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April 12, 2023

The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair,
The Honorable Chris Lee, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Technology

Date:Wednesday, April 12, 2023Time:3:00 p.m.Place:Conference Room 224, State Capitol and Videoconference

From: Jade T. Butay, Director Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: G.M.651; Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLA KUROKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations **strongly supports** the appointment of Carla Kurokawa to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Ms. Kurokawa has served as the Employment and Training Manager for Alu Like, Inc. for 35 years and has spent close to 40 years administering Hawaii Island Center's Employment and Training Program. She has had experience in administering and monitoring the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act programs and previous federal programs implemented under the Workforce Investment Act, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and the Job Training Partnership Act.

Ms. Kurokawa is also heavily involved in numerous workforce and economic development boards and committees on Hawaii Island.

The DLIR believes that Ms. Kurokawa's years of dedication to employment and training of the workforce in her work and volunteer capacities will enable her to provide valuable service as a member of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of G.M.651.

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Dear Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Lee, and committee members,

SUBJECT: GM651

Aloha. As Chair of the State of Hawaii Workforce Development Council (WDC), I am pleased to offer my support for GM 651 and confirmation of Carla Kurokawa as a new member to the council.

Ms. Kurokawa currently serves as employment and training manager for Alu Like Inc. administering Hawaii Island's Center for Employment and Training. Her expertise in planning of training activity and program assessment will be an asset to the council, particularly for state planning purposes and evaluation of workforce training activities.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter and I hope for your favorable consideration to allow Ms. Kurokawa the ability to serve as a member of the WDC.

Sincerely,

Alan Hayashi Chair, Workforce Development Council <u>alan.hayashi2@gmail.com</u>

April 7, 2023

Aloha Nui,

I am honored to submit my testimony in support of Carla Kurokawa's appointment to the Hawai`i Workforce Development Council. I have worked together with Carla since December 1, 1983 until present in her employment with ALU LIKE, Inc. Employment & Training Program, which is funded under the U.S. Department of Labor, Division of Indian and Native American Programs.

Carla is ALU LIKE's Hawaii and Kauai Employment & Training Program Manager. Her following traits will be assets in her membership on the Hawai`i Workforce Development Council:

She is industrious with valuable capabilities, is committed, reliable, impactful, dependable, qualified, resilient, professional, responsible, outstanding, and more.

Please contact me if more information is required.

Mahalo nui.

Winona Whitman

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