

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY
RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF
BRENNON T. MORIOKA
TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE
ADJUTANT GENERAL

February 20, 2008

Good Afternoon, Chair English, Vice-Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

I am Major General Robert G. F. Lee, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in strong support of Mr. Brennon T. Morioka, the gubernatorial nominee to the Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have known Mr. Morioka for the past five years and can personally attest to his character, outstanding work ethic, his sense of fairness and respect, and his integrity.

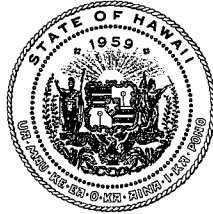
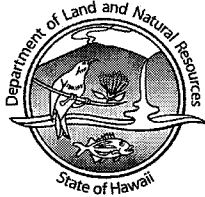
Mr. Brennon Morioka has a wealth of experience in the public and private sectors. His experience in the public sector is impressive which includes being a senior geotechnical engineer and project manager for URS Corporation and as a civil engineer for M&E Pacific and Harding Lawson & Associates in Hawaii and San Francisco. Currently, he is the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, Highways Division, and with his specialized experience in

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landfills and waste technologies, earthquake engineering, and trenchless technologies coupled with his experience with the Department of Transportation, would make him the primary candidate to step up to be the Director.

As a truly outstanding professional and citizen with experiences in the public and private sectors, I respectfully request your favorable consideration and confirmation of Dr. Brennon T. Morioka to the Director of the Department of Transportation. Thank you.

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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON
OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**On Governor's Message No. 257 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as
Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRENNON
MORIOKA, for a term to expire 12-06-2010**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

February 20, 2008

The Department of Land and Natural Resources ("Department") strongly supports the nomination and confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation ("DOT").

Mr. Morioka, a civil engineer by training, was the former deputy director of the DOT's highways branch. Throughout his tenure with DOT, Mr. Morioka has always been very responsive when contacted by the Department regarding any issues, new ideas, or areas of concern. He is an effective administrator and charismatic leader who can marshal the DOT's resources to address the State's vital transportation issues with a considerable depth of technical expertise. He is always very knowledgeable about DOT operations, open minded and solution-oriented, and very professional in his demeanor. As a collaborative decision-maker and leader, he formulates creative solutions by bringing appropriate staff to the table to discuss options.

The Department wholeheartedly supports the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of the DOT.

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February 20, 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on
Transportation and International Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 205
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of the Appointment of Brennon Morioka, Ph.D, PE,
to the Position of Director of Transportation

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Aloha and thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the appointment of Mr. Brennon Morioka to lead the Department of Transportation (DOT) as its Director. My name is Gil Tam, Vice President of Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. (SIC), and I strongly urge your approval of Mr. Morioka's appointment.

SIC is a rural telephone company licensed to serve Hawaiian Home Lands (HHL) communities and authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and state Public Utilities Commission (PUC). To reach previously unserved and new homestead developments, SIC has been constructing new telecommunications infrastructure underground along state highways.

In the past three years, SIC has worked with Mr. Morioka's office and the Highways Division staff to utilize construction techniques to minimize or mitigate environmental, safety and traffic concerns. Mr. Morioka is a well qualified professional engineer, and he is a very knowledgeable advocate of new construction techniques that reduce environmental, traffic and safety impacts in and along state highways.

Mr. Morioka is an excellent communicator and facilitator, and his appointment from Deputy Director to Director will help to provide management stability for the department. Thank you, again, for this opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Morioka's appointment, and I strongly urge your approval. Mahalo.

Aloha,

Gil Tam
VP, Administration & Community Affairs



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**Honorable Senator J. Kalani English
Chairman and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Internal Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol Building
Honolulu, HI 96813**

Subject: Confirmation of Dr. Brennon Morioka, Director of Transportation

The PATH Board of Directors wishes to express our support of Dr. Brennon Morioka as Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation.

We have had the opportunity to discuss balanced transportation solutions with Dr. Morioka on several occasions and have always found him to be open, accessible and straightforward with his answers.

We urge the support of his appointment as Director.

Sincerely,

**Laura Dierenfield
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Honorable Senator Kalani English, Chair
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Hawaii State Capital
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: IN SUPPORT OF GM 257
BRENNON MORIOKA, Gubernatorial Nominee, Director of the DOT
Hearing: Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and the Senate Committee on
Transportation and International Affairs:

For the Record my name is Buzz Hong the Executive Director for the Hawaii
Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Our Council is comprised
of 16-construction unions and a membership of 26,000 statewide.

The Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council supports the submission
for consideration and confirmation as Director of the Department,
Gubernatorial Nominee, BRENNON MORIOKA, for a term to expire 12-06-
2010. The council has worked well with Mr. Morioka and his department in
the past and we look forward to working with Mr. Morioka as the Director of
the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of GM257.

Sincerely,

William "Buzz" Hong
Executive Director

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Testimony by
HGEA/AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO
February 20, 2008

GM 257 – Submitting for Consideration and
Confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of
the Department of Transportation

The Hawaii Government Employees Association supports the nomination of Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation. This is one of the more important assignments in state government. We believe that Mr. Morioka is well qualified for the job. He has considerable training and experience in civil engineering, and has served as a Deputy Director of the DOT Highways Division since 2004.

We are pleased to support his nomination as the Director of the Department of Transportation..

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Deputy Executive Director

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February 19, 2008

Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Hearing Date – February 20, 2008 – 1:00 PM
Conference Room 224

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Subject: **Confirmation of Brennon Morioka**

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii (ACECH), representing more than 70 consulting engineering firms in private practice in the State of Hawaii, is in strong support of the Confirmation Brennon Morioka as Director of Transportation.

In the past several years, ACECH has worked with Mr. Morioka on several issues facing the State of Hawaii and the Engineering Industry. Mr. Morioka has a proven track record of being reasonable and fair in his dealings with our professional organization. We are impressed with his concern for public welfare and safety, as well as his technical knowledge and capabilities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Brennon Morioka.

Very truly yours,



Jon Nishimura, P.E.
President
American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii

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February 19, 2008

**Honorable Senator J. Kalani English
Chairman and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Internal
Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol Building
Honolulu, HI 96813**

Subject: Confirmation of Dr. Brennon Morioka, Director of Transportation

**As a member of the Hawai'i County Transportation Commission, the Hawai'i
County Highway Safety Council, the Hawai'i County Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory
Committee and the Kona Traffic Safety Committee, I have had several
opportunities to work with Dr. Brennon Morioka.**

**I have found his management techniques to be everything required to successfully
lead the Department of Transportation. His ability to communicate with the public
reflects honesty and responsibility. He possesses technical expertise that is
impeccable.**

**I urge you to support his nomination as Director. He will continue to be an asset to
the state and serve the public with integrity.**

Sincerely,

**Robert Ward
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From: tesha malama [tesha96706@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 6:45 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Sen. J. Kalani English; Sen. Mike Gabbard
Subject: Support for Dr. Brennon Morioka's Confirmation

Aloha Senator English and the Transportation and International Affairs Committee Members,

As an active Ewa Beach resident I have seen Dr. Morioka's commitment to our region. He has made every effort to expedite our road projects and understood the need for the North-South Road project to be done right. He was successful in adding a new road project for the region which will increase the circulation within the region. These are just a few examples of his focus on our fast growing region. He ensures that his staff is participating in the community, so they are better equipped to serve. Though our community was skeptical his consistent hard work and ongoing communication with our community made people feel comfortable and more trusting of the DOT commitment to the region.

I humbly ask for your support for his confirmation. I am confident that his open style, hard working dedication, and intellect will benefit our long overlooked region. The State of Hawaii will be better served under his leadership.

Sincerely,

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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
SENATOR KALANI ENGLISH, CHAIR
SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, VICE CHAIR

DATE: Wednesday, February 25, 2008
TIME: 1:00
PLACE: Conference Room, 224

GM 257 Submitting for Consideration and confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRENNON MORIOKA, for a term to expire 12-06-2010.

(Written Testimony Only)

Dear Senator English and fellow Senators:

I support the nomination of Dr. Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation and ask that your committee approve and recommend his confirmation to the full Senate.

With warm aloha,

Davis K. Yogi

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**To: Senate Committee on Transportation
and International Affairs
Sen. J. Kalani English, Chair
Sen. Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair**

**Date: February 20, 2008
Conference Room 224
1:00 pm**

**Re: GM 257 Submitting for consideration as Director of the
Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRENNON
MORIOKA, for a term to expire 12-06-2010**

Chair English and Members of the Committee:

My name is Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director for AARP Hawaii. We are a membership organization for people 50 and older with 156,000 members in Hawaii. AARP provides access to services and information, meaningful volunteer opportunities, and the opportunity for our members to create positive change in their lives.

While we do not oppose Mr. Brennon's appointment as Director of the Department of Transportation, we do have some concerns and hope that we can see improvement based on our past experience.

We believe that the Director of Transportation should take grassroots concerns seriously and be more responsive. Mr. Brennon, as deputy for the department, was the point person for SB 1191, Relating to Pedestrian Safety, and disappointingly, did not support Act 10, SLH 2007. While we can understand a difference of opinion on funding, we are concerned that laws should not be ignored just because the Administration disagrees.

The Governor vetoed SB 1191 and the legislature overrode the veto. As such, DOT should have funded the \$3 million from the Special Fund to provide monies for a statewide pedestrian safety campaign.

We look forward to working with Mr. Morioka. We believe that he can be more receptive to citizens concerns. We hope that he will reprioritize transportation issues to make streets safer for pedestrians too, not just for vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee

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TO: Senator J. Kalani English
Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

FROM: Hawaii Bicycling League

HEARING DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 1:00pm

SUBJECT: Support for the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation.

This testimony is in support of the confirmation of Mr. Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). The Hawaii Bicycling League is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to promoting cycling for health, recreation and transportation through advocacy, education and events.

For the general public, the process of transportation planning and maintenance is a highly complex, confounding and frustrating process. It is difficult to understand the numerous funding streams, technical engineering details, and often vague decision-making criteria and justifications. It is a challenge for any citizen to comprehend, let alone influence. Moreover, the organizational culture at DOT, dominated by engineers, does not often encourage working with community organizations and does not always provide information in a manner that allows for informed public participation. Indeed, it is not unusual for HBL to confront open opposition from DOT engineers who may consider bicyclists and pedestrians as impediments to the efficient movement of motor vehicles.

Since Mr. Morioka's appointment to DOT as Highways Deputy, HBL has found someone who has a genuine interest in pursuing multi-modal transportation and enhancing bicycling. He has encouraged and directed our participation toward mutually productive outcomes, provided information that helped our members' understanding of the process, and provided clear justifications when our requests could not be accommodated. Despite the incredible demands on his time, HBL has always found Mr. Morioka to be responsive and accessible to our inquires and requests. Although progress and change has been slow to come, HBL has found Mr. Morioka to be a valuable partner who is truly respectful and considerate of community input.

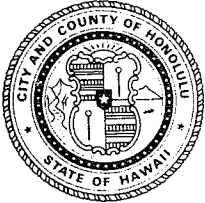
With Mr. Morioka's confirmation it is HBL's hope that DOT will continue to:

- Recognize and proactively support multi-modal transportation, including bicycling and pedestrian options.
- Support community bicycling advocates' concerns and implement provisions of the State Bike Plan.
- Encourage more public collaboration with DOT staff to assure effective service provision and improved bicycling/pedestrian infrastructure.
- Support greater public participation to develop bicycle improvements through the transportation planning process (i.e. OMPO, Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan, project EIS).
- Continue to work with statewide bicycling and pedestrian advocates including the Hawaii Bicycling League (add Maui group & may be others in the HB 497 legislation).

HBL looks forward to continuing our work with Mr. Morioka to make our streets safer and make Hawai'i a more desirable place to bicycle and live. We are committed to continue our collaboration with DOT under Mr. Morioka's leadership and are hopeful that this partnership will result in real improvements to Hawai'i's roadways.

We strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Morioka as Director of the State Department of Transportation.

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February 20, 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
and Members
Senate Committee on Transportation
and International Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 205
415 S. Beretania Street
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Dear Senator English and Members:

RE: Nomination of Mr. Brennon T. Morioka as
Director of the Department of Transportation

I am pleased to support the nomination of Mr. Brennon T. Morioka as Director of the State Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Morioka is well qualified to be Director of Transportation. Serving as deputy and interim director of DOT has afforded him the experience necessary to oversee and manage the department and has provided the department with continuous high level management.

The State of Hawaii needs a hard working, dedicated individual such as Mr. Morioka to address the State's issues on our aging airports and harbors and our congested State highways. The issues needed to be addressed by this large department require someone who is willing to work with others and seek common ground on sometimes critical and sensitive issues. I believe that Mr. Morioka is the right person for this position.

Of all the associations I have had with Mr. Morioka, both on a personal and business level, I have found him to be professional, dedicated, approachable and very knowledgeable of what his department's function is. I have absolutely no reservations in supporting Mr. Morioka's nomination for Director of Transportation.

I thank you for the opportunity to submit my support of Mr. Morioka's nomination and would appreciate a favorable review.

Sincerely,

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Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Councilmember
District II

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February 20, 2008

**Senate Committee on Transportation & International Affairs
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair**

RE: GM 257, Director of the Department of Transportation

Aloha Chairman English and Committee Members,

I am Perry Artates Executive Director of the State of Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund. We are a joint Labor Management organization representing over 3,800 members of Local Union No. 3 and 300 Signatory Contractors through-out the State of Hawaii.

I come before you this afternoon in support of the appointment of Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation. As I am confident that Mr. Morioka possesses all the qualities necessary to take on the tasks that come before him as well as common sense economics. I have been closely associated with him in the construction industry for many years and I am confident that he will use his sound judgment and management skills that will make him invaluable to this department.

I humbly ask for your confirmation of Brennon Morioka for the Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Perry O. Artates'. The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial 'P' and a long, sweeping underline.

**Perry O. Artates
Executive Director**

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GM257 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRENNON MORIOKA, for a term to expire 12-06-2010.

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **strongly supports** governor Lingle's nomination of Brennon Morioka, Ph.D, P.E. to serve as Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Mr. Morioka earned his doctorate in civil engineering with a specialty in geotechnical engineering (foundations and soil engineering) from the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Engineering where he has also served as a lecturer, research assistant and teaching assistant. His undergraduate degree in civil engineering was awarded by the University of California at Berkeley and he graduated from I'olani.

He has served as Deputy Director of Highways for the State DOT since 2004 and as Interim Director of DOT since December of 2007. He is a member of the Hawaii State Earthquake Advisory Committee and serves as Chair of the Geotechnical Committee of the Hawaii Section of the American society of Civil Engineers. He is also active in the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineers and the Canadian Geotechnical Society. He is noted as an innovative thinker and someone who is responsive to community concerns. With his several years in leadership positions at DOT he will be able to assume the position of Director with experience and understanding of the process.

OHA strongly supports his nomination as Director of the State Department of Transportation and thanks the Committee for the opportunity to testify on his behalf.

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February 19, 2008

The Honorable Senator English, Chair, and Members
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
State Senate, Room 224
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair English and Members:

Subject: Governor's Message No. 257 Consideration and Confirmation of Dr. Brennon Morioka, PhD, as Director of the Department of Transportation

My name is Ben Tsukazaki. I am an attorney in Hilo and have represented clients in various matters involving the Department of Transportation.

Before I met Dr. Morioka, I had heard much from private sector engineers about his background and impressive credentials. When I finally did meet him, I was surprised he was very "down-to-earth" and focused on potential solutions.

Almost all of my contact with Dr. Morioka occurred during his service as the Deputy Director for Highways at the Department of Transportation. In my experience, Dr. Morioka has been remarkably attentive, conversant, and result-oriented in issues that mutually affect the Department and my clients. He has always been promptly responsive, which it itself amazes me, and very candid in his views. Although we have not always agreed, I have always felt that Dr. Morioka has objectively considered the circumstances and come to a rational position.

I believe that Dr. Morioka will do an exemplary job of administering the Department of Transportation and will ensure that the future transportation infrastructure needs of the State will be effectively addressed. It is without reservation that I support his confirmation as the State Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please contact me (808-961-0055) if you should need further information regarding this written testimony.

Very truly yours,

TSUKAZAKI YEH & MOORE


R. BEN TSUKAZAKI

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From: Michael Victorino [Michael.Victorino@mauicounty.us]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 12:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of Brennon Morioka

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Transportation and International Affairs Committee

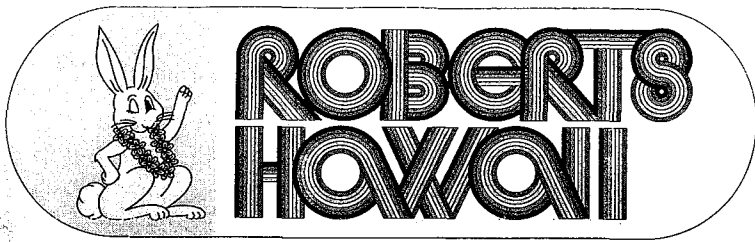
Aloha Senator English,

I would like to take this time to ask for your support of Brennon Morioka as Director of state Department of Transportation. I have worked with Brennon and have come to know him quite well. Brennon has the skills, knowledge and heart for the people of Hawaii, which will make him the perfect candidate for Director of state Department of Transportation. I ask for your kind consideration on this matter.

Mahalo,

Michael P. Victorino
Councilmember
Maui County Council

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Senator J. Kalani English – Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard – Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Neil M. Takekawa, President, Robert's Hawaii, Inc.
Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Support of GM 257, BRENNON MORIOKA as Director of Transportation

Good afternoon, Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee. My name is Neil Takekawa, President of Roberts Hawaii and I am here in support of the governor's nominee for the Director of Transportation, Mr. Brennon Morioka.

As the Director of Transportation Mr. Morioka will oversee all of Hawaii's harbors, airports and highways. I feel Mr. Morioka is keenly qualified to assume the position of Director having served as the Deputy Director of the Highways Division and interim Transportation Director.

Roberts Hawaii Tours, Inc. is Hawaii's largest motorcoach and tour wholesaler operating on Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Big Island. We offer transportation and tours to visitors from both the airports and the cruise lines. We feel it is crucial to have someone with Mr. Morioka's background who is open to suggestions, an open communicator and yet has the ability to be firm on an issue.

Roberts Hawaii, Inc. fully supports Brennon Morioka as the State Director of Transportation.

Respectfully submitted:

NEIL M. TAKEKAWA

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Ken C. Kawahara

I am here today in support of Brennon Morioka's consideration and confirmation for the position of Director of the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (DOT).

Although I have a professional engineering relationship with Dr. Brennon Morioka, I am here before you as an individual. I have personally known Dr. Morioka for over 26 years. During that time, I have seen his raw talent develop into the distinguished leadership and vision that you see today.

Dr. Morioka has shown exemplary leadership during his tenure as the Deputy Director of the Highways Division and continues to do so in his role as Interim Director at DOT. He has been a great asset to the State of Hawaii and DOT as they work diligently to fulfill their responsibilities to plan, design, construct, operate and maintain State facilities in all modes of transportation (air, water and land).

Dr. Morioka is well respected by his colleagues in Hawaii and has extensive knowledge and experience in a multitude of engineering disciplines. He has a long and successful track record in the private sector.

It is my honor and privilege to support the consideration and confirmation of Dr. Brennon Morioka for the position of Director of the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (DOT).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken C. Kawahara". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Ken Kawahara, P.E.

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136 E. Street SE
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February 19, 2008

The Honorable Kalani English - Chairman
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
415 South Beretania Street, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

Re: Support for the confirmation of Brennon Morioka, as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Dear Senator English:

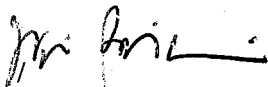
Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Brennon Morioka as Director of the State of Hawaii's Department of Transportation.

I have known Brennon for several years and have been impressed with his base of knowledge as well as his ability to work with diverse personalities to seek the best outcome on any given issue. The State of Hawaii is very fortunate to have this "island son" as a candidate to become Hawaii's next Transportation Director. You know, better than I do, the importance transportation plays in our State's economy and survival. Now more than ever we need leadership with vision and the ability to bring all parties together for the common good.

Hawaii is unique among the nation because of the inclusion of the divisions of Highways, Airports and Harbors under a single umbrella department. The responsibility to lead and coordinate this is an awesome task. Without a doubt, Brennon's tenure as Deputy Director of Highways has prepared him very well for this "next step".

It is my belief that Brennon Morioka will lead our State in the direction needed to move Hawaii forward.

Aloha ke Akua,



Tobi Solidum

Cc: Brennon Morioka

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