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The Honorable Clayton Hee Chair of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro Vice Chair of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF MR. CLINT SAIKI TO THE HAWAI'I EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND (EUTF) TASK FORCE

It gives me great pleasure to recommend CLINT SAIKI to serve on the Hawai'i Employer - Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) Task Force.

I have personally and professionally known Mr. Saiki for approximately thirty (30) years as we were both employed by the County of Kaua'i. Mr. Saiki recently retired from the County as the Division Head of the Department of Public Works – Fiscal Office.

Having worked for the largest department of the County of Kaua'i, Mr. Saiki has demonstrated great initiative in helping to resolve many complex issues. He possesses vast knowledge in all accounting and financial matters and would be an asset to the Task Force.

I highly recommend Clint Saiki to serve on this task force, and I am confident that his contributions will greatly facilitate its purpose.

Sincerely,

RICKY WATANABE

County Clerk, County of Kaua'i

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Senator Clayton Hee Chair, Judiciary & Labor Committee Senate District 23

Senator, Maile S.L. Shimabukuro Vice Chair, Judiciary & Labor Committee Senate District 21

Subject:

Letter of Recommendation for Clint Saiki

Task Force to review "Unfunded Liability" of the State Retirement System

Dear Senator Hee and Senator Shimabukuro,

I understand that a temporary task force is being assembled to look at various issues including the "unfunded liability" of the State Retirement System – Employers Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) and to review potential legislation to address this problem.

Since well before I assumed the position of Kaua'i County Engineer in December of 2010, Mr. Clint Saiki held the position of Fiscal Officer of the Department of Public Works until his retirement in December 2012. Mr. Saiki's understanding of government budgeting and financing rules and protocol was invaluable to the Department in managing its fiscal affairs. His reputation at the County of Kaua'i was such that his counsel was often sought by other Departments and the Mayor in how to best tackle financial challenges.

Please accept my unqualified recommendation for Mr. Saiki to serve on your task force. He will undoubtedly be a strong asset for the State of Hawai'i there.

Please contact me at (808) 241-4996 if you have any questions.

Aloha,

Larry Will, P.E. County Engineer

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HON. CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR
SENATE JUDICIARY & LABOR COMMITTEE
[via email JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Re: Task Force - State Retirement System - EUTF Recommendation of Mr. Clint Saiki

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Mr. Clint Saiki based on our business, professional and personal association over the past several years. Mr. Saiki has been nominated to serve on the above-referenced Task Force. I believe that Mr. Saiki would be a valuable contributing task force member examining issues relating to the State Retirement System - EUTF.

I was born and raised on Kauai and am an attorney in private practice in Lihue, Kauai. I have been practicing law for over 30 years and have served on a number of nonprofit boards and on governmental boards and commissions. I have known Mr. Saiki for over 30 years both on a professional and personal basis.

Mr. Saiki was formerly employed by the Public Works Dept. of the County of Kauai and is currently retired. He is active in community and church activities and can be counted on to volunteer and assist friends and the community. I have found Mr. Saiki to be honest and straightforward in his approach to his work, business, friends, and family.

I served with Mr. Saiki as a director on the Board of Directors for Community Financial Services Group, LLC, a nonprofit organization which provides financial services and products to credit union members. As part of our duties, we reviewed the organizations's financial records and reportings. Mr. Saiki's accounting background was invaluable in reviewing and analyzing the financial statements and records. Mr. Saiki was already a Board member for many years before I was appointed and his insight and questions to management during Board meetings helped me to better understand the operations of the organization. I am confident that Mr. Saiki can bring the same expertise and knowledge as a member of the task force examining issues relating to the State Retirement - EUTF.

Yours very truly,

Sterman Stiraishi SHERMAN SHIRAISHI October 31, 2013 Ju Frigillana 94-406 Keaoopua St #48A Mililani, Hi 96789

Re: OPPOSITION TO SB I

Dear Honorable Chair Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees,

I have the privilege of serving and working with communities, non-profits, schools, families and individuals with varying needs, statuses, and back grounds to make a positive impact for today and our future generation. We are so fortunate to live in a State that is full of aloha, full of breath, accepting of all cultures, nationalities, and traditions with strong foundations of good morals, freedom, conscience, faith, hard work, and family. However, I fear today we stand so close in breaking, weakening and losing our identity, our uniqueness, our strength, and our values that makes this State so beautiful.

Opposing to SBI is not about rejection or religion but about protection. Protecting the Aloha; the foundation of Hawaii, and continuing to build upon what is right, what is true, and what is sacred.

Please give this bill the due process it needs in a regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined. Please allow the people of Hawaii to let their voices be heard as you have back in 1998 and not allow this very important matter to be decided in this special session.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely yours,

Ju Frigillana

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