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Statement of  
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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

Tuesday, March 03, 2026  
01:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of  
**G.M. 621**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STADIUM  
AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LLOYD HISAKA,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029.**

Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in **strong support** of the confirmation of Lloyd Hisaka to the Stadium Authority.

As a long-time resident of the Āliamanu/Salt Lake district, Mr. Hisaka understands firsthand the relationship between the stadium and its neighboring neighborhoods. His perspective as a community member will help ensure that decisions made by the Authority remain mindful of residents, traffic impacts, safety, and the broader quality of life for families who call the area home.

Equally important is Mr. Hisaka's more than 50 years of dedicated service and profound impact on high school and collegiate athletics across Hawai'i. His contributions extend far beyond the football field and basketball court. For decades he has been a mentor, teacher, and role model, helping shape the integrity of local sports programs and the young people who participate in them. His influence has strengthened athletic programs statewide by promoting fairness, sportsmanship, respect, and values that align closely with the mission of the Aloha Stadium's Mission Statement, intended to serve youth, schools, and the larger community.

The Stadium Authority benefits from members who not only understand facilities and governance but also appreciate the human side of sport and community gathering spaces. Mr. Hisaka embodies that balance. His lifelong service, deep community ties,

and commitment to developing young leaders make him uniquely suited to help guide the stadium's future.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to confirm Lloyd Hisaka to the Stadium Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Mr. Hisaka.

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I respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of the confirmation of **Lloyd Hisaka** to the Hawai'i Stadium Authority from the perspective of Stadium Authority operations staff.

In working with Mr. Hisaka, I have seen firsthand how valuable his experience and perspective are to the practical side of stadium operations. Mr. Hisaka has consistently demonstrated a willingness to listen, answer questions, and provide practical insight that helps staff understand how future facilities and programming can best serve schools, athletic organizations, and the surrounding community. His decades of involvement with high school and collegiate athletics give him a clear understanding of scheduling, access, and safety considerations that will be critical as the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED) transitions from planning into future operations. Even as the current stadium is closed, his accessibility and collaborative approach have been valuable in helping staff think through how the new stadium and district can function effectively for student-athletes, events, and community use. His experience and openness to working directly with staff will be an important asset as the Authority prepares for long-term operations of the new facility.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to confirm Lloyd Hisaka to the Hawai'i Stadium Authority and thank you for the opportunity to provide this additional testimony.



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Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), **supports** the confirmation of **Lloyd Hisaka** to the Hawai'i Stadium Authority.

Mr. Hisaka's more than five decades of service to high school and collegiate athletics in Hawai'i, along with his longstanding residency in the Āliamanu/Salt Lake community, provide both operational and neighborhood perspectives that are valuable to the State as the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASSED) progresses.

His experience mentoring officials, supporting athletic programs, and working directly with students and educators reflects a commitment to community development and youth engagement. His understanding of how the stadium serves schools, families, and the surrounding area aligns with the State's goal of ensuring the new facility functions as both a community resource and an economic asset.

For these reasons, I respectfully support his confirmation.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 8:22:03 AM

Testimony for EDT on 3/3/2026 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
CAL EVANS	Testifying for Hawaii Sports Officials Hall of Fame	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in very strong support of Lloyd Hisaka continuing his service as a member of the Stadium Authority. With his long history of dedicated service to the sports community as coach, official and administrator, Lloyd has the qualifications, character and temperament necessary to collaborate and make the difficult decisions that will benefit the most citizens of Hawaii.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 2:01:06 PM

Testimony for EDT on 3/3/2026 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nelson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Lloyd Hisaka for this position

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 2:34:58 PM

Testimony for EDT on 3/3/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Allen Lane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**David Lane** Athletic Director Aiea High School Aiea, Hawai‘i

2/28/2026

**The Honorable Josh Green, M.D.** Governor, State of Hawai‘i Executive Chambers State Capitol Honolulu, Hawai‘i

Dear Governor Green,

I am writing to offer my strong support for the nomination of **Lloyd Hisaka** to serve on the Hawai‘i Stadium Authority. As the Athletic Director at Aiea High School, I have known Lloyd for many years and have consistently been impressed by his integrity, professionalism, and deep commitment to serving the people of Hawai‘i.

Lloyd has long been an active and engaged member of our community, with a clear understanding of the important role that athletics, recreation, and public facilities play in the lives of our youth and families. His background in public service and his steady, thoughtful approach to leadership make him exceptionally well-suited for a position that requires both vision and accountability.

The redevelopment of the Aloha Stadium site is a project of tremendous significance for our state. It demands leaders who can balance long-term planning with the day-to-day realities of facility operations, community needs, and fiscal responsibility. Lloyd brings that balance. He is a collaborative problem-solver who listens carefully, weighs perspectives fairly, and consistently works toward solutions that benefit the broader community.

I am confident that Lloyd Hisaka would be an asset to the Stadium Authority. His dedication to public service, his understanding of community priorities, and his commitment to improving opportunities for Hawai‘i’s youth make him an outstanding candidate for this role. I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of his nomination.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely, **David Lane** Athletic Director Aiea High School



**GM-621**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 4:17:59 PM

Testimony for EDT on 3/3/2026 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bob Morikuni	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I strong support Lloyd Hisaka

Sincerely,

Bob Morikuni

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 7:38:23 PM

Testimony for EDT on 3/3/2026 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jonavann Kaululaau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*I strongly support Lloyd Hisaka. Mahalo nui.*

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 7:58:41 PM

Testimony for EDT on 3/3/2026 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nadine Villarmia	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the appointment of Lloyd Hisaka to the Stadium Authority. Lloyd has dedicated many years as a high school football and basketball official and knows the needs of our student athletes and programs.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 8:32:24 AM

Testimony for EDT on 3/3/2026 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas Yoshida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the nomination of Lloyd Hisaka to the Stadium Authority.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 9:05:47 AM

Testimony for EDT on 3/3/2026 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leilani Okuda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I would like to submit my support for the appointment of Lloyd Hisaka to serve on the Stadium Authority Board/Committee. Mr. Hisaka is an upstanding citizen in our community and the State of Hawaii. His background in athletic officiating, and education at all levels in our communities are impeccable. He has been inducted into the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) Hall of Fame and the Hawaii Sports Officials Hall of Fame for his contribution and service to sports and his community.

I have had the opportunity to know and work with Mr. Hisaka at the University of Hawaii as his student and I currently server with him as a board member of the hawaii Sports Officials Hall of Fame. In all of my interactions with him, he remains to be a man of compassion, patience, intelligence, and is a team player who is honest, humble and has integrity.

If appointed I believe Mr. Hisaka will contribute much to the Stadium Authority and wil continue to serve the state with integrity.

I strongly support Lloyd Hisaka and I humble ask for your consideration in appointing him to the Stadium Authority Board/Committee.

Sincerely,

Leilani Y. Okuda, Educator, President William McKinley High School

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Submitted on: 3/2/2026 9:59:39 AM

Testimony for EDT on 3/3/2026 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tracie Koide	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this effort to help with the safety of our high school events.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 10:26:34 AM

Testimony for EDT on 3/3/2026 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Iris McGuire	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Lloyd Hisaka to the Stadium Authority. He is a 30yr veteran of sports in Hawaii and would be a huge asset to the committee.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 11:10:43 AM

Testimony for EDT on 3/3/2026 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Courtney K Look	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this appointment. Lloyd is a great candidate for the position; has many years of experience and has done great work in Hawaii Athletics. I am honored to have the opportunity to be able to support this individual and will do it anytime.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 12:59:50 PM

Testimony for EDT on 3/3/2026 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Natalie Iwamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee,

It is my distinct honor to recommend Dr. Lloyd Hisaka for a position on the Stadium Authority Board for the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District. Having worked with Lloyd for over 20 years through the Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) and the Hawaii Sports Officials Hall of Fame, I have witnessed firsthand his unwavering commitment to Hawaii's athletic community and his exceptional leadership skills.

Key Qualifications for the Stadium Authority:

- **Athletic Leadership:** A former multi-sport standout at Honokaa High School, he served as the Assistant Director for the University of Hawaii's student recreation services after earning his Master's degree from Oregon State University.
- **Five Decades of Service:** Lloyd recently concluded a 51-year career as an active basketball and football official.
- **Integrity and Character:** He exemplifies the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and strong moral character.

Lloyd's experience in education-based athletics and his status as a district stakeholder make him an ideal candidate to help shape the future of the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District.

Natalie Iwamoto,

Associate Athletic Director, Moanalua High School

Board Member, Hawaii Sports Officials Hall of Fame

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Submitted on: 3/2/2026 1:00:40 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ivan Tamura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Lloyd Hisaka. He is the right person for the position.

**LATE**

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 3:00:47 PM

Testimony for EDT on 3/3/2026 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Raymond Fujino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Lloyd Hisaka for the Stadium Authority. He has years of experience in all facets of athletics.