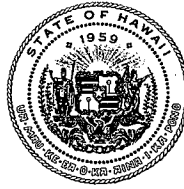


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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 432

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Governor's Message No. 432 submits for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, gubernatorial nominee, Charles M. Hirata, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

**The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports the confirmation of Charles M. Hirata.**

Mr. Hirata currently serves as the Commander of the Lahaina Police District of the Maui Police Department. Prior to transferring to Lahaina, he was with the police department's Traffic Section for 11 years and is very knowledgeable of Hawaii's traffic safety laws and enforcement issues that affect the community. He has demonstrated his willingness to serve the community through his volunteer work to promote child passenger safety in Hawaii. In 2007, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration presented Mr. Hirata with a Public Safety Award for improving child passenger safety and traffic safety in Hawaii and the Pacific Rim. He will be an excellent resource to the board.

The DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Charles M. Hirata to the State Highway Safety Council.