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To: The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Date: October 26, 2007
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 229, State Capitol

From: Darwin L.D. Ching, Interim Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

**RE: DOMINIC K. INOCELDA
Language Access Advisory Council ("OLA")**

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations ("Department") strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. DOMINIC K. INOCELDA.

Dominic Inocelda knows and understands the immigrant and limited English proficient population of Hawaii. With a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Hawaii, Mr. Inocelda has been working with Hawaii's immigrant community for more than 30 years. He is employed by the Susannah Wesley Community Center in Kalihi where he has served in various program management and administrative functions since 1982. Mr. Inocelda has worked with limited and non-English speakers, the elderly, public housing residents, and persons with serious mental illnesses. Currently, he is the Program Administrator for the Center.

In addition, Mr. Inocelda is actively involved in our community. Particularly, he is the President of the Inter-Agency Council for Immigrant Services, which was instrumental in the passage of Hawaii's language access bill. He is also the Treasurer of the Kalihi Palama Community Council and a Board Member of Kalihi-Palama Culture & Arts.

In summary, Mr. DOMINIC K. INOCELDA is well-qualified and deserving of confirmation for the OLA.

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
Office of Language Access

Testimony in Support of
Language Access Advisory Council Nominee:
DOMINIC K. INOCELDA

Good morning, Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor :

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. I am Serafin "Jun" Colmenares, and I am the Executive Director with the Office of Language Access (OLA). The Office of Language Access strongly supports the appointment of DOMINIC K. INOCELDA to the Language Access Advisory Council.

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With his background, OLA believes that Mr. Inocelda brings to the Council the much needed voice of an advocacy organization that provides services to limited English proficient persons. For these reasons, the Office of Language Access strongly supports the appointment of DOMINIC K. INOCELDA to the Language Access Advisory Council.