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To: The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
The Honorable Rachele Lamosao, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Labor and Technology Committee

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225, State Capitol

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

Re: G.M. 633, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, REGAN TANIGUCHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.

The **DLIR strongly supports** the confirmation of Regan Taniguchi to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB). Mr. Taniguchi is a highly skilled senior-level crane operator with more than two decades of experience operating, assembling, disassembling, and maintaining a wide range of hoisting equipment. His career spans major contractors such as Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Traylor Brothers, Mutual Welding, and C&S Services, where he has consistently performed critical lifting operations, structural steel installations, and heavy-equipment support in industrial, maritime, and construction settings including shipyards and the Pearl Harbor base.

Mr. Taniguchi also holds NCCCO certifications in lattice boom, tower, swing cab, and fixed cab cranes, along with a CDL Class A license, forklift certification, and rigging and signal certification. These credentials, combined with his extensive field experience and strong operational judgment, make him well-prepared to support the Board's work in promoting safe and effective crane operations statewide.

Lastly, during his short tenure on the Board, I greatly appreciated his insight and contributions to the discussions pertaining to the certification of operators and related matters pertinent to the jurisdiction of the HMOAB.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 633.