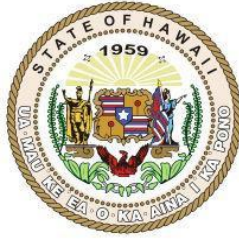


GM1522

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU, HAWAII

David Y. Ige
Governor

Testimony on GM 522
Confirmation of Ford Fuchigami
Director, Department of Transportation

Governor David Y. Ige

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 24, 2015
2:45 p.m., Room 229

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). Ford Fuchigami was the interim director of the Department of Transportation in May of 2014, then was appointed in October of 2014 by Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell to lead the city's Department of Enterprise Services.

On December 1, 2014, Governor David Ige appointed Mr. Fuchigami as director of the state Department of Transportation. Fuchigami is a graduate of Damien Memorial High School and the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Fuchigami has a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and a minor in Communications. He has spent more than 30 years in the hospitality industry and previously led the state's airports system.

This administration is committed to transforming the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I'm confident that Ford Fuchigami will support our employees in the Department of Transportation in this effort. Together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

AND BY RODERICK K. BECKER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

STATE OF HAWAII

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 522

February 24, 2015
2:45 P.M.

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FORD FUCHIGAMI

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

We support the confirmation of Ford Fuchigami to the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

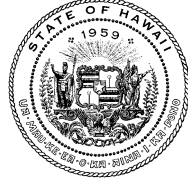
Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We will strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our kupuna, ourselves, and our children.

Mr. Fuchigami is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner. Therefore, we support his confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
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To: The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Time: 2:45 P.M.

Place: Conference Room 229, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: G.M. 522, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Director of the Department of Transportation
Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI
for a term to expire 12-3-2018

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Ford Fuchigami for Director for the Department of Transportation.

I have known Ford Fuchigami for approximately three years. I have worked with Ford when he served as Deputy Director of Airports and later (and currently) as Director for the Department of Transportation. In my former capacity as Deputy Comptroller I worked closely with Ford to ensure that all required financial statements, workpapers and documentation relating to the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) were provided to the auditors and the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) in accordance with the State's required deliverables schedule. For a department as large and as complex as the Department of Transportation, the timely completion and submission of these deliverables for the CAFR is a daunting, time-consuming and a difficult task. Ford worked closely with his staff, DAGS and the auditors to ensure that this was, in fact, accomplished. The State was able to complete its CAFR on time for the first time in a decade due in part to the efforts of Ford and his department.

I urge you to confirm Ford Fuchigami for the nomination of Director for the Department of Transportation.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



JAMES K. NISHIMOTO
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February 23, 2015

TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
For Hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2015
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 229

By

JAMES K. NISHIMOTO
DIRECTOR
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Governor's Message No. 522
Consideration & Confirmation as the Director of the Department of
Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ford Fuchigami

CHAIRPERSON CLARENCE NISHIHARA, VICE CHAIR BREENE HARIMOTO AND
MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION:

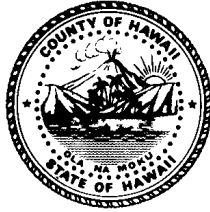
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the confirmation of Ford Fuchigami to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation. I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Fuchigami.

Mr. Fuchigami has had a distinguished career in the private and public sector.

In the short time that I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Fuchigami, I have observed his ability to work collaboratively to identify and resolve complex issues, all the while keeping in mind service to the public.

I am confident that Mr. Fuchigami will serve the administration and the people of the State of Hawai'i in a responsible, professional, respectful and dutiful manner.

William P. Kenoi
Mayor



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February 23, 2015

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha, Chair Nishihara and Committee Members:

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our strong support for the nomination of Ford Fuchigami to serve as Director of the State Department of Transportation. Ford brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from the private sector and state government.

He did a tremendous job as Director of the Department of Transportation and as deputy director, where he oversaw commercial and general aviation airports. Ford was facilitative and collaborative in our work with him on Kona International Airport and other critical transportation projects.

Ford leads with great integrity, and the department will benefit from his hard work, dedication, and experience. We respectfully urge the committee to support his nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

William P. Kenoi
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February 23, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chairman
Senate Committee on Transportation
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St., #204
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI.

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my strongest support for the confirmation of Ford N. Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation.

As is the case with many of you, I had the privilege of sharing a working relationship with Mr. Fuchigami and got to closely observe his humble, but confident demeanor. This is balanced with a substantial and diverse professional background that will remain valuable to the Department of Transportation.

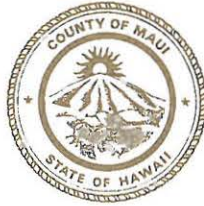
The State of Hawai'i is in a critical position right now to take advantage of the growing demand of re-establishing Kona International Airport as a entry-way for international flights. I believe Governor Ige nominated Mr. Fuchigami because he has the experience and the vision to catapult Hawai'i to a more safe, modern, and efficient era of transportation.

I wholeheartedly support your favorable consideration of Ford N. Fuchigami to remain Director of the Department of Transportation. It would provide a solid sense of continuity for the department when it is needed most. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council Member

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COUNTY OF MAUI – Kalana O Maui

**LETTER OF SUPPORT
ALAN ARAKAWA, MAYOR
COUNTY OF MAUI**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 229

GM 522 RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF FORD FUCHIGAMI AS THE
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice-chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my full **SUPPORT for FORD FUCHIGAMI AS THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION.**

By memorandum dated January 21, 2015 (Gov. Msg. No. 522), David Y. Ige, Governor, submitted for your consideration and confirmation, the nomination of Ford Fuchigami for Director of the Department of Transportation.

As Mayor of the County of Maui, I have had the privilege of working closely with Mr. Fuchigami on a number of highway, harbor, and other projects. In every instance, he has exemplified competence, courtesy and professionalism. My staff has also been working with Mr. Fuchigami and said that he is extremely knowledgeable, articulate, and easy to work with.

For these reasons I fully support Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

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February 23, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 204
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Testimony on Governor's Message 522 Relating to
Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the
Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee,
Ford Fuchigami, for a Term to Expire 12-3-2018.

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) strongly supports the nomination of Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation (HDOT).

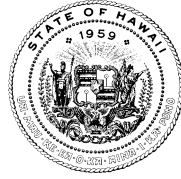
As the Director of DTS since January 2013, I have worked closely with Mr. Fuchigami in varying capacities between his role as Deputy Director of Airports Division and as Acting and Interim Director at HDOT. Mr. Fuchigami shares a collective vision for a robust multi-modal transportation system on Oahu and in Hawaii. He has a "can-do" attitude and has always worked well with DTS to solve transportation issues and problems. In my opinion, Mr. Fuchigami is not only qualified to lead HDOT, but he is the best person and the right leader for the job.

Very truly yours,


Michael D. Formby
Director

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GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII

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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
IN SUPPORT OF

**GM 522, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director
of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee,
FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.**

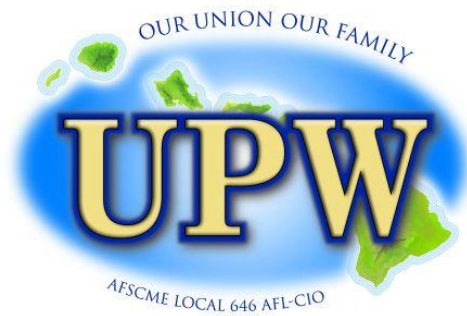
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Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Harimoto, and Members of the
Committee:

It is an honor to provide this testimony in support of Governor
Ige's nomination of Ford Fuchigami to lead the Department of
Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Fuchigami's background and professional credentials,
including decades of experience in the hospitality industry, and his
tenure as the DOT Airport Division Deputy Director and DOT Interim
Director under the previous administration make him well-qualified for
this appointment. His expertise in business development, employee
relations, and operations management are incredible assets for the DOT
as well as the State of Hawaii. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
works frequently with the DOT on a wide-range of projects to improve
traffic flow in and around new and existing homestead communities
statewide. I am confident Mr. Fuchigami will successfully and
effectively carry out the duties and responsibilities of his position
and we look forward to working alongside him for the next four years.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this
nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



THE HAWAII STATE
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature
Regular Session of 2015

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
The Honorable Senator, Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Tuesday, February 24, 2015
TIME OF HEARING: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Conference room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY ON GM522 FOR FORD FUCHIGAMI AS DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION.

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW supports Mr. Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Fuchigami is not a stranger to the Department. He was the Deputy Director of Airports State of Hawaii under Governor Neil Abercrombie. We have had a good working relationship for several years and know him to be an excellent administrator. The UPW requests that the Senate Committee on Transportation consent to his gubernatorial nomination. We are confident that Mr. Fuchigami will continue to meet the challenges of the DOT as he did in the Airports Division.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Mr. Fuchigami.



**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
ON GM 522 RELATING TO SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FORD FUCHIGAMI
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 3, 2018**

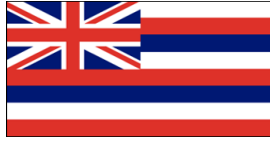
Thank you Chair Nishihara and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association with over 400 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

HTA strongly supports the confirmation of Ford Fuchigami as Director of the State Department of Transportation (DOT)

We have worked directly with Ford on many issues throughout his tenure at the DOT. He has proven to be a caring person who will afford you an opportunity to present differing thoughts and be fair in seeking solutions.

We have had the added opportunity of working with Ford prior to his government service when he was involved with the commercial ground transportation industry. His first hand knowledge of our industry is certainly refreshing and we are very comfortable with his abilities.

Thank you.



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February 21, 2015

Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation
State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM522 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Dear Chairman Espero, Vice Chairman Harimoto and Members of the Committee:

It is a pleasure to speak on behalf of Ford Fuchigami, but he is a known quantity to you and he has already proven himself to be a gifted and talented public servant.

As Deputy Director for the Airports Division of the Department of Transportation he led the action to create a public/private partnership that is now saving the state of Hawaii \$500,000,000.00 in energy costs over a twenty year period. That action alone took courage, skill, diplomatic ability, and leadership seldom seen in the public sector. Taking action and owning it, is a Fuchigami trait. Because he has such ability, he draws other leaders to him. He had earned a position as Director of the Department of Transportation in the previous Administration and those qualities that caused Governor Abercrombie to advance him into the Directorship undoubtedly caused Governor Ige to also choose him as his Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have had a good deal of experience working with Ford, and am always impressed with his intelligence, decency, honesty, work ethic, organizing ability, broad knowledge of Hawaii and all things related to government.

He is an outstanding leader for Hawaii and like others, I have complete confidence in him and hope that you do too.

Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation
February 21, 2015
Page 2 of 2

Please vote to confirm Ford Fuchigami as Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to testify on behalf of a truly great public servant.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Radcliffe
President



February 23, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
and Senate Committee on Transportation
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto and Committee Members:

GM 522—Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the
Director of the Department of Transportation,
Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI,
for a Term to Expire December 3, 2018

It is with great pleasure that I submit my testimony in support of Mr. Fuchigami's appointment.

In his time serving as Deputy Director and Acting Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation ("DOT"), Mr. Fuchigami has demonstrated a thorough knowledge of a wide variety of transportation issues and has been highly effective in his management of this complex department. I have found him to be an effective advocate and communicator for DOT's positions on a wide variety of issues including overseeing its extensive capital improvement programs as well as its operational management. He has displayed the ability to build consensus and coordinate across Federal, State and County jurisdictions and to effectively work with private sector partners in the best interest of the State. These qualities will continue to be a tremendous asset to DOT as he oversees all aspects of our vital highways, harbors and airports systems.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephen H. Kelly
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February 23, 2015

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
For Hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2014, at 2:45 p.m., in Room 229

RE: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 522
CONFIRMATION OF MR. FORD FUCHIGAMI TO DIRECTOR OF
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Honorable Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Committee Members,

The **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186** represents over 3,400 members working in electrical construction, telecommunications, and with Oceanic Cable. Our members include civil service employees at Pearl Harbor, Kaneohe, Hickam, and military installations throughout Hawaii. IBEW Local 1186 also represents over 110 signatory electrical contracting companies that perform most of the electrical work in the state.

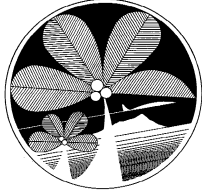
We strongly support Governor Ige's nomination of Mr. Ford Fuchigami to Director of the State Department of Transportation. Mr. Fuchigami has gained a wide range of experience in the construction industry in Hawaii, especially with employee relations and operations management. Mr. Fuchigami has worked on a variety of large transportation projects such as at the airports, and has earned the respect of numerous general contractors and subcontractors in the trades.

Thank you for providing us with this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of GM 522. We urge your Committee to advise and consent to Mr. Ford Fuchigami's nomination for full confirmation by the Senate.

Mahalo and aloha,

Damien Kim
Business Manager – Financial Secretary
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Electrical Workers, Local Union 1186

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 24, 2015

GM 522 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018 – In Strong Support

Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

The Airlines Committee of Hawaii (ACH) is a not-for-profit corporation whose origins date back to the early-1960s. The ACH was formed to provide local representation of all member airlines serving Hawaii; currently, the ACH is comprised of 20 signatory airlines* serving Hawaii that underwrite the State of Hawaii Airports System.

The ACH appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of the nomination of Ford Fuchigami to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation. The ACH has had the pleasure of working with Mr. Fuchigami over the past four years in his capacity as Deputy Director–Airports Division and Interim Director of Transportation for the State of Hawaii.

When Mr. Fuchigami was first appointed in 2011, he demonstrated the ability to swiftly grasp complex airport and airline issues, strategically assess problems and identify solutions, and quickly implement decisions. Just as important, Mr. Fuchigami also displayed exceptional leadership, due to his collaborative management style which has enabled him to earn the trust and respect of his colleagues and staff.

As such, the ACH strongly supports Mr. Fuchigami’s appointment to become Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for considering the views of the 20 members of the Airlines Committee of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Blaine Miyasato
ACH Co-chair

Matthew Shelby
ACH Co-chair

**ACH members are Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Alaska Airlines, All Nippon Airways/Air Japan, Aloha Air Cargo, American Airlines, China Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Federal Express, Fiji Airways, Hawaiian Airlines, Island Air, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Philippine Airlines, Qantas Airways, United Airlines, United Parcel Service, US Airways, and Westjet.*



HAWAII LODGING & TOURISM
ASSOCIATION

Testimony of George Szigeti
President & CEO

HAWAII LODGING & TOURISM ASSOCIATION
Senate Committee on Transportation
Hearing on February 24, 2015, 2:45 P.M.

GM 522 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee. My name is George Szigeti and I am the President and CEO of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association (HLTA) is a statewide association of hotels, condominiums, timeshare companies, management firms, suppliers, and other related firms that benefit from and strengthen Hawai'i's visitor industry. Our membership includes over 150 lodging properties, representing over 50,000 rooms, and over 400 other Allied members. The visitor industry was responsible for generating \$14.9 billion in visitor spending in 2014 and supported 170,000 jobs statewide – we represent one of Hawai'i's largest industries and a critical sector of the economy.

On behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, I respectfully submit this testimony in **SUPPORT** of the nomination of Mr. Ford Fuchigami and ask that you confirm his nomination as Director of the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation.

Serving as the former interim director of the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation, as well as the deputy director where he overlooked the State's 15 commercial and general aviation airports, Ford Fuchigami has proven that he possesses the capabilities to serve as a very capable Director.

Through his tenure as the chief executive of our State's airport system we have witnessed growth and expansion as he played a large role in bringing in new airlines and direct routes to Hawai'i. As the interim Director of the Department of Transportation Ford was tasked with overlooking the full scale of Hawai'i's transportation network, where he showed the capability to thrive in the position. Ford's skillset, dedication and leadership warrant our support in his confirmation to Directorship as we are confident he will drive our State's transportation projects in a new and positive direction.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Testimony of Vic Angoco, Sr. VP – Pacific Division, Matson, Inc.

In regards to GM 522 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI

On February 24, 2015, before the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Transportation

Chair Nishihara and respective committee members,

It is my privilege to submit my testimony **in support** of the nomination of Ford Fuchigami for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Fuchigami has been a firm, but fair leader since taking the position of acting Director last year. His steady demeanor and sound decision making has led to breakthroughs on issues that were at an impasse for years. For instance, pushing through the EIS for the Kapalama Military Reserve, as well as facilitating a conciliation between airport and harbor users on increased crane heights will allow over a billion dollars of approved, but long stalled, project work to now get started.

His reasoned approach in explaining why and how the Department makes its decisions has made for a trusting relationship with industry which in turn has created a fluid and progressive channel for a myriad of DOT projects to move.

I would humbly, and strongly, suggest that the Hawaii State Senate confirm Ford Fuchigami for the Director of the Department of Transportation. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony on behalf of Matson, Inc.

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February 23, 2015

To: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Transportation Committee

From: Harris Chan
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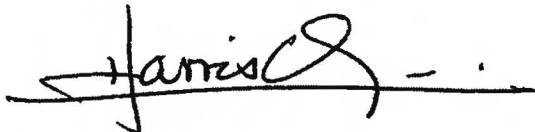
Re: Testimony in **support** of confirmation of Ford Fuchigami as
Director of the Department of Transportation

I am in favor of confirmation for Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have known Ford for over 20 years and we worked together at our Sheraton hotels in Waikiki. Ford is a strong leader, caring for his people, hardworking and delivers results.

He has proven himself as Deputy Director and Interim Director; therefore, I respectfully request that you confirm Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mahalo,

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HAWAII CARPENTERS APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING FUND

February 23, 2015

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 522
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of
Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ford Fuchigami

Tuesday, February 24, 2015
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 229, State Capitol

Dear Chair Nishihara and Committee Members:


Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Ford Fuchigami, for the position as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

For more than 10 years, I've had the privilege of working with Ford, on a number of projects in the private and public sector and I've found him to be professional, perceptive and diligent, with the rare ability to bring mutual consensus to all parties involved.

Ford comes to this position having served as the Acting Director, Department of Enterprise Services, City and County of Honolulu; Interim Director, Hawaii State Department of Transportation; Deputy Director, Airports Division; as well as numerous leadership positions in the private sector. His character, integrity and dedication, clearly demonstrates his strong commitment to public service. Ford's leadership style and acute acumen on the complexities facing the state, will bring a fresh perspective to the ongoing challenges.

I humbly ask that you support the confirmation of Ford Fuchigami, as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,


Edmund Aczon
Executive Director

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THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 522: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Testimony in Strong Support

By

Glenn Hong and Roy Catalani
Young Brothers, Limited

February 24, 2015, Conference Room 229

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 522 submitting Governor Ige's nomination of **Ford Fuchigami** for the **Director of the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation** (the *DOT* or the *Department*). On behalf of Young Brothers, Limited, **we submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. Fuchigami's nomination.**

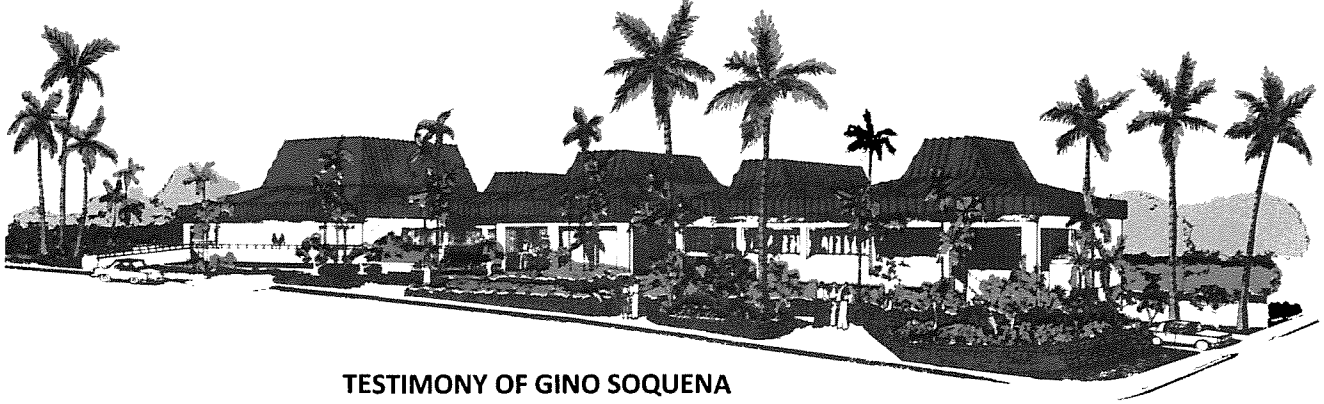
The DOT oversees the State's transportation infrastructure, a comprehensive system vital to the economic health of Hawai'i. As a water carrier, Young Brothers relies on the Department to ensure that harbor facilities adequately support its cargo transportation mission. In his tenure as interim Director of the Department last year and since his return to the job, Mr. Fuchigami has reinvigorated harbor-related capital projects crucial to sustain current cargo flow and to prepare us for meeting future demand.

Mr. Fuchigami has a distinguished background with the DOT and extensive experience in operations management. Prior to his appointment as interim director of the Department, he led the State's airport system for three years and was widely acknowledged for his leadership. In addition, with three decades in the hospitality industry, he also brings to public service an extensive understanding of operations management, employee relations, and customer satisfaction. Mr. Fuchigami holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Hawaii.

We believe Mr. Fuchigami has brought and will continue to bring energetic and strategic leadership to the DOT. Young Brothers offers its strong support of his nomination as Director of the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation.



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TESTIMONY OF GINO SOQUENA GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA LOCAL 368

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2015
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PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY ON CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FORD FUCHIGAMI, AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR, THE HONORABLE BREENE HARIMOTO, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of **GM522**.

My name is Gino Soquena, and I am the Government and Community Relations Director for the Laborers' International Union of North America Local 368, which represents almost 5,000 members throughout the State of Hawaii.

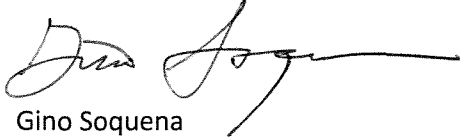
We strongly support the nomination of Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

As the former Interim Director of the Department of Transportation and years of experience as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation Airports Division, Mr. Fuchigami has the knowledge and the experience to be the Director of the Department of Transportation.

With his impressive professional experience with the Department of Transportation, we find that Mr. Fuchigami is eminently qualified to serve as Director of the Department of Transportation.

On behalf of the members of the Laborers' International Union of North America Local 368, we respectfully request your committee's **favorable** consideration for the nomination of Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gino Soquena", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gino Soquena
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TESTIMONY BY CLYDE T. HAYASHI
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TESTIMONY ON GM 522

TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR, BREENE HARIMOTO, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368, and its 250+ unionized contractors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** for GM 522, which submits for consideration and confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, as the Director of the Department of Transportation, for a term to expire on 12-03-2018.

As the former Director for the State Department of Transportation (DOT) and previously the DOT Deputy Director for Airports, Mr. Fuchigami has done an excellent job improving the quality of work and performance of the Department. As the DOT Deputy Director for Airports, Mr. Fuchigami worked tirelessly to improve the state's commercial and general aviation airports, as well as brought in new airlines and routes to Hawaii, which is vital to the health of the State's number one economic driver, tourism.

Having known and worked with Mr. Fuchigami directly on projects over the years, I can attest that he is a man of exceptional character and integrity. His congenial personality makes it a pleasure to work with him. His honesty and sincerity made it easy for him to cultivate positive relationships with numerous legislators, public officials and private



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businesses. In addition, Mr. Fuchigami's astute knowledge of the issues facing the DOT, his stellar administrative expertise and his experience working for the Department previously will all contribute to his success in overseeing the Department of Transportation.

I strongly believe Mr. Fuchigami will continue to be an outstanding Director for the Department of Transportation. His political and government experience is invaluable, his knowledge of the issues affecting the DOT is priceless and his ability to cultivate positive working relationships with legislators, businesses and the general public will prove to be a significant asset to the Department.

For these reasons, I humbly ask for your **SUPPORT** of Ford Fuchigami as Director for the Department of Transportation.

HAWAII PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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February 23, 2015

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

2:45 PM

Conference Room 229

TESTIMONY OF HAWAII PILOTS ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF GM 522

Confirmation of Ford Fuchigami as Director of Transportation

Honorable Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Pilots Association (HPA) supports the confirmation of Mr. Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation.

During Mr. Fuchigami's time as interim Director of Transportation last year, he demonstrated a deep commitment to tackling the various issues confronting Hawaii's commercial harbors. He immediately recognized that the harbors are at or very close to their operational capacity, and that the need for infrastructure improvements such as the Kapalama Container Terminal, Hilo Pier 4 construction and the Honolulu Pier 32 renovation is urgent. Mr. Fuchigami successfully engaged with harbor users and with Harbors Division staff to ensure that the work on these projects proceeds in a timely manner. He is well qualified and is the right person to serve in this position.

Therefore, we request your committee's favorable consideration to confirm Mr. Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Captain Thomas Heberle, President
Hawaii Pilots Association



HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

February 23, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair,
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

Governor's Message 522

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the
Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ford Fuchigami

Tuesday, February 24, 2015
2:45 p.m., Room 229, State Capitol

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the committee,

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, which represents 6,000 carpenters and drywall installers in the state, **supports the nomination of Ford Fuchigami for director of the Department of Transportation.** Mr. Fuchigami has proven leadership abilities and extensive experience in business development and operations.

Mr. Fuchigami spent 34 years in the hospitality industry before joining the state as deputy director of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Airports Division in 2011. As deputy director, he managed the state's 15 airports, an operating and maintenance budget of \$488 million, and a staff of 1,200. He also initiated the advancement of the \$2.7 billion Airport Modernization Plan, implemented the largest Energy Savings Performance Contract in the United States, and restructured loans to provide increased debt capacity for future capital improvement projects and programs.

In May 2014, Mr. Fuchigami was appointed as DOT interim director. He later transitioned to the City and County of Honolulu to serve as the acting director of the Department of Enterprise Services.

His experience in the city and state will be valuable as he fosters a working relationship between both entities on major projects, such as rail transit and road improvements.

For the reasons mentioned, the Regional Council humbly requests your committee's favorable consideration to confirm Mr. Ford Fuchigami as director of the Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Ronald I. Taketa
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February 23, 2015

Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
And members of the Committee on Transportation
415 South Beretania Street, Room 204
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Governor's Message 522 relating to the Appointment of Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation

Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee,

My name is Kimberly Ribellia, Government Liaison, of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF), a labor management fund representing 4000 unionized members in heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction.

HOEISF would like to submit its strong support of the Governor's appointment of Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Fuchigami has been an asset to the Department of Transportation since joining the department in 2010. With Mr. Fuchigami extensive experience in business development, employee relations and operation management, he has demonstrated to be a strong leader. He is willing to work with all parties to gain consensus and support which allows the department to move forward on much needed capital improvement projects. We look forward to working with Mr. Fuchigami especially on the repairs and modernization of airports and harbors and the rehabilitation of highways and roads.

HOEISF is in strong support of Mr. Fuchigami's nomination as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in this matter.

Sincerely,

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February 24, 2015

TO: HONORABLE CLARENCE NISHIHARA, CHAIR, HONORABLE BREENE HARIMOTO, VICE CHAIR, SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF GM 522: For consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.**

Hearing

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2015
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of over hundred five hundred eighty (580) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

GCA supports Governor's Message 522 and nomination of Ford Fuchigami to serve as Director for the Department of Transportation ("Department"). Mr. Fuchigami served as Interim Director of Transportation during 2014 and was exemplary in leading the Department's over 3,500 staff while overseeing various divisions, including Highways, Airports and Harbors. His prior service as Deputy Director of the Airports Division proved he was capable of oversight and management of one of the most important divisions of the Department - the Airports Division, which continued construction of Honolulu International Airport's Modernization Plan and increased efficiency in financing and budget oversight. Mr. Fuchigami's private industry experience coupled with his dedication and service to the Department makes him a qualified candidate for Director of the Department.

The Department's jurisdiction is widespread and has oversight over eleven commercial service airports; four general aviation airports; ten harbors; and 2,450 lane miles of highway. GCA continues to work with the Department on ways to improve the procurement of public works construction and believes Mr. Fuchigami will play an important role in the leadership of the Department.

GCA supports Governor's Message 522 and requests the consent of this Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to share our support.



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Senator Clarence K Nishihara, Chair

2/24/2015
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GM 522
Ford Fuchigami
Confirmation Hearing for DOT Director

Chair Nishihara and Members of this Committee, my name is Max Sword, here on behalf of Outrigger Enterprises in support of Ford Fuchigami for the position of State of Hawaii Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

I have known Ford for a number of years while working with him on issues that affect the tourism industry. He is easy to work with and is forthright in being truthful about resolving an issue. On difficult issues, he is not afraid to trying various solutions to address a problem and was willing to work collaboratly to find a solution.

We believe that he will make a fine Director and we look forward to working with him again, to work on issues that affect the tourism industry.

We thank you for allowing us to testify and urge your confirmation of Ford for the DOT Director.

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Transportation Tuesday, February 24, 2015 2:45 p.m. State Capitol - Conference Room 229

RE: Governor's Messeges 522, Consideration and Confirmation to the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI

Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Harimoto, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Chief Executive Officer for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **supports** G.M. 522, for the consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Fuchigami has an extensive and successful career serving the residents of the State of Hawaii. Most recently, he served as Acting Director of the Department of Enterprise Services (DES), from November 2014 to present. Prior to that, he served as Interim Director for the State Department of Transportation (DOT) from May to October 2014, and Deputy Director of the Airports Division from 2011 to 2014. He garnered non-government experience as a Hospitality/Healthcare Consultant for Standard Textile Company from 2009 to 2010, and while at Encompass Group LLC from 2001 to 2009. Finally, Mr. Fuchigami has also held several Director/Manager positions for companies such as United Laundry Services and Sheraton Hotels Hawaii between 1976 to 2001.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our **support** for Ford Fuchigami as Director of the DOT.

23 February 2015

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Conference Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 522
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of The Department of
Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ford Fuchigami, for a term to expire 12-3-2018

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto and Committee Members:

It is with great pleasure that I respectfully submit written testimony in support of Mr. Ford Fuchigami for confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Fuchigami during his tenure as Deputy Director of Airports and Interim Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Fuchigami's professionalism and style is probably best exemplified by the respect and high regard for him among the airport staff and consultants. His management skills and ethics are exemplary, and in this regard, he is the most qualified candidate for this demanding position.

The State of Hawai'i will be fortunate to have Ford Fuchigami leading the Department of Transportation.

We look forward to Mr. Fuchigami's continued leadership if confirmed and strongly feel he is a distinguished gentleman with qualifications of the highest caliber and utmost character. I am honored to testify to support the confirmation of Mr. Ford Fuchigami for the Directorship of the Department of Transportation.

Yours truly,
KYA Design Group, Inc.



Carol M. Torigoe, AIA, LEED AP BD+C
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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 522

Senate Committee on Transportation
Feb. 24, 2015, 2:45 p.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 229

To: Sen. Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair and Sen. Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Committee Members: Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Sen. J. Kalani English, Sen. Will Espero,
Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League

Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of
Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

My name is Jake Manegdeg. As vice president of the Filipino American Citizens League, I am very proud to strongly support Governor David Ige's nomination of Mr. Ford Fuchigami as the Director to the State Department of Transportation. The League was formed over ten years ago to contribute to the advancement of civil rights and social justice for minority groups, underserved populations, and vulnerable communities through education, advocacy, and social action.

I commend Governor Ige for recognizing the talent, expertise, and track record of accountability in nominating Mr. Fuchigami, who has developed strategic partnerships that are critical for Hawai'i's transportation system. Mr. Fuchigami is already doing an excellent job and should continue to serve the public. Because of his humility, hard work, and high personal integrity, Mr. Fuchigami has earned my utmost respect.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to support Governor Ige's nomination of Mr. Fuchigami.

Sincerely,

Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League



TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 522

Senate Committee on Transportation

Feb. 24, 2015, 2:45 p.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 229

To: Sen. Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair and Sen. Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Committee Members: Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Sen. J. Kalani English,
Sen. Will Espero, Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Sen. Michelle N. Kidani,
Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Rouel Velasco, Chair, National Federation of Filipino American Associations Region 12

Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

My name is Rouel Velasco, Chair, NaFFAA Region 12, which strongly supports the confirmation of Gov. David Ige's nomination of Mr. Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation for the State of Hawai'i.

NaFFAA Region 12 represents the interests of Filipinos in Hawai'i, Guam, and the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands. We are an affiliate of the National NaFFAA. Washington policy-makers, private industry and national advocacy groups recognize NaFFAA as the Voice of Filipinos and Filipino Americans throughout the United States. We are a non-partisan, non-profit national affiliation of more than five hundred Filipino-American institutions and umbrella organizations that span twelve regions throughout the continental United States and U.S. Pacific territories.

NaFFAA Region 12 is confident that Mr. Fuchigami has demonstrated his excellent ability to oversee the State Department of Transportation and all of its multi-faceted functions, personnel, and fiduciary responsibilities. I was very glad to see that Governor Ige nominated Mr. Fuchigami to be a part of his esteemed Cabinet of great leaders.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our strong support for Mr. Fuchigami's confirmation.

Sincerely,

Rouel Velasco, Chair, NaFFAA Region 12



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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 522

Senate Committee on Transportation

Feb. 24, 2015, 2:45 p.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 229

To: Sen. Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair and Sen. Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Committee Members: Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Sen. J. Kalani English,
Sen. Will Espero, Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Sen. Michelle N. Kidani,
Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Beatrice Ramos-Razon, President, Nursing Advocates and Mentors Inc.

Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

My name is Beatrice Ramos-Razon. As the founder and president of NAMI (Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.), I am proud to submit our strong support for Gov. David Ige's nomination of Mr. Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

NAMI's membership is comprised of over 75 volunteer nurses, instructors, allied health care professionals, and Filipino leaders, who are dedicated to improve the health of Hawai'i's people through education, mentoring, advocacy and service.

Transportation is essential to the sustained recovery of Hawai'i's economy. Transportation is also integral to the growth of jobs for our young people seeking to make a difference and earning a living in their island home. NAMI believes that Mr. Fuchigami has shown his leadership in bringing key partners to the table for important collaborations that are on track to save Dept. of Transportation millions of dollars and set up major financing to execute the Department's strategic initiatives. We are in full support of Governor Ige's priorities for Hawai'i's transportation needs, with his nominee, Mr. Ford Fuchigami. Thank you for the opportunity to offer our testimony, and for your consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Ramos-Razon, RN, FACDONA
President, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc.

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April 24, 2015

Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Committee on Transportation
Senate
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Honorable Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

Re: Support for Ford Fuchigami – GM522 Director of Transportation

We would like to state we are in strong support of Mr. Ford Fuchigami to be the Director of the Department of Transportation.

We know Mr. Fuchigami both professionally and personally and we can say that he is truly a man of honor, integrity and compassion. Professionally, Ford has been at the forefront of major events including the recent APEC convention in Hawaii. He ensured that the visitors were provided the utmost service and care during their stay. He additionally, relayed the meaning of Hawaii to them to allow them to testify to others about having their functions or vacation in our State.

Ford has always been part of the community. His dedication to Hawaii can be seen through his leadership in various organizations. He truly believes that we must assist and better Hawaii for our future.

We strongly support Ford Fuchigami to be the Director of the Department of Transportation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 24, 2015
2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

GM522

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Chair Nishihara and Vice Chair Harimoto,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ford Fuchigami's nomination as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

My name is Karey Kapoi, and I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Fuchigami on a number of projects over the last five (5) years both as a private citizen and as the Deputy Director of Transportation, overseeing the State's Airports.

In every instance, Mr. Fuchigami demonstrated a style of leadership rarely seen today. He is at all times fair, objective, responsible and committed to the betterment of our State. Mr. Fuchigami represents the type of leader we should all strive to be, and I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to work and learn from him. Through these traits, and his proven work ethic, I am confident that he is the right person to tackle the complexities of our State's modes of transportation.

Please allow Mr. Fuchigami to continue to the great work he has started under the previous Governor, and allow our State's citizen's to benefit from this amazing leader!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Fuchigami's nomination for Director of the Department of Transportation.

With Aloha,

Karey Kapoi

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Cc: owen@hawaii.edu
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GM522

Submitted on: 2/20/2015

Testimony for TRA on Feb 24, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Owen Miyamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am testifying in support for the appointment of Ford Fuchigami as Director of Transportation. I first met Mr. Fuchigami when he was appointed Deputy Director for Airports. He was open to receive recommendations for improvement of the State Airport System and was always willing to engage the public in discussion of airport activities. Subsequently when he was the Interim Director of Transportation he displayed the same openness from his time at the Airports Division. I recommend your approval of his selection to fill the position of Director of Transportation.

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Lon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Ford Fuchigami as the Director of Transportation.

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Gary J. North	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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From: [Dennis Neves](#)
To: [TRA Testimony](#)
Subject: Ford Fuchigami - Nominee for Director Of Transportation
Date: Friday, February 20, 2015 5:00:21 PM

Senate Transportation Committee
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Transportation Chair

Senator Nishihira<

I strongly support Governor Ige's nomination of Ford Fuchigami as Hawaii's Director of Transportation and I urge confirmation of the appointment.

I have known Ford since I started with the Department of Transportation - Airports Division as the Kauai Airports District Manager in June of 2012. One of my main reasons coming to work for the state was to work under the tutelage of Ford. I was impressed and inspired by his actions, coming from the hotel industry and applying his skills to the most important entity that fuels our economy, the airport system.

Ford is also a statesman and effectively collaborates with all agencies of the federal government to insure the airports provide a quality product. His style of management plays towards my belief that all employees are important to our success.

Ford trusts us as managers, supports our decisions and provides excellent guidance. Ford is truly a public servant that works tireless hours to insure the integrity of the system and quality of the product to the greater public interest.

I am proud to work for a man of great integrity and I support his nomination for Director of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Neves
Kauai Airports District Manager

From: [Kekoa Kaluhiwa](#)
To: [TRA Testimony](#)
Subject: GM 522 re: Gubernatorial Nominee Ford Fuchigami
Date: Friday, February 20, 2015 10:58:19 PM

Re: GM 522 Gubernatorial Nominee Ford Fuchigami for Director of Department of Transportation

February 24, 2015 2:45 p.m.

Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Committee on Transportation,

I write to you in **STRONG SUPPORT** of gubernatorial nominee Ford Fuchigami for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

As a former business development consultant for Hawaii's maritime community, I had the privilege of working with and getting to know Ford on a personal level. I have found him to be of high integrity, a problem solver, and a true advocate for collaboration between government and the private sector. His willingness to actively engage with the local maritime community has fostered a sense of trust and competency that is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Fuchigami is a great public servant. I sincerely hope you confirm his nomination for the benefit of our entire state of Hawai'i who will benefit from his leadership.

Mahalo,
Kekoa Kaluhiwa

Testimony of
Jon Okudara
on
GM 522
Nominating Ford Fuchigami
Director, Department of Transportation

I strongly support the nomination of Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Ford has the aptitude, vision, and skill to implement the actions and programs necessary to optimize and maximize the utilization of the Department's facilities and resources for the benefit of the State of Hawaii. He has the energy to deal with the complexities of issues that will emanate from the airports, harbors, and highways.

Your decision to confirm Ford Fuchigame will not be a bad one.

**Testimony of
Gary M. Slovin / Mihoko E. Ito**

DATE: February 23, 2015

TO: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair, Committee on Transportation
Submitted Via TRAtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: **GM 522 – Confirmation as the Director of Transportation, Gubernatorial
Nominee, Ford Fuchigami
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room: 229**

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

We submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Mr. Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the Department of Transportation. Over the past several years, we have worked very closely with Mr. Fuchigami while he was both a deputy and the director of the department on behalf of several of our clients on legislative and other issues.

On all the occasions we worked with Mr. Fuchigami, he was consistently open to discussion, always thoughtful and innovative in his approach to working on issues with the private sector. He has truly been a pleasure to work with and sets the bar for the leadership qualities that a director should have. We would recommend him without any hesitation to be the Director of Transportation. His conduct inspires confidence in government. His talents and experience make him the perfect choice to meet the challenges the department faces today and will face over the next several years.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Gary M. Slovin
Mihoko E. Ito

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February 24, 2015

To: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair — Senate Committee on
Transportation; Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair, and members of the
Committee

From: Arkie Koehl

Re: GM 522 – Director of D.O.T.

I would like to urge the Committee to recommend the confirmation of Ford Fuchigami as DOT Director.

During the period of time I have had the privilege to work with Mr. Fuchigami in his capacity as Chairman of Hawaii's Impaired Driving Task Force, I have been impressed with the depth of his knowledge of, and commitment to, the cause of reducing impaired driving in our community.

As a member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii (MADD, I look forward to continuing our excellent collaboration in the successor body to the Task Force.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Fuchigami.

From: [Roy Sakata](#)
To: [TRA Testimony](#)
Subject: TESTIMONY for MR. FORD FUCHIGAMI
Date: Sunday, February 22, 2015 9:53:40 PM

Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

ALOHA Chair Nishihara and Committee members,

Please accept this testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of the nomination of Mr. Ford Fuchigami as the State's Director of Transportation.

Mr. Fuchigami is a proven asset to the State of Hawaii. His past performance within the Department of Transportation as the Deputy Director for Airports and later as the Interim Director gives him the valuable experience needed to accelerate and guide the Department in the coming years.

As the Deputy Director for Airports, he has been able to lead the Division into its massive statewide Airport Modernization program. He has clearly demonstrated his unique ability to instill a spirit of cooperation from all who has worked with him. He has earned tremendous respect from ALL of the representatives of the airports stakeholders; all entities to include federal agencies, other state agencies, the airlines and the private sector.

During the transition period of the new Administration within the State, Mr. Ford Fuchigami's high value as an experienced public service senior manager was proven by his temporary hiatus as an appointed DIRECTOR as a member of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu's senior management team. To the benefit of the citizens of the State of Hawaii, he is now under consideration as the gubernatorial nominee as its DIRECTOR of TRANSPORTATION.

I urge all of you to accept, via the confirmation of Mr. Ford Fuchigami's nomination as the DIRECTOR of TRANSPORTATION. He will not fail you.

Sincerely,

Roy K. Sakata
Oahu Airports District Manager

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AIRPORTS DIVISION
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

CHAUNCEY T. WONG YUEN
HAWAII AIRPORTS DISTRICT MANAGER

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION ON

GM 522

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the
Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee,

FORD N. FUCHIGAMI

for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

February 22, 2015

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Harimoto, and Members of the
Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Mr. Ford N. Fuchigami, to serve as the Director of Transportation of the Department of Transportation. His strong sense of community and outreach always engages stakeholders whether dissenting or agreeing on a matter. Consequently, he is able to forge meaningful and lasting relationships for which he is highly respected. He is a quick study even despite having limited experience with a topic. He is able to discern the salient issues resulting in effective decision making. He does not hesitate to meet a problem head on.

His success in advancing the capital improvement programs of the Airports Division, his strengthening of relationships with member executives of the Airline Committee of Hawaii and the fervency of partnerships he established with the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Congressional delegation and numerous trade and community groups statewide will be remembered as shining achievements of his administration of our airport system.

Mr. Fuchigami is a well-respected public servant and is clearly qualified to lead the Department of Transportation. I respectfully request your favorable consideration and urge this committee to confirm his nomination.

Thank you.

February 22, 2015

To: Transportation Chair Senator Clarence Nishihara

Please accept this written testimony in support of the confirmation of Ford Fuchigami for the position of Director of Transportation for the State of Hawaii.

I have worked with Ford for the past 4 years and under his leadership as the Deputy Director for the Airport Division. Ford has taken the Airport Division to another level with his positive can do attitude and open door policy. He has boosted the moral of the airport division which was lacking in the past. His positive teamwork attitude demonstrates his commitment to his workers, airport users, visitors and the people of Hawaii.

Ford is a compassionate leader that gives credit to others rather to himself when credit is due. It is with great honor to have Ford as our Director of Transportation. I humbly ask for your support to confirm Ford's nomination.

Thank you,

Marvin A. Moniz
Airport District Manager
Maui District Airports

February 22, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Governor's Message 522, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Hearing: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Nishihara:

I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Ford Fuchigami to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). My name is Christine Hirasa, and I am submitting this letter of support in my personal capacity.

I had the opportunity to work with Ford under the previous administration where he served as DOT Airports Division Deputy Director, and also as DOT Director, after being appointed in May 2014.

In his role as DOT Deputy for Airports, Ford was tasked with overseeing the State's 15 commercial and general aviation airports, where he played a major role in bringing new airlines and new direct routes to Hawaii.

Ford has earned the reputation of being a skilled collaborator, who knows how to interact successfully with major stakeholders and partners. He is a man of integrity, and a dedicated public servant with the skills and experience needed to maintain and improve Hawaii's transportation network.

With his previous DOT leadership experience, combined with his three decades of hospitality industry experience, Ford is the best choice to lead the State Department of Transportation. He is a proven leader with extensive experience in business development, employee relations and operations management. He is someone who will always do his best to benefit the people of Hawaii.

For these reasons, I strongly urge his confirmation for DOT Director.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

Sincerely,



Christine Hirasa
Communications Officer
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
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Cc: donaldghorner@gmail.com
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GM522

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for TRA on Feb 24, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donald G. Horner	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members: Thank for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation. I have known and worked with Mr Fuchigami for a several years in my capacity as a member of the Board of Education and the HART board. Ford is a person of high integrity and strong expertise in fiscal management. He works with others in a collaborative and constructive manner with a strong sense of accountability to the taxpayer and all stakeholders. Ford is a good communicator and gets positive results. I respectfully, strongly support his nomination. Thank you for your consideration. Don Horner

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February 23, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Governor's Message 522, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire December 3, 2018.

Hearing: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Nishihara:

I am writing in **support** of the appointment of Ford Fuchigami to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation. My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am submitting this testimony in my personal capacity.

When I held the position of the Cable Administrator for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Fuchigami, where he served as the Department of Transportation's Airports Division Deputy Director and also as the Department of Transportation's Director. I found Mr. Fuchigami to be a dedicated public servant who is collaborative and thoughtful in his approach to his work. He demonstrated he possesses the skills, temperament, and aptitude needed to lead the Department of Transportation and maintain and improve Hawaii's transportation systems.

I firmly believe Mr. Fuchigami will be a valued and highly productive member of Governor Ige's cabinet, and respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

Sincerely,



Catherine P. Awakuni Colón

From: [Karl Kim](#)
To: [Sen. Clarence Nishihara](#); senharimoto@capitol.gov; [TRA Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for Confirmation of Ford Fuchigami as DOT Director
Date: Monday, February 23, 2015 10:43:19 AM

Dear Senator Nishihara, Senator Harimoto, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee:

While I have been a professor at the University of Hawaii for 30 years and have conducted many projects and research on transportation, I am writing this letter of support for Mr. Ford Fuchigami as a private citizen. I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Fuchigami on many issues related to tropical storm Iselle, roadway closures and other transportation related matters in my capacity as a professor and Executive Director of the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center. I have found him to be direct, honest, and genuinely interested in the welfare of the people of Hawaii. He brings both great local knowledge as well as excellent managerial skills. I also firmly believe that he strives to improve the DOT for the betterment of our economy, our community and our quality of life. I support his confirmation as DOT Director.

Sincerely,

Karl Kim

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Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation

Tuesday, February 24, 2015; 2:45 PM
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Re: GM 522 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the gubernatorial nomination of Ford Fuchigami, as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Fuchigami has worked for over 30 years in the hospitality, healthcare, and laundry industries, and has extensive experience in contracting, procurement, business development, and operation management. In December 2010, he was appointed deputy director for the state Department of Transportation (DOT) to oversee the state's 15 commercial and general aviation airports. In May 2014, Mr. Fuchigami became the interim director of the DOT, bringing with him a valuable perspective and detailed knowledge of the industry.

Mr. Fuchigami's remarkable professional background combined with his extensive experience would be a tremendous asset to the Department of Transportation, and I am pleased to support the confirmation of Ford Fuchigami.

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

Sincerely,

Leslie A. Campaniano

Darrell T. Young
94-209 Pulelo Place
Waipahu, HI 96797

February 24, 2015
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 229

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018

Senate Committee on Transportation

Committee Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the committee, I am writing in **strong support** of Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Fuchigami has worked for more than three decades in the hospitality industry, and brings a wealth of experience in business development, employee relations and operations management. Customer service and the ability to hear and understand differing points of view, then developing those divergent views into a clear and concise plan of action are Ford's greatest attributes.

As one of his Deputy Directors, I have witnessed first-hand Ford's take charge and can do attitude that is being instilled throughout the Department of Transportation. In all my dealings with him, both past and present, Mr. Fuchigami has proven to be a very forthright and caring person who truly measures his actions and decisions with the right amount of temperament and grace.

His experience as Deputy Director of the Airports Division, and more recently as Interim Director during the previous administration is a tremendous asset for the people of Hawaii when it comes to transportation management and transportation planning. He is the ultimate definition of what a "public servant" should be and I can't imagine anyone more deserving or appropriate to become the permanent Director of Transportation.

I humbly ask that you confirm his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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GM522

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chase Masuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mr. Fujikami's ability to resolve issues in an efficient manner is excellent. His character is solid and trustworthy which makes him very special. Chase Masuda

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February 21, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation
State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 522 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018

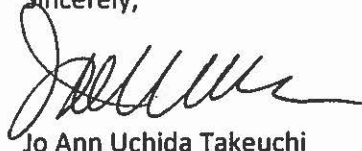
Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support of GM 522 for Ford Fuchigami's nomination to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

My name is Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Fuchigami while he was Deputy Director and then Interim Director of DOT. I found Mr. Fuchigami to be very knowledgeable about all aspects of the work of DOT; helpful, engaged, and committed to working with stakeholders to find solutions to problems. Mr. Fuchigami has shown himself to be calm, responsive and good-natured in dealing with the many high-profile issues the DOT deals with on a daily basis. I am confident that Mr. Fuchigami will serve Hawaii's citizens well as Director of DOT.

Sincerely,



Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi

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GM522

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Linda Rosen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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February 23, 2015

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara
Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation
Twenty-Eight State Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Chairman Nishihara, Vice Chairman Harimoto, and honorable members of the committee:

It's with a great sense of pride to add my **strong support** for the confirmation of Mr. Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

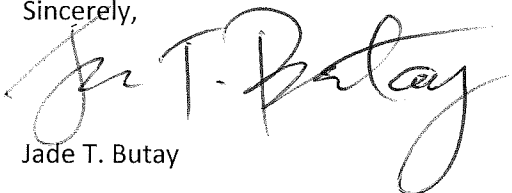
I worked alongside Mr. Fuchigami now for over four years and found him to be exemplary in every way. He's someone who earned his position as Director of Transportation as opposed to merely having it bestowed upon him. His high level of expertise, healthy self-confidence, and excellent leadership skills combine to make him the very best person for the position. He is fearless in his approach and his instincts are impeccable.

Mr. Fuchigami's management style is open and extremely approachable and he is a very hands-on leader. Not that I would, but I could call him in the middle of the night and he will answer the phone without showing any sign of irritation. He's always fair and always makes time for everyone. He's never content with the status quo and always looks for ways to improve. He is a decidedly strategic thinker yet he also has outstanding people skills and leads by example. To this day, people are still talking about the time when he used to walk around the airport and get into deep impromptu discussions with all levels of employees and more important, acting on their feedback rather than telling them he'll "consider it" and moving on. When he was the Deputy Director of the Airports Division he worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone was aligned with the mission of the division. During his tenure morale was high because a spirit of honesty prevailed and the employees knew where they were going and how they will get there.

I'm pleased to write this letter in support of not only a proven success but more importantly a fine human being.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on **GM 522**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jade T. Butay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jade" being particularly prominent and stylized.

Jade T. Butay

TO: THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Senate Committee Chair – The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara
Vice Chair - The Honorable Breene Harimoto

SENATE HEARING ON DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: February 24, 2015

Time: 2:45p.m.

Place: Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

**SUBJECT: TESTIMONY - DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION,
MR. FORD FUCHIGAMI**

Aloha Senator Nishihara,

My name is Charldon Thomas, formally a General Manager with Sheraton Hotels and Resorts in Hawaii for over three decades and Managing Principal of CT Acquisitions LLC, a Hawaii hospitality consulting company. I wish to take this opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of Mr. Ford Fuchigami, nominee to the position of Director of Transportation of the State of Hawaii.

My relationship with Mr. Fuchigami spans my career with Sheraton Hotels in Hawaii and beyond. It began when I oversaw Guest Services at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel in the early 80's. It was our early boom of Tourism and to manage and coordinate arrivals and departures of high volume guests in the largest hotel in Hawaii was no small feat.

Mr. Fuchigami was identified as possessing a keen operations acumen and tremendous leadership abilities and thus was appointed to the position of Director of Front Services. He took on an immense challenge of revamping an outmoded arrival and departure operating model and streamlined the process by removing unnecessary procedural layers and introduced telecommunications throughout his operation. These initiatives resulted in the improvement of employee morale, guest satisfaction, significant reduction in baggage turnover time and the removal of misplaced and lost baggage, all of which were huge successes.

Taking advantage of Mr. Fuchigami's operating acumen, he was next appointed to Laundry Manager of both the Sheraton Waikiki and Royal Hawaiian hotels which put him to the task of taking on the challenge of re-engineering our large, high cost commercial laundry that serviced both hotels. Again, he demonstrated an amazing ability to examine work processes and identify unnecessary procedural layers and waste. Thus by removing redundancy and revamping operating schedules, he extended the life of expensive equipment, increased staff productivity and reduced energy costs significantly. Additionally, these creative initiatives energized employee pride, established consistent linen pars and reduced linen operating and inventory costs.

Moving on with Mr. Fuchigami's career, we chose to take advantage of his leadership abilities and appointed him to the position of Housekeeping Service Manager of the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. At the outset, we were unsure of how the largest hotel department comprised of the largest diverse female segment would respond to their inexperienced manager. In a short span of time, we were amazed to observe an uplifting in the spirit and morale of the entire Housekeeping staff. Guest room inspections conducted by departmental managers indicated greater cleanliness consistency across the majority of our Room Attendants. Additionally, Guest satisfaction comment ratings also improved. This demonstration of genuine leadership capability within a large diverse racial and gender group was nothing short of amazing.

Moving on further, we chose to task Mr. Fuchigami's keen abilities further and appointed him to Director of Housekeeping at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Hotel, the second largest Sheraton Hawaii hotel. Mr. Fuchigami faced a new challenge in guest room cleanliness and guest satisfaction while operating at 90%+ occupancy. His tenacity to re-engineer and improve operating systems was put to task again when he established Room Attendant work teams that focused on specific tasks, a process that resembled the “manufacturing assembly” model. This innovative team cleaning concept reduced the turnover time between a guest room departure and the corresponding guest arrival. This creative initiative enabled the hotel to exceed guest expectations by guaranteeing guest room check-in upon arrival. As a result, this guest room innovation insured consistent cleanliness and became a huge marketing success with the early airport arrivals of Asian markets. On a larger and softer side of results achieved was the pride and sense of accomplishment experienced across all job levels within his department. This was truly a milestone achievement in hospitality operations.

In summary, I have attempted to encapsulate over three decades of my relationship and association with Mr. Ford Fuchigami. As briefly detailed, I was privileged to oversee the building of an individual's unique career from the beginning and clearly a life's journey that is far from over. By taking on the responsibility of Director of Transportation will further embolden and inspire Mr. Fuchigami to bring innovative initiatives and creative processes to this challenging platform. Mr. Fuchigami's work ethics and principles forms the trust by those who know, work and associate with him in his daily life. As a concerned citizen of our unique Aloha State, I recommend and urge your unanimous confirmation of Mr. Ford Fuchigami as our next Director of Transportation of the State of Hawaii. Mahalo Nui Loa.

Sincerely,

Charlton J. Thomas

IVAN M. LUI-KWAN

Pacific Guardian Center, Makai Tower
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February 23, 2015

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair &
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Support for Ford Fuchigami as
Director of the Department of Transportation

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto and
Members of the Transportation Committee:

I am honored to offer my highest support for the nomination of
Ford Fuchigami as Director of Transportation ("HDOT").

Mr. Fuchigami served as ex-officio member of the board of
directors of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation ("HART")
through his role as Director of Transportation ("HDOT") under Governor
Abercrombie. In both of these related roles, he has served with exceptional
distinction in the context of addressing the interface issues between HART
and HDOT. Director Fuchigami has shown outstanding leadership in
resolving issues between HART and HDOT which, if not resolved, could have
resulted in delay and unnecessary cost to the rail project.

In addition, in my role as Chair for the HART board I have
been most impressed and appreciative of Director Fuchigami's very
thoughtful and constructive participation in our board meetings.

I genuinely believe that Director Fuchigami, if confirmed, will
continue to serve HDOT and HART with distinction.

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair &
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation
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Thank you for allowing me to provide you with this testimony.

Aloha ke Akua,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ivan M. Lui-Kwan". The signature is stylized with a large initial "I" and a long horizontal stroke.

Ivan M. Lui-Kwan

Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation

Tuesday, February 24, 2015; 2:45 PM
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Re: GM 522 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate my strong support of the nomination of Ford Fuchigami for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

I've had the pleasure of working with Mr. Fuchigami in his previous positions as Deputy Director of Airports and interim Director of the Department of Transportation. He has been most responsive, professional and of the highest character.

Mr. Fuchigami's background, relevant experience, understanding of the department's issues, as well as his existing relationships with other State and Federal agencies, makes him well-suited to effectively lead this complex department.

I'm confident that Mr. Fuchigami will continue to make significant, positive contributions as the Director of Transportation and whole-heartedly endorse his nomination. Your favorable action on his confirmation is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Lori Lum
98-1008 Piku Place
Aiea, HI 96701

Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation

Re: GM 522, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the
Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD
FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the Senate
Committee on Transportation. My name is Charles Toguchi and I would like to
provide written testimony today in strong support of Ford Fuchigami's
gubernatorial nomination to serve as the Director of the Department of
Transportation.

Ford Fuchigami comes to us with the necessary skills and foundation to provide
the needed support and guidance needed at the Department of Transportation.
As Deputy Director of Airports his outstanding administrative skills, his dedication
and integrity were recognized by many. Upon his appointment as Interim
Director of the Department of Transportation, Mr. Fuchigami's inclusive
leadership skills...his commitment to the mission of the department... his ability to
build consensus...and his open door policy helped create a department that many
are proud of.

Above all, Mr. Fuchigami is known for his leadership skills. Leadership is
action...and Ford Fuchigami has proven with his positive action...strong work
ethics...forward thinking vision...and integrity that he can get the job done. We
need someone like Mr. Fuchigami to reach out and make our State a better place
to live for all of Hawaii's people.

Without any reservations, I strongly urge your favorable consideration of Ford
Fuchigami's nomination as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this written testimony.

Aloha,
Charles T. Toguchi

TESTIMONY BY

Ken Hayashida
50 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

ON

GM 522

FEBRUARY 24, 2015, CONFERENCE ROOM 229, 2:45 PM

RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION –

FORD N. FUCHIGAMI

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in STRONG SUPPORT of Ford N. Fuchigami to be the Director of the Department of Transportation. He has good understanding of the department through his previous service.

Ford N. Fuchigami is a great leader and managed various businesses and department at several larger companies. He has strong ethical standards.

February 24, 2015

Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Committee on Transportation
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

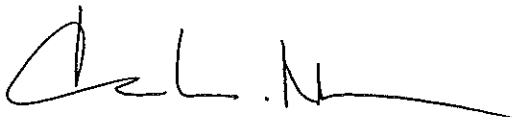
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Testimony in **Support** of Ford Fuchigami's Nomination as Director of the
Department of Transportation

Dear Senators,

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of Ford Fuchigami's nomination to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation ("DOT"). Mr. Fuchigami has served the State of Hawaii well for the last four years as both a Deputy Director and Director of DOT. He brings a wealth of private sector experience having run one of the largest hotels in the State and worked in various capacities with other local companies. This will undoubtedly serve DOT and the State well as he continues to lead one of the most important departments that impacts thousands of residents on a daily basis. I have no doubt that his experience lends itself well to the challenges facing the transportation system of the State. Hawaii is lucky to have someone Mr. Fuchigami's stature willing to commit to public service.

Very Truly Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. W. Nekota', written in a cursive style.

Cameron W. Nekota

**TESTIMONY BY ROSS M. HIGASHI
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION –
AIRPORTS DIVISION**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 522**

**February 24, 2015
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 229**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department
of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI**

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee,

I **strongly support** the confirmation of Ford Fuchigami to the position of Director for the Department of Transportation (DOT).

My contact with Mr. Fuchigami started in 2010 when I worked closely with him on financing issues as I was the financial manager for the Airports Division at that time. Ford knew that the multi-billion dollar capital improvement program would impact the charges assessed to the airlines and needed a plan. Ford's business experience and ability to quickly understand the Airports complex program paved the way for maintaining our credit ratings and refinancing our debt service which provided over \$27 million in present value savings and reduced annual debt service payments by \$19 million each year through 2020. The refinancing and loan restructuring has given the Airports Division greater flexibility to proceed with its on-going \$2.3 billion capital improvement program, a major contributor to Hawaii's construction industry. Ford was instrumental in overseeing the process relating to timely draw down of funds provided by the Federal Aviation Administration in order to prevent jeopardizing future funding. Currently, he is implementing the same technique and oversight with the Highways Division relating to funds provided by the Federal Highway Administration.

Ford is a listener, communicator and a strategist. He acknowledges managers and rank and file employees by speaking first hand to many employees as he makes his rounds, making all employees feel part of the process, thus increasing morale. However, he knows when to step in to make firm decision.

Mr. Fuchigami brings leadership, continuity, integrity, fairness, and most of all a positive attitude to one of the largest and most complicated state agencies.

Mr. Fuchigami is the best candidate as Director of the DOT, and I unconditionally support his appointment and urge you to confirm him.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony.

FEBRUARY 23, 2015

TO: THE MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

FR: WESLEY YONAMINE

RE: GM 522, FORD FUCHIGAMI

Aloha Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee.

My name is Wes Yonamine, wishing to offer my testimony in strong support of Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation.

As the Administrator of the Visitor Information Program, I have had the great opportunity to work closely with Ford when he was the Deputy Director for the Airports Division. Ford has brought refreshing and effective ideas gained from his experience working in the travel and hospitality industry. Since our airports are the first and last impression on visitors, he has emphasized the importance of “Aloha” provided by our employees and entertainers.

I have observed Ford to be a problem solver and he lets action speak for itself. I have also noticed that he spends long hours understanding various topics and is involved in the community relations as well. He is open and fair to all stakeholders and seemingly always making the right decision. He has also made great strides to get the Airports Division capital program and operations moving in the right direction and I am sure he will do the same for the Department over the next 4 years.

I look forward to working with Ford as the Director of Transportation under the leadership we anticipate he will bring to the Department.

Sincerely,

WESLEY YONAMINE

Testimony in support of GM 522 Ford Fuchigami

Senate Committee on Transportation

February 24, 2015

Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 229

To: Honorable Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Honorable Senator Breen Harimoto, Vice-Chair
Honorable Committee Members

From: Amy Agbayani
3432 B-1 Kalihi St. Honolulu, Hi 96819
amy_agbayani@yahoo.com

My name is Amy Agbayani and I am testifying as a private individual in strong support for Mr. Ford Fuchigami for Director of the Department of Transportation. I would like to note that I am employed at the University of Hawaii Manoa as Assistant Vice Chancellor for student diversity but I am not representing the University.

Although I have not had any official working relationship with Mr. Fuchigami in his capacity as Director and Deputy Director at the Department of Transportation, I have had a number of opportunities to work with him in community events.. I am very impressed with his integrity, knowledge and extensive community experience. He clearly is a leader who can make good decisions because he pays attention to details and uses sound judgement. He has proven track record of addressing complex issues and are skills he can use as DOT director to develop and implement sound governmental policies. He knows how to work with a multi-ethnic workforce and his leadership style is inclusive and collaborative. I really appreciate his ability to inspire others to do their best. I would like to thank him for his consistent support for equal access, community empowerment and mentoring his staff and young professionals.

I strongly endorse Ford Fuchigami and am confident he will continue to be a responsible, hard working public servant for the people of Hawaii as the leader of the Department of Transportation.

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 522

Senate Committee on Transportation

Feb. 24, 2015, 2:45 p.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 229

To: Sen. Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair and Sen. Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Committee Members: Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Sen. J. Kalani English,
Sen. Will Espero, Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Sen. Ronald D.
Kouchi, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Charlene Cuaresma, Private Citizen, 728 Nunu Street, Kailua, HI 96734

Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

My name is Charlene Cuaresma. As a private citizen, I am very happy to strongly support Governor David Ige's nomination of Ford Fuchigami as the Director for the State Department of Transportation.

I have served as a volunteer with Mr. Fuchigami for more than seven years for various Democratic political campaigns. At the grassroots level, I observed that Mr. Fuchigami embraces the opportunity to volunteer shoulder to shoulder with community members who share his vision and dedication to public service. He is a loyal, humble, unassuming steward with substantive actions that speak louder than words to guide our islands through the second decade of Hawai'i's 21st century transportation needs during turbulent economic conditions. He brings excellent fiduciary know-how, forges critical partnerships, and brings people to the table to address pressing matters in a collegial and respectful manner.

Mr. Fuchigami's solid business leadership, integrity, and high regard for Hawai'i's diverse communities on all our islands are valuable assets for Governor Ige and his administration. Thank you for the opportunity to strongly support Mr. Fuchigami as the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Charlene Cuaresma

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Topa Financial Center
9th Floor, Fort Street Tower
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

February 24, 2015

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street, #204
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Committee Members:

RE: GM 522 Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the
Department of Transportation, gubernatorial nominee, Ford Fuchigami,
for a term to expire 12-3-2018

I strongly support Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the Department of
Transportation.

I have known and worked with Mr. Fuchigami for several years. He has a leadership
and management style that makes the Department of Transportation work. The
Department of Transportation is one of the most visible departments with three vastly
different divisions that run well and in recent years has been very innovative in
approaches to solving transportation issues and construction projects.

Ford's ability to work and provide solutions was very evident in his role during the
2011 APEC meetings. Transportation services ran smoothly and provided a smooth
visitor experience for the many APEC attendees including the many world leaders
that were here for the event. I believe that Mr. Fuchigami's high skill set is a
refreshing experience for many that must deal with the Department of Transportation.

I believe that Mr. Fuchigami has the knowledge, a keen perspective, ability and
perseverance to lead the Department of Transportation and respectfully ask that you
strongly support Ford Fuchigami.

Respectfully,

Karen Piltz

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 522
Relating to Nomination of Ford Fuchigami as
Director of the Department of Transportation**

Senate Committee on Transportation

February 24, 2015, 2:45 pm
Hawai`i State Legislature
Hawai`i State Capitol, Room 229

To: Honorable Sen. Clarence, Chair
Honorable Sen. Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Honorable Senate Committee on Transportation Members: Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Sen. J. Kalani English, Sen. Wil Espero, Sen. Lorraine Inouye, Sen. Michelle Kidani, Sen. Ronald Kouchi, and Sen. Sam Slom

From: Agnes Malate, MEd
armalate@yahoo.com

I am pleased to provide testimony in support of Ford Fuchigami's nomination as the Director of the Department of Transportation. I have known Mr. Fuchigami as a fellow volunteer on political campaigns over the past three years. To some, this might be a short period of time but I am compelled to express my support for I have found him to be an individual who is down-to-earth, treats people with great respect, and is a hard worker.

As a resident of Kapolei, I appreciate the critical role that the Department of Transportation plays in the day-to-day lives of residents in our State. I am directly impacted by the increased congestion on the freeway and surface streets in my commute to my workplace at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Mr. Fuchigami not only has the personal qualities but also the skills to lead DOT in conceiving and implementing plans that would best benefit the transportation needs of our state. Hawai'i is highly dependent on a continuing influx of visitors to our islands, as well as a strategic military presence, both of these are inextricably linked to air and maritime travel. He has successfully played an important part in bringing new airlines and new direct routes to Hawai'i.

With his experience in hospitality and government, I have no doubt that Mr. Fuchigami will continue to do an excellent job as Director of Transportation. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of his nomination as Director of the Department Transportation.