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Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Subject: Governor's Message No. 37
Testimony in Support of Mr. Brennon Morioka, Ph.D., P.E.
Confirmation to Stadium Authority

TO THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR, BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR, AND
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

It is without hesitation that I support the nomination of Dr. Brennon Morioka for
confirmation to the Stadium Authority.

I have had the good fortune to work with Dr. Morioka while he was the Director of the
State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT), Vice President of CH2M Hill, and
Deputy Executive Director of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART).

Dr. Morioka provides an invaluable and rare combination of leadership, vision, and
competence. Being an island state, Hawai'i is highly reliant on all modes of
transportation including water, air, and land and the manner in which they interrelate.
As the Director of HDOT, Dr. Morioka led the State DOT in three major modernization
plans; airports, harbors and highways. The improvements included in the modernization
plans totaled over \$7.1 billion, and focused not only on capacity demands, but also on
efficiencies, sustainability and livability for the state. This is an endeavor that the HDOT

had not undertaken in over three decades. I would like to briefly highlight just one of these modernization plans –

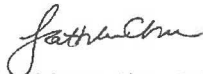
The Hawai'i DOT Airports Division operates and maintains fifteen airports. The HDOT was implementing a 12-year, \$2.3 billion airport modernization that will create efficiencies and effectiveness in operations and increase the level of satisfaction for Hawai'i's residents and visitors. Under Dr. Morioka's leadership, the plan implemented innovative projects, such as renewable energy generation with an on-site power plant allowing the airport facility to be energy self-sufficient. Being an island State that relies on tourism as one of its major industries, the efficiency and security of the airport is of utmost importance. The ability to implement a modernization plan of this size without using any State General Funds and by working collaboratively with the airport and visitor industry partners is a testament to Dr. Morioka's character and resourcefulness.

At HART, one of the greatest challenges and risks was working with the multiple layers of agencies and stakeholders on the project. Dr. Morioka diligently worked behind the scenes and met with many agencies and stakeholders to find solutions that were best for the project and best for the community.

Through Dr. Morioka's initiative and enthusiasm in his leadership roles, he has shown that the status quo is not good enough. Extraordinary action is needed to determine the future of Aloha Stadium and what is best for Hawai'i's communities. Dr. Morioka will be an excellent addition to the Stadium Authority, bringing his commitment to excellence, dedication, and hard work to continue to move Hawai'i forward and bring Hawai'i's communities together.

I respectfully request your support for the confirmation of Mr. Brennon Morioka, to the Stadium Authority.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Chu, P.E.
Principal



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Kaimana Hila

Testimony before the Senate Economic Development,
Tourism & Technology Committee

Relating to the Nomination of Brennon Morioka
for the Stadium Authority Board
August 29, 2017, 10:00 am

My name is Jennifer Sabas, owner of Kaimana Hila, a consulting practice. I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Brennon Morioka for more than 10 years in a variety of capacities. He is a skilled engineer who has worked and held senior executive positions in both the public and private sectors. He has navigated through different state and city administrations, excelled with given tasks and maintained a steady hand throughout.

In his previous capacity as Deputy Executive Director of the Honolulu Authority of Rail Transit, Brennon worked with the Stadium Authority to clear the way for the siting of a rail station at the Aloha Stadium. He also has experience in exploring possibilities with public – private partnerships. His familiarity with the Stadium Authority, as well as their issues and opportunities, will bode well for his upcoming service on the Stadium Authority Board.

I am pleased to recommend Brennon Morioka for the Stadium Authority Board. His many experiences and professional capabilities will serve him and the Stadium Authority well. I recommend him fully and without reservation.



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HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

August 29, 2017

Committee On Economic Development, Tourism, And Technology
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

Dear Chair Wakai and Vice Chair Taniguchi:

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters **supports** the nomination of Dr. Brennon Morioka to the Stadium Authority.

Dr. Morioka's professional experience serving as the Director of the Department of Transportation, and Deputy Director of the Honolulu Authority of Rapid Transportation (HART) will be invaluable to the board of the Aloha Stadium. Dr. Morioka's first-hand understanding of large state infrastructure projects is exactly what the board needs as it looks towards the future redevelopment of the Stadium.

We thank you for allowing us to express our support of this nominee.

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