

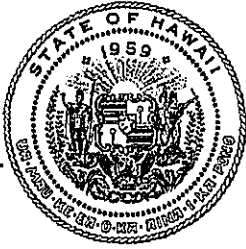
# GM768 & 769

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Statement of  
**LUIS P. SALAVERIA**  
Director

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

2:45 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of  
**GM 768 and GM 769**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL BUSINESS  
REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GARTH YAMANAKA, FOR  
TERMS TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015 AND 6-30-2019, RESPECTIVELY.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic  
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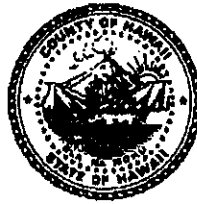
The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supports the  
gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Garth Yamanaka to serve as a member of the Small Business  
Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

Mr. Yamanaka resides on the Island of Hawaii, and is the vice president, property manager  
and sales agent at Yamanaka Enterprises, Inc. He specializes in residential and commercial real  
estate sales as well as property management for residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial  
properties. Mr. Yamanaka is currently a member of the Rotary Club of South Hilo and serves as a  
board member of the Kanoelehua Industrial Area Association.

Section 201M-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the Hawaii Small Business Regulatory  
Flexibility Act, provides that there shall be at least one representative from each County to serve as  
a member of the SBRRB. To maintain this requirement, an individual from the Island of Hawaii is  
required. With the approval of Mr. Yamanaka's nomination, the Hawaii County representation  
requirement will be satisfied.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Yamanaka.

*Aaron S. Y. Chung*  
Council Member  
District 2 South Hilo



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April 13, 2015

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chairman  
Economic Development and Technology Committee

Dear Chairman Wakai and Committee Members:

Subject: Gov. Msg. No. 768 – Nomination of Garth Yamanaka to the Small Business  
Regulatory Review Board

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide this letter in support of Garth Yamanaka, Governor Ige's Hawai'i County nominee to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. If confirmed, Mr. Yamanaka would fill a board vacancy which expires on June 30, 2015.

Recognizing that small business makes up the backbone of our country's economy, the Legislature created the Board for the purpose of helping such businesses survive and thrive through the promulgation of agency rules which help to stimulate our economy and improve our State's small business image. Mr. Yamanaka's background and character make him an ideal candidate for this body. He is the third generation leader of Yamanaka Enterprises, Inc., a well-respected family-owned real estate management and brokerage firm on the Big Island. As a young businessman, he has gained the reputation for being fair and committed to the economic and social welfare of our community and state. Inasmuch as the board also provides, upon request, recommendations on county ordinances, I welcome the opportunity to work with Mr. Yamanaka on matters which impact the small business climate on our island.

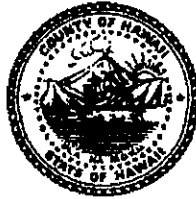
I humbly ask that you vote to confirm Garth Yamanaka's nomination to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Sincerely,

  
AARON S. Y. CHUNG, Council Member  
Hawai'i County Council

cc: G. Yamanaka

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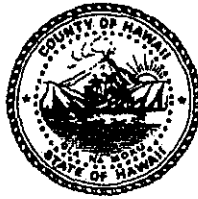
Sincerely,

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AARON S. Y. CHUNG, Council Member  
Hawaii'i County Council

cc: G. Yamanaka

*From the office of -*  
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April 13, 2015

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
And Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Dear Chair Wakai and Committee members,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Mr. Garth Yamanaka's appointment to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board by Governor Ige to represent Hawai'i County for the term ending June 30, 2015.

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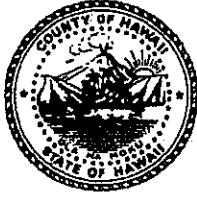
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Sincerely,

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April 15, 2015

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Economic Development & Technology  
Wednesday, April 15, 2015  
2:45pm  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**Re: GM 768 & 769, Consideration and Confirmation of Garth Yamanaka to the  
Small Business Regulatory Review Board**

Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Sam Slom and Members of the Committee,

My name Anthony B. Borge, General Manager of RMA Sales, a locally owned and operated kamaaina business since 1961. We are also a member of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates.

I humbly ask for your **support and confirmation** of Garth Yamanaka to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Garth Yamanaka is a young businessman with good business acumen and the drive to succeed. His background in the real estate industry as an investor, appraiser and real estate agent would provide an added value to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Please vote "yes" on GM 768 & 769 and support the confirmation of Garth Yamanaka.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anthony Borge  
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**Testimony of  
Gary M. Slovin**

DATE: April 13, 2015

TO: Senator Glenn Wakai  
Chair, Committee on Economic Development and Technology  
*Submitted Via [EDTtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:EDTtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)*

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**Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 2:45 p.m.**  
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Most importantly though, Garth is a person who is dedicated to doing things in an honest way. He prizes his integrity; what he does as a member of the committee will be based on research, hard thinking and what he feels is right. Garth is a young and growing leader, the kind of person we need to be involved in government. He will be a valuable and contributing member of this committee. For these reasons I strongly support his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.

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April 14, 2015

Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Re: GM 768, Small Business Regulatory Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, MR. GARTH YAMANAKA**

Dear Chair Wakai and Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to present my **VERY STRONG** support for Garth Yamanka's nomination to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) to complete the term vacated by the previous representative. I would appreciate your positive consideration of the confirmation of Governor Ige's nomination of Mr. Yamanaka to this extremely important review board, as it is an essential body, one of only a few in government that has the interests and representation of small business which is the back bone of our Hawaii economy.

Mr. Yamanaka is an active member of the Rotary Club of South Hilo, Treasure of the Rotary Club of South Hilo Foundation, a Kanoelehua Industrial Area Association (KIAA) board member and the co-chair of the KIAA government affairs committee. Garth's experience and knowledge, he is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation realtor on the Big Island and his business experience, make him an ideal candidate to represent the small businesses of our community and the State of Hawaii.

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Sincerely,

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David S. De Luz, Jr.  
Vice President of Special Projects

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March 15, 2015

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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
State Capitol, Room 016  
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For the above reasons, HAR respectfully request your favorable consideration and confirmation of Mr. Yamanaka's nomination as the Hawai'i County Representative to the SBRRB.



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April 10, 2015

Senator Glenn Wakai  
Chairman of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology  
Hawaii State Capital Room 016  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Chairman Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and members of this committee,

My name is Craig Takamine, and I am President of Takamine Construction, Inc. We are a general contractor which currently employs approximately 20 full time workers. I have also had the privilege of formerly serving on the SBRRB most recently as the Vice-Chair. I **strongly support GM769** which requires Senate confirmation to allow Gubernatorial Nominee, Garth Yamanaka to sit on the Small Business Regulatory Review Board for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

I have known and worked with Mr. Yamanaka for many years. He is a well respected member of the community and has served on many volunteer Boards and Committees which serve to better the economic well being of our County. He is a man of integrity and would bring a well rounded perspective to the SBRRB.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure. I strongly urge the committee to support GM769.

Sincerely,



Craig S. Takamine  
President  
Takamine Construction, Inc.

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**GM768**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerel Yamamoto	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Senator Wakai and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology: I am writing in support of the nomination of Garth Yamanaka to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. I have known Garth for over five years and serve with him on the Board of Directors of the Kanoelehua Industrial Area Association (KIAA) which is an association of over 200 small businesses in Hilo. Garth has shown a keen knowledge of business activity in Hilo and understands the needs of small business. I believe that he will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to this committee and will be a strong advocate for small business. Please give Mr. Yamanaka's nomination your strong consideration and support. Thank you.

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**wakai1 - Michael**

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**Subject:** GM 769

Senator Wakai and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Garth Yamanaka to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. I had submitted testimony in GM 768 and wish to incorporate by reference herein those comments here. I believe that Mr. Yamanaka will be an excellent addition to the board and urge his confirmation by the Senate. Thank you.

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**GM768**

Submitted on: 4/14/2015

Testimony for EDT on Apr 15, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Douglass Adams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To the Committee: I know Garth Yamanaka to be a man of integrity and singular focus on service, family, and community. He is a vital and important member of our Rotary Club of South Hilo, leading by example during our community service projects, as well as serving the club foundation as its treasurer for the past year. His business acumen is unrivaled and many in the Hilo business community rely on his advice and guidance in important real estate transactions. I wholeheartedly support his nomination by Governor Ige to complete the remaining term vacated by the previous representative as the Hawaii Island representative on the Small Business Regulatory Review Board and encourage his swift confirmation by the Senate.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Norman A Piianaia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Garth Yamanaka his entire life and have followed his career path closely. He is of outstanding character and would be an excellent addition to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. I fully support the Governor's nomination of Garth Yamanaka. Respectfully, Norman A Piianaia

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Norman A Piianaia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have submitted testimony to support the Governor's nomination of Garth Yamanaka to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, to fill the current term. I would also like to support his nomination - to extend the term to year 2019. Respectfully, Norman A Piianaia.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
daniel goya	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mr. Yamanaka is a person of impeccable character. He is respected throughout the community and will represent Hawai'i Island with thoughtfulness, integrity and intelligently.

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Randall Kurohara	Individual	Support	No

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Danny Paleka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**To: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology**

**From: En Young**

**Re: Support for Governor's Message #768 and #769**

Good Afternoon Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Slom, and members of the committee. I am pleased to submit testimony as a private citizen in support of Garth Yamanaka for the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. Small business is the lifeblood of the State and more so the neighbor islands. With reasonable land prices and a fast-growing population, Hawai'i County will no doubt experience small business growth in the years to come.

Garth has business experience at several levels. His family's business, Yamanaka Enterprises, is itself a model of integrating good business practices and cultural sensitivity into a successful operation. As a landlord, Garth also is privy to the everyday workings of the businesses who are tenants of their numerous properties statewide. This has given Garth perspective in multiple industries that will assist him in advising on the Hawaii Administrative Rule process as well as his duties reviewing small business petitions and complaints.

Garth, as a resident of the County of Hawaii will be able to bring to light the issues unique to the Big Island as well as provide the perspective of the young generation of businessmen who will lead Hawaii in the near future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



**En Young**