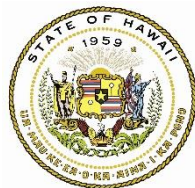


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February 24, 2021

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, February 24, 2021  
Time: 3:00 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 225

From: Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director  
Hawaii Workforce Development Council

**Re: GM 599 & GM 600 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Cary Miyashiro, for a term to expire at 06-30-2021 and 06-30-2025.**

Good afternoon Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts. I am Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Council (WDC) testifying in strong support of Mr. Cary Miyashiro's confirmation to the WDC for terms to expire on June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2025. Mr. Miyashiro would fill a slot reserved for a business executive member on the Council.

The WDC is responsible for the administrative oversight and implementation of a federally mandated initiative, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA). Additionally, the WDC assists the Administration develop and update statewide comprehensive, strategic workforce development plans and actions to align and streamline the public workforce development system for continuous improvement and accountability. It supports employment opportunities for employers and employees through direct services at the American Job Centers throughout the State.

Mr. Miyashiro is the Community Outreach Representative for HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union. The company has a commitment to helping Hawaii's youth and their education and as such, he has been instrumental in the development of a pilot project at Kapolei High School to build business partnerships to get persons with disabilities into the workforce. He also helped develop customer service standards for the Workforce Development Diplomas offered at the Department of Education's Adult Education programs.

Mr. Miyashiro brings a proven wealth of experience and commitment to helping students succeed in school and have opportunities for good jobs. This aligns well with the work of the WDC and the WIOA program.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Mr. Miyashiro's nomination to the WDC.



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February 19, 2021

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

Testimony in Strong Support of Cary Miyashiro to serve as a member on the  
Workforce Development Council (WDC) GM 600

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce  
Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee term to expire 06-30-2025.

My name is Helen Sanpei, Principal of McKinley Community School for Adults testifying in strong support of Mr. Cary Miyashiro's confirmation to the Workforce Development Council. I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Miyashiro over the past 20 years through the Adult Education Advisory Council, McKinley Community School for Adults School Advisory Council, HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union, Hawaii's National Distinguished Principals Program, and other educationally related programs.

From July 2008 to July 2014, Mr. Miyashiro served as chairperson and member of the Hawaii Adult Education Advisory Council. Prior to that, he served as the chairperson for McKinley Community School's Advisory Council at which time he played a key role in the reorganization effort of the community schools by helping to facilitate and organize discussions to assist with the transition of adult education from eleven to two schools.

Cary Miyashiro is a dynamic and visionary individual who leads with thoughtfulness and compassion. The Hawaii Department of Education has benefitted tremendously from his leadership, depth of knowledge as it relates to education and the workforce programs, and his willingness to support all role groups unselfishly.

It is my sincere belief that if confirmed as a member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Mr. Miyashiro will exceed the required duties and responsibilities as an active member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen H. Sanpei".

Helen H. Sanpei, Principal  
McKinley Community School for Adults

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February 24, 2021

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

From: Alan S. Hayashi, Vice Chair  
Workforce Development Council

RE: GM 594 thru GM 605 **Gubernatorial Nominees:** Charles Shima / Jason Brand / Kira Higa / Ian Kitajima / Brian Tatsumura / Cary Miyashiro / Ken Loui / April Chun Acquavella / Brian Lee / Jason Bradshaw, to the Workforce Development Council for varying terms to expire June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025

Hearing: Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 225

POSITION: Strong Support for GM 594 thru GM 605

Good afternoon Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, I am Alan Hayashi, Vice Chair of the Workforce Development Council (WDC) testifying in strong support of ALL ABOVE LISTED NOMINEES for confirmation to the WDC for varying terms to expire on June 30, 2023 thru June 30, 2025. The Nominees would fill slots reserved for designated sectors on the Council.

The WDC is an attached agency to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and is responsible for advising the Governor and Legislature on workforce development to support economic development and employment opportunities for employers and employees. The WDC is the State Workforce Development Board for purposes of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014. The WDC assists the Governor in developing and updating comprehensive, strategic workforce development plans and oversees publicly funded workforce investment activities in the state.

All Nominees are well qualified and leaders in their respective organizations and sectors. We on the WDC Board feel fortunate to have such diverse talent willing to join the effort to provide job opportunities and skills training for our community

In this critical year, WDC has been implementing the Hawaii WIOA Unified State Plan. The plan covers the six core formula grant programs authorized under WIOA and outlines the state's vision and strategy for carrying out activities under each program. The WIOA plan is a Federal requirement in order for Hawaii to receive the bulk of federal funding for the State's primary job training and placement activities.

I respectfully urge you to confirm all submitted Nominees as members of the Workforce Development Council where they will be valuable assets to the deliberations of the Council.

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







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February 22, 2021

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

From: Elden Esmeralda, Principal in Residence  
Office of Talent Management – Leadership Institute

RE: GM 660 Gubernatorial Nominee Cary Miyashiro to the Workforce Development Council  
for a term to expire June 30 2025  
Hearing : Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 3:00 p.m., 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 Elden Esmeralda, Principal in Residence at the Leadership Institute - DOE and former principal at Kapolei High School. I am testifying in strong support of Mr. Cary Miyashiro's confirmation to the WDC for a term to expire on June 30, 2025. Mr. Miyashiro would fill a slot reserved for a private sector business member on the Council.

Mr. Cary Miyashiro is the Community Outreach Representative for the Hawaii USA Federal Credit Union. One of his main focuses is to prepare students for career and life after school. He has assisted the Department of Education in many ways. An example of this is he helped to establish credit unions at three high school campuses on three different islands. This not only provided opportunities for the students to understand financial literacy and gain real life work opportunities but also provided a vision for what is possible in our schools. The department trusted him to chair the Consolidation Task Force for Wailupe Valley/Aina Hina and he is currently a member of eight school community councils.

While I was at Kapolei High School, Mr. Miyashiro helped our school develop our academy structure. He was instrumental in helping us to understand the academy pathways and connected the focus to potential employment in the future. He provided data and insight into the different work fields. He annually assisted in our senior project presentation assessments. Most recently he assisted in developing our academy advisory councils.

His work on academy advisory boards is not limited to Kapolei High School. He is currently working with Aiea High School's - Academy of Health & Science, Farrington High School's - Creative Arts & Technology and Waipahu High School's - Academy of Professional & Public Services. His ability to connect industry standards, forecast and provide insight into industry allows our schools to progressively move forward. He stays up to date with different models by attending the National Careers Academy Coalition.

It is critical that the Workforce Development Council work with all aspects of industry, the State and County, the private sector and educational institutions. Mr. Miyashiro has demonstrated a very positive working relationship with the different sectors. I truly believe he will be an asset to the Workforce Development Council. I respectfully urge you to confirm Mr. Miyashiro as a member of the Workforce Development Council.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important matter.



**GM-600**

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Cary Miyashiro	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

February 22, 2021

To: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair

Senator Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair

Senator Stanley Chang

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole

Senator Kurt Fevella

Re: GM 599 Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee

CARY MIYASHIRO, for a term to expire 06/30/2021.

GM 600 Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee

CARY MIYASHIRO, for a term to expire 06/30/2025.

Hearing: Wednesday, February 24, 2021, Conference Room 225 and

Videoconference.

Good Afternoon Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts. I am Cary Miyashiro, Community Outreach Representative, HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union. HawaiiUSA FCU is a credit union sponsored by the Hawai'i Department of Education and my job is to work with educators and educational

programs. I had been hired to support our field of membership which are educators and the educational system over 30 years ago.

I am on School Community Councils at Kapolei HS (Chair), McKinley Community School for Adults (Chair), Honouliuli Middle School, Central Middle School, Waikele EI, Waimalu EI, Pauoa EI, and Hokulani EI.

I had partnered with Waipahu High School and started the Academy of Finance in 1994. Recently, I started a student operated credit union at Island Pacific Academy for 4th graders and at Campbell High School.

For 16 years I sat on the DOE's CTE Business Pathway Advisory Board. Presently, I am on the CTE Advisory Boards at Waipahu High School (Academy of Professional & Public Services), Farrington High School (Creative Arts & Technology), Aiea High School (Health & Science Academy) and Kapolei High School (Public & Human Services Academy).

I was Chair on the Hawai'i Adult Education & Community Advisory Council. Sitting on the NFL-Youth Education Town Advisory Board (Boys & Girls Club of Nanakuli), and Nisei Veteran Endowed Forum (UH College of Arts and Science).

Other experiences include Committee of Weights, Financial Literacy Task Force, Design Charrette for Ho'okele Elementary, Jarrett Middle School Foundation, Hawai'i Nikkei History Editorial Board, Hoku Scientific MicroLoan Board ( Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship), Consolidation Task Force (Wailupe Valley Elementary and Aina Hina Elementary), Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion Board, Sons and Daughters of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team Board and Task Force for Curriculum, Instruction and Students Service.

I will use my years of experiences and knowledge of working with the DOE to challenge students to be productive and contributing citizens in our society. The Council experience will provide an opportunity to understand the demands and needs of various employers. This knowledge will be used to prepare high school and post secondary students as well as the community for our evolving workforce. Additionally, we must build awareness bringing credible meaning to the Workforce Development Diploma.

My main focus lies with those who are physically and mentally challenged. We cannot and must not babysit these students with disabilities till they age out at 22 years old. Give them the skills and work experiences to build a career that matches their ability. The desired outcome will be to get these students with disabilities into the workforce with a diploma, certificate and/or skills to make positive contributions. At Kapolei High School we are working to build an Academy to meet the individual needs within the

abilities of these group of students. I envision developing work skills and experiences that will meet the workforce demands of the “new normal”. Things will never be the same and we need to prepare our workforce to be flexible, resilient and adaptable. Because of COVID the timing is now right to take our workforce to the next level.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cary Miyashiro

Community Outreach Representative

HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union

February 22, 2021

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

FROM: Deborah K. Miyao  
Retired State of Hawaii Department of Education Educational Specialist for Adult  
Education and the Acting Adult Basic Education State Director

RE: GM 600 Gubernatorial Nominee Cary Miyashiro to the Workforce Development Council  
for a term to expire 06-30-2025  
Hearing: Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 3 pm, Conference Room 223

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

Good Afternoon Senator Taniguchi, Senator Ihara, and Members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts. I am Deborah K. Miyao, a retired State of Hawaii Department of Education Educational Specialist in Adult Education and the Acting Adult Basic Education State Director. I strongly support Mr. Cary Miyashiro as an active member for Hawaii's Workforce Development Council.

I have known Mr. Miyashiro for the past 13 years and had the distinct pleasure of working with him in the field of education. Mr. Miyashiro is currently employed as the Community Outreach Representative for the Hawaii USA Federal Credit Union. He is a strong advocate for the State of Hawaii Department of Education's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. He fervently assists with the Career Pathways initiative for Grades K – 16.

Mr. Miyashiro graciously volunteered his services as a member and as the Chairperson for Hawaii's Adult Education Advisory Council from 2008 – 2014. During this time period, Mr. Miyashiro developed capacity between Hawaii's Adult Education schools and community-based job training programs. He built awareness, facilitated connections and identified shared resources to strengthen Hawaii's economy. Mr. Miyashiro continues to build employability skills and standards to forge a stronger link among Adult Education, postsecondary, and the world of work. He is knowledgeable and supports the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) which is the driving force for education and workforce development.

I strongly support Mr. Cary Miyashiro. He will be a remarkable and dedicated member to Hawaii's Workforce Development Council.

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

February 23, 2021

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

Testimony in Strong Support of Mr. Cary Miyashiro to serve as a member on the Workforce  
Development Council (WDC) GM 600

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce  
Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee term to expire June 30, 2025.

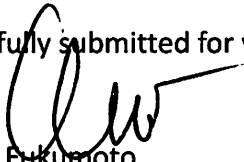
Honorable Senator Taniguchi, Senator Ihara, Jr., and Members of the Committee on Labor,  
Culture and Arts:

My name is Michele Fukumoto, Vice Principal of McKinley Community School for Adults, Farrington Campus testifying in strong support of Mr. Cary Miyashiro's confirmation to the Workforce Development Council. For over 30 years, as Community Outreach Representative, Marketing Representative, and Business Development Officer at Hawaii USA, Mr. Miyashiro has been able to establish strong community relations and partnerships with schools throughout the state while serving on committees and boards in support of education, literacy, adult education, and workforce development. He continues to be actively engaged with programs and initiatives that are beneficial to the community, the Department of Education, administrators, teachers and students.

Throughout the years, Mr. Miyashiro has been a great supporter of Adult Education serving as both chairperson and member of the Hawaii Adult Education Advisory Council (July 2008 - July 2014). In the past, he was also a member of the McKinley Community School's Advisory Council and through his leadership played an integral role during the reorganization process and consolidation from eleven to two schools. In addition, he supported MCSA in our WASC Accreditation held last February and most recently collaborated with members from the workforce and the Department of Education to develop a standards based curriculum for our Career Foundations Certificate program.

Mr. Miyashiro brings a wealth of knowledge from his work experience in the public and private sector. He is very dedicated and cares deeply about the community for which he serves. If confirmed, I believe that he will be a valued member and will contribute positively towards the vision and mission set forth by the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

  
Michele Fukumoto  
McKinley Community School for Adults