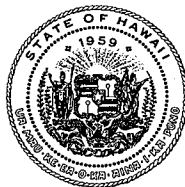


GM 369

Owen Miyamoto

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February 25, 2009

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL &
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 369
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE COMMISSION ON
TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, OWEN MIYAMOTO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2013.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the nomination of Owen Miyamoto to the Commission on Transportation (COT).

Mr. Miyamoto is currently a member of the COT and is in fact presently serving as its Chairperson. His term will expire on June 30, 2009 and he is being nominated for another term.

Mr. Miyamoto has served Hawaii's transportation industry since 1962. The first ten years of his career were spent as a highways engineer. The ensuing 37 years were devoted to the aviation industry. Mr. Miyamoto's long and illustrious aeronautical career provides him with critical insights into the policies and facilities required for the betterment of the State's transportation infrastructure.

Mr. Miyamoto has also proven himself to be a tremendous asset on the COT. Mr. Miyamoto's open and friendly demeanor adds to his willingness to work collaboratively with the other COT Commissioners. As busy as Mr. Miyamoto is, he rarely misses a COT meeting.

The DOT is honored by Mr. Miyamoto's willingness to continue serving on the COT and respectfully asks the Senate to confirm Governor Lingle's nomination of Mr. Owen Miyamoto to the Commission on Transportation, for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this nominee.

February 19, 2009

Committee on Transportation, International, and Inter-government Affairs

Hearing: Wednesday, 25 February 2009
Time: 1:15 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 224

TESTIMONY

I currently serve on the Board of Direction for the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). ASCE is the oldest professional engineering organization in the U.S. and currently has over 150,000 members. I also serve as the Chair for the Region 8 Board of Governors that leads and provides guidance to local sections established throughout a 9-state region including Hawaii. In this capacity and on behalf of ASCE, I am testifying in support of Owen Miyamoto's appointment to the Commission on Transportation.

Mr. Miyamoto was a long-time airports administrator for the State of Hawaii. For his outstanding achievements and contributions to air transportation engineering, he received the ASCE Robert Horonjeff Award in 1986. In 1991, he was also recognized as the Hawaii Engineer of the Year.

For over the last ten years, Mr. Miyamoto has worked tirelessly with the Hawaii State Legislature to provide input and shape legislation to positively affect the civil engineering profession. Legislation enacted as a result of his efforts includes reformation on the procurement process for professional services. In 2005, Mr. Miyamoto received the ASCE Zone IV Citizen Engineer Award for these efforts.

The state is extremely fortunate to have had Mr. Miyamoto as a public servant and to continue to have his involvement through volunteer service. It is for these reasons that I support Owen Miyamoto and his appointment to the Commission on Transportation.

Sincerely,



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February 23, 2009

To: Committee on Transportation, International, and
Inter-Government Affairs
Hearing: Wednesday, February 25, 2009
Time: 1:15 P.M.
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Measure: GM369

TESTIMONY

I hereby express my full support for the reappointment of Mr. Owen Miyamoto to the DOT Commission on Transportation. As President of the Hawaii Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), I have had the distinct honor of having Mr. Morimoto serve as the ASCE Local Legislative Affairs Committee Chairman. This is a demanding position that requires a huge level of dedication to the Civil Engineering profession and to his fellow engineers. His tireless work as our Committee Chairman contributed to significant improvements to the State procurement process that has benefited both the State of Hawaii and all local engineering firms who do business with the State. He has also served as a volunteer in numerous other ASCE functions and activities. Mr. Morimoto is a model engineer and citizen of the State of Hawaii.

His work as an engineer has earned him several awards and distinctions from ASCE, SAME (Society of American Military Engineers), and from his engineering peers, such as the ASCE Zone IV Citizen Engineer Award, the ASCE Robert Horonjeff Award, and the State of Hawaii Engineer of the Year Award. He participated in the Board of Advisors for the 3 R's Building Community Partnerships, and is a Life member with both ASCE and SAME.

Mr. Morimoto was the DOT Airports Administrator for many years, which has provided him with the skills and knowledge that are invaluable in his position on the Commission on Transportation.

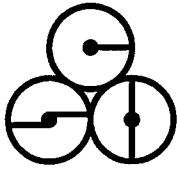
I commend Governor Lingle in her nomination of Mr. Morimoto, and wholeheartedly proclaim my support as well.

Sincerely,



Michael Hunnemann, P.E., M. ASCE
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Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2009, Conference Room 224

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: GM 369

Commission on Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, OWEN MIYAMOTO, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Aloha,

Consulting Structural Hawaii, Inc. is a locally owned and managed structural engineering firm and has been in business since 1987.

We strongly support MR. OWEN MIYAMOTO to the Commission on Transportation. We have known Mr. Owen Miyamoto for many years and have found him to have a wealth of knowledge in the area of transportation and he has represented the State of Hawaii and its citizens extremely well as the former State of Hawaii Airports Division engineer and administrator. We have found him to be honest and forthright in his assessment of the transportation systems in Hawaii and he has expressed many innovative ideas on how to solve its problems. Engineering and community organizations have often invited Mr. Miyamoto to speak on the subject of transportation and he has always been eager to share his expertise.

Again, we **STONGLY SUPPORT MR. OWEN MIYAMOTO** to the Commission on Transportation.

Sincerely,
Roy K. Yamashiro, P.E., Principal

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TO: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 25; 1:15 pm; CR 224

Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair, Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair and Members of Senate Committee on Transportation, International & Governmental Affairs

Subject: GM 369 - Appointment of Owen Miyamoto for Commission on Transportation

The Design Professionals, Coalition of Hawaii Engineering & Architectural Professionals, American Public Works Association **Strongly Support Mr. Owen Miyamoto for the Commission on Transportation.**

Mr. Miyamoto has been a long time professional engineer in Hawaii, former State Department of Transportation Airports Administrator, and teacher. We have known and worked along side Mr. Miyamoto for many years and found him to be of the highest ethical character and of sound professional judgement.

We fully and confidently Support Mr. Owen Miyamoto for the Commission on Transportation.

Les Fukuda, Vice President

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AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE

Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Committee on Transportation, International and
Intergovernmental Affairs
Hawaii State Senate

Hearing: February 25, 2009

Re: GM 369 Nominee, Owen Miyamoto

Chair English and Honorable Committee Members:

My name is Peter Fithian and I am the Chair of the Airport Concessionaires Committee which represents the major concessions at Hawaii's public airports.

We strongly support the nomination of Owen Miyamoto.

As you know, Mr. Miyamoto has years of experience managing Hawaii's public airports. Throughout that period of time we have always found him to be fair and objective and acting in the best interests of all. We are very pleased that he is willing to serve on the Committee of Transportation. He not only has a wealth of background and experience but also is a fine individual who has displayed both integrity and vision in all of his past endeavors.

We respectfully urge you to approve is nomination. Thank you.

cc: Jim Stone, Legislative Advisor



**TESTIMONY TO
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION,
INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

1:15 p.m.

State Capitol Conf. Rm. 224

**Governor's Message 369 – Consideration and confirmation to the Commission
on Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Owen Miyamoto**

Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee:

I am providing written testimony in support of Mr. Owen Miyamoto, gubernatorial nominee for the Commission on Transportation.

As you are aware, Hawaii 3R's has saved the State over \$26 million in public school facilities repair and maintenance costs since 2001. Much of this accomplishment is the result of community volunteers and businesses stepping up to help the schools, but what often goes unnoticed are the many volunteers that assist our program behind the scenes. Mr. Miyamoto is one of these dedicated volunteers.

Hawaii 3R's has a Technical Review Committee (TRC), which is made up of engineers, architects, and experienced professionals from both the State and from the private sector, that evaluates and grades applications four times a year. The TRC specifically evaluates the need for the projects, the management plans, the community and business involvement, the leveraging of funds, and the maintenance plans, and ensures that State specifications and sound construction practices are followed. Mr. Miyamoto has been a very dedicated and reliable member on this volunteer committee since 2001.

During these review sessions, Mr. Miyamoto most impressed me with how meticulous he is in his review. He asks thoughtful questions and makes pertinent suggestions regarding the projects. Since he has reviewed so many applications over the years and is just a volunteer, it would be easy to just go through the motions during the review process. However, I believe that Mr. Miyamoto is just as thorough now as he was on day one.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention Mr. Miyamoto's personality. I have had to resist referring to him as "Owen" throughout this testimony, not out of a lack of respect, but because of his humble and unassuming nature. I was surprised to find out only after years of working with him how accomplished he is and how his presence enhances the stature of the TRC and 3R's.

We are blessed to have Owen, and so is the Commission on Transportation. Thank you to the committee for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

- by Ryan T. Shigetani, Executive Director, Hawaii 3R's

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Senate Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs
Senator J Kalani English (Chair) / Senator Mike Gabbard (Vice Chair)

Amended Notice of Hearing
Wednesday, February 25, 2009
1:15 PM / State Capitol Conference Room 224

February 22, 2009

RE: Testimony Supporting GM 369 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the commission on Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, OWEN MIYAMOTO for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Aloha Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard & Committee Members,

I support GM 369 regarding *Owen Miyamoto*. He would bring a wealth of successful leadership, knowledge and experience to this very important State Commission. I'm an employee of the *State Department of Transportation (SDOT)* with 16 years as an *Airports Operations Controller III (AOC III)* at *Honolulu International Airport (HIA)* which is part of the *Airports Division*. I'm grateful to *Mr. Miyamoto* who hired me after I've served in active duty with the *United States Coast Guard (USCG)* which was then under the *Department of Transportation (DOT)* during peacetime.

Part of my job description (*kuleana*) includes daily inspection of runways and taxiways, aircraft parking and apron areas, assigning aircraft parking spots, responding to aircraft and medical emergencies, enforcement of *Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 19* and *Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR 139)* compliance.

I've experienced part of *Owen Miyamoto's* tenure as the *Airports Administrator* when *Honolulu International Airport (HIA)* was ranked the 12th busiest airport nationwide. This reflects his leadership, management and working with the numerous entities within the airline industry to have *HIA* being that successful.

There is no doubt that he brings a great wealth of experience to this vital commission. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting GM 369. *Malama Pono*.

Thomas T Shirai Jr

February 23, 2009

Senator J. Kalani English, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Subject: GM 369 -- OWEN MIYAMOTO, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Commission
on Transportation,

Dear Chairman English and committee members,

I am in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Owen Miyamoto to the Commission on Transportation.

Having known Owen Miyamoto for many years, he is this State's foremost authority on Transportation, Airports and Harbors in this State. Owen will bring to the Commission his experience as State Airports Division administrator and engineer as well as his community organization knowledge. Owen's managerial skills and lifetime of public service will immensely benefit the Commission and this State.

I urge your recommendation for confirmation to the Commission on Transportation.

Sincerely,

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