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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOANN INAMASU, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** JoAnn Inamasu's nomination to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council.

Ms. Inamasu is someone who is qualified, energetic and a passionate individual who cares about community-based economic development issues. Over the course of her career, Ms. Inamasu has demonstrated that she possesses the skills, expertise, and credibility that will make her an invaluable member of the Council. Because she has worked as the Governor's Representative for Maui and Executive Director for the Maui Office of Economic Development where she dealt with diverse constituencies and interests, she understands the unique needs of the many diverse communities in the State. She has the depth and breadth of knowledge on economic development.

We are confident that Ms. Inamasu will help carry out the Council's mission to improve our communities through stimulating sustainable economic development. Ms. Inamasu's energy and passion for the well- being of the State, clearly demonstrated by her service over the years, have eminently qualified her to serve as a contributing and productive member of this very important Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.