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Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Labor

Christopher D. Tatum
General Manager, Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa

Hawai'i Workforce Development Council

Chair Takamine and members of the Senate Labor Committee, thank you for this opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council.

My name is Chris Tatum and I have called Hawai'i home since I was five years old. I attended Hickam Elementary School, Aliamanu Middle School, and Radford High School before graduating from Michigan State University, where I majored in Hotel & Restaurant Management. Upon graduation, I began my career with Marriott.

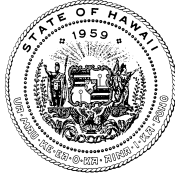
During my 28 year career with Marriott, I have worked on the East Coast, West Coast, Maui, Kauai, Malaysia, Australia, and Oahu. Here on Oahu, I was general manager of the 387-room JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa on the Leeward side before being promoted to the 1310-room Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, where I have been general manager for the past three years. In 2007, I was named Marriott International's General Manager of the Year.

I welcome the opportunity to become a member of the workforce development, whose responsibilities include establishing a workforce development system in which resources are pooled and programs are coordinated and streamlined, improving and enhancing program effectiveness and efficiency and reducing or eliminating program overlaps and duplications. I recognize the urgency in expanding opportunities for the youth of our state and others hit hard by the current economic downturn.

I welcome challenges. My reputation as a "people person," experience, travels, and education all play a part in every project I tackle.

Mahalo for your positive consideration of my nomination to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council.

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April 15, 2009

To: The Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Labor

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2009

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

From: Gregg Yamanaka, Chair
Hawaii Workforce Development Council

RE: GM 587 – Christopher D. Tatum: Hawaii Workforce Development Council

The Hawaii Workforce Development Council (“WDC”) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Mr. Christopher Tatum to this appointment. Mr. Tatum brings to the WDC a wealth of critical knowledge of the tourism industry and its workforce as the current general manager of the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. Mr. Tatum’s expertise also extends to his membership on a number of tourism and Waikiki related organizations, such as the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau and the Waikiki Community Center.

Mr. Tatum is an outstanding member of his community and profession, and is well-qualified and deserving of confirmation to the WDC. Mr. Tatum will represent the private sector on the WDC.



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Statement of
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Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Thursday, April 16, 2009

2:45 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of

GM 587

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
CHRISTOPHER D. TATUM, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2011.**

Chair Takamine, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Committee on Labor.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism strongly supports the Governor's nomination of Christopher D. Tatum to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council (WDC). He would bring years of tourism industry experience to the WDC, including a strong background in the hotel accommodations and lodging sector. He is an active participant in many visitor industry organizations and is regarded by his colleagues as being a leader in Hawai'i's tourism industry.

Mr. Tatum is a strong and dedicated supporter of the hospitality industry. I have had the privilege of working with him through the years and can attest that he would be a valuable member of the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council.

Therefore, I urge you to support the Governor's nomination of Christopher D. Tatum to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support of his nomination.



Board of Directors

April 9, 2009

Carolyn Gugelyk
Chair

TO: The Honorable Sen. Dwight Takamine, Chair
The Honorable Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor

Rick Egged
1st Vice Chair

FROM: Joan Naguwa, Executive Director

Susan Todani
2nd Vice Chair

RE: **GM 587 - SUPPORT OF CONFIRMATION OF CHRISTOPHER D. TATUM
TO THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Faye Chiogioji
Secretary

Hearing Date: Thursday, April 16, 2009

Linda Lee
Treasurer

Time: 2:45 pm

Place: Conference Room 224

Thomas Barlow, PhD

Gregory Boxold

Dear Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on Labor:

Gregory Dunn

My name is Joan Naguwa, Executive Director of Waikiki Community Center (WCC). The **Waikiki Community Center supports the confirmation of Mr. Christopher D. Tatum**, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

David Givens

Maki Kuroda

David Lewin

For many years, Mr. Tatum has been a strong advocate for developing a strong and vital workforce in Hawaii. As a key leader in Hawaii's visitor industry, he is keenly knowledgeable of the issues related to Hawaii's labor force and how these issues impact Hawaii's economy and its people. As the former general manager of the JW Marriott Ihilani Resort, he worked with Waianae schools and the community to introduce young people to employment in the visitor industry. He created the first opportunity for many Waianae students to be exposed to potential careers and gain direct experience of the "world of work." His commitment to support workforce development in Hawaii continues to today.

Leona Nakaahiki

Jim Nishimoto

Jessica Rich

Sheri Rolf

Chris Tatum

Mr. Tatum's extensive business experience in Hawaii's tourism industry will provide valuable expertise and perspective to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council on the major issues of today's labor market, especially during these challenging economic times. He is a valued supporter of the Waikiki Community Center and many other community and business organizations throughout the State of Hawaii. His commitment to improving the quality of life through service to the people of Hawaii is exemplary.

Noel Trainor

Vivian Tsuji

Rodney Wong

We ask that you **strongly support** the confirmation of Mr. Christopher D. Tatum to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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The importance of this 3 pronged approach is based on the following evidence: The Bureau of Labor and Statistics states that only 2% of adults aged 75 and older are involved in exercise or recreational activity. Fifty-four (54%) percent spent their time watching TV. It is well-established that physical activity has a positive effect on health, leading to better mental health and cognitive functioning. Exercise also reduces the risk of dementia by 50%, even among people who begin exercise after age 60. WCC provides its seniors with physical fitness opportunities, such as hula, dancing, ping pong, etc.

According to research at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, "Loneliness and Risk of Alzheimer's Disease", loneliness has a negative impact on cognitive health and increases the risk of dementia. In a study of 7 senior centers in 7 states, over 90% of seniors indicate that they have developed important close friendships at the senior center that provide them with needed emotional security. For the elders of Waikiki, this is especially important. Approximately 25% of Waikiki's 20,000 residents are over the age of 60 years old. Waikiki has one of the highest numbers of senior citizens per area density on Oahu. Waikiki elders live alone among a proliferation of secured, mixed residential condominiums, and are especially vulnerable to social isolation. The typical elderly resident is female, mid 70's, living alone, with little or no family support systems nearby. When they become frailer, they have little choices of independent living and are often unaware or confused by services available to support them. Waikiki Community Center's continuum of services, ranging from health maintenance activities to case management and counseling provide the needed support to these elders.

Waikiki Community Center and other senior centers are cost-effective, preventative alternatives to costly institutionalization. The investment in senior centers now by the State of Hawaii will save thousands of dollars of long-term care costs in the future.

Two of the senior centers named in this bill, Lanakila Multipurpose Senior Center, through Catholic Charities Hawaii, and Moiliili Community Center currently receive funding through the Dept. of Health and are included in the Executive Budget. However, both Waikiki Community Center and Kapahulu Center do not receive such funding and are not included in the Executive Budget. Without the appropriation requested, Waikiki Community Center and Kapahulu Center are in serious jeopardy of discontinuing its services to seniors in the community.

We urge your support for the passage of HB 324. Thank you for this opportunity to submit our testimony. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact me at 923-1802 or via email, jnaguwa@waikikicommunitycenter.org



**HAWAII HOTEL & LODGING
ASSOCIATION**

**TESTIMONY OF MURRAY TOWILL
PRESIDENT
HAWAII HOTEL & LODGING ASSOCIATION**

APRIL 16, 2009

RE: GM587 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, gubernatorial nominee Christopher D. Tatum

Good afternoon Chairman Takamine and members of the Senate Committee on Labor. I am Murray Towill, President of the Hawai'i Hotel & Lodging Association.

The Hawai'i Hotel & Lodging Association is a statewide association of hotels, condominiums, timeshare companies, management firms, suppliers, and other related firms and individuals. Our membership includes over 170 hotels representing over 47,300 rooms. Our hotel members range from 2,680 rooms of the Hilton Hawaiian Village to the 4 rooms of the Bougainvillea Bed & Breakfast on the Big Island.

We **strongly support** Chris Tatum's nomination to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council. We believe Chris will be a valuable addition to the Council. His experience in Hawaii running a number of different hotels has provided practical experience that will help the Council. Chris understands Hawaii's largest industry very well and having grown up in Hawaii helps him to understand our community as well.

On a personal note, I have known and worked with Chris for many years. I have found him to be very thoughtful and dedicated to accomplishing the task at hand. I believe Chris will bring energy and knowledge to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

We strongly urge you to support Chris's confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.