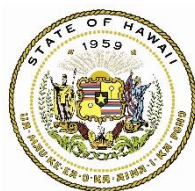


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February 24, 2021

To: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021  
Time: 3:00 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 225

From: Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director  
Hawaii Workforce Development Council

**Re: GM 599 & GM 600 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Cary Miyashiro, for a term to expire at 06-30-2021 and 06-30-2025.**

Good afternoon Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts. I am Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Council (WDC) testifying in strong support of Mr. Cary Miyashiro's confirmation to the WDC for terms to expire on June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2025. Mr. Miyashiro would fill a slot reserved for a business executive member on the Council.

The WDC is responsible for the administrative oversight and implementation of a federally mandated initiative, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA). Additionally, the WDC assists the Administration develop and update statewide comprehensive, strategic workforce development plans and actions to align and streamline the public workforce development system for continuous improvement and accountability. It supports employment opportunities for employers and employees through direct services at the American Job Centers throughout the State.

Mr. Miyashiro is the Community Outreach Representative for HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union. The company has a commitment to helping Hawaii's youth and their education and as such, he has been instrumental in the development of a pilot project at Kapolei High School to build business partnerships to get persons with disabilities into the workforce. He also helped develop customer service standards for the Workforce Development Diplomas offered at the Department of Education's Adult Education programs.

Mr. Miyashiro brings a proven wealth of experience and commitment to helping students succeed in school and have opportunities for good jobs. This aligns well with the work of the WDC and the WIOA program.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Mr. Miyashiro's nomination to the WDC.



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February 19, 2021

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair and  
Members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and Arts

Testimony in Strong Support of Cary Miyashiro to serve as a member on the  
Workforce Development Council (WDC) GM 600

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce  
Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee term to expire 06-30-2025.

My name is Helen Sanpei, Principal of McKinley Community School for Adults testifying in strong support of Mr. Cary Miyashiro's confirmation to the Workforce Development Council. I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Miyashiro over the past 20 years through the Adult Education Advisory Council, McKinley Community School for Adults School Advisory Council, HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union, Hawaii's National Distinguished Principals Program, and other educationally related programs.

From July 2008 to July 2014, Mr. Miyashiro served as chairperson and member of the Hawaii Adult Education Advisory Council. Prior to that, he served as the chairperson for McKinley Community School's Advisory Council at which time he played a key role in the reorganization effort of the community schools by helping to facilitate and organize discussions to assist with the transition of adult education from eleven to two schools.

Cary Miyashiro is a dynamic and visionary individual who leads with thoughtfulness and compassion. The Hawaii Department of Education has benefitted tremendously from his leadership, depth of knowledge as it relates to education and the workforce programs, and his willingness to support all role groups unselfishly.

It is my sincere belief that if confirmed as a member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Mr. Miyashiro will exceed the required duties and responsibilities as an active member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helen H. Sanpei".

Helen H. Sanpei, Principal  
McKinley Community School for Adults

**ALAN S. HAYASHI**  
**207-4 Kawaihae Street**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii**

February 24, 2021

To: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair and  
Members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

From: Alan S. Hayashi, Vice Chair  
Workforce Development Council

RE: GM 594 thru GM 605 **Gubernatorial Nominees:** Charles Shima / Jason Brand / Kira Higa / Ian Kitajima / Brian Tatsumura / Cary Miyashiro / Ken Loui / April Chun Acquavella / Brian Lee / Jason Bradshaw, to the Workforce Development Council for varying terms to expire June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025

Hearing: Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 225

POSITION: Strong Support for GM 594 thru GM 605

Good afternoon Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, I am Alan Hayashi, Vice Chair of the Workforce Development Council (WDC) testifying in strong support of ALL ABOVE LISTED NOMINEES for confirmation to the WDC for varying terms to expire on June 30, 2023 thru June 30, 2025. The Nominees would fill slots reserved for designated sectors on the Council.

The WDC is an attached agency to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and is responsible for advising the Governor and Legislature on workforce development to support economic development and employment opportunities for employers and employees. The WDC is the State Workforce Development Board for purposes of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014. The WDC assists the Governor in developing and updating comprehensive, strategic workforce development plans and oversees publicly funded workforce investment activities in the state.

All Nominees are well qualified and leaders in their respective organizations and sectors. We on the WDC Board feel fortunate to have such diverse talent willing to join the effort to provide job opportunities and skills training for our community

In this critical year, WDC has been implementing the Hawaii WIOA Unified State Plan. The plan covers the six core formula grant programs authorized under WIOA and outlines the state's vision and strategy for carrying out activities under each program. The WIOA plan is a Federal requirement in order for Hawaii to receive the bulk of federal funding for the State's primary job training and placement activities.

I respectfully urge you to confirm all submitted Nominees as members of the Workforce Development Council where they will be valuable assets to the deliberations of the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.





**GM-599**

Submitted on: 2/19/2021 7:39:15 PM

Testimony for LCA on 2/24/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Sanpei	Testifying for McKinley Community School for Adults	Support	No

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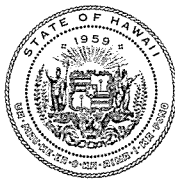
Good afternoon Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts. I am Ryan Sanpei, Program Specialist at McKinley Community School for Adults testifying in strong support of Cary Miyashiro's confirmation to the WDC for a term to expire on June 30, 2025.

Over the years, Cary Miyashiro has been instrumental in supporting our Adult Education Workforce Programs. Most recently he organized a team comprised of members of the Workforce and Department of Education to create a standards based soft skills curriculum for our Career Foundations Certificate. This was conducted on a voluntary basis as he's always willing to support the betterment of Hawaii especially when it comes to economic development.

Mr. Miyashiro is someone who we can always rely on for support and will continue to seek out for consultation and collaboration in the coming years. I respectfully ask you to confirm Mr. Miyashiro as a member of the Workforce Development Council where he would be a valuable asset to the Council.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Ryan Sanpei



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February 22, 2021

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and Arts

Testimony in Strong Support of Mr. Cary Miyashiro to serve a member on the  
Workforce Development Council (WDC) GM 600

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce  
Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee term to expire June 30, 2025

Honorable Senator Taniguchi, Senator Ihara, Jr., and Members of the Committee on Labor,  
Culture and Arts:

My name is Mark Nakamura and I am a Vice Principal at the McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA) testifying in strong support of Mr. Cary Miyashiro's confirmation to the Workforce Development Council. I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Miyashiro over the past nine (9) years through my previous position as a Certificated Personnel Regional Officer for the Honolulu District and through my current position at the MCSA. During these past nine (9) years, Mr. Miyashiro has been professional, supportive, and actively involved with the Department of Education whether it was supporting the MCSA in our accreditation efforts, helping to support our newly hired teachers through his role with the Hawaii USA Federal Credit Union, or being involved in other education related community endeavors.

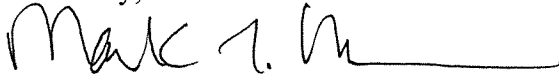
Mr. Miyashiro has the unique experience of working in the business private sector along with working with the Department of Education. This background has been very helpful here at the MCSA as he is able to provide valuable insight from both the business and education perspective to help support our goal of getting students workforce ready through our education programs.

Mr. Miyashiro is passionate about supporting schools and the community. The MCSA as well as the Department of Education has appreciated his support, generosity, and insight that he has brought forth through his experience pertaining to workforce programs and supporting schools.



I believe that Mr. Miyashiro would be a valuable member if he is confirmed to the Workforce Development Council and that he would sincerely serve and commit to all of the required responsibilities and expectations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark T. Nakamura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark T. Nakamura,  
Vice Principal, MCSA

**GM-599**

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 8:38:47 AM

Testimony for LCA on 2/24/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lance Jyo	Testifying for McKinley Community School for Adults	Support	No

## Comments:

Aloha, My name is Lance Jyo, Vice Principal of McKinley Community School for Adults testifying in strong support of Cary Miyashiro's confirmation to the Workforce Development Council. I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Mr. Miyashiro as a K-12 and Adult Education Administator, and more recently as the chairperson for the Hawaii Adult Education Advisory Council. He was instrumental in the reorganization effort of community schools by helping to facilitate and organize discussions to assist with the transition of adult education from eleven to two schools. Cary Miyashiro's ability to work with all segments of the school community is a major strength. It is my sincere belief that if confirmed as a member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council (WDC), he will exceed the required duties and responsibilities as an active member.

February 22, 2021

TO: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair and  
Members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

FROM: Deborah K. Miyao  
Retired State of Hawaii Department of Education Educational Specialist for Adult  
Education and the Acting Adult Basic Education State Director

RE: GM 599 Gubernatorial Nominee Cary Miyashiro to the Workforce Development Council  
for a term to expire 06-30-2021.  
Hearing: Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 3 pm, Conference Room 223

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

Good Afternoon Senator Taniguchi, Senator Ihara, and Members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts. I am Deborah K. Miyao, a retired State of Hawaii Department of Education Educational Specialist in Adult Education and the Acting Adult Basic Education State Director. I strongly support Mr. Cary Miyashiro as an active member for Hawaii's Workforce Development Council.

I have known Mr. Miyashiro for the past 13 years and had the distinct pleasure of working with him in the field of education. Mr. Miyashiro is currently employed as the Community Outreach Representative for the Hawaii USA Federal Credit Union. He is a strong advocate for the State of Hawaii Department of Education's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. He fervently assists with the Career Pathways initiative for Grades K – 16.

Mr. Miyashiro graciously volunteered his services as a member and as the Chairperson for Hawaii's Adult Education Advisory Council from 2008 – 2014. During this time period, Mr. Miyashiro developed capacity between Hawaii's Adult Education schools and community-based job training programs. He built awareness, facilitated connections and identified shared resources to strengthen Hawaii's economy. Mr. Miyashiro continues to build employability skills and standards to forge a stronger link among Adult Education, postsecondary, and the world of work. He is knowledgeable and supports the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) which is the driving force for education and workforce development.

I strongly support Mr. Cary Miyashiro. He will be a remarkable and dedicated member to Hawaii's Workforce Development Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.