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### March 15, 2010

## TESTIMONY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

# GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 352 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **MICHAEL TRESLER**, CPA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2011

The State Department of Transportation **strongly supports** the confirmation of Mr. Michael Tresler to the Commission on Transportation (COT).

Mr. Tresler brings an extensive background of training, knowledge and work experiences in financial administration and management both in the private and public sectors. As Senior Vice President of Grove Farm Company, he is in an executive management position in a progressive community and economic firm. Mr. Tresler also served as the Director of Finance for the County of Kauai and prior to that, served in a similar capacity for the American Heart Association. Additionally, he was the Operations Manager for Robert's Hawaii Inc. on the Big Island and is a Certified Public Accountant.

With his extensive background and experiences, Mr. Tresler will provide an added dimension to the COT from a financial and organizational infrastructure perspective. Also, having been active in both the private and public sectors, he will be able to provide a balanced perspective on the many issues dealing with transportation. Mr. Tresler will be a valuable asset to the COT.

The Department of Transportation respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Mr. Michael Tresler to the COT.

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## TO: THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair The Honorable Committee Members

## RE: Supporting Testimony:

GM No. 352 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Transportation, **Gubernatorial Nominee**, **Michael Tresler**, for a term to expire 6/30/2011 (Hearing scheduled for March 15, 2010, 1:20pm)

Aloha!

I am most pleased to provide supporting testimony towards the confirmation of Michael Tresler, based on personal observations and the opportunity of working directly with him.

There is no question that Michael Tresler will fulfill all of his duties and responsibilities as a member of the Commission on Transportation because he has more than excelled in life--the result of maximum, one-hundred percent effort in everything that he does.

His "give everything you got" attitude was clearly demonstrated on the football field at Kauai High School and the University of Hawaii as a starring defensive back, a feat made more exceptional because of his size.

His application for, appointment to and performance in the position of Director of Finance for the County of Kauai are "story-book" examples of his strong character and success. It was primarily because of these notable accomplishments that he was offered his current position of vice-president at Grove Farm Company.

His commitment to duty, to the community and its future are clearly indicated by his active leadership roles in business organizations and as an assistant football coach at Kauai High School.

Having had the privilege of working directly with Mike Tresler on several important issues over the past five years, including renewable energy and educational projects, I can personally attest to his capabilities, as well as his respect for and willingness to work with and through others.

He will perform well as a member of the Commission on Transportation and is most deserving of your favorable consideration.

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### TESTIMONY OF Joel K. Matsunaga Chief Operating Officer & Executive Vice President Hawaii BioEnergy, LLC 737 Bishop Street, Suite 1860, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

# TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE Regular Session of 2010

#### Monday, March 15, 2010 1:20 p.m.

#### TO THE HONORABLE KALANI ENGLISH, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

GM No. 352 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Michael Tresler, for a term to expire 6/30/2011

I am pleased to offer testimony <u>in support</u> of the nomination of Michael Tresler to serve on the Commission on Transportation.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Mr. Tresler over the past three years on various projects relating to renewable energy on Kauai and throughout the State of Hawaii. During that period of time, I have been able to observe first hand his deep commitment to the State and his willingness to involve himself in public service. He has demonstrated strong intellect, leadership and analytical abilities; as well as the ability to listen, be open-minded and work well with others.

Having served myself on government boards, I am confident that Mr. Tresler will be an involved and strong contributor to the Commission on Transportation. He will bring his approach of reaching out to the community, engaging in open discussion and looking out for the interests of Hawaii's residents in fulfilling his role on the Commission.

I respectfully request that you confirm Mr. Tresler for the Commission on Transportation and thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.

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Comments:

I have known Mike Tressler for over 15 years both personally and professionally. I believe his strong moral character and professional abilities make him unquestionably qualified to serve on the Commission on Transportation. Thank you.

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