

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3708

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2018

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 633,
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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 633 and 634, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

HAWAI'I WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

G.M. No. 633 SHERYL NOJIMA,
 for a term to expire 06-30-2022; and

G.M. No. 634 SEAN KNOX,
 for a term to expire 06-30-2022,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Sheryl Nojima and Sean Knox for service on the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Sheryl Nojima

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Sheryl Nojima from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Workforce Development Council, American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii, and three individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Nojima's experience in engineering, background, and knowledge qualify her for reappointment to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council as a representative of the private sector, including



nonprofit organizations and businesses in the State. Ms. Nojima is currently employed with the engineering firm Gray, Hong, Nojima & Associates, Inc., where she is responsible for the environmental and civil services of the firm. Ms. Nojima has a Doctorate of Philosophy and Master of Business Administration from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Previously, Ms. Nojima was employed as a project manager with Shimabukuro, Endo & Yoshizaki, Inc.; Assistant Dean and Faculty Specialist in the College of Engineering at the University of Hawaii at Manoa; Civil Engineer V with the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Public Works; and a Project Engineer at EDP Hawaii, Inc. Your Committee finds that Ms. Nojima brings to the Council extensive expertise in engineering and the construction industry to assist the Council in meeting the current and future needs of these industry sectors.

Sean Knox

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Sean Knox from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Workforce Development Council, and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Knox's experience in employment services, background, and knowledge qualify him for reappointment to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council as a representative of the private sector, including nonprofit organizations and businesses in the State. Mr. Knox is currently employed as the President, CEO, and Partner of Hawaii Employment Services, where he matches thousands of employees with employers throughout the State, including 2,086 employees in 2017. Mr. Knox has worked with over three hundred employers in a variety of industries, including the agriculture, construction, office professional, hospitality, technical, and education sectors. Your Committee finds that Mr. Knox brings to the Council extensive expertise in job placement and employment services to assist the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in supporting employment opportunities for employees and employers throughout the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor,

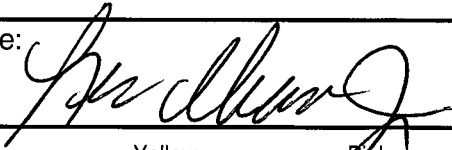


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:* 633	Committee Referral: LBR	Date: 3/29/18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				✓
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one Governor's Message per Record of Votes

