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COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Chair Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARL W. HINSON, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Senate Committee Members,

I am here to testify in support of Mr. Carl Hinson's nomination and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

My name is Jenna Maligro, a two year state president of Hawaii HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America). HOSA is a national organization dedicated to students interested in health and medical professions. Mr. Carl Hinson has been a huge supporter of Hawaii HOSA for the past five years and has shaped this thriving organization to become what it is today from 210 members in year 1 to 914 members from 26 high school and college chapters in five years.

Through his paid internships, many students have the opportunity to experience the health care field before college. Students comment that their experience during the internship was definitely a memorable and life changing one that helped them focus on an educational and career path. With Mr. Hinson's support, our organization is able to hold a yearly state conference for our members state-wide. This state conference gives students an opportunity to compete and network with others also interested in the health care field. Mr. Carl Hinson has provided opportunities for the State HOSA officers, like me, to travel to national leadership conferences. I can personally say that these opportunities can only be experienced once in a lifetime and I am extremely grateful for this. I would not be the ambitious, confident, groomed leader I am today without the numerous opportunities Mr. Hinson has given me.

Mr. Carl Hinson is the epitome of what it means to support the pipeline of future healthcare professionals. By supporting Hawaii HOSA and providing our student membership with opportunities through paid internships, state conferences, and national travel, he has paved the path for future health care workers. On behalf of Hawaii HOSA, we support Mr. Carl Hinson's nomination and confirmation for the Workforce Development Council. Thank you for providing this time to convey my endorsement for Mr. Carl Hinson.

Sincerely,

Jenna/Maligro, Hawaii/HOSA State President