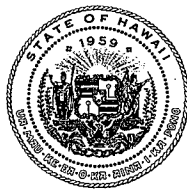


GM 371

Gary J. North

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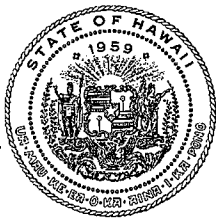
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 371
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HARBORS
MODERNIZATION GROUP, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GARY J. NORTH,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the nomination of Gary J. North, to the Harbors Modernization Group (HMG).

The HMG was established by Act 200, SLH 2008. Under this Act, the jurisdiction of the Aloha Tower development corporation (ATDC) was expanded to allow ATDC to assist the DOT in the implementation of our \$618 million state-wide Harbors Modernization Plan (HMP). Specifically, the Act authorized the ATDC to establish the HMG. The HMG has jurisdiction over and is responsible for undertaking the priority projects known as the commercial harbors modernization plan. Along with ATDC, HMG is responsible for the planning, design, construction, and financing of these harbor projects.

We find Mr. North to be well qualified to serve on the HMG. His maritime career spans over four decades. His maritime background and experience is extensive. Mr. North has been with Matson for 27 years, serving in various capacities. He culminated his appointment with Matson as senior vice president, Pacific, in 2003. Mr. North also currently serves as the chair of the Hawaii Harbors User Group (HHUG). His maritime experience, knowledge, and leadership skills will be valuable assets to the HMG.

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



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Statement of
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**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND
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Wednesday, February 25, 2009
1:15 P.M.
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Chair English, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports the confirmation of Gary J. North's appointment to the Board of Directors for ATDC. Mr. North will serve as a Public At-Large member of the ATDC's Harbors Modernization Group, with his term set to expire on June 30, 2012.

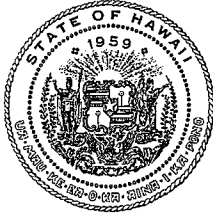
Mr. North's many years working with the Hawaii Maritime community and his current leadership role with the Hawaii Harbors Users Group allows him to take the pulse of the maritime industry and relay that information to the ATDC Board's Harbors Modernization Group. Furthermore, his many connections with industry leaders that he developed during his most recent position at Matson Navigation Company will prove to be a valuable asset to the ATDC, because these people know Mr. North will be able to convey the industry's perspective with regard to the proposed Statewide Harbors projects.

Mr. North has already proven to be a well-prepared, contributing member of the Board's Harbors Modernization Group, regularly attending meetings and providing his perspective on issues presented to the Board. He has garnered the respect of his fellow Board members, and has participated in the lively discussions on ongoing projects and outstanding issues. By his actions, Mr. North has exhibited a strong commitment to serve,

and a willingness to expend valuable time to ensure he carries out his responsibilities as an ATDC – Harbors Modernization Group Board member to the best of his ability.

On behalf of DBEDT, I respectfully urge the Committee to vote favorably on the confirmation of Gary J. North to the Board of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation – Harbors Modernization Group.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support on this matter.



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The Aloha Tower Development Corporation (ATDC) strongly supports the appointment of Mr. Gary J. North to the Board of Directors for ATDC. Mr. North would serve as a Public-At-Large member of the ATDC Board's Harbors Modernization Group with a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

The ATDC is honored and blessed to have a man of Mr. North's caliber, willing to serve on our Board. Mr. North has a lifetime of experience and knowledge working in the maritime industry. Starting as a cargo planner over forty years ago, and working his way up the ranks to Senior Vice President – Pacific for Matson Navigation Company, Mr. North has experienced first-hand all facets of cargo and terminal operations, from sales to stevedoring. Mr. North has also worked at ports in countries around the world, and at major seaports on the east and west coasts of North America.

Mr. North is a dynamic and charismatic leader. He is the instrumental force behind the formation of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group, a marine transportation industry group established to develop a set of priorities for the industry. Once formed, Mr. North skillfully led and encouraged the group to work together for the greater good of the industry as a whole. He provided advice and guidance to the Department of Transportation – Harbors Division, and to

ATDC in our partnership effort to expedite the development of critically needed harbor infrastructure. His leadership has brought forth many accomplishments, including the sponsorship of key studies identifying Hawaii's maritime needs, industry outreach, legislative and other governmental initiatives, and most importantly public focus and attention on the importance of our commercial harbor system to Hawaii's economy.

On a personal note, I have great admiration for Mr. North. He is honest, skillful, forthright, and always willing to go that extra mile despite the many obstacles and pressures that often block one's road to achieving a goal. He is above all a hard-working man of great character. He has come up through the ranks, and has compassion and caring for people at all levels of society. His wide circle of friends and colleagues is a testament to the respect and loyalty he commands from many.

Mr. North began serving on the ATDC Board on an interim basis during the fall of 2008. He has regularly attended meetings, and contributed greatly to guiding the Board on matters relating to the Harbors Modernization Plan. As one of the founding fathers of the plan, he is critical to its success.

On behalf of the Board and staff, I respectfully urge the Committee to vote in support on the confirmation of Mr. Gary J. North to the Board of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation – Harbors Modernization Group.

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

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February 19, 2009

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Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation, International
and Intergovernmental Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: GM371, Gary J North, Gubernatorial Nominee
Harbors Modernization Group**

Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs:

We are submitting this letter to support the nomination of Gary J North as a Board Member to the Harbors Modernization Group.

We are very concerned about and involved with harbor redevelopment throughout the State, not only because maritime shipping is the life blood for Hawaii's economy, but also because of the need for safe working conditions for our members who have to work in crowded facilities under disrepair. We have identified the need to expedite and facilitate harbor redevelopment and expansion as a top priority for our State.

The ILWU fully supports the confirmation of Gary North's nomination to the Harbors Modernization Group. As the Chair of HHUG, he has clearly demonstrated his knowledge and expertise regarding the needs of the harbor users and the critical need to move forward with harbor modernization. He has been a long time player in the industry and has intimate, practical knowledge of how the maritime industry operates.

Thank you for your consideration of the ILWU's support for GM371 nominating Gary North to the Harbors Modernization Group.

Sincerely,

Wesley Furtado
International Vice President (Hawaii)

February 21, 2009

Committee:

Senate Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair

Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

RE: Testimony for consideration and confirmation to the Harbors Modernization Group,
Gubernatorial Nominee, GARY J. NORTH, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

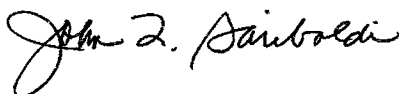
Dear Senators,

I offer this testimony in support of Gary J. North for his nomination to the Harbors Modernization Group. Mr. North has built a distinguished record during his career with Matson Navigation Company ("Matson") and, more recently, as chair of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group ("HHUG") since its inception in 2005.

During Mr. North's leadership of HHUG, the Hawaii maritime community has come together to address issues facing harbor users, develop priorities and reach consensus on projects for the modernization of Hawaii's harbors. He has demonstrated considerable ability and effectiveness in guiding the group's diverse operational activities. His career as a senior executive of Matson makes him an ideal candidate for this extremely important position.

We are fortunate to have someone with his talent and energy serve as a member of this important group. I strongly urge the committee to vote in favor of recommending Gary J. North's nomination to the Harbor Modernization Group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John L. Garibaldi".

John L. Garibaldi
Vice Chairman

February 25, 2009

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

SUBJECT: GM 371, Gary J. North, Gubernatorial Nominee
Harbors Modernization Group

The purpose of this written testimony is to support the confirmation of the Gubernatorial Nomination of Gary J. North as a member of the Harbors Modernization Group.

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. North the past 13 years in his capacity as Senior Vice President of Matson Navigation Company and as Chairman of the Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG). With over four decades of experience, Mr. North has in-depth knowledge of the shipping industry and Hawaii ports. He has worked tirelessly towards addressing Hawaii's many harbor infrastructure needs along with various operational issues and concerns facing Hawaii's harbor users. In 2005, he was instrumental in bringing the maritime industry together to form HHUG. With the members of HHUG, Mr. North led the development of the Harbors Modernization Plan in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division.

Knowledge, dedication and commitment are positive attributes that Mr. North will bring to Harbors Modernization Group. It is based on this that I support Mr. North's confirmation as a member of the Harbors Modernization Group.

Sincerely,



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February 23, 2009

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

SUBJECT: GM 371, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Harbors
Modernization Group, Gubernatorial Nominee Gary J. North, for a term to
expire 6-30-2012

Wednesday, February 25, 2009
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 224
State Capitol

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and Committee members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of gubernatorial nominee Gary J. North to the Harbors Modernization Group.

Gary has faithfully served as chairman of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group (HHUG). As Tesoro Hawaii Corporation's HHUG representative, I have observed Gary's knowledge of, and commitment towards, the ocean transportation sector to be indisputable. In his role as HHUG chairman, Gary's inclusive style of leadership has ensured that member companies have been represented fairly. I am confident he will execute his responsibilities while serving as a member of the Harbors Modernization Group with equal effectiveness.

I respectfully urge your committee to find in favor of Gary North's confirmation, gubernatorial nominee to the Harbors Modernization Group for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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20 February 2009

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation, International, and Intergovernmental Affairs
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii

Subject: Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee GARY J. NORTH to the
Harbors Modernization Group/ATDC Board

Gentlemen:

This letter is written in support and endorsement of Mr. Gary J. North's confirmation of appointment to the Harbors Modernization Group/ATDC Board. Mr. North's leadership role in the Hawaii Harbor Users Group, for which Ameron Hawaii holds membership, and his extensive experience as a Matson senior executive will provide excellent industry perspective to HMG/ATDC in DOT Harbors matters that will come before the group's consideration.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our input.

Sincerely,

Eric M. Yoshizawa
Vice President – Operations, Maui

c: Gary J. North



Aloha Cargo Transport

Division of Northland Services, Inc.

February 16, 2009

The Honorable J. Kalani English
State Senator, 6th Senatorial District
Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation,
International and Intergovernmental Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 205
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Recommendation to confirm Mr. Gary J. North for Board membership, ATDC and HMG

Dear Senator English:

I wish to submit this letter to recommend the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Gary J. North to the position of Board Member of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation and, in particular, the Harbors Modernization Group.

Mr. North has capably served in the role of Chairman of the Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG) for some time now, both before and after his recent retirement from a long and widely acknowledged career as a business leader in Hawaii's maritime industry. You will undoubtedly hear from both Gary and others about his tenure with Matson Navigation Company, Inc., the leading provider of ocean cargo services to Hawaii for more than a century. My personal experiences with Gary's skills and leadership qualities have been more limited to our relationship as colleagues in this industry and members of the non-profit HHUG organization, comprised of key users of the State's harbor facilities.

In that capacity, however, Gary has always demonstrated the attributes of tenacity and consensus building that, together with his lifetime experience, would qualify him uniquely for the position for which he seeks the Committee's confirmation. Aloha Cargo Transport wishes to support Mr. Gary J. North's appointment and hopes that the Committee will confirm it.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Maxwell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Richard Maxwell
Vice President and General Manager
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February 18, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding, the nomination of Gary North to the Board of Aloha Tower Development Corporation.

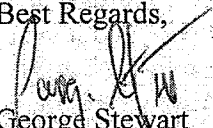
Our company, over the course of 30 years has been an active participant in Hawaii's Harbor Operations. We have experienced many of the up and downs related to operation and maintenance of harbor facilities as well as working directly or indirectly with all of the companies and agencies that make up the Hawaii Harbors Users Group in the Hawaii Maritime Industry.

Gary has consistently exhibited the highest levels of professionalism and forward thinking initiatives to promote co-operative partnerships with a focus on the means to produce the end result best for each situation. Leadership, stewardship and cordial manner support his extensive knowledge of the Maritime Industry and active participation with the DOT and Hawaii Legislature.

Accordingly, it is our distinct pleasure to recommend Gary North for serious consideration to the Board of ATDC.

Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Best Regards,


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Maui County Farm Bureau

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Serving Maui's Farmers and Ranchers*

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Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs

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RE: GM 371 Confirmation of Gary J. North to the Harbors Modernization Group

Chair English and Members of the Committee:

Maui County Farm Bureau, Maui's general agricultural advocacy organization is in strong support of the nomination of Mr. Gary J. North to the Harbors Modernization Group.

Mr. North's long experience in the Harbors and his leadership in HHUGS gives him an excellent background to continue in the efforts to complete harbor modernization projects in a timely manner. This is very critical to the long term viability of our farmers and ranchers.

MCFB respectfully requests the approval of Mr. North to the Harbors Modernization Group. Thank you.



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TESTIMONY

RE: GM 371 Confirmation of Gary J. North to the Harbors Modernization Group

Chair English and Members of the Committee

Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation on behalf of its member farmers, ranchers and agricultural organizations is in strong support of the appointment of Mr. Gary J. North to the Harbors Modernization Group.

The state of our ports, especially harbors is critical to the movement of agricultural goods across the State. HFBF has worked with HHUGS to advance our agricultural objectives to meet the transportation needs of our farmers. Mr. North was especially helpful in providing a bridge for understanding the role Harbors played in our Hawaii Biosecurity Plan to combat invasive species. Without his assistance, we do not believe that the cooperative working partnership that exists today would be possible. We need people such as Mr. North who can bring parties together, grounded in reality to move the Harbor Modernization Plan forward in a timely manner.

HFBF respectfully requests your strong support in the confirmation of Mr. North to the Harbor Modernization Group. Thank you.



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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 371:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Harbors Modernization Group,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **GARY J. NORTH**, for a term to expire 6-30-2012

Testimony of Glenn Hong and Roy Catalani
Young Brothers, Limited
February 25, 2009

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 371 concerning the Governor's nomination of Gary J. North to the Harbors Modernization Group. **On behalf of Young Brothers, Limited, we submit this testimony in *strong support* of Mr. North's nomination.**

At Young Brothers, we have had the pleasure and privilege of working with Mr. North in connection with his leadership of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group. In this regard, we have had the benefit of his knowledge and experience reflected in his position (before his recent retirement) as Senior Vice President (Pacific) of Matson Navigation Company, Inc. (Matson) and gained in his extensive career and leadership positions with Matson. Matson is, as is well known, a provider of essential ocean cargo services to the State of Hawaii and has been part of the foundation of Hawaii business for over a century.

Mr. North has played an essential role in documenting and creating awareness of the critical issues and difficult challenges we all face in maintaining and rebuilding this State's crucial harbor infrastructure. Mr. North's leadership of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group, strong professional background in harbor-related matters and his understanding of the complexities of the workings between government and transportation-based businesses make him an ideal choice for the Harbors Modernization Group and, through this group, to address the State's harbor-related issues and challenges. .

We respectfully request that you recommend approval of Mr. North's nomination to the Harbors Modernization Group.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment of Governor's Message 371.