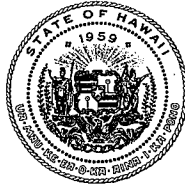


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February 25, 2009

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 434

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Governor's Message No. 434 submits for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, gubernatorial nominee, Mitchell S. Nakagawa, for a term to expire 06-30-2013.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports the confirmation of Mitchell Nakagawa.

Mr. Nakagawa is currently the Executive Director of the Hawaii Bicycling League. His expertise regarding bicycling, developing relationships with the community and experience in social marketing makes him an excellent resource to the board.

The DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Mitchell Nakagawa to the State Highway Safety Council.



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Mitchell Nakagawa's appointment to the Governor's Highway Safety Council.

As executive director of the Hawaii Bicycling League, Mitchell has provided a voice and a listening ear for bicycling needs in Honolulu and statewide.

He will be an excellent addition to the Council.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Laura Dierenfield
Executive Director

February 18, 2009

The Honorable Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i
Executive Chambers
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Governor Lingle,

As the former Executive Director of the Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) and a long time cycling advocate, I am writing to heartily recommend the appointment of Mitchell Nakagawa, the current Executive Director of HBL to the Governor's Highway Safety Council.

I have known and worked closely with Mitchell over these three years and can attest to his integrity, commitment, passion and strategic thinking in relation to safe cycling, multi modal transportation and the related impacts of the health and sustainability of local communities.

It is for these reasons and others that I recommended to the HBL Board of Directors that he succeed me in the role of Executive Director of HBL, the State's largest membership driven cycling advocacy organization.

If I can expand on his recommendation further or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email.

I look forward to serving alongside Mitchell and the rest of the members on the mission and goals of this important Council.

Respectfully,



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February 25, 2009, 1:15 p.m.

The Honorable

Chair Kalani English and Vice Chair Mike Gabbard

State Capitol

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator English and Senator Gabbard,

Subject: Support for the nomination of Mitchell S. Nakagawa for the State Highway Safety Council.

Hi my name is Kari Benes and I'm a volunteer for the Hawaii Bicycling League. I support the nomination of Mitchell S. Nakagawa for the State Highway Safety Council.

I have worked with Mitchell for the past 2 years, and he has been an outstanding director for the Hawaii Bicycling League. Through his leadership he has demonstrated an innovative and multi-faceted approach to pushing the importance of bicycling in the Highway Safety picture. Mitchell has developed a great reputation for being a positive voice for the bicycling community by maintaining effective collaborations with community partners and core volunteers.

Mitchell S. Nakagawa would be a great addition to the State Highway Safety Council.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Sincerely,

Kari Benes

Kari Benes

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TO: Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

DATE: February 23, 2009

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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HEARING: Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 1:15 p.m.

SUBJECT: GM 434 Confirmation to State Highway Safety Council Mitchell Nakagawa

Aloha Senators,

Mitchell Nakagawa has been the executive director of the Hawaii Bicycling League since the fall of 2007. He has demonstrated his concern and enthusiasm for creating a balanced transportation system that considers all users by attending community meetings sponsored by the Department of Health and other organizations, meeting with legislators regarding current and proposed laws and keeping the bicycling community up to date regarding issues that affect bicyclists. I endorse his appointment as a member of the State Highway Safety Council and ask that you do so as well.