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April 12, 2022 3:00 P.M. State Capitol, Conference Room 224/Teleconference

G.M. 850

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, BEVERLY BRODY, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the nomination of Beverly Brody, to the State Highway Safety Council (SHSC).

Chapter 286-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishes the SHSC which advises the Governor on matters relating to the programs and activities of the state in the field of highway safety. The state has adjusted the makeup of the committee from a group that was primarily government officials and safety advocates, to one that includes cross sections of all users of the highway system in our community. We believe the Gubernatorial Nominees will bring knowledge, experience and passion that will add tremendously to a council that will advise the department on eliminating roadway fatalities while modernizing the system to meet the current and future needs of our state.

Ms. Brody currently serves as the Director for the Healthy Eating Active Living Coalition of Kauai County. This community-based coalition brought together partners from the private, non-profit and government sectors and the community together to increase physical activity and nutrition for Kauai residents. The coalition also advocated for stronger safety targets that led to Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) as a departmental priority. She also created an educational campaign which led to the passing of a permanent SRTS bill that assesses a surcharge on various traffic violations and deposits it into a SRTS program special fund.

The DOT believes that Ms. Brody will be a valuable addition to the SHSC, given her knowledge and passion for traffic safety and her community.

The DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Beverly Brody to the SHSC whose members serve without compensation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE BEVERLEY BRODY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025

Senate Committee on Transportation Senator Chris Lee, Chair Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

My name is Larry Dill, and I am the District Engineer for the Hawaii Department of Transportation Highways Division – Kauai District. I am submitting this testimony in **strong support** of Beverley Brody's candidacy to serve on the State Highway Safety Council. I have known and worked with Ms. Brody since January, 2011. Through a grant from Communities Putting Prevention to Work, she led the effort to provide much needed technical assistance to rewrite the County of Kauai Roadway Standards.

Ms. Brody is highly qualified to serve on the Highway Safety Council with her extensive knowledge and experience on transportation and passion for pedestrian safety as the Director of Get Fit Kauai's Healthy Eating Active Living Coalition of Kauai County. She has led and organized many educational and community projects such as walk audits to assess our streets and intersections. She brings passion and valuable insights which will help guide the Council in making our streets and highways safer.

It is my honor and pleasure to fully support Ms. Brody's nomination to the Highway Safety Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH KAUAI DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICE 3040 UMI STREET LIHUE, HAWAII 96766 JANET M. BERREMAN, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P. DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER

The State Legislature The Senate Committee on Transportation Tuesday, April 12, 2022 3:00 p.m.

- TO: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair The Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Vice-Chair
- RE: Support for State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, BEVERLEY BRODY GM 850

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee

It is my pleasure to strongly support Beverley Brody's candidacy to serve on the State Highway Safety Council. I have known and worked with Ms. Brody for the last 5 years, on community projects and initiatives related to Safe Routes to School and Complete Streets initiatives. I am familiar with her many years of work in this area on Kauai, which long pre-dates by tenure here.

Ms. Brody is highly qualified to serve on the Highway Safety Council with her extensive knowledge and experience on transportation and pedestrian safety as the Director of Get Fit Kauai's Healthy Eating Active Living Coalition of Kauai County. She has led and organized many educational and community projects such as walk audits to assess our streets and intersections. She brings valuable insights which will help guide the Council in making our streets and highways safer.

Under the direction of Ms. Brody, Get Fit Kauai was one of three organizations nationwide to receive a National Congress Champions Award. Ms. Brody has been described as a "visionary leader, bridge builder and public health educator." Bev's enthusiasm for working with community, creating a built environment that promotes physical activity and healthy eating is contagious and her passion for sharing this knowledge is the driving force behind her success.

It is my honor and pleasure to fully support Ms. Brody's nomination to the Highway Safety Council.

Sincerely,

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Janet M. Berreman, MD, MPH, FAAP Kauai District Health Officer



Testimony of **Michael A. Dahilig** Managing Director, County of Kaua'i

Before the Senate Committee on Transportation April 12, 2022 at 3:00 PM Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of GM 850 – Beverley Brody Gubernatorial Nominee for the State Highway Safety Council

Honorable Chair Lee, Honorable Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of Ms. Beverley Brody's nomination to the State Highway Safety Council. As a nominee, she is well qualified to fulfill this responsibility given her professional and life experiences, her temperament, and desire to serve.

I have known Ms. Brody in various community capacities for over a decade, largely in her work with the County with our community, land use, and transportation planning efforts. I can attest to her cooperative and collaborative style, intellect, and good character. Her experience in understanding how Hawai'i works makes her unique skill set in understanding transportation, health, and innovative complete streets initiatives a complementary addition to the Council. Also, her command of business experience and aloha lends to her ability to understand how we move, and how that translates into health outcomes for our community.

A critical example of her partnership and energetic style was her role in successfully competing for a \$18M TIGER grant under the Obama Administration that lent to the redevelopment of our Lihue Town Core area in a manner that promoted multi-modal transportation options for our seat of county government. This work has spurred both more real-time equitable and healthy transportation modes, while spurring an economic renewal in our downtown area.

Ms. Brody's track record for service in other venues is well established. She has served on various community committees over the years. She has also been recognized by RCUH as the employee of the year in 2011.

The Board and the State will undoubtedly be enriched by her service on this critical council. I have confidence in Ms. Brody's ability to make sound and deliberative choices in the transportation safety management of our state and respectfully ask this honorable committee to **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to her nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration.



Email: communications@ulupono.com

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION Tuesday, April 12, 2022 — 3:00 p.m.

Ulupono Initiative <u>strongly supports</u> GM 850, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Beverley Brody, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Dear Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy, clean transportation, and better management of freshwater and waste.

Ulupono <u>strongly supports</u> **GM 850.** Ms. Brody has worked on Kaua'i for many years, helping to create healthier and safer communities by championing the county's Complete Streets ordinance, Safe Routes to Schools work, and leading Get Fit Kaua'i. Her experience and knowledge will provide a needed voice on the State Highway Safety Council.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata Director of Government Affairs



Date: 4/12/2022	
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- To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair, Senate Transportation Committee
- From: Peggy Mierzwa, Community & Government Relations
- RE: Supporting the nomination of BEVERLY BRODY for confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial nominee, for a term to expire 06-30-2023

AlohaCare appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 850, the nomination of BEVERLY BRODY for confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council.

Alohacare **supports** the nomination of Beverly Brody to the State Highway Safety Council. Ms. Brody has been a key advocate and leader for active transportation in on Kauai for many years Through the community engagement efforts conducted by her organization, Get Fit Kaua'i, and as a board member of Kauai Path, Inc., Ms. Brody has advanced numerous active transportation initiatives on Kauai and statewide, including:

- Various Safe Routes to School initiatives;
- Communities Putting Prevention to Work: \$3.2 M award from Centers for Disease Control & Prevention to combat obesity on Kauai and Maui, 2010 -2012;
- Complete Streets Implementation Plan, County of Kaua'i, 2010;
- Federal-Aid Highways 2035 Transportation Plan for the District of Kaual;
- Hawai'i Complete Streets Policy, Healthy Hawai'i Initiative, Hawai'i Department of Health, University of Hawai'i at Manoa; and
- Hawai'i Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2007 THRU 2012.

Founded in 1994, AlohaCare is a community-rooted, non-profit health plan serving 80,000 Medicaid and dualeligible health plan members on all islands. It is the only state health plan exclusively serving Medicaid patients. Our mission is to serve individuals and communities in the true spirit of aloha by ensuring and advocating access to quality health care for all. We believe that health is about supporting whole-person care, including access to housing and food security, to build a stronger, healthier Hawai`i.

Mahalo for this opportunity to support the nomination of BEVERLY BRODY for confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial nominee, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.



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Healthy Eating + Active Living

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Date: April 11, 2022

- To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair Members of the Committee on Transportation
- Re: Support for GM850, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, BEVERLEY BRODY, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.
- Hrg: April 12, 2022 at 3:00 PM in Conference Room 224 and via videoconference

Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of GM850 and Beverley "Bev" Brody's appointment to the State Highway Safety Council.

HIPHI is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the health and wellness of the people and islands of Hawai'i. HIPHI strives to be a bridge between community and partners from government and healthcare so that all relevant stakeholders throughout the Hawai'i are involved in decisions related to public health policy, programs, and investments. We believe we can play a significant role in the shift of public health from being primarily about treating disease to the promotion of preventing it. Our work includes food and agriculture, transportation and public safety, oral health, healthy eating + active living (HEAL), drug and alcohol prevention, tobacco prevention and control, COVID-19 response efforts and workforce development.

Bev is dedicated to improving her community by community events and resources so that living an active and healthy lifestyle on the Garden Island is safe and easy. As the Director of Get Fit Kaua'i, Bev has reached thousands of Kaua'i residents, playing an instrumental role in providing safe routes to school for keiki and organizing community walk to school days; working with employers to implement worksite wellness programs; and prompting residents to increase their physical activity through participation in the annual Mayor-a-Thon family walk, run and bike event. Bev's years of expertise, passion, energy and ability to get things done make her an asset to the council.

Mahalo for the opportunity to strongly support Bev's gubernatorial nomination to the State Highway Safety Council.

Mahalo,

Amanda Fernandes, JD Policy and Advocacy Director

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Testimony

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION Senator Chris Lee, Chair Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

Hearing Date:Tuesday, April 12, 2022Time:3:00 p.m.Place:Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Matter: GM850: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, BEVERLEY BRODY, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

April 8, 2022

Dear Sen. Lee, Sen. Baker, and Committee Members,

Kindly accept this testimony strongly supporting the nomination of Ms. Brody to the Hawai'i State Highway Safety Council.

Ms. Brody and I have collaborated on making Kauai's roads and streets safer since 2004.

Through the community engagement efforts conducted by her business, Get Fit Kaua'i, and as a board member of Kauai Path, Inc., Ms. Brody has paved the way for Kaua'i's successful active transportation and public health advancing initiatives listed below.

- Communities Putting Prevention to Work: \$3.2 M award from Centers for Disease Control & Prevention to combat obesity on Kaua'i and Maui, 2010 -2012
- Complete Streets Implementation Plan, County of Kaua'i, 2010
- Complete Streets Workshop, 2010
- Federal-Aid Highways 2035 Transportation Plan for the District of Kaua'i, contributor
- Hawai'i Complete Streets Policy, Healthy Hawai'i Initiative, Hawai'i Department of Health, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, contributor
- Hawai'i Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2007 THRU 2012, contributor

Kauai residents working together to preserve, protect, and extend access island-wide through the design, implementation, and stewardship of non-motorized multi-use paths.

- Hawai'i Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2013-2018, contributor
- Kapuli Highway, Kaua'i Veterans Memorial Highway, Rice Street, Lihue Urban Core, Nawiliwili Road, Puhi Road, and Kaumuali'i Highway bike ped facilities, 2009- 2015
- Ke Ala Hele Makalae concept, promotion, & development, 2004-current
- Kilauea Elementary School Safe Routs to School infrastructure project, 2016-2019
- Mayor-A-Thon annual bike, run, jog, walk, stroll community events, 2010 2019
- Physical Activity & Nutrition Plans, contributor
- Statewide Federal-Aid Highways 2035 Transportation Plan, contributor
- Transportation Initiatives Generating Economic Recovery \$13M Federal Highways Administration grant for walkable, bikeable, & transit infrastructure improvements in the Lihu'e urban core, 2017
- Walk to School Days around Kaua'i, 2010-present

When you confirm Ms. Brody's nomination to the Hawai'i State Highway Safety Council, you will be bringing a fierce advocate to the fight, one who will work tirelessly to advance the rights and safety of people across the state who walk, ride bicycles, depend on transit systems, and drive motor vehicles.

Mahalo,

Jommy a. Noyes

Tommy A. Noyes Executive Director



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Comments:

Bev Brody is an enthusiastic and innovative health and safety advocate who has led the effort to fund local safe routes to school efforts through traffic fines in school zones. She knows how to work with communities, and have those communities influence public policy and legislation. She will be an asset to the State Highways Safety Council.