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Statement of
Daniel E. Orodenker
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Before the
Senate Committee on
Water and Land

Thursday April 11, 2024
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Room 016 & Video Conference

In consideration of
GM 698
FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MYLES MIYASATO
As commissioner for State Land Use Commission
Term to expire June 30, 2028

Chair Inouye; Vice Chair Elefante; and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

Please accept this testimony in support of the confirmation of Myles Miyasato as commissioner for the State Land Use Commission. Mr. Miyasato is an important and well-known member of his community. As a ranch owner he has a well-balanced perspective on the need for housing as well as the requirements for preservation of agricultural land. Such expertise will be a valuable addition to the Commission.

We look forward to Mr. Miyasato's participation on the commission and the expertise he will bring.



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April 1, 2024

Committee on Water and Land
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Hawai'i State Legislature
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 698 – Governor's nomination of Myles Miyasato to the Land Use Commission (At-Large Member)
Term Ending: 6-30-2028

Aloha Senator Inouye Chair, Senator Elefante Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

It is a pleasure and an honor to submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Myles Miyasato as an At-Large Member of the Land Use Commission.

Having had the privilege of knowing Myles for over a decade, I can attest to his remarkable leadership qualities, deep understanding of land use management and regulations, expertise in operational matters, and exceptional communication skills. Myles' extensive background, particularly his leadership role as Executive Director with the Hawai'i Operating Engineer's Stabilization Fund, highlights his commitment and capability in managing complex issues.

I wholeheartedly endorse Myles Miyasato as an outstanding choice for this significant role, responsible for safeguarding our state's precious land resources.

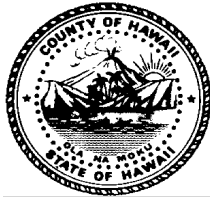
Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Myles Miyasato to the Land Use Commission. Should you wish to discuss my recommendation further, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Mitchell D. Roth
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April 9, 2024

Senate Committee on Water & Land

Sen. Lorraine Inouye, Chair

Sen. Brandon Elefante, Vice-Chair

RE: Support for GM698, Nomination of Myles Miyasato to the Land Use Commission

Aloha, Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water & Land:

I write to express my strong support for Myles Miyasato's nomination to the Land Use Commission. Having known Myles for nearly a decade, I have witnessed first hand his sincere dedication to our island community.

Myles's invaluable experience and perspective were evident during his tenure on the County of Hawai'i's Windward Planning Commission. Throughout this time, he consistently demonstrated a thoughtful and inclusive approach to addressing complex land use issues. His ability to consider diverse viewpoints and balance competing needs is a testament to his skill and commitment to ensuring responsible and sustainable development, while also prioritizing natural and cultural resource preservation as well as community needs such as housing and economic development.

Myles is deeply rooted in our community, where he is raising a family on Hawai'i Island. He retired from Operating Engineers, where he navigated the intricacies of local and state government, while advocating for working people. Over the years, he has been a trusted advisor due to his active engagement and investment in the well-being of our people and island.

Thank you for considering Myles Miyasato for this significant opportunity. His wealth of experience, integrity, and unwavering dedication make him an exemplary candidate for this important kuleana. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Mahalo for your kind consideration.

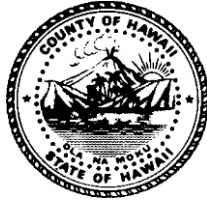
Cheers,

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April 10, 2024

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Committee on Water and Land
Thirty-Second Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 210
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: GM 698 -Nomination of Myles Miyasato to the State Land Use Commission

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

I am writing this letter in **SUPPORT** of the consideration and confirmation of Governor Josh Green's nomination of Myles Miyasato as a member of the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission.

Having had the privilege of working with Myles in both public and private capacities over the years, I am pleased to offer my endorsement of his nomination. Myles is a dedicated member of our community and his extensive experience on various boards and commissions will make him an exceptional member of the Land Use Commission.

As a prospective member of the Land Use Commission, Myles is poised to make substantial contributions to the commission's mandate of safeguarding and preserving Hawai'i's lands, while promoting their optimal utilization. His proven expertise and commitment to the islands and communities will ensure that he will excel in upholding the commission's responsibilities.

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

Sincerely,

Zendo Kern

Zendo Kern (Apr 10, 2024 12:14 HST)

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The Thirty-Second Legislature
The Senate
Committee on Judiciary

Testimony by
Hawaii State AFL-CIO

April 11, 2024

TESTIMONY ON GM698 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MYLES MIYASATO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO is a federation of 74 affiliate labor organizations representing over 68,000 union members in the State of Hawaii. The AFL-CIO serves its affiliates by advocating for workers and their families before the state legislature and other state and county government branches.

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO **supports** GM698, which seeks confirmation for Myles Miyasato to the Land Use Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2028. Myles Miyasato's tenure as the Executive Director of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Stabilization Fund, where he provided leadership for 17 years, speaks volumes of his ability to navigate complex organizational landscapes, a skill directly transferable to land use governance. His executive role and significant experience in various operational and administrative capacities on multiple islands have given him a keen insight into the intricate balance required for responsible land development and stewardship.

Mr. Miyasato's extensive professional background, underscored by his strategic role in overseeing the fund, equips him with the discernment and expertise needed to manage Hawaii's diverse land resources judiciously. His executive experience will contribute to informed and prudent decisions on the Land Use Commission.

We respectfully request the committee's favorable consideration of Myles Miyasato for this appointment. We are assured of his capability to serve with a vision that values our state's economic vitality and environmental legacy.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Perreira".

Randy Perreira
President



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Jurisdiction: Northern California, Northern Nevada, Utah, Hawaii, and the Mid-Pacific Islands

April 8, 2024

Honorable, Lorraine R. Inouye, Senate Committee on Water and Land, Chair
Honorable, Brandon J.C. Elefante, Senate Committee on Water and Land, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

RE: GM 698: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MYLES MIYASATO, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

Chair Inouye,

My name is Ana Tuiasosopo. I am the District Representative and Trustee for Operating Engineers Local 3. We are the largest Construction Trades Local in the United States. I and the members of **Operating Engineers Local 3 strongly support GM 698.**

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Miyasato, during his 17 years with the Hawai'i Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund. During his tenure Mr. Miyasato's focus and ferocity in serving the community and advocating for the working men and women of this state is second to none. As a retired Operating Engineer and a "Paniolo" for life, his work experience, his volunteer commission experience, and his "Paniolo Life" experience will serve him well on the Land Use Commission.

We humbly ask for your consideration and confirmation of Mr. Myles Miyasato.

Sincerely,

Ana Tuiasosopo
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The Thirty-Third Legislature, State of Hawai'i
The Senate
Committee on Land & Water

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Testimony by
Hawai'i Nurses Association
April 11, 2024

Re: G.M. 698 – Gubernatorial Nominee to the Land Use Commission, Myles Miyasato, for a term to expire June 30, 2028

DATE: Thursday, April 11, 2024
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 016

Chair Inouye and Committee on Land & Water

The Hawaii Nurses Association - OPEIU Local 50, affiliated with the AFL-CIO founded in 1917, represents 4,000 nurses, respiratory therapists, and other healthcare workers across the State of Hawai'i. We are grateful for this opportunity to express our **Strong Support** of the nomination of Myles Miyasato to the Land Use Commission.

Myles Miyasato's professional trajectory reflects a diverse and extensive engagement with the issues crucial to the Land Use Commission. His experience as a carpenter, heavy equipment operator, and foreman across multiple islands grants them a nuanced understanding of the practical aspects of land management and development. Furthermore, his tenure as the Executive Director of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Stabilization Fund underscores their proficiency in administrative leadership and strategic decision-making.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Myles Miyasato's has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to public service, serving as Chair of the County's Cost of Government Commission and as a member of both the Transportation Commission and the East Hawaii Planning Commission. His invaluable contributions to these bodies have consistently reflected a deep-seated concern for the well-being of our communities and the preservation of our natural resources.

In conclusion, Myles Miyasato' possesses the requisite expertise, integrity, and passion necessary to serve with distinction on the Land Use Commission. I wholeheartedly endorse their nomination and urge you to support their appointment, confident that they will work tirelessly to uphold the interests of our state and its precious land

Respectfully,

Rosalee Agas Yuu,
President

GM-698

Submitted on: 4/7/2024 2:28:56 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jo-Anne Aiwohi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support.

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April 8, 2024

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land
Via email: seninouye@capitol.hawaii.gov
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**Re: Letter of Recommendation and Support – Myles Miyasato
Land Use Commission – GM 698**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante:

My name is Riley Smith. I am a resident of Kamuela Hawaii, have lived on Hawaii island for 30+ years, and am a life-long resident of the State of Hawaii. I support Myles Miyasato's appointment to the State Land Use Commission. I have known Mr. Miyasato for over 20 years. We have attended and participated in many community meetings and forums, that have impacted our island, the communities we live in and those that are employed in these areas.

I have found the following attributes to be important as an active community member, as well as a prospective member of the Land Use Commission:

- a. **Prepared;** When I have observed Myles in public meetings, he always shows up prepared, does his homework, has read all the pertinent materials. He not only relies on written information that is provided, but also reaches out to his community, neighbors as well as those throughout the State. As Executive Director of the Operating Engineer's Stabilization Fund, he has many contacts throughout our State and is able to understand the impacts and tradeoffs of critical land use decisions. Being a life time resident of our State, he is also very concerned with making prudent decisions, that will have long term impacts to our residents and island resources.
- b. **Shows up:** He attends meetings, listens attentively, then stays to the discussion is ended. He understands that sometimes important information is shared, in less formal situations; over coffee, in the community, when he might be helping a friend or neighbor with managing their livestock or otherwise out and about. Not everything that is important to know is printed in a report, nor in the media. A lot of times, you need to get out and talk to people. Myles is very good at this style of communication.

He is an active community member with high integrity and good morals. He will be an excellent Commission member providing years of experience from his diverse background. He will readily be able to communicate with those in our community, that will be impacted by the decisions he is asked to make. I am sure that he will render prudent decisions, that will help our residents in their efforts to provide housing for our local families, while at the same time, balancing protection of our environment for future generations.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Riley W. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Riley W. Smith. P.E.

William L. Moore
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March 9, 2024

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Committee on Land and Water
Thirty-Second Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 210
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye:

Subject: GM 698 -Nomination of Miles Miyasato to the State Land Use Commission

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support for the appointment of Miles Miyasato to the Land Use Commission. I have worked with Mr. Miyasato in his capacity with the Hawaii Operating Engineer's Stabilization Fund. I have always found him to be reasonable in his support of the local workers, whether or not they were union members.

This balanced approach will serve the community well as a Land Use Commissioner. He clearly understands the difficulties of working families in ensuring there are both jobs and affordable housing opportunities.

His background also provides a strong knowledge of the farming/ranching community as well as of the construction industry. In this regard, he will be an excellent Commission member providing a diverse skill set and board experience.

Sincerely,



William L. Moore