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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 228,
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE COMMISSION
ON TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **LESTER H. FUKUDA**,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2013

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the nomination of Lester H. Fukuda, to the Commission on Transportation (COT).

Mr. Fukuda is a professional engineer. He is experienced in the planning, coordination, design, master planning, and construction administration of various projects, including roadways, highways, parking, water and sewer infrastructure, building site development, repairs and renovations of buildings and structures, drainage studies and improvements, flood hazard analysis, utility system rehabilitation, industrial and residential subdivisions, school projects, airport, hospital, harbor and military site development and utility infrastructure related projects.

Mr. Fukuda has served on many professional boards, committees, and civic organizations in Hawaii and on the National level. He has also been involved with the Legislature, in helping them with procurement, liability, environmental, and engineering related issues.

As a result, Mr. Fukuda has developed a wealth of technical knowledge and practical experience that will serve both the COT and the DOT well.

Accordingly, the DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Mr. Lester H. Fukuda, as a member to the COT.

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

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The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation,
International and Intergovernmental Affairs
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM228 Consideration and Confirmation of Lester H. Fukuda to the
Commission on Transportation

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

I am Karen Nakamura, Chief Executive Officer of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

BIA-Hawaii is pleased to support the consideration and confirmation of Lester H. Fukuda to the Commission on Transportation. Mr. Fukuda has excellent professional credentials, having worked on numerous public works projects, including the H-2 Freeway; Kalaeloa Boulevard widening; Windward Community College, New Campus Development, Phase I; and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Design Build Final Subdivision projects. Lester Fukuda has also won the admiration and respect of his peers, having been chosen Engineer of the Year in 2001 by the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies.

BIA-Hawaii has had the pleasure of association and collaboration with Mr. Fukuda as the American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii (ACECH) representative to the Construction Industry Council of Hawaii (CICH). Mr. Fukuda has been generous in sharing his expertise with other groups in the construction industry. We believe he would be an excellent member of the Commission on Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you.

Karen I. Nakamura

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Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

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Thank you for this opportunity to offer my strong support for the nomination of Mr. Lester Fukuda for a position on the Commission on Transportation. Lester is an exceptional engineer who continues to make meaningful contributions to our entire industry, both locally and nationally. He has selflessly given so much of his personal time to improve and educate the engineering profession.

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In 2001, Lester was recognized as one of Hawaii's leading engineers when the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies selected him as Hawaii's Engineer of the Year. The Commission on Transportation will find Lester to be a valuable asset.

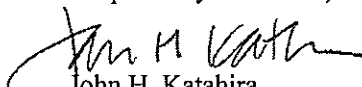
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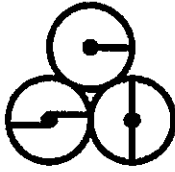
On behalf of over 60 engineering companies in Hawaii and more than 1,320 employees, the American Council of Engineering Companies – Hawaii appreciates this opportunity to provide our strong support of Lester Fukuda.

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Respectfully submitted,


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**Subject: GM 228, Related to Lester H. Fukuda, Gubernatorial Nominee for the
Commission on Transportation**

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

Occasionally, one is provided the opportunity to support someone who is truly deserving. For me, this is such a time. It is a pleasure for me to provide this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** for the nomination of Mr. Lester Fukuda for a position on the Commission on Transportation.

I have known Mr. Lester Fukuda and have worked on many projects and have served on many professional engineering committees with him for many years.

Foremost Mr. Fukuda is an exceptional person and engineer. He is a respected person and engineer locally and nationally. He has received many awards locally and nationally. He has been extensively involved with leadership and committee positions in the American Council of Engineering Companies, both locally and nationally. Mr. Fukuda has extensive knowledge and experience of public policy regarding transportation issues both locally and nationally.

Mr. Fukuda is probably the most dedicated and unselfish person that promotes the betterment of the State of Hawaii and the engineering profession that I know off. Everything that he does is for the good of those around him. He is definitely not a self-serving type of person. He will definitely be an asset to the Commission on Transportation.

I appreciate this opportunity to provide my **STRONG SUPPORT** for Lester Fukuda in his nomination to the Commission on Transportation, and urge you to accept his nomination. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Subject: GM 228, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, LESTER H. FUKUDA, for a term to expire 6-30-2013

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

I am pleased to learn that Lester H. Fukuda has been nominated for appointment to the Commission on Transportation for the State of Hawaii. I consider it to be a privilege to be asked to submit this letter of recommendation on his behalf.

I have known the Nominee for over 20 years as we both progressed in our career development as a Civil Engineer and Electrical Engineer, respectively. The Nominee is currently the Vice President of HDR/Hawaii Pacific Engineers, Inc. Both the Nominee and his firm are well respected in the engineering industry in Hawaii. The Nominee is a registered professional engineer with 34 years of professional engineering experience. This experience alone would make him a valuable member of the Commission.

The Nominee has also given of himself professionally by participating in a number of professional organizations such as the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and American Public Works Association (APWA). Through knowledge, dedication and hard work, the Nominee rose to leadership positions in each of these volunteer organizations. The Nominee also volunteer's his time to be a part of his neighborhood board and various advocacy groups. I believe that the Nominee is well qualified to sit on the Commission. In addition to his professional qualifications, the Nominee has personally demonstrated honesty, integrity, professional conduct, and a concern for the welfare of his clients and the general public. I believe that the Nominee would be a valuable contributor to the Commission in its advisory role to the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for the appointment of Lester H. Fukuda to the Commission of Transportation.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

I am pleased to express my strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Lester H. Fukuda for a term on the Commission on Transportation. I have known Mr. Fukuda for more than 30 years, including 16 years as co-owners of Hawaii Pacific Engineers and for the past three years as the leaders of the Hawaii office of HDR. Mr. Fukuda is an excellent engineer who has made significant contributions to the engineering profession throughout his career. In 2001 this was recognized by his selection as the Engineer of the Year by the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers. For more than 20 years, he has actively served in leadership positions at the local, regional, and national levels for several professional engineering organizations, such as the American Public Works Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the American Council of Engineering Companies. In his capacity as a leader in our firm, Hawaii Pacific Engineers and now HDR, he continues to be actively engaged at both the local and national levels in seeking solutions to benefit our community. I believe that his extensive knowledge and experience will be of great benefit to the Department of Transportation and ultimately to our community.

Very truly yours,

HDR|HAWAII PACIFIC ENGINEERS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Francis T. Hino'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Francis T. Hino
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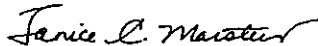
Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

It is my privilege to write this letter expressing my strong support for the nomination of Mr. Lester Fukuda for a position on the Commission on Transportation. Mr. Fukuda is an exceptional engineer who has made significant contributions to the engineering profession through his experience and knowledge. In his capacity as a leader of his firm, HDR, he has worked on many transportation projects in Hawaii. He also has been extensively involved with the American Council of Engineering Companies, both nationally and locally, and has a thorough knowledge of public policy around transportation issues.

In 2001, Mr. Fukuda was been recognized as one of Hawaii's leading engineers when the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies selected him as Hawaii's Engineer of the Year. I am certain that the Commission on Transportation will find Mr. Fukuda to be a valuable asset to the Committee's functions.

I appreciate this opportunity to provide my strong support of Lester Fukuda in his nomination to the Commission on Transportation, and urge you to accept his nomination. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
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Aloha Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

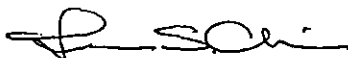
I wholeheartedly express my support for Mr. Lester Fukuda for a position on the Commission on Transportation. Mr. Fukuda has led his firm, HDR, formerly Hawaii Pacific Engineers, as a premier civil engineering firm in the islands involved in both State and County transportation projects. As a strong proponent of the island community, he has been a member of the Neighborhood Board and has also represented the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACECH) of Hawaii on key legislative transportation and business issues, thereby gaining invaluable experience in public policy processes.

He also is involved nationally with ACEC, serving in various capacities. In 2001, Mr. Fukuda was recognized as one of Hawaii's leading engineers when the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies selected him as Hawaii's Engineer of the Year.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter testimony in support of Mr. Lester Fukuda in his nomination to the Commission on Transportation, and encourage you to accept his nomination.

Mahalo,

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Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

I would like to express my strong support for the nomination of Mr. Lester Fukuda for a position on the Commission on Transportation. Mr. Fukuda is a dedicated civil engineer who has made significant contributions to the engineering profession through his experience and knowledge. He has worked on many transportation projects in Hawaii. Based on his long standing involvement with the American Council of Engineering Companies at both national and local levels, he has a thorough knowledge of public policy around transportation issues at both national and local level.

In 2001, Mr. Fukuda was been recognized as Hawaii's Engineer of the Year by the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies. It is my professional opinion that Mr. Fukuda will be a valuable asset to the Committee's functions.

I appreciate this opportunity to provide my strong support of Lester Fukuda in his nomination to the Commission on Transportation, and urge you to accept his nomination. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Yogi Kwong Engineers, LLC

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In 2001, Mr. Fukuda was been recognized as one of Hawaii's leading engineers when the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies selected him as Hawaii's Engineer of the Year. I am certain that the Commission on Transportation will find Mr. Fukuda to be a valuable asset to the Committee's functions.

I appreciate this opportunity to provide my strong support of Lester Fukuda in his nomination to the Commission on Transportation, and urge you to accept his nomination. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,
SSFM INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

It gives me great pleasure to support the nomination of Mr. Lester Fukuda as a member of the Commission on Transportation. Mr. Fukuda is an exceptional engineer who has made significant contributions to the engineering profession through his experience and knowledge. In his capacity as a leader of his firm, HDR, he has directed and managed many transportation projects in Hawaii. He also has been extensively involved with the American Council of Engineering Companies, both nationally and locally, and has a thorough knowledge of public policy relating to transportation issues.

In 2001, Mr. Fukuda was recognized as one of Hawaii's leading engineers when the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies selected him as Hawaii's Engineer of the Year. I am certain that the Commission on Transportation will find Mr. Fukuda to be a valuable asset in fulfilling the Committee's mission.

I appreciate this opportunity to provide my strong support of Lester Fukuda in his nomination to the Commission on Transportation, and urge you to accept his nomination. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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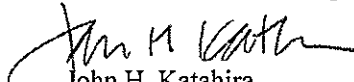
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In 2001, Lester was recognized as one of Hawaii's leading engineers when the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies selected him as Hawaii's Engineer of the Year. The Commission on Transportation will find Lester to be a valuable asset.

I appreciate this opportunity to provide my strong support of Lester Fukuda.

Best always,
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Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

I would like to express my **strong support for the nomination of Lester H. Fukuda for a position on the Commission on Transportation.** Mr. Fukuda has been an outstanding engineer in private practice in the State of Hawaii for over 30 years, and has extensive experience in highway engineering and design. He has been very active nationally with the American Council of Engineering Companies, serving on the Business Practices Committee and elected to the Committee of Fellows, allowing him to be directly involved in the development of engineering business practices on a national scale. He has been on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Procurement Institute at the University of Hawaii, dedicated to the establishment of fair and open procurement practices by government agencies.

Mr. Fukuda has been recognized as one of Hawaii's leading engineers, being selected as the State's Engineer of the Year in 2001 by the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my **strong support of Lester H. Fukuda's nomination to the Commission on Transportation.**

Very truly yours,

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February 13, 2010

Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

I am testifying in support for GM 228 for the appointment of Lester H. Fukuda to the Commission on Transportation.

My name is Owen Miyamoto and I am a member of the Commission on Transportation and a registered civil engineer in the State of Hawaii.

I have known Lester Fukuda throughout his 33-year professional career as a registered professional engineer. In his present position as vice president of the Hawaii office of HDR-Hawaii Pacific Engineers, he is responsible for the activities of a major civil engineering company. He has been responsible for many public and private projects in Hawaii and the Pacific region. The government projects included several highway related projects and public buildings.

Lester Fukuda is active in supporting the engineering profession in legislative matters. He formed a coalition of engineering and architectural professionals to present testimony to the Legislature on bills affecting the profession. In addition he has served as an officer and president of the Hawaii Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and is active with the American Council of Engineering Companies and the Public Works Association. He has been recognized by his peers and named Engineer of the Year in 2001.

I urge your recommendation for his appointment to a second term to the Commission on Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony and I would be happy to respond to any questions.



Owen Miyamoto, PE, F.ASCE