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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: Friday, March 18, 2022

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225, State Capitol

From: Anne E. Perreira-Eustaquio, Director

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

G.M. 693 Gerald Schmitz to Serve as a Member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Anne Perreira-Eustaquio, and I am the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. The Department <u>strongly supports</u> the appointment of Mr. Gerald Schmitz to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Mr. Schmitz served our country with 22 years of distinguished service in the United States Army where he commanded tactical units and was the 25th Infantry Division's officer in charge of fielding, training, and coordinating facilities and resources in Hawaii. Mr. Schmitz transitioned into civilian life as the Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Lendlease Corporation's executive leadership team and is responsible for privatized military housing projects. Additionally, Mr. Schmitz possesses a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a Master of Arts in Business from Webster University.

The Department believes Mr. Schmitz's expansive experience in the military, housing, management of recruiting, and training employees, as well as his education will enable him to provide valuable service as a member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Schmitz as member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

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TO: COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Committee Members: Senators Stanley Chang, Jarrett Keohokalole, Kurt Favella

FROM: Alan S. Hayashi, Chairman

Hawaii Workforce Development Council

SUBJECT: GM 693 and GM 694 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee GERALD SCHMITZ, for a term to expire June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2026.

Honorable Senator Taniguchi, Chairman of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, and Honorable Senator Les Ihara, Jr., and Committee Members Senators Stanley Chang, Jarret Keohokalole and Kurt Favella:

My name is Alan Hayashi, Chairman of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council (WDC). We strongly support GM 693 and GM 694, the nomination of Gerald Schmitz to the WDC.

Mr. Schmitz is Senior Vice President at Lendlease Corporation. He is a key leader responsible for the company's privatized military housing projects in Hawaii, Alaska and other states, that include nearly 20,000 homes.

Mr. Schmitz served in the US Army and during his military career served in leadership positions with tactical Army units in the Continental US, Germany and in Hawaii. In Hawaii, he commanded two separate artillery unites, as well as the Army's largest training installation in the Pacific at Pohakuloa on Hawaii Island. He culminated his military career as the 25th Infantry Division's officer in charge of fielding, training and coordinating facilities and resources the transformation of Army forces in Hawaii.

The WDC believes that Mr. Schimitz's experience will provide leadership with the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, and looks forward to working with him.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.