

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 441,
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Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations,
to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 441 and 442,
submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION

G.M. No. 441 LAURENCE I. BALTER,
for a term to expire 6-30-2010; and

G.M. No. 442 PETE G. PASCUA, JR.,
for a term to expire 6-30-2010,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee received testimony in support of LAURENCE I.
BALTER from the Department of Transportation, Blue Hawaiian
Helicopters, and Chai Chabad of Hawaii.

The nominee represents a Maui appointment. He is the
Registered Principal and Branch Manager of Linsco Private Ledger,
and is a licensed insurance broker in Hawaii. He received a
Bachelor of Science degree in physics and mathematics, with a
minor in economics and finance, from the University of California,
San Diego, and a designation of Accredited Asset Management
Specialist from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Laurence I. Balter has an extensive background and interest
in aviation and is a licensed pilot for Angel Flight which
transports patients inter-island. He started a successful
regional airline in Los Angeles and retired at age thirty. He



relocated to Hawaii and has made a significant contribution to the people of Hawaii while establishing a name for himself.

Your Committee received testimony in support of PETE G. PASCUA, Jr., from the Department of Transportation, Institute of Transportation Engineers, and two individuals.

The nominee represents an Oahu appointment. Mr. Pascua received a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He has been the Director of the Traffic and Transportation Engineering Group for Wilson Okamoto Corporation since 1995. Prior thereto, he worked in traffic planning and engineering capacities for several engineering companies and the Pacific Naval Facilities Engineering Command. His professional work includes substantial experience in civil engineering studies, planning, and design functions, with a specialty in traffic and transportation engineering. He has managed the design of numerous traffic and transportation engineering projects.

Your Committee notes the personal statement of the nominee that he recognizes that transportation is a major issue in Hawaii and indirectly affects growth, business climate, tourism, citizens, and many other components and functions of the State. He states he has the ability to contribute his technical and personal experiences in dealing with transportation problems.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Government Operations,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



