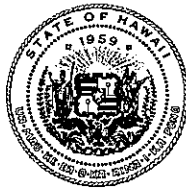


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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 227,
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE COMMISSION
ON TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **PETE G. PASCUA, JR.**,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the nomination of Pete G. Pascua, Jr., to the Commission on Transportation (COT).

Mr. Pascua has lived in Hawaii for 48 years. By profession, he is a Transportation and Traffic Engineer. He has been practicing his profession in Hawaii for more than 24 years and, as a result, he has developed a wealth of technical and practical experience.

Mr. Pascua has served as Chapter President and Chapter Director for the Institute of Transportation Engineers here in Hawaii. He has also experienced, first hand, how Hawaii has evolved into a modern metropolis. Mr. Pascua's understanding of Hawaii, his background in transportation, and his expertise in traffic engineering will serve both the COT and the DOT well.

The DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Mr. Pete G. Pascua, Jr., as a member to the COT for a second term.

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



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Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
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The Senate, 25th Legislature, Regular Session of 2010
State Capital
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: GM227 - Confirmation of Mr. Pete G. Pascua to the Commission
on Transportation

Dear Senator English:

I highly recommend Mr. Pete G. Pascua for confirmation to the Commission on Transportation. As the Vice President and Director of Planning for Wilson Okamoto Corporation, I have worked for over a decade with Pete, who holds a similar position with our Traffic and Transportation Consulting Group. During that time, we have collaborated on a number of projects and have had numerous discussions of mutual interest. I have always been impressed with his knowledge, not only of traffic engineering and transportation planning as a field, but how they pertain to specific locations throughout the State of Hawaii. I have also noticed that through his work experience and, I like to believe, through our collaborations and discussions related to my planning work, that he understands and appreciates the role of planning in his field. This includes environmental documentation, land use entitlements, permitting and community outreach. I believe that this understanding is critically important for a Transportation Commissioner.

I hope you will consider my recommendation favorably. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Earl K. Matsukawa, AICP
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Dear Senator English:

I recommend confirmation of Mr. Pete G. Pascua to the Commission on Transportation. I have worked with Pete for over 12 years at Wilson Okamoto Corporation since before the inception of the Traffic and Transportation Consulting Group at that company. Through his careful guidance and technical expertise, the Traffic and Transportation Consulting Group has flourished and contributed to the success of a wide variety of projects throughout the State of Hawaii. He has also shown a dedication to the betterment of transportation as a profession through his involvement with the Hawaii Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and technical contributions to ITE meetings and publications.

I hope you will consider my recommendation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Senator Kalani English, Chair
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Dear Sen. Kalani,

I am writing in support of Commission on Transportation Nominee Pete G. Pascua
(GM227)

(Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 1:15 PM; Conference Room 224; State
Capitol.)

It is a pleasure to again provide my strong support in favor of this nomination. As I
indicated in my letter in support of Mr. Pascua's original appointment to the Commission
in 2006, he is, without a doubt, eminently qualified for this position of trust.

When addressing safety issues such as the motorcycle helmet law and ignition interlock
systems, or a quality of life questions including mass transportation options, or the
variety of general transportation issues that affect the State's economy, the Commission's
deliberations can be enhanced by the experience and knowledge of Mr. Pascua.

The nominee is a registered professional engineer specializing in traffic and
transportation engineering. He is also active in professional organizations such as the
Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). Having served as President of ITE's Hawaii
Section, he is keenly aware of local as well as national developments in the field.

Again, I strongly endorse the appointment of Mr. Pascua to the Commission on
Transportation.

C. S. Papacostas, Professor and Chair
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