

TESTIMONY OF KU'UHAKU PARK
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS
HAWAII STATE SENATE
ON FEBRUARY 20, 2008
IN REGARDS TO GM422 – THE NOMINATION OF KU'UHAKU PARK TO THE
COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION

Chair English, and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs. Thank you for your considering my nomination to serve as a member of the State of Hawaii's Commission on Transportation.

Over the past sixteen years I have worked at all levels of the maritime industry. In each job I've held, from an entry level clerk to my current management position with Horizon Lines, I have had the opportunity to continually interact with many Federal and State government agencies. This has allowed me to acquire a knowledge set of not only the delicate relationship between government and business, but more specifically, the nuances of the workings between government and a transportation based business.

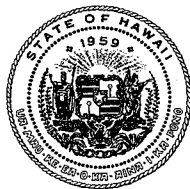
I would like to continue to use this skill set in providing what ever advice I can to the State Department of Transportation, its Director and Deputies, all well as serving as a liaison between the Department, industry and the community.

I am of the belief that the bulk of my generation has lost its sense of civic duty. I am a big fan of our political system and feel that the more we all take an active part in it, the better it works. Other than running for office, there was no better way to exemplify my belief than to volunteer my time and effort to try to improve our community.

While there are issues that are definitely closer to my heart, such as poverty and children's causes, I believe I could best serve the community by sticking to something I know a little about. So, the State's Commission on Transportation is where I could probably apply my experience the best.

I would like to thank you and your committee for your kind and serious consideration in confirming my nomination to the Commission on Transportation.

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February 20, 2008

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 422

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The State Department of Transportation whole-heartedly supports Mr. Ku`uhaku Park's nomination to the Commission on Transportation (COT). Mr. Park is a current Commissioner on the COT, and he has proven himself to be a tremendous asset to the Commission and to the Department. Mr. Park's open and friendly demeanor adds a special quality to his willingness to work collaboratively with the other Commissioners. As busy as Mr. Park is, he rarely misses a Commission meeting.

Mr. Park has served Hawaii's vital maritime industry since 1991; and his 17 years of marine cargo expertise provides critical insight into the policies and facilities required for the betterment of the State's transportation infrastructure.

The Department of Transportation is honored by Mr. Park's willingness to continue to serve on the Commission and respectfully asks the Senate to confirm Governor Lingle's nomination of Mr. Ku`uhaku Park to the Commission on Transportation, for the term July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

February 19, 2008

TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL D. FORMBY

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 422

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Honorable Chair English and Members of the Committee:

It is my pleasure to recommend Ku`uhaku Park for the Commission on Transportation (COT). As Deputy Director for the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, I have worked with Ku`uhaku for the last seven months and he has been actively involved in Harbors issues.

Mr. Park has been a part of the maritime industry since 1991 and has 17 years of marine cargo expertise. As a current COT member, his maritime background provides vital input for critical transportation issues confronting Hawaii.

I am confident Mr. Park will continue to serve the Commission and the people of Hawaii well to the highest of his ability.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

testimony

From: Curt Kekuna [ckekuna@kawaiiahao.org]
Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2008 11:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Committee on Transportation Hearing February 20, 2008: Recommendation for Kuuhaku Park for the State's Commission on Transportation

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Kahu Curt Kekuna, senior pastor of Kawaiiahao Church of Honolulu. I have known Kuuhaku Park for 25 years first as a student, then as a trusted friend and now as his pastor.

My recommendation:

Kuuhaku has always been a very responsible person. When given a task, he knows how to prioritize, set deadlines and complete the assigned task.

He is focused. I've never known him to be derailed from any given task because of his calculated determination.

He is flexible. At the same time, I've also seen him adjust when necessary to any given task if there is a need in order to accomplish the task within the timeline.

He is fun. He knows how to enjoy what he is doing at any time. It's not enough to accomplish a task, it's important to him to enjoy the journey.

He loves his wife and is devoted to her and his family. It is important to be of service to others, achieve tasks and be recognized. However, Kuuhaku will not sacrifice his wife or his kids for the sake of gaining recognition.

This speaks loudly for his character in maintaining what is important for his future and the future of his family.

He is loyal. Once you are his friend, you are his friend for life.

He is persistent. If he is on a task, you can count on it being done.

He is my friend. I don't have many true friends and I count Kuuhaku as one of my true friends.

Therefore, I wholeheartedly without reservation highly recommend Kuuhaku Park for a seat on the State Commission on Transportation.

Sincerely,

Kahu Curt Kekuna



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February 15, 2008

TO: The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation &
International Affairs

SUBJECT: GM 422, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission
on Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee Ku'uhaku T. Park for a term to
expire 6-3-2012

Wednesday, February 20, 2008
1:00 p.m., Conference Room 224

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and Committee members:

I am Lance Tanaka, government relations manager for Tesoro Hawaii Corporation, and I am writing this letter in support of gubernatorial nominee Ku'uhaku T. Park to the State Commission on Transportation.

Mr. Park and I have worked together as representatives of our respective companies on the Hawaii Harbors Users Group. I have observed him to be highly knowledgeable of the transportation sector, and particularly the many challenges Hawaii faces with its aging harbors infrastructure. He has demonstrated the desirable qualities of listening carefully to people's concerns and then providing solutions that address those concerns.

I respectfully urge your committee to find in favor of Ku'uhaku T. Park's confirmation, gubernatorial nominee to the State Commission on Transportation for a term to expire June 3, 2012. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lance N. Tanaka
Manager, Government Relations
Tesoro Hawaii Corporation

February 16, 2008

To Whom It May Concern,

I'd like to offer my thoughts on Ku'uhaku Park and his nomination for the States Commission on Transportation. I've known Ku'u for at least 10 years and know him as a very intelligent, articulate, caring and understanding person. He listens and is not afraid to take action. Not only has he made his parents proud for many of his accomplishments but he is also a loving father and husband. If I was to go to battle, no question in my mind that I would have Ku'u on my side. I hope you confirm his nomination and I know that those who are part of the decision process will be happy they did. Thank-you.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
THE HONORABLE J. KALANI ENGLISH, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE MIKE GABBARD, VICE CHAIR

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 422:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Transportation,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **KU'UHAKU T. PARK**, for a term to expire 6-30-2012

Testimony of Glenn Hong and Roy Catalani
Young Brothers, Limited
February 20, 2009

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 422 concerning the Governor's nomination of Ku'uhaku T. Park to the Commission on Transportation. **On behalf of Young Brothers, Limited, we submit this testimony in support of Mr. Park's nomination.**

Mr. Park is currently the Government and Public Affairs Manager for CSX Lines, Inc./Horizon Lines, LLC and, prior to his current position, worked his way up the maritime industry in the positions of the Assistant Manager for Marine Operations, Supervisor of Marine Operations, Account Manager and Equipment Control Clerk for Sea-Land Service, Inc./CSX Lines, Inc. Mr. Park is also a member of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group, a member of Hawaii Maritime Cabotage Task Force, a Director-at-Large of the Hawaii Transportation Association, a member of the State of Hawaii Alien Aquatic Organism Task Force and an advisor to the US-DOT/USCG, National Preparedness Exercise Program.

At Young Brothers, we have had the pleasure and privilege of working with Mr. Park in connection with the Hawaii Harbor Users Group. In this regard, we have had the benefit of his knowledge and experience that he has gained over the past sixteen years working at various levels of the maritime industry.

As we are all well aware, the State and its Department of Transportation face critical issues and difficult challenges in maintaining and rebuilding this State's crucial harbor infrastructure. Mr. Park's strong professional background in harbor-related matters and his understanding of the complexities of the workings between government and transportation-based businesses makes him an ideal choice for the Commission on Transportation and, through the commission, to develop advice for the Director of Transportation.

We respectfully request that you recommend approval of Mr. Park's nomination to the Commission on Transportation. Thank you for this opportunity to comment of Governor's Message 422.

testimony

From: Mark Forman [Mark_Forman@hmsa.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2008 11:54 AM
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Cc: Mark Forman; Park, Ku
Subject: GM 422, Kuuhaku Park

February 19, 2008

The Honorable Kalani English
Chair
Transportation and International Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol, Room 224

IN RE: GM 422, Nomination of Mr. Ku'uhaku Park to the Commission on Transportation

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I have known Mr. Park for more than 20 years and I believe him to be an excellent choice to serve on the Commission. I followed Mr. Park's career since he was on the staff of The United States Senate Sergeant of Arms in Washington, D.C. Subsequent career advances brought him back to Hawaii and ultimately to Sea-Land and Horizon Shipping Lines. Mr. Park, for as long as I have known him, has also been an active participant in community and charitable efforts. His past community and work experiences in the employ of the Federal Government and in the State of Hawaii give him an extraordinary base from which to contribute to the Commission. I urge you to confirm the nomination of Mr. Park to a full term on the State Commission on Transportation.

You will not find many people with the broad base of knowledge Mr. Park possesses. He commands an intricate knowledge of shipping as well as the complicated workings of government at all levels and in all branches. I cannot emphasize enough that Mr. Park's ability to work within and understand both the private and public sector arenas related to transportation is extraordinary. Moreover, as members of the Committee on Transportation and Government Operations may agree, too many of our appointed Boards, Commissions, and so-called Blue Ribbon Panels are embroiled in bloated boondoggle where members rarely participate, and if they do, it is often just to rubber-stamp. Mr. Park is a go-getter, a mover-and-a-shaker who will not brook inaction or incompetence. In my opinion, he would raise the level of public service of any group he is appointed to serve.

I would be very glad to see the Mr. Park serve on the Transportation Commission. We need more like him. Thank you for this opportunity to support his nomination.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Forman

2/19/2008

(Former Washington Aide to Senator Dan Inouye for Transportation Issues
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February 20, 2008

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ON GM 422 RELATING TO KUUHAKU PARK'S
NOMINATION TO THE COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you Chair English and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association which has 360 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

HTA supports Kuuhaku Park's nomination to the Commission on Transportation.

Kuuhaku has served on HTA's board so we have had the opportunity to work with him on legislative matters and general industry matters. He is well versed in maritime transportation issues and has interacted substantially with the ground transportation interface to the maritime facilities.

His deep involvement in the industry as well as the legislative process makes him a valuable addition to the Commission on Transportation.

Thank you.

February 19, 2008

Chair English and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation & International Affairs:

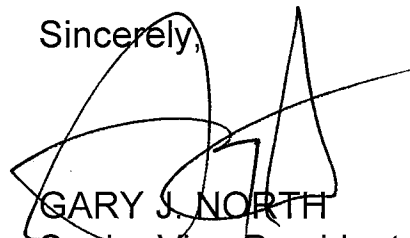
SUBJECT: GM 422, Kuuhaku Park, Gubernatorial Nominee
Commission On Transportation

The purpose of this written testimony is to support the confirmation of the Gubernatorial Nomination of Kuuhaku Park as a member of the Commission on Transportation.

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Park in his capacity as the Government and Public Affairs Manager of Horizon Lines. Mr. Park as a Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG) committee member has tirelessly worked towards addressing Hawaii's many harbor infrastructure needs along with various operational issues and concerns facing Hawaii's harbor users. Although employed by a competitor of Matson, Mr. Park and I have enjoyed a close and collaborative working relationship on many issues of mutual interest. His dedication and commitment are positive attributes that he will bring to the Commission on Transportation.

It is based on these observations that I support Mr. Park's confirmation as a member of the Commission on Transportation.

Sincerely,



GARY J. NORTH
Senior Vice-President
Matson Navigation Company



**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
SUPPORTING NOMINATION OF KU'UHAKU T. PARK TO THE
COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION
BY
STEVEN GOLDEN**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008

Chair English and members of the Committee:

I am Steve Golden, Vice President of External Affairs for The Gas Company. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting the reappointment of Ku'uhaku T. Park to the Commission on Transportation, with a term to expire June 30, 2012.

As a public utility involved in the construction of gas mains and services and the shipment of liquefied petroleum gas through the harbors of all the major Hawaiian Islands, The Gas Company has constant interaction with the Department of Transportation's Highways and Harbors Divisions.

Mr. Park has over 15 years of experience in Hawaii's transportation issues and is currently a well-qualified member of the Commission on Transportation especially in maritime related issues. I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Park closely as part of the Hawaii Harbors User Group and I have always found to be a conscientious and well informed on transportation related issues.

The Gas Company strongly supports the reappointment of Mr. Park to the Commission on Transportation for a term to extend until June 30, 2012

Thank you for allowing The Gas Company to present these comments.

testimony

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Subject: Testimony - Ku'uhaku Park

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2008
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

I am submitting testimony in support of Ku'uhaku Park's nomination to the States Commission on Transportation. Ku'u has many years of industry experience and fairly gives due consideration to all transportation concerns and issues. Ku'u has the ability to make sound decisions and has very good judgment. He listens intently to concerns and does his part to solve issues in a very constructive manner. Ku'u is not beholden to any special interest. I believe he makes correct choices and decisions based on what is right. I have known Ku'u for about eight years and he has been very consistent throughout this time.

Sincerely,

Jeff Brennan

General Manager

Hawaii Stevedores, Inc.

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2/19/2008

TO: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2008

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 224, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

LETTER OF TESTIMONY FOR: Ku'uhaku T. Park

Dear Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard and
Members of the Senate Selection Committee,

It is with great respect that I submit this letter of testimony for Ku'uhaku T. Park. I have known Ku'uhaku and have worked with him in a variety of capacities for many years. He is a solid definition of the word "integrity"...putting his values into action whenever he is called upon to make sound business and personal decisions.

Ku'uhaku is a prime example of a strong leader who has the ability to demonstrate the ethics and beliefs of one who can be trusted and committed to his decisions. He is a team player with a keen sense of respect for his fellow constituents.

In summary, I highly recommend Ku'uhaku T. Park for the Commission on Transportation. He will be a valuable asset to this important position.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robin Yamane

February 18, 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
State Capitol, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: GM 422, Ku`uhaku T. Park, Commission on Transportation

Dear Chair English and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of gubernatorial nominee Ku`uhaku T. Park to the Commission on Transportation.

I have known Mr. Park for over 25 years and believe he has the background, knowledge, and temperament to effectively serve on the Commission. His strong work ethic and congenial personality make him ideally suited for this position. I am confident that Mr. Park will make a positive contribution towards the commission's efforts to address the many transportation-related challenges facing our State.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony in support of this nomination.

Sincerely,

Troy Shimasaki

testimony

From: John Aeto [John.aeto@vrehawaii.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2008 3:30 PM
To: testimony
Cc: 'Park, Ku'
Subject: Commision on transportation hearing 2/20

Please accept this as my written testimonial for Kuuhaku Park to be nominated and accepted on the Commission of Transportation for the State of Hawaii.

I have know Kuuhaku since he and I were 5 years old. We attended the Kamehameha school together since kindergarten. He is a man of the highest ability and character. I have continue my friendship with Kuuhaku all through the years because of this special character.

I highly recommend him to be a part of this commission, where we can put use his integrity and skills, for the people of this great State – we call Hawaii.

I am available by cell phone if needed 808-216-2386.

Thank you,

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RE: Testimony for Hearing on Wednesday, February 20, 2008
before the Senate Committee on Transportation

Date: February 19, 2008

Subject: Confirmation Hearing for Ku`uhaku Park

**RECOMMENDATION OF KU`UHAKU PARK
NOMINEE FOR THE STATE COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION**

I am writing in support of Ku`uhaku Park's nomination as a member of the Hawai`i State Commission on Transportation.

Mr. Park has been a personal friend for several years. I know him to be a thoughtful, bright, articulate and well-informed person. He is an honorable and extremely diligent person who would be an excellent addition to the Commission and who would provide sound advice to the Director of Transportation.

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