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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 593
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
SHAWN M. SMITH, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The State Department of Transportation strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Shawn M. Smith to the Commission on Transportation. Mr. Smith is currently the General Manager and Director of Operations for Falko Partners, LLC on Kauai.

Mr. Smith brings a diversity of knowledge and insights based on his employment history. In his current position with Falko Partners he is responsible for a multitude of activities that entails managing the work of planners, engineers, attorneys and field crews. He is involved in community relations, was the director of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce, and has worked with a number of Federal, State, and County agencies including the Departments of Transportation, Land and Natural Resources, and Health, to name a few. Mr. Smith has also previously served as an officer in the Patrol and Youth Service Divisions of the Kauai Police Department.

With his extensive background and experiences, Mr. Smith would be a welcome addition to the Commission. His familiarity and hands on experience of having managed and worked with planners, engineers, attorneys and field crews and various government agencies will enable him to provided valuable insights and counsel on the issues relative to transportation.

The Department of Transportation respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Mr. Shawn M. Smith to the Commission on Transportation.