

GM524

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDALL IWASE, for a term to expire 6-30-2020.

Report Title: Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission

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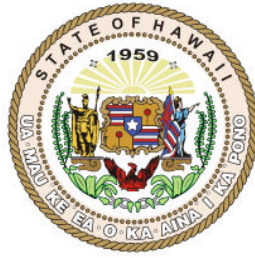
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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU, HAWAII

David Y. Ige
Governor

Testimony on GM 524
Confirmation of Randall Y. Iwase
Chairperson, Public Utilities Commission

Governor David Y. Ige

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
February 17, 2015
10:00 AM in Room 229

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Randall Iwase as the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

Mr. Iwase was a State Senator from 1990-2000. While in the Senate, he was the Chair of the Committee on Planning, Land, and Water Use Management and a Majority Whip. He was also the Chair of the Hawaii Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board from 2000-2006. Prior to that, Mr. Iwase has also served as the Executive Director of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, a Honolulu City Council Member, and a Deputy Attorney General.

This administration is committed to transforming the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I am confident that Randall Iwase will support our PUC employees in this effort. Together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

AND BY RODERICK K. BECKER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

STATE OF HAWAII

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 524

February 17, 2015
10:00 A.M.

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, RANDALL IWASE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

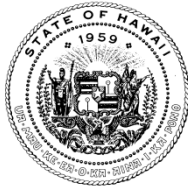
We support the confirmation of Randall Iwase to the position of Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We will strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our kupuna, ourselves, and our children.

Randall Iwase has the experience and knowledge that will help to achieve the goals of this administration in an efficient and effective manner. Therefore, we support his confirmation of as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



Testimony of
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DIRECTOR

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February 17, 2015
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 229

G.M. 524

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDALL IWASE, for a term to expire 6-30-2020.

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Randall Iwase as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

Mr. Iwase is an exemplary choice to be the Chairperson of the PUC. His record of public service, his integrity, and his experience merit our respect. His strong commitment to public service is evident. We have every expectation that Mr. Iwase will protect consumers, uphold the public trust, and approach his responsibilities with humility. He recognizes what is required of the PUC and understands the big picture and the need to have a balanced, measured, and responsible approach to the most complicated and challenging actions the PUC ever faced. We believe his experience and the lessons he has learned will serve him and the PUC well.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



RANDALL Y. IWASE
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February 13, 2015

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

Re: Testimony in Support of GM 524: Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
Randall Y. Iwase, as the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission

We are writing in strong support of the nomination of Randall Y. Iwase as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). We would have been in attendance at the hearing to personally show our support but are both required to be in Washington D.C. for the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners winter meeting this week.

Randy has extensive professional background, legal skills and administrative experience from his many years as a Deputy Attorney General, Council Member, State Senator, Chair of the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board and most recently Chair of the Tax Review Commission. As a respected colleague, he will bring added value to the commission as we address the many complex issues and dockets before us. He is intelligent and a quick learner who already is immersing himself in the many subject matter areas that fall under the PUC's jurisdiction.

Commissioner Akiba also has known Randy for decades since her tenure as the State of Hawaii Director of Labor and Industrial Relations and can attest to his integrity and commitment to public service.

We are looking forward to working together with Randy as the new PUC Chairperson and urge your approval and confirmation of his nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

Michael E. Champley
Commissioner

Lorraine H. Akiba
Commissioner



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 13, 2015

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Committee members:

I write this letter in support of **Governor's Message 524** in favor of **Mr. Randall Iwase** for his confirmation by the your Committee to be appointed to the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.

Mr. Iwase has been a dedicated public servant to the State of Hawaii since 1974. Over the past 41 years, Mr. Iwase has been extremely active in the public sector and serves as a community leader within our community of Mililani.

Mr. Iwase has a wealth of experience within Hawaii's many industries and diverse communities. Mr. Iwase served as a deputy attorney general to the State of Hawaii for twelve years between 1974 and 1986, then on he represented the Mililani community as a City Councilman in for the City and County of Honolulu. Mr. Iwase continued his public service as the executive director of the State of Hawaii's Aloha Tower Development Corporation, and is fondly remembered in our State Capitol as Mililani's State Senator from 1990 through 2000. Mr. Iwase led the State of Hawaii's Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board as Chairman for six years from 2000 to 2006, and most recently served on the State of Hawaii's Tax Commission from 2011-2012.

Mr. Iwase is highly active in his community where he serves in many capacities as a volunteer and community leader within Mililani. He is also a dedicated member and leader of our All-American Mililani community and is the embodiment of a true public servant for the people of Mililani and the State of Hawaii as a whole. I have much faith that Mr. Iwase will put the people of the State of Hawaii and the State's future first through his service as Public Utilities Commission Chairman.

With his in-depth knowledge and practice of community building; his dedicated interest and willingness to serve for the interest of the people of the State of Hawaii, Mr. Iwase is well qualified to be appointed through confirmation by your Committee to serve as the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission.

I fully support Mr. Randall Iwase in his endeavor to be confirmed by the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection under your leadership.

Respectfully,

Ryan Yamane, L.S.W. & M.B.A.

Representative Ryan Yamane
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IRON WORKERS STABILIZATION FUND

February 10, 2015

Hon. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
and Members of the Committee
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Room 230 - State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Randall Iwase, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Public Utilities Commission

Date of Hearing - Tuesday, February 17, 2015
Time - 10:00 a.m.
Place - Conference Room 229 - State Capitol

Dear Chair Baker and Committee Members:

The Ironworkers Stabilization Fund wholeheartedly support the nomination of Randall Iwase to become a member of the Public Utilities Commission.

As the record will reflect, the nominee has had a long and illustrious career in serving the people of the State of Hawaii. Starting as a young deputy attorney general in 1974, and leading up all the way to the present, Mr. Iwase has served in numerous capacities in the executive, legislative and quasi-judicial branches in city and state governments. Without going into detail in all of the positions he has held, we highlight the following to indicate that his government career is varied and most comprehensive:

Deputy Attorney General, serving as legal counsel to DCCA, DBEDT, and
the Public Utilities Commission.

Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Honolulu City Council.

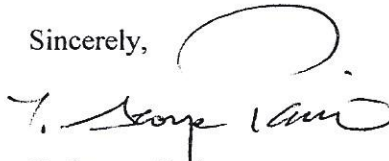
Senator serving on numerous committees, including Ways and Means,
Consumer Protection, and Judiciary.

Chair of the Hawaii Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board.

Chair of the Hawaii State Tax Review Commission.

Based on his outstanding record of public service, we respectfully submit that Mr. Iwase is eminently qualified and should be confirmed as a member of the Public Utilities Commission.

Sincerely,



T. George Paris
Executive Director

The Twenty-Eighth Legislature
Regular Session of 2015

THE SENATE

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Tuesday, February 17, 2015; 10:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON G.M. 524
RANDALL IWASE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

The ILWU Local 142 supports the confirmation of Randall Iwase for chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

Mr. Iwase has a wealth of experience both in government and the private sector. An attorney by profession, Mr. Iwase has worked as a Deputy Attorney General representing various state agencies, as executive director of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, and as chair of the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board. He served with distinction in both the Honolulu City Council and in the Hawaii State Senate, ably representing his constituents. He was of counsel at a private law firm for 10 years.

Mr. Iwase is smart, capable, and a quick study. The chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission must be a leader, able to manage the various voices expressing their viewpoints, make sound decisions upon analysis of the facts, and articulate the PUC's positions to the general public. We believe Mr. Iwase has those qualities needed to be the chairperson of the PUC. He has the intelligence, the temperament, and the desire to make decisions in the best interest of the entire state.

The ILWU urges confirmation of Randall Iwase for chairperson of the PUC. Thank you for considering our testimony.



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TESTIMONY BY CLYDE T. HAYASHI
HAWAII LECET

[COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION](#)

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2015
TIME: 10:00am
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania St

TESTIMONY ON GM 524

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR, BRIAN TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368 and its 250+ unionized contractors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT for GM 524, which submits for consideration and confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDALL IWASE, as the Chairperson for the Hawaii State Public Utilities Commission, for a term to expire on 6-30-2020.

As a former State Senator and Honolulu City Council member, Mr. Iwase has over thirteen years of extensive legislative experience. His understanding of both the State and County legislative processes will be an asset in his position as Public Utilities Commission Chairman. In addition, Mr. Iwase's legal expertise and experience working both in private practice and for the State Department of the Attorney General, gives him the knowledge to understand the important role that the Public Utilities Commission plays in the Hawaii Energy Sector and will ensure that fair and sound decisions are made to protect the integrity of this industry.

I have known Mr. Iwase for years as we both live in Mililani. As our elected official, I believe he has served our community well. I believe he has the commitment, skills, knowledge, and experience needed to serve in this critical position.

I strongly believe Mr. Iwase will be an outstanding Public Utilities Chairman. His varied and unique legal and political experience is invaluable, and his willingness to continue to serve the community is commendable.

For these reason, I humbly ask for your SUPPORT of Randall Iwase as Chairperson of the Hawaii State Public Utilities Commission.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION
Tuesday, February 17, 2015 — 10:00 a.m. — Room 229

Ulupono Initiative Supports Randall Iwase as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Murray Clay and I am Managing Partner of the Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment company that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally grown food, increase clean, renewable energy, and waste reduction. We believe that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity, and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

Ulupono supports Randall Iwase as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, because his appointment aligns with our goal of producing more clean, renewable energy in Hawai'i. We believe he will bring new ideas to the Public Utilities Commission and allow them to be an effective regulatory institution for our energy sector. We admire his years of experience in the public sector and look forward to working with him in the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Murray Clay
Managing Partner

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i



SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

February 17, 2015, 10:00 A.M.

Room 229

(Testimony is 1 page long)

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 524, RANDALL IWASE
TO SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Chair Baker and members of the Committee:

The Blue Planet Foundation supports the confirmation of GM 524, Randall Iwase, to serve as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). We believe that Mr. Iwase will bring broad experience and perspective to the role while balancing the skills and expertise of the existing commissioners.

Mr. Iwase has extensive experience in the public sector. Educated as an attorney, he has served as a Deputy Attorney General, City Councilman, State Senator, and Chairman of both the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board and the Hawaii Tax Review Commission.

Mr. Iwase understands the historical importance of the decisions that the PUC will render in the upcoming years. He recognizes that rapid technology change and a shifting energy landscape requires regulatory leadership and vision to ensure that Hawaii's utilities optimally serve the public's interests. Mr. Iwase also has a deep understanding of policy processes and agency functions—skills necessary for the restructuring of the PUC.

Mr. Iwase's background and experience complements the policy and technical experience that Commissioners Akiba and Champley possess.

We support Mr. Iwase's confirmation as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

**THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR**

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 524: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chair of the Public Utilities Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee RANDALL IWASE, for a term to expire 6-30-2020.

Testimony in Support

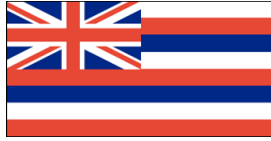
**By
Glenn K. Y. Hong
President, Young Brothers, Limited**

February 17, 2015, Conference Room 229

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 524 submitting Governor Ige's nomination of **Randall Iwase** for the **Chair of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawai'i** (the *PUC* or the *Commission*). On behalf of Young Brothers, Limited, a water carrier regulated by the PUC, **I submit this testimony in support of Mr. Iwase's nomination.**

The Public Utilities Commission is pivotal in Hawai'i's energy, telecommunications, and transportation future. The Commission requires a strong leader committed to serving the public interest while ensuring that regulated industries remain vigorous and financially healthy to meet their service obligations. Mr. Iwase's wide-ranging public service has prepared him to take the helm of this vital regulatory body. He chaired the State's Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board for six years, from 2000 to 2006, and, more recently, the Hawai'i Tax Review Commission. He was also Executive Director of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation from 1988 to 1990. A veteran lawmaker, he has served as a State Senator and a Honolulu City Council member. An attorney by profession, Mr. Iwase's tenure as a Deputy Attorney General included oversight and support of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Public Utilities Commission.

We believe Mr. Iwase will bring balanced, independent, and strategic leadership to the Commission. I therefore offer my strong support of his nomination as Chair of the Hawai'i State Public Utilities Commission.



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February 12, 2015

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

RE: GM524 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDALL IWASE, for a term to expire 6-30-2020.

Dear Chairwoman Baker, Vice Chairman Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

It is my pleasure to strongly recommend Randy Iwase for the position of Chair of the Public Utilities Commission.

I have known him and worked with him since January 1976, thirty-nine years.

Back in the 70's I had the pleasure and the privilege of working closely with Randy Iwase when he was Deputy Attorney General assigned to the DOE and I was the HSTA Executive Director. I can tell you that even in those early days, he was a delight to work with. He always gave straight, direct, answers on issues of common concern, and he delivered on his word. And that has never changed.

When he was in the State Senate, we worked closely together, and (full disclosure) our daughter, R. Sue Radcliffe, currently the Administrator of the State of Hawaii Health Planning Agency (SHPDA), was a member of his staff. When he went to the Honolulu City Council, we also worked well together. And when he ran for Governor, I spoke on his behalf. Randy Iwase is the consummate public servant. I only mentioned a few of his accomplishments. He has, I will argue, one of the broadest, best, most comprehensive, understandings of how government and Hawaii social and political life work.

Having served with him on various committees, I can tell you that having run for our state's highest office, and having served in very substantial capacities in various Administrations, his is the voice that others listen to. He is seasoned, smart, and even more important, wise. He was good back in 1976, and he has gotten even better over the past 39 years.

He is a team player and will be able to lead the PUC as a collaborator with the other two Commissioners. Further, he has become a very good manager. He knows what needs to be done and has the gift of getting

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
February 12, 2015
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others to go in the right direction.

Please confirm this outstanding servant leader's leader as our new Chair of the PUC.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Radcliffe
President



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February 10, 2015

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Benjamin A. Kudo
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM-524 – Consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDALL IWASE - **SUPPORT**.
Hearing date: Tuesday, February 17, 2015
Hearing time: 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and the support of your Committee members on the appointment of Mr. Randall Iwase as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, State of Hawaii.

I have personally known Randy for over 30 years both professionally and as a good friend. I first worked with Randy when he was a Deputy Attorney General, and followed his career to the City Council and the State Legislature. He is a person of high integrity and good character. He is sincere in his commitment to public service, a hard worker, and a highly intelligent person. He will serve our State well as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.

Based on the foregoing, I recommend with no reservation your favorable consideration of Mr. Randall Iwase for the aforementioned position. He is a person who will provide a vision and new perspective to our State's energy initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully urge your Committee's support to confirm his nomination.

Very truly yours,

ASHFORD & WRISTON



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CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND
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TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Tuesday, February 17, 2015
Conference Room 229
State Capitol Building

**TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE RANDALL IWASE
AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (GM524)**

I am Peter Ho, Chairman, President and CEO of Bank of Hawaii, testifying in support of Randall Iwase as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.

I have known of Randy for many years, but most recently served with him as a member of the State Tax Review Commission for which he was Chair. Randy comes to the PUC at a critical juncture for Hawaii's energy future with a number of significant decisions to be made. There is tremendous opportunity – and responsibility – that comes along with this role.

His prior experience with the Attorney General's Office and familiarity with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the PUC will provide good background and framework from which to begin his new efforts.

In my experience working with Randy, I have found him to be inquisitive, analytical and decisive. He exercises good judgment and acts with integrity. I believe he understands the importance of appropriately balancing policy and business interests and will be guided by what's in the best long-term interests of our state.

I respectfully encourage the Committee's favorable consideration of Randy Iwase for Chairperson of the PUC.

Sincerely,



Testimony of Gary Slovin
In support of
Randy Iwase as
Chair of the Public Utility Commission

Date: February 15, 2015

Re: GM 524 Nomination of Randy Iwase

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2015 at 10 a.m.

Conference room 229

Submitted via: *CPNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov*

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

To: Honorable Roz Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Baker and Members of the Committee,

I am Gary Slovin testifying in strong support of Randy Iwase's nomination to be the Chair of the Public Utility Commission. I have known and worked with Randy since 1978. Included in his long and honored career are stints as a deputy attorney general, a state senator, a City Councilmember. Randy is a highly competent attorney who has chosen to devote himself to public service. In his various roles he has demonstrated, consistently, competence, integrity, courage and wisdom. He is a strong decision maker but also a good listener. He has gained a wealth of experience. He obviously knows the community, and he cares about the State's future.

The PUC faces significant challenges. It needs to make the right decisions in a number of challenging matters. Randy possesses the qualities and skills needed to lead the Commission in the coming days and years. I urge the Committee's support of his nomination.

**Thank you for the opportunity to present comments in support of
Randy Iwase.**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY OF
BRIAN KANNO

GM 524
CONFIRMATION OF RANDALL IWASE
CHAIRPERSON, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

I am testifying in strong support of Senator Randy Iwase for the position of Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.

I served in the Hawaii State Senate with Senator Iwase. I have known him for over 22 years and have come to know him as a bright, visionary leader with integrity. When I was first elected to the Senate in 1992, he took me under his wing and helped to guide me as a first-time legislator. I learned about his dedication to public service and his work ethic.

He was the first person that I ever heard talk about developing a large park in Central Oahu for the community to use. The site was over 260 acres of valuable land ripe for development and it was privately owned. Senator Iwase was unwavering. At the time, a lot of people thought that it wasn't possible. I had my doubts. Today, the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park serves thousands each year.

From his years on the City Council, Senator Iwase believed strongly in the creation of a secondary urban center on Oahu. When the University of Hawaii was going through the site selection process for the permanent site for UH-West Oahu. Senator Iwase fought to bring UH-West Oahu to Kapolei. A number of people thought that it should be located in Mililani. Senator Iwase represented Mililani and yet he was one of the strongest advocates for the Kapolei site. The UH-West Oahu campus in Kapolei is a testament to his hard work and determination.

Senator Iwase is well-prepared to serve as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission. He has the vision to take Hawaii forward. I cannot think of a better person. The most important attribute is his integrity.

I strongly urge you to support his nomination.

Brian Kanno
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February 13, 2015

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer
Protection
Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **GM 524 – Randall Iwase, Gubernatorial Nominee as Chairperson for the
Public Utilities Commission, for a term to expire June 30, 2020
Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 10:00am**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to provide this testimony in support of the appointment and confirmation of Randall Iwase as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii ("Commission").

Although I have not known Mr. Iwase for a long period of time, I know of Mr. Iwase and his extensive experience as a practicing attorney at the Department of the Attorney General, as a lawmaker at the State Senate and City Council, as an administrator with the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, and as an adjudicator with the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board and the Hawaii Tax Review Commission. As a former Chair of the Commission myself, I believe Mr. Iwase's experience and qualifications has prepared him well for this critical position.

For the foregoing reasons, I urge this Committee to confirm Mr. Iwase's appointment to the Commission.

Very truly yours,



Carlito P. Caliboso
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February 13, 2015

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer
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**Re: GM 524 – Randall Iwase, Gubernatorial Nominee as Chairperson for the
Public Utilities Commission, for a term to expire June 30, 2020
Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 10:00am**

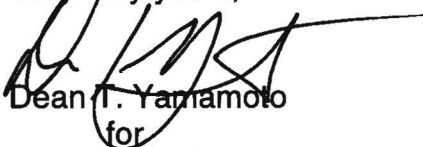
Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

It is my pleasure to provide testimony before the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection in support of GM 524, the confirmation of the nomination of Randall Iwase as Chairperson of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). I am an attorney in private practice and my practice includes the representation of various energy, telecommunications, water and sewer companies in regulatory, finance and commercial matters.

I have known Mr. Iwase for many years, first meeting him in the early 1990's when we were colleagues at the same Honolulu law firm. Mr. Iwase's extensive experience as a practicing attorney at the Department of the Attorney General, as a lawmaker at the State Senate and City Council, as an administrator with the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, and as an adjudicator with the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board and the Hawaii Tax Review Commission provide him with an excellent background to serve as Chairperson of the Commission. Additionally, Mr. Iwase's reputation for maintaining the highest degree of honesty, integrity and ethics is essential for one who will be entrusted to render decisions that will affect all of us who live in Hawaii.

For the foregoing reasons and more, I urge this Committee to confirm Mr. Iwase's appointment to the Commission.

Very truly yours,


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February 17, 2015

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229
Governor's Message 524

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDALL IWASE, for a term to expire 6-30-2020.

I have known Randall Iwase for almost 60 years, since he, Councilwomen Carol Fukunaga and I went to Ala Wai Elementary School.

He is a person of great character and believes in public service that has been impressed on him by the late President John F. Kennedy.

I ask this committee confirm Randall Iwase as the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo and Aloha,


George M. Waialeale

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February 13, 2015

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Senate
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Dear Chair Baker and Committee Members:

RE: GM 524 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee,
RANDALL IWASE, for a term to expire 6-30-2020.

Mr. Iwase is an energetic and creative problem-solver who has the tools and experience necessary to lead the Public Utilities Commission. He is eager, open-minded and a quick-study. He brings with him a “tool kit” that includes experiences, knowledge and leadership skills as a former legislator, lawyer, community leader and adjudicator. This is a “tool kit” that is highly respected and valued by many in the community.

I have personally known Randall “Randy” Iwase for many years and know that he is very passionate in his endeavors. He has a very strong work ethic and a personal integrity that is steadfast..

I believe that Randy Iwase has the knowledge, ability and perseverance to lead the Public Utilities Commission. I respectfully ask that you support Randall Iwase’s confirmation as the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.

Respectfully,

Karen Piltz

February 16, 2015

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Hawaii State Senate

State Capitol

Honolulu Hawaii

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I am writing this letter of support for the confirmation of Randall Iwase as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission as a private citizen.

Mr. Iwase will ably lead the PUC over the next four years as the PUC deals with the energy related issues facing Hawaii. I believe he will work toward the goal of lessening the State's dependence on imported fossil fuel.

Mr. Iwase has been a distinguished public servant for many years since the late 1970's. As a member of the Waihee and Cayatano administrations I worked with and had a chance to observe Mr. Iwase. I can attest to his intelligent analysis and diligence in finding workable solutions to the many challenges that have faced our State.

I urge you and your committee to recommend confirmation of Randall Iwase as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.

Sincerely;

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February 14, 2015

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

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Support

Re: **February 17, 2015, 10 am, Randall Iwase, Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, GM 524, Testimony for Advise and Consent**

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Randall Iwase as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC"). Because I have known and worked with Randall Iwase for over 40 years, it gives me great pleasure to submit this letter of support.

In view of the major issues before the Public Utilities Commission, Randy's extensive experience and his unquestioned devotion and commitment to public service, makes his appointment as Chairperson of the PUC very timely.

Because of the technological progress made in renewable energy, i.e., wind turbines, wave power, geothermal, photovoltaic (solar), and battery technology, Hawaii has the opportunity to end its dependence on fossil fuels. The PUC is already addressing these issues and a restructuring of the PUC is necessary to deal with these complex issues.

Randy's extensive experience prepares him in addressing these challenges facing the PUC. Randy started his public service career as a Deputy Attorney General in 1975 providing legal services to the

various departments. Later, Randy served as the Supervising Deputy Attorney General where his division provided legal counsel to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Public Utilities Commission.

Randy's public service career also served as forums for him to know the people of Hawaii and thus a clearer view of how to define the public good. It is noteworthy to mention that Randy Iwase is a former state senator and former Honolulu city council member.

Most significantly, Randy understands how the decision-making process works where it involves a panel of commissioners (or Hearings officers). Because of his personality, he will promote a congenial decision-making process. And, he also understands how to structure an agency in order to make it a more efficient organization. In this regard, I note that Randy served as the Chair of the Hawaii State Tax Review and the Chair of the Hawaii Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board.

Based on the foregoing, I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of Mr. Randall Iwase's nomination as the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.

Thank you.

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The Honorable Chair Rosalind Baker,
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of the Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee

Re: **GM 524** Testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the Governor's Appointment of
RANDALL IWASE as Chair of the Public Utilities Commission

Hearing: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 10:00 am
Conference Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

I am a real estate lawyer who has practiced in Hawaii for going on 37 years. I have known Randy Iwase for over 50 years, and have known him professionally for 35 years. He served as Of Counsel to the firm for a 15-year period from the year 1991 until the year 2006. I have also served with Mr. Iwase on the Tax Review Commission from 2011 to 2013. Mr. Iwase was Chair of the Commission and I served as Vice Chair.

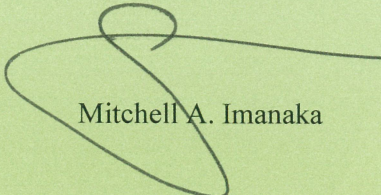
Accordingly, as a result of my long association with Mr. Iwase, I feel that I have a good working knowledge of him, both as a person and as a lawyer. In my estimation, the Governor could not have selected a better person to lead the Public Utilities Commission as its Chair during this critical time in Hawaii's history. Given the issues that are before the PUC, I am confident that Chair Iwase brings to the table a depth of *knowledge, experience* and *wisdom* that are necessary in order to guide Hawaii into the future.

As he assumes his duties, you will find that Chair Iwase brings to the table the utmost integrity, intelligence, diligence, a willingness to work extremely hard and prepare very well. He is astute, a good listener and very fair in how he approaches any issue before him.

I hold Chair Iwase in the highest regard, and have every confidence that, if confirmed, he will serve the people of Hawaii extremely well. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

IMANAKA ASATO LLLC



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cc: Randy Iwase

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February 9, 2015

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
State Capitol, Room 229
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Re: Testimony in Support of GM 524: Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
RANDALL IWASE, as the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission

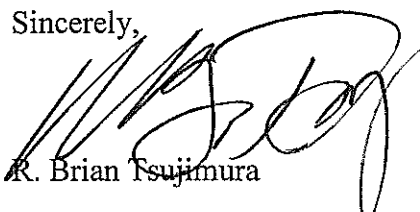
Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I am writing in support of my long-time friend Randall Iwase, who has been nominated as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission. Randy and I have known each other for decades beginning in 1975, when we both served as deputy attorneys general. We have remained friends over the years; our families have been close.

Randy Iwase is an honest, diligent, extremely intelligent, no-nonsense kind guy. Whether it was as a Deputy Attorney General, Councilman, Senator, head of Aloha Tower Development Corp., Chair of the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board, Chair of the Tax Review Commission, or as an ordinary man on the street; Randy always remembered his roots growing up in Kaimuki close to the high school from which he was to graduate. He got caught up in the dreams of space flight travelling all the way to Florida to be close to the launch pads. But it is his social conscience indelibly imprinted by the words and lives of President John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy, which weigh upon his actions every day. Randy believes in Hawaii. He believes in doing the best for Hawaii's people. He believes in doing the right thing, for the right reasons, in the right way; echoing the words of Governor David Ige.

I cannot fathom why he is coming out of retirement to accept this appointment. But I do know this. He is doing this because there is a cause which will serve Hawaii's people. Hawaii can ask nothing more from a son of these islands. I respectfully request your kind consideration of the nomination of my friend, my long-time colleague, and one of Hawaii's hard working public servants.

Sincerely,


R. Brian Tsujimura

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BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

GM524 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Randall Iwase, for a term to expire 6-30-2020.

February 17, 2015
10:00 am, Conference Room 229

Chair Baker, and members of the Committee:

My name is William M. Kaneko. I am a licensed attorney in the state of Hawaii, and am writing in my individual capacity. I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of Randall Iwase's nomination as Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission. I have known Mr. Iwase for nearly twenty-five years, and have interacted with him in various professional and community capacities.

Mr. Iwase is an ideal nominee to serve as Chair of the Public Utilities Commission. With nearly four decades of government service, Mr. Iwase served as Deputy Attorney General in the Attorney General's Office; a member of the Honolulu City Council; Executive Director of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation; a member of the Hawaii State Senate; Chair of the Hawaii Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board; and most recently, Chairperson of the Hawaii Tax Review Commission. With those credentials and extensive experience in government, Mr. Iwase is keenly aware of and equipped with the skills and knowledge to lead and serve on one of the State's most important regulatory agencies, the Public Utilities Commission.

Over the years, I have observed and participated in many meetings, discussions and activities with Mr. Iwase. As a lawyer, Mr. Iwase is highly competent and capable to understand the myriad of laws and regulations he will address on the PUC. As a leader, he will ensure that the PUC is empowered and capable of fulfilling its essential role in Hawaii's regulatory framework; as well as provide a collaborative environment where stakeholders can address and resolve key issues before the Commission. As a decision-maker, his thoughtfulness and understanding of Hawaii, its people, and our institutions will enable him to consider and render decisions that will have long-term benefits to our state. The culmination of his professional and political life has led him to this nomination, which I believe will truly benefit the people of Hawaii.

Your Committee's consideration and approval of Mr. Iwase's nomination is appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Comments: Please support Randall Iwase to the Public Utilities Commission. I have known Randall for a number of years, both personally and professional and found that his openness to engage with everyone he meets, refreshing.

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The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Testimony in support of GM 524

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee:

Aloha. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I will try to be brief.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to Governor David Ige for nominating this senior citizen and giving him the final opportunity to serve the people of our State.

The Public Utilities Commission has many important regulatory responsibilities; motor carriers, water carriers, and telecommunications are just a few. When Governor Ige kindly offered to nominate me, I was happily retired. Why I said 'yes' is because like Governor Ige and all of you, I believe we have a duty to pass along to our children and grandchildren the foundation to build a better future for them and for our State. Hawaii's energy policies and the execution of those policies are major components in building that foundation. The PUC has a role to play, and I'd like to help.

What is exciting are the energy policies you have enacted and which I fully support:

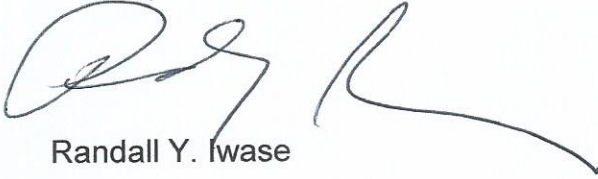
1. Reducing the State's reliance on fossil fuel;
2. Taking action to promote energy efficiency and increased renewable energy generation;
3. Establishing renewable portfolio standards by specific dates.

All are critical if we are to achieve Hawaii's dream of energy independence, to reduce pollution, and to fight climate change. This will be a pathway for a better future for generations to come. And the PUC has a role.

I will admit that I am not an expert in the energy field or in utilities regulation. But as lawyers must do, I will learn the subject area. Moreover, given my years of public service, I do grasp public policy. I do understand that we who serve must execute on those policies. It is a rule that will guide me as Chair of the Public Utilities Commission.

From a necessity standpoint, a technology standpoint, and political standpoint, the stars are aligning over the energy field. We can draw the blueprint and construct the foundation: the PUC can be one of the builders. We can all make a positive difference.

Thank you.

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Randall Y. Iwase