



**'WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

G.M. NO. 575, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE COMMISSION TO PROMOTE UNIFORM LEGISLATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PETER HAMASAKI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Friday, March 27, 2026

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

TESTIFIER(S): **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.**

(For more information, contact Jill T. Nagamine,
Deputy Attorney General, at 808-586-1276)

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

The Attorney General supports the reappointment of Peter Hamasaki to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation (CPUL) of the Department of the Attorney General.

The CPUL is advisory to the Attorney General and to the Legislature on matters pertaining to uniform legislation. Members of this state commission are Hawaii's representatives to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, which is also referred to as the "Uniform Law Commission" (ULC). The ULC requires that each appointed commissioner be a lawyer licensed to practice law and that members from each state attend and participate in its annual meeting.

Commissioner Hamasaki is a lawyer licensed to practice law in Hawai'i. He currently serves as general counsel for Foodland Supermarket, Limited, and previously served as a partner in the law firm of McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon, LLP. He attended Stanford University Law School, where he was an associate editor of the Stanford Law Review. He also serves as Vice-Chair of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Hamasaki has taken an active role in promoting uniform laws to the Hawaii Legislature. During the 2025 Hawaii legislative session, Commissioner

Hamasaki provided testimony to several legislative committees on ULC-related matters, including House Bill No. 1004 and Senate Bill No. 1323, Relating to Health Care, companion bills based on the 2023 update of the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act. Prior to the 2025 ULC annual meeting, Commissioner Hamasaki attended ULC Informal Listening Sessions on several ULC draft acts and remotely monitored annual meeting sessions on the draft Conflict of Law in Trusts and Estates Act, the draft Occupational Licenses of Servicemembers and Military Spouses Act, and the draft Commercial Financing Disclosure Act. Commissioner Hamasaki also served as a member of the ULC Study Committee on Deed Fraud, and attended multiple meetings of the study committee during 2025.

During the 2024 Hawaii legislative session, Commissioner Hamasaki provided testimony to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection regarding Senate Bill No. 2130, relating to unclaimed property, which proposed amendments to the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. In June 2023, Commissioner Hamasaki attended ULC informal listening sessions on the Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act, Uniform Mortgage Modifications Act, and Uniform Assignment for Benefit of Creditors Act. Commissioner Hamasaki was a presenter at a ULC webinar in February 2024, regarding the Uniform Faithful Presidential Electors Act, which was enacted as Act 114, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023. In addition, during the 2024 Hawaii legislative regular session, Commissioner Hamasaki reviewed bills, prepared testimony and correspondence, and testified before the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection regarding Senate Bill No. 2130, relating to unclaimed property, which proposed amendments to the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

In light of his continuing participation in the activities of the ULC and of the CPUL, Peter Hamasaki's continued service as a member of the CPUL and of the ULC will continue to benefit the State of Hawai'i and the ULC. Consequently, the Attorney General respectfully requests that this Committee recommend the confirmation of the reappointment of Peter Hamasaki to the CPUL.

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Submitted on: 3/25/2026 7:41:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/27/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Kent	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

It is my pleasure to submit testimony in strongest support for the nomination of Peter Hamasaki to another term to the Commission to Promote Uniform Laws (CPUL). I have had the pleasure of working with Peter on the CPUL for approximately 20 years so I have a lot of experience to rely on in making this recommendation.

Peter is very smart, hard-working, collegial, and collaborative. In short, one could not ask for anything more in a colleague.

He is committed to the work of the CPUL. I always value his opinions and thoughts and follow them.

I urge you to vote in favor of his nomination and look forward to his confirmation. Thank you for allowing me to testify in strongest support of the nomination of Peter Hamasaki to the CPUL.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Kent

DATE: March 24, 2026

TO: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
And Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary

RE: Testimony in support of **GM 575**, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, Gubernatorial Nominee, PETER HAMASAKI, for a term to expire 6-30-2028

FROM: Lani Ewart
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HEARING: Friday, March 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 016

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lani Ewart, and I am a member and the current chair of the Hawai`i Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation (“CPUL”). I am pleased to submit this testimony in support of the nomination of PETER HAMASAKI to serve another term on the CPUL.

All of the commissioners on the CPUL serve as commissioners to the national Uniform Law Commission (“ULC”). The goal of the ULC is to develop and propose laws that will be uniform in all States to benefit the people in all States. Each commissioner must therefore participate in the drafting of uniform laws with the ULC and then work with the legislature of the commissioner’s State to get uniform laws enacted.

As a fellow commissioner on the CPUL and the ULC, I know that Peter well fulfills the duties of a commissioner. He has served on drafting committees which work on new acts during the year for the consideration of commissioners from all States at the annual summer meeting of ULC. He has also been on ULC study committees that initially research subjects to determine if uniformity is desirable and practicable in different areas of law. Peter has testified in support of uniform acts at the Hawai`i Legislature and is always available to provide background information to legislative committees and any party interested in a uniform act during the legislative session.

I have no reservation in supporting the nomination of Peter Hamasaki for an additional term on the CPUL. Peter Hamasaki is an excellent commissioner on the CPUL and an outstanding representative of Hawai`i to the ULC. I urge you to recommend that the Senate confirm his nomination.

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Submitted on: 3/24/2026 10:47:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/27/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Tanoue	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Michael Tanoue and I am one of the current members of the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation (CPUL). I am in strong support of the confirmation of Peter Hamasaki to another term on the CPUL for a term to expire on June 30, 2028.

Commissioner Hamasaki has served as one of Hawaii’s commissioners since 2005 and, in that time, has actively and meaningfully participated in CPUL activities in Hawaii and in Uniform Law Commission matters at the national level. In recent years, he worked tirelessly on updates to the Uniform Commercial Code and the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act among other uniform laws.

Commissioner Hamasaki has a sterling reputation of excellence and integrity among his peers in the Hawaii bar, the Uniform Law Commission, and the CPUL. He also has dedicated his time and energies to leadership roles in community organizations such as the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

I wholeheartedly recommend that the Senate Committee on Judiciary confirm the Governor’s appointment of Commissioner Hamasaki to another term on the CPUL. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF
PETER HAMASAKI TO THE COMMISSION TO PROMOTE UNIFORM
LEGISLATION**

Friday, March 27, 2026

To: Chairman Karl Rhoads and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I have been a member of the Uniform Laws Commission since 1978 and currently serve as a Life Member on the Commission. I am testifying in strong support of the confirmation of Peter Hamasaki for a term to expire on June 30, 2028.

Peter is a current Commissioner and has participated in various activities of the Commission. He has participated in meetings at the annual conference and has also testified each year at the Hawaii legislature on uniform acts that have been introduced.

I have known Peter Hamasaki for almost 40 years, and he has a reputation for being an outstanding attorney and has always exhibited the highest degree of integrity. I am confident that he will continue to be a contributing member of the Commission.

I strongly recommend his confirmation by this committee and the full Senate. Thank you for this opportunity to present this testimony.