S. in Industrial Management (Integrated Business & Engineering)

*Purdue University*

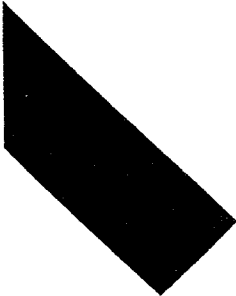
### M.B.A. in Marketing

*University of Hawaii at Manoa*

### Certified Public Accountant (CPA) - Hawaii

*Not currently licensed to practice*

- Business
- Marketing
- Accounting & Finance
- Leadership
- Team Building
- Organizational Transformation



1991 - 2003

**President**

**Verizon Hawaii - GTE Hawaiian Tel**

Led Verizon Hawaii - GTE Hawaiian Tel, Hawaii's largest wireline and wireless communications firm, for 12+ years. Responsible for the entire State of Hawaii, and operations/projects in the Pacific Basin and Asia. During this period, implemented numerous process improvements and transformed all customer segments into GTE and Verizon's top performing region, based on weighted performance including financial, operational, and customer service metrics. A comprehensive approach was utilized to effect the transformation. Key success factors involved the inclusive approach with employee involvement and engagement, plus a productive and cooperative relationship with the IBEW union leadership.

**Educational Volunteer Experience**

**Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation**

- Founding Member & Trustee

**University of Hawaii Foundation (UHF)**

- Chairman of the Board
- Trustee

**Chaminade University**

- Board of Governors

**'Iolani School**

- Board of Governors

**Community Board Experience**

**Blood Bank of Hawaii**

**Boy Scouts of America - Aloha Council**

**Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii**

**Corporate Board Experience**

**Blue Sky Communications - American Samoa**

**First Hawaiian Bank**

**Grove Farm Company**

**GTA (Guam Telephone Authority)**

**HPM Building Supply**

**Maui Land & Pineapple Company**

**National Geographic**

- International Council of Advisors
- Hubbard Council

**Pacific Guardian Life Insurance Company**