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Testimony on GM 516
Confirmation of Glenn Okimoto
Director, Department Transportation

Governor Neil Abercrombie

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Senator Kalani English, Chair
Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair

February 2, 2011
1:15 p.m. Room 224

Chair English, Vice Chair Espero and committee members, I respectfully ask for your favorable support of my nominee Glenn Okimoto as the Director of the Department of Transportation. Since being appointed on December 15, 2010, Mr. Okimoto has shown tremendous leadership skills within the DOT. His management abilities and skillset are exactly what is needed in DOT to move the state forward. He also understands the challenges ahead and that it will take all of us to make a difference.

Mr. Okimoto is the right person to lead DOT and I am proud to have him as a member of my team to ensure a New Day in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration to confirm this leader.

TESTIMONY OF
GLENN OKIMOTO
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 516, NOMINATION OF MR.
GLENN OKIMOTO AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

Chair English, Vice Chair Espero and members of the committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today.

It is truly a real honor and a privilege for me to be nominated for the director of transportation. I would like to thank Governor Abercrombie for nominating me and giving me the opportunity to be considered by the Senate.

Growing up in Waianae, I never imagined that I would be sitting here today as the nominee for director of transportation. I have many people who have supported me in my life and I would like to acknowledge and thank some of them, my wife, Hope, who is here with me today, our daughter Lauren who is away at school and my Mom and Dad. My dad passed away last summer but he would be proud.

I am also grateful to the many people that I have worked with at the Department of Transportation and the University of Hawaii. It is also through their hard work and effort that I am here before you today.

I have worked for the state of Hawaii for 30 years 27 of which was with the department of transportation. I feel that my background and experience makes me uniquely qualified. My first job at the department was the staff economist performing financial analyses and forecasts for airports, harbors and highways. I then headed the budget office which reviewed and made recommendation of all of the budget requests.

Subsequently, I was appointed as the deputy director for administration which I oversaw the personnel, property management, information technology, budget and the contracts office. This experience has given me a broad understanding of the financing and operation of the entire department, and not limited to a single division.

My primary goal is to move the needed capital improvement projects. There are airport projects, harbor projects and highway projects that are needed to renew and revitalize our transportation facilities to help Hawaii move into the future and to get our people working. These projects will help create good jobs to help bring our children, our sons and daughters home from the mainland. These projects will create a world class airport system and a highly efficient harbor and highway system.

During my interview, the governor asked me about my leadership style and how I would motivate people to do a little more, work a little harder to get the job done. I told him that I was not one to make speeches and not a rah rah type of person. He said that was okay because that was his job. My leadership style is value driven. It is based on honesty, integrity, loyalty, and equity. Once the women and men of the department of transportation feel respected again, I am confident that they will step up to the challenge and get the job done. There is a lot to do. It is also my job to make sure that we get the resources necessary to do our job.

In closing, I would like to extend my appreciation and thank everyone who submitted testimony, to those that testify and to those that came today to support me. I wish to thank the committee for giving me the opportunity to be here before you and for considering my nomination. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you very much.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



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February 2, 2011

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The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator English:

This is a letter in support of Mr. Glenn M. Okimoto's appointment as Director of Transportation.

I have known and worked with Glenn for over 20 years. He is a career public servant with a wealth of administrative and budget experience in State government. He has worked for the Department of Transportation in various capacities as an Economist, Program Evaluation Manager (Chief Budget Officer), Harbors Administrator, Airports Administrator, and Deputy Director. He has also served as State Comptroller and more recently was the University Budget Director.

Glenn is smart, capable and hardworking. Through his extensive public service career, he has consistently demonstrated his administrative ability, sound judgment, communication skills, and ability to work with, lead and manage people.

I believe that Glenn possesses the experience and necessary skills to make an excellent Director of Transportation. I urge that the Senate confirm his appointment.

Sincerely,

NEAL MIYAHIRA, Administrator
Budget, Program Planning & Management
Division
Department of Budget and Finance

January 27, 2011

The Honorable Senator J.Kalani English, Chair
Senate Transportation & International Affairs
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capital, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator English and Committee Members:

Subject: Governor's Message (GM) No. 516
Confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto, Director, Department of Transportation

I am writing to support Dr. Glenn Okimoto's confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation. As a former Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services, Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation and his many years of governmental service within the Department of Transportation as well at the University of Hawaii, Glenn has made significant professional contributions to the State of Hawaii.

As background to my support for Glenn's confirmation, please allow me to briefly introduce myself. I have served as the Deputy Director of Transportation with Glenn and also have over 18 years of private and government experience in the State of Hawaii. Up until my recent appointment as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, I was the Public Works Manager with the Department of Education Facilities Development Branch.

Glenn's ability to understand issues on a broad level attest to his true character. He exhibits a high level of integrity and enthusiasm through his involvement with staff and peers, thus earning virtual respect from all.

In closing, Glenn is a truly outstanding representative of the State in all respects. I highly recommend his confirmation.

Very truly yours,



JADINE Y. URASAKI, P.E., LEED AP
Deputy Director of Transportation

From: Ralph Hiatt [hiattr@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 9:37 AM
To: TIATestimony
Subject: Testimony in support of GM 516

Senate Transportation & International Affairs Committee
Senator Kalani English

Testimony in support of GM 516
Hearing February 2, 2011

I'm submitting testimony in support of GLENN M. OKIMOTO, Gubernatorial Nominee, for Director, Department of Transportation.

Mr. Okimoto's extensive management experiences within the Department of Transportation and positions with several State fiscal organizations bring an exceptional knowledge and understanding to the Directors Office. His experience offers fundamental skills, decision-making abilities and confidence to the Department of Transportation. His familiarity with the organizations, missions and objectives can facilitate the administrative transition in a fiscally challenging environment without learning the job.

It has been my privilege to serve as a Commissioner on the Commission of Transportation for the State Department of Transportation and support the nomination of GLENN M. OKIMOTO for Director, Department of Transportation.

Ralph J.W.K. Hiatt
Commissioner
Commission on Transportation



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Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Committee on Transportation
and International Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol Building
Honolulu, Hawaii

Hearing: Wednesday, February 2, 2011; Room 224 at 1:15p.m.

Re: Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial
Nominee GLENN M. OKIMOTO for
Director, Hawaii Department of Transportation

Chairman Senator English and Honorable Senate Committee Members:

My name is Alan Yamamoto, District General Manager with HMSHost Corporation. Our company operates the food and beverage concessions at Lihue, Kahului and Honolulu airports in Hawaii.

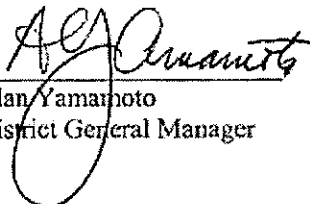
I respectfully submit this testimony in support of the nomination of Glenn Okimoto and ask that you confirm his nomination for Director of Hawaii's Department of Transportation.

As an airport concessionaire at our public airports since 1962, our company is well aware of the experiences and vast background of Mr. Okimoto while working for the State of Hawaii including as past Airports Administrator and Deputy Director for the Department of Transportation's Administrative Division. In our opinion, he has proven himself as a capable and effective leader.

We have always found Mr. Okimoto to be open to ideas, suggestions and complaints and responsive and fair in promoting a resolution to various issues. We look forward to working with Mr. Okimoto and his staff in the coming years.

In closing, we respectfully urge you to support the appointment of Mr. Okimoto as Director for the Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii. Mahalo nui loa!

HMSHost Corporation
Hawaiian Islands

By 
Alan Yamamoto
District General Manager

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ON GM 516 RELATING TO SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GLENN M. OKIMOTO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 1, 2014**

Thank you Chair English and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association with over 400 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

HTA supports the confirmation of Glenn M. Okimoto as Director of the State Department of Transportation (DOT)

We have worked directly with Glenn on many issues throughout his tenure at the DOT. He has proven to be a caring person who will afford you an opportunity to present differing thoughts and be fair in seeking solutions.

Glenn has served as a DOT Deputy Director from 1994 to 2001 so has experienced a wide range of DOT issues. He has stood beside a number of directors in legislative hearings so is familiar with this critical function.

Glenn's non-DOT experience gives him great fiscal insight as the Budget Director of the University of Hawaii System, and as a State Comptroller in DAGS.

HTA's first hand experience with this candidate, his long service with the DOT, and fiscal background makes Glenn Okimoto an excellent candidate for the position of Director of the State Department Of Transportation.

Thank you.

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Wednesday, February 27, 1:15 PM
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224

**Re: GM 516 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee,
GLENN M. OKIMOTO, for a term to expire December 1, 2014.**

Chair English, Vice Chair Espero, and Members of the Committee:

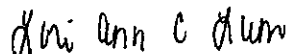
Thank you for the opportunity to communicate my support of the nomination of Glenn Okimoto for the position of Director, State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

I've known Glenn for over ten years and have had the pleasure of working with him in his previous positions with the Department of Transportation. He has integrity, a strong work ethic and the management and communication skills necessary to meet the department's goals. Glenn is an inclusive decision-maker and an unassuming leader. His experience with the various transportation modes makes him uniquely well-suited to lead one of the State's largest departments.

In addition, Glenn's vast expertise in fiscal management and strategic budgeting, most recently as Budget Director for the University of Hawaii, are an asset, particularly during economically challenging times such as these.

I have no doubt that Glenn's transition into the Director's office will be seamless. Thank you again for the opportunity to support the confirmation of Glenn Okimoto as Transportation Director.

Sincerely,



Lori Ann C. Lum
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**TESTIMONY OF KEONI WAGNER ON BEHALF OF HAWAIIAN AIRLINES
REGARDING GM NO. 516, SUPPORT FOR
THE CONFIRMATION OF GLENN M. OKIMOTO AS
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

February 2, 2011

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

My name is Keoni Wagner and I am the Vice President of Public Affairs for Hawaiian Airlines presenting this testimony on behalf of Hawaiian Airlines regarding GM No. 516.

We respectfully offer our support for the confirmation of Glenn M. Okimoto as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Okimoto is eminently qualified to lead the Department of Transportation. He has held leadership roles within the Department of Transportation serving, among other positions, as the Deputy Director, Airports Administrator, Harbors Administrator, Program Evaluation Analysis Manager, and Economist. Mr. Okimoto has also served as the State Comptroller at the Department of Accounting and General Services. Since 2008, Mr. Okimoto has been the Budget Director for the University of Hawaii.

Mr. Okimoto's broad experience and keen understanding of the department and its diverse issues will serve the State well.

For these reasons, Hawaiian Airlines supports the confirmation of Glenn M. Okimoto as Director of the Department of Transportation.

AIRLINES COMMITTEE OF HAWAII



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TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

Chair English and Members of the Committee:

The Airlines Committee of Hawaii (ACH), which is comprised of 21 air carriers serving the State of Hawaii, is writing to express strong support for the confirmation of Glenn M. Okimoto as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

The ACH has worked with Mr. Okimoto in his previous tenure as Deputy Director of Transportation, Airports Administrator and other state positions, and believes that he is extremely qualified for this demanding position. Mr. Okimoto is an exceptional leader and manager and is respected by his colleagues and staff.

Furthermore, Mr. Okimoto's familiarity with the various state departments, and in particular, the Department of Transportation, will enable him to step right in and effectively lead this complex organization that is critical to our island state.

As such, the ACH strongly supports Mr. Okimoto's appointment to become Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for considering the views of the 21 members of the Airlines Committee of Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Peters (United Airlines)
Blaine Miyasato (Hawaiian Airlines)

Co-Chairpersons

**ACH members are Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Air Pacific, Alaska Airlines, All Nippon Airways, American Airlines, China Airlines, Continental Airlines, Continental Air Micronesia, Delta Air Lines, Federal Express, go! Mokulele, Hawaiian Airlines, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Philippine Airlines, Qantas Airways, United Airlines, United Parcel Service, US Airways, and Westjet.*

Testimony In Support of
Glenn M. Okimoto for Director of Transportation
GM-516

By Al Lardizabal, Director of Government Relations
Hawaii Laborers' Union

To the
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Wednesday, February 2, 2011
Room 224, 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair; Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair and Members of the committee:

The Hawaii Laborers' Union strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Glenn M. Okimoto, Phd. as the Director of the Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii.

Dr. Okimoto is very familiar with the mission and operations of the DOT; he has had over 22 years as an administrator of the department including a term as Deputy Director for the Harbors Division of the DOT. It is as if he were "going home" to the department; he will "hit the ground running", so to speak.

Dr. Okimoto was also the State Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services and until recently, he served as the Budget Director for the University of Hawaii, Manoa. These directorships clearly indicate his executive management experiences and ability to lead practically any department well.

We humbly ask for a favorable recommendation to the Senate on Dr. Glenn M. Okimoto's confirmation as Director of the DOT.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



January 31, 2011

Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Committee on Transportation
and International Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol Building
Honolulu, HI

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**HEARING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011
Room 224 at 1:15 p.m.**

**Re: Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial
Nominee GLENN M. OKIMOTO for
Director, Hawaii State Department of Transportation**

Chairman Senator English and Honorable Senate Committee Members:

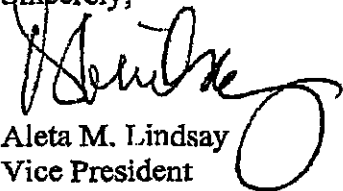
As Vice President for International Currency Services, at Honolulu International Airport, I am pleased to submit this testimony supporting the nomination of Glenn Okimoto for the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

With over 25 years of experience at Honolulu International Airport, I am well aware of the value and services that Mr. Okimoto has provided while serving the State of Hawaii, including his past positions as Airports Administrator and Deputy Director for the Department of Transportation's Administrative Division.

Mr. Okimoto has demonstrated his willingness and ability to work with our Company through his open communication and adaptability to ideas and suggestions, while positively promoting resolution to issue or concerns we may have.

On behalf of International Currency Exchange, I respectfully urge you to support Mr. Okimoto as Director of Transportation for the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,


Aleta M. Lindsay
Vice President



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January 31, 2011

The Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senate Transportation & International Affairs
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capital, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto, Director, Department of Transportation

Dear Senator English and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

I am a Vice President of Jas. W. Glover, Ltd. and current member and past chairman of the Commission on Transportation.

Dr. Okimoto brings extensive experience with the Department of Transportation to this appointment, holding several key department positions over the past thirty years. Our company works extensively with the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation and our business transactions with the divisions supervised by Dr. Okimoto have always been professional, efficient, and fair.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

John Romanowski
Vice President



January 31, 2011

Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Committee on Transportation
and International Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol Building
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Wednesday, February 2, 2011 Hearing: Room 224 at 1:15p.m. Re: Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Glenn Okimoto for Director, Hawaii Department of Transportation

Dear Chair English and Honorable Senate Committee Members:

I am Sharon Weiner, Vice President for DFS. Our company has been doing business as an airport concessionaire in Hawaii for 49 years. We fully support the nomination of Mr. Okimoto as Director of the Hawaii DOT. We have known and worked with him often over the years in various positions he has held. He is knowledgeable about the airport system, well versed in the system's financial and operating needs, and a thoughtful person who thoroughly vets issues before arriving at a decision.

In addition, Mr. Okimoto is fair-minded and has garnered a great deal of respect from various internal and external constituencies over his many years of service to the State.

DFS encourages you to support the appointment of Mr. Okimoto as Director for the Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii. I personally urge you to support the appointment of just the right man for the job!

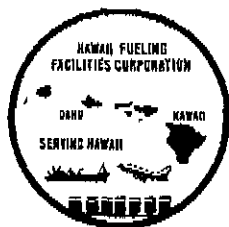
Thank you.

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Sharon R. Weiner

HAWAII FUELING FACILITIES CORPORATION

ROBERT M. STURTZ
President



MARC EMMONS
Vice President

January 27, 2011

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
The Honorable Will Espero, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Fax: 587-7230

Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation, gubernatorial nominee, GLENN M. OKIMOTO, for a term to expire 12-1-2014

I am writing to express my support for the confirmation of Glenn M. Okimoto as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Many of my colleagues have worked with Mr. Okimoto over the past several years and characterize him as an intelligent and dedicated public servant with the visionary skills to lead the Department of Transportation over the next four years. His senior leadership experiences in large and complex organizations such as the University of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, and at the Department of Accounting and General Services demonstrate he is an ideal person for this important position.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Sturtz
President



January 26, 2011

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation &
International Affairs
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capital, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator English & Committee Members:

**Subject: Governor's Message No. 516
Confirmation of Dr. Glenn M. Okimoto
Director, Department of Transportation**

I am writing to support the nomination of Dr. Glenn M. Okimoto for the position of the Director of Transportation (DOT). As a (former) long-time employee of DOT, as well as the Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services, I believe that Dr. Okimoto is an excellent candidate to fill the position of DOT Director.

I had the pleasure of working intimately with Dr. Okimoto during my nine year tenure at DOT as an Administrative Assistant to the Director and various Deputy Directors. I found him to be professional, with a strong knowledge of the intricacies of the department. Dr. Okimoto took lead roles in everything from the budget and Capital Improvement Projects to sensitive personnel issues. Sometimes he would have to make unpopular decisions, but they were always made while keeping in mind the best interest of the department and the State.

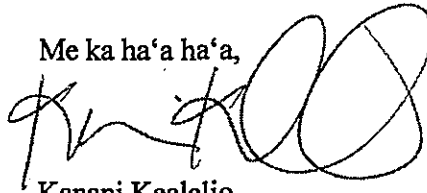
During the time we worked together, we also experienced the tragedy of 9/11. The DOT 'ohana banded together to make sure that our airports, harbors and highways continued to be operational, while also ensuring that we were compliant with the constant change and development of rules being enacted by the FAA, TSA, etc. Those were extremely trying times, but it also spotlighted Dr. Okimoto's leadership abilities during a time of crisis.

I have been fortunate to work side by side with such an outstanding representative of state government and know that he will continue to be an asset to DOT and the State of Hawai'i. I whole heartedly support the nomination of Dr. Glenn M. Okimoto as Director of DOT.

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation &
International Affairs
January 26, 2011
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Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 539-3588. I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on Dr. Okimoto's nomination.

Me ka ha'a ha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and flourishes, positioned to the right of the text "Me ka ha'a ha'a,".

Kanani Kealalio
Administrative & Compliance
Officer

JAN 27 2011



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January 26, 2011

The Honorable Senator J.Kalani English, Chair
Senate Transportation & Intergovernmental Affairs
Twenty-Six State Legislature
State Capital, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator English and Committee Members:

Subject: Confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto, Director, Department of Transportation

On behalf of PB Americas, Inc., as a consulting engineering/planning firm that has been in business for over 46 years in Hawaii, we are pleased to support the confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto as the Director of Hawaii Department of Transportation.

Dr. Okimoto has an impressive resume with significant contributions to the State of Hawaii with positions with the University of Hawaii, State Department of Accounting and General Services, and with the Department of Transportation. In particular, his many years of service with the Department of Transportation as Administrator and Deputy Director makes him an outstanding choice to lead that Department.

I have known Glenn for over ten years and have the highest degree of respect for him. He has always exhibited the highest level of character and integrity, and expects nothing less from those around him.

In closing, Dr. Okimoto is an outstanding choice to head the Department of Transportation and PB Americas, Inc. highly recommends his confirmation.

Sincerely,
PB AMERICAS, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randall M. Urasaki', written over a faint background of a letterhead.

Randall M. Urasaki, P.E.
Vice-President
Hawaii Area Manager



CIVIL ENGINEERING / CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

January 26, 2011

VIA Fax: 587-7230

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair

The Honorable Will Espero, Vice-Chair

Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Subject: Testimony in support of Glenn Okimoto as Director of Transportation

Dear Honorable Senators:

I am writing to share with you my support of Glenn Okimoto as the next Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have worked on projects over the years driven by Mr. Okimoto and have always believed him to be creative, hardworking, and a strong manager dealing with both the technical aspects and with the assigned personnel on the project. With his wide and vast working experiences at the University of Hawaii, Department of Accounting and General Services, and the Department of Transportation, Mr. Okimoto has always performed at a high level and always focused on completing the projects under his management.

With the rail moving forward, the massive Airport Renovation project, investments in our highway and port infrastructure over the next four years, I feel strongly that Mr. Okimoto is the right person to lead this dynamic organization.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Lyon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Lyon, P.E., LEED AP, CFM

President

Lyon Associates, Inc.

Coalition of Hawaii Engineering & Architectural Professionals

Representing

American Council of Engineering Companies Hawaii (ACECH)

American Public Works Association Hawaii Chapter (APWA)

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers (HSPE)

Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii (SEAOH)

Hawaii Water Environment Association (HWEA)

January 29, 2011

Hearing: Wed, February 2, 2011
Time: 1:15pm, CR 224
Email: TIATestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Subject: Confirmation for Glenn M. Okimoto, Director of Transportation
GM 516

Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair, Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair and Members of Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

The Coalition of Hawaii Engineering and Architectural Professionals are comprised of members of Hawaii's design professional community and it is with great pleasure that we **Support** the confirmation of Mr. Glenn M. Okimoto for the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Mr. Okimoto has the necessary background experience having served as the Deputy Director and Administrator for SDOT Airports and Highways Divisions. He has also served as the University of Hawaii Budget Director, State Controller, has a PhD in Resource Economics and a certificate in public administration. We feel that Glenn Okimoto, PhD is uniquely qualified to lead the State Department of Transportation.

We **highly recommend** Glenn Okimoto, PhD for the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Coalition of Hawaii Engineering & Architectural Professionals
Lester Fukuda, P.E., FACEC
Ph. (808) 697-6200

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Testimony for TIA 2/2/2011 1:15:00 PM GM516

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:

Chair, Hawaii Senate TIA Committee
Vice Chair, & Honorable Committee Members

We support the confirmation of Mr. Glenn Okimoto as the Director, Department of Transportation, for the State of Hawaii.

I have known Mr. Okimoto for nearly 12 years now. He has served in capacities of Comptroller, VP at UH Manoa, Deputy, Interim and Acting Director, HDOT, and is known as a humble and reliable senior level executive at two Division levels at HDOT. Above all, his is in the best tradition of a "Public Servant". Confucius will be well pleased if he were still amongst us.

When he left the Department of Transportation for his new career with UH Manoa, he left with the "best" departure impression that can be recalled. Somehow they knew that they had not seen the last of him. Together, with the return of a former Deputy, as well, the team is shaping up and there is anticipation for "High Hopes"; for a "New Beginning".

Recommend that this committee take a position that will help the full Senate decide in the affirmative during the floor discussions.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit a written testimony.

Aloha nui loa,

Arvid T. Youngquist
Chair & Founder, The Mestizo Association (est. 1982 at Fort Shafter) Kalihi Valley, Oahu



Hawaii Harbors Users Group

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**GM 516
RELATING TO THE ALOHA TOWER DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

**GARY NORTH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HAWAII HARBORS USERS GROUP**

FEBRUARY 2, 2011

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

I am Gary North, testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Harbors
Users Group (HHUG), in support of GM 516 to consider Dr. Glenn
Okimoto for the position of Director of the Department of
Transportation.

The Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG) is a non-profit
maritime transportation industry group comprised of the following
key harbor users: Matson Navigation Company, Horizon Lines,
LLC, Young Brothers/Hawaii Tug & Barge, Norwegian Cruse Line,
Sause Brothers Inc., Aloha Cargo Transport (ACT), Hawaii
Stevedores, McCabe Hamilton & Renny Stevedores, Hawaiian
Electric Company, Tesoro Hawaii Corporation, The Gas Company,
Ameron Hawaii, Hawaiian Cement, American Marine, Kapolei
Property Development, the Hawaii Pilots Association, and Clean
Islands Council.

Dr. Okimoto's wealth of experience in working with the state government, most notably his tenure with the airports and harbors, makes him an ideal candidate for this position especially with the Harbors Modernization Plan and the Airports Modernization Plan upon us.

These two projects represent billions of dollars to the state, and having been directly involved in the management of both of these divisions ensures that Dr. Okimoto will have a quick ramp up to the issues at hand, and will also have insight to the nuances of the inner workings of the department.

Dr. Okimoto has always been open to meet and has never avoided addressing difficult subjects with me. He is knowledgeable, honest and a quick study. I look forward to working with him as the next Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY OF Scott Vuillemot
President, American Marine Corporation
ON FEBRUARY 2, 2011
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS
IN REGARDS TO GM516 – CONSIDERATION OF GLENN OKIMOTO FOR
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Chair English and committee members, I am Scott Vuillemot of American Marine Corporation, and I am offering testimony in support of Governor's Message 516, to consider Dr. Glenn Okimoto for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

Dr. Okimoto's wealth of experience in working with the state government, most notably his tenure with the airports and harbors, makes him an ideal candidate for this position especially with the Harbors Modernization Plan and the Airports Modernization Plan upon us.

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Please take our testimony into consideration.

Scott Vuillemot
President
American Marine Corporation



Greeters of Hawaii

February 1, 2011

Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Committee on Transportation and
International Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol Building
Honolulu, Hawaii

Hearing: Wednesday, February 2, 2011; Room 224 at 1:15 p.m.

Re: Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial
Nominee GLENN M. OKIMOTO for
Director, Hawaii Department of Transportation

Chairman Senator English and Honorable Senate Committee Members:

My name is Peter Fithian and I am the President of Greeters of Hawaii.

I respectfully submit this testimony in support of the nomination of Glenn Okimoto and ask that you confirm his nomination for Director of Hawaii's Department of Transportation.

As an airport concessionaire at our public airports for the past 50 years, our company is well aware of the experience of Mr. Okimoto while working for the State of Hawaii.

I knew Mr. Okimoto's father and enjoyed visits to his home in Waianae where we discussed fishing matters.

Mr. Okimoto appears to have an excellent background to handle this demanding position.

In closing, may we respectfully urge to support the appointment of Mr. Okimoto as Director for the Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii? Thank you.

The Pacific Resource
PARTNERSHIP



Testimony of C. Mike Kido
External Affairs
The Pacific Resource Partnership

Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair

GM 516 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Director of the Department of
Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Glenn M. Okimoto
Wednesday, February 2, 2011
1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair J. Kalani English, Vice Chair Will Espero, and Members of the Committee:

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs for the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

PRP wishes to support the nomination of Glenn M. Okimoto as the State Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). Dr. Okimoto currently serves as interim Director for DOT and was recently the Budget Director of the University of Hawaii System.

Dr. Okimoto had extensive experience in the state government, including the Department of Transportation as the Airports Administrator and Harbors Administrator. He also served as the State Comptroller in the Department of Accounting and General Services and Deputy Director for the state Transportation Department for the Administration Division. His tremendous experience will provide great knowledge and insight to the Department of Transportation.

PRP respectfully ask for your *favorable* consideration of Dr. Okimoto's nomination to serve as Director of the State Department of Transportation.

TESTIMONY OF ERIC YOSHIZAWA
AMERON HAWAII (VICE PRESIDENT – OPERATIONS, MAUI)
ON FEBRUARY 2, 2011
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS
IN REGARDS TO GM516 – CONSIDERATION OF GLENN OKIMOTO FOR
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Chair English and committee members, I submit written testimony in support of Governor's Message 516, to consider Dr. Glenn Okimoto for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

Dr. Okimoto's long tenure in state government with airports and harbors positions him as a strong and suitable candidate for this position. The Harbors Modernization Plan and the Airports Modernization Plan have significant impact to the State. Dr. Okimoto's direct involvement in the management of both these divisions assures his familiarity with programs, staff, and issues at hand.

In my dealings with the Harbors Division, I have found Dr. Okimoto to be accessible, professional, and knowledgeable. I, along with many others, look forward to working with him as the next Director of the Department of Transportation.

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February 1, 2011

The Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair English and Members of the Committee:

Subject: Confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto
Director, Department of Transportation

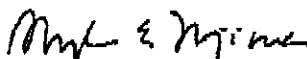
On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii (ACECH), it gives me great pleasure to support the nomination of Dr. Glenn Okimoto for the position of Director of the State Department of Transportation (SDOT). ACECH represents 67 member firms with over 1,300 employees throughout the state. Ranging from one-person offices to branch offices of international organizations, we are comprised of the most highly qualified engineers, land surveyors, scientists, and other specialists. As designers of society's infrastructure, our member firms frequently partner with government agencies such as the SDOT. We, therefore, understand and appreciate the department's mission to protect of public health, safety, and welfare.

As you know, Dr. Okimoto has served in numerous state executive positions throughout his career in the Department of Transportation, Department of Accounting and General Services, and most recently with the University of Hawaii. Many of these appointments have required strategic leadership, in which he competently demonstrated a multitude of responsibilities overseeing planning, operating and capital budgets, personnel, property management, and IT for our state's airports, harbors, and 10-campus university system. He is clearly an outstanding candidate with the depth and breadth of knowledge and experience that will serve this position well, including two years at the cabinet level and nearly two decades with SDOT.

I trust you will give him the consideration he deserves. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Dr. Glenn Okimoto.

Sincerely,

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
THE HONORABLE J. KALANI ENGLISH, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE WILL ESPERO, VICE CHAIR**

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 516: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as
Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee,
GLENN OKIMOTO

**Testimony of Glenn Hong, President and Roy Catalani, Vice President,
Young Brothers, Limited**

February 2, 2011, 1:15 pm, in Room 224

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 516 concerning the Governor's nomination of Glenn Okimoto, to the position of Director of the Department of Transportation of the State of Hawaii ("**DOT**"). **On behalf of Young Brothers, Limited, we submit this testimony in support of Dr. Okimoto's nomination.**

Dr. Okimoto's wealth of experience in working with State government, most notably his tenure with the airports and harbors divisions of the DOT, makes him an ideal candidate for this position, particularly with the plans for harbors and airports modernization upon us. The implementation of these two plans involve billions of dollars and much needed capital improvements to State infrastructure which will be part of the foundation of a healthy State economy. Having held key management positions in the DOT, Dr. Okimoto is an ideal candidate to manage the implementation of these critical plans and maneuver through the complexities of the involved projects.

In short, Mr. Okimoto's strong professional and managerial background make him an excellent choice to lead the DOT and undertake responsibility for complex and crucial transportation issues and challenges under the DOT's jurisdiction. We respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination as Director.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment in support of Governor's Message 516.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 9:35 PM
To: TIATestimony
Cc: mauricetmorita@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for GM516 on 2/2/2011 1:15:00 PM

Testimony for TIA 2/2/2011 1:15:00 PM GM516

Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Maurice T Morita
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Phone: 808-225-0326
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Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:

My name is Maurice Morita, Assistant Director of Hawaii LECET and we strongly support Glenn M. Okimoto as the Director of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Okimoto has the experience and knowledge to lead the State of Hawaii in a "New Day" era. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 1, 2011

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224

RE: GM516 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN M. OKIMOTO, for a term to expire December 1, 2014.

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Espero and Members of the Committee:

My name is John Radcliffe, and I strongly support the nomination of Glenn Okimoto for the position of Director of the State Transportation Department.

He has been Comptroller of Hawaii, a Budget Director of a state department (UH), as well as Deputy Director of all of the various divisions of the State Department of Transportation. It is safe to say that no one alive knows the particular job in question as well as Dr. Glenn Okimoto.

He has been in and around state government, in leadership roles, for most of his adult life and has earned a reputation as a decent, upright, hard worker and solid citizen.

But I am not supporting him just because he is a good person and a valued veteran public servant. The reason that I hope that you confirm his nomination is that he has promised to aggressively pursue the Governor's agenda to expeditiously put people back to work and get things done. Hawaii needs a builder right now. It needs a person who will break through the timidity that sometimes envelops government and turn unrealized dreams of progress into reality. It needs a person who will aggressively and actively pursue building projects for our people.

He says that he can do that and that he will do that, and I believe him. Far more importantly, the Governor believes him.

I urge that you vote to send his name to the full Senate, and that he be unanimously confirmed.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments.

Sincerely,

John H. Radcliffe

**GM 516
CONSIDERATION OF GLENN OKIMOTO
FOR DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**VIC ANGOCO
SR. VICE PRESIDENT, PACIFIC
MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY**

FEBRUARY 2, 2011

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

I am Vic Angoco, testifying on behalf of Matson Navigation Company, Inc. on GM 516 to consider Dr. Glenn Okimoto for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of this nominee.

Dr. Okimoto's wealth of experience in working with the state government, most notably his tenure with the Airports and Harbors Divisions, makes him an ideal candidate for this position, especially with the Harbors Modernization Plan and the Airports Modernization Plan upon us.

These two projects represent billions of dollars to the state, and having been directly involved in the management of both of these divisions ensures that Dr. Okimoto will have a quick ramp up to the issues at hand, and will also have insight to the nuances of the inner workings of the department.

It is based on these observations that I support Dr. Okimoto's confirmation as the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

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Honorable J. Kalani English
Committee on Transportation
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Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol Building
Honolulu, Hawaii

Hearing: Wednesday, February 2, 2011; Room 224 at 1:15p.m.

Re: Nominee GLENN M. OKIMOTO for
Director, Hawaii Department of Transportation

Chairman English and Honorable Senate Committee Members:

My name is Jim Stone and I am an attorney in private practice. As part of my law practice over the years I have had the pleasure of representing a number of clients who do business at our public airports.

I write in support of the nomination of Glenn Okimoto as Director of Hawaii's Department of Transportation.

On a number of occasions over the years I've had the opportunity of working with Glenn both while he was Deputy Director of Transportation and later as Airports Administrator. I am also well aware of Glenn's vast experience not only with the Department of Transportation (DOT) but also as State Comptroller with the Department of Accounting and General Services and Budget Director with the University of Hawaii.

While as an advocate for my clients Glenn and I from time to time have not agreed on all issues I found him to be receptive, well-informed and fair and reasonable in trying to address the concerns faced by my clients.

With Glenn's vast experience and knowledge of the DOT and State Government he is exactly the type of person we need to run our DOT. Glenn has and if nominated I know he will continue to "hit the ground running" in addressing the complex and myriad of issues now facing not only the airports but also the harbors and highways divisions of the DOT.

I respectfully urge you to please support the nomination of Glenn Okimoto as DOT director. He is very capable and qualified. He is the right person and I know he will do a great job as DOT Director.

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February 2, 2011

Chair J Kalani English
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Re: GM516, Nomination of Mr. Glenn Okimoto as Director of DOT

Dear Chair English and Members of TIA,

I would like to ask for your favorable consideration of the nomination of Mr. Glenn Okimoto for the position of Director for the Department of Transportation. Mr. Okimoto brings a wealth of experience and history with the department that will allow the department to hit the ground running and push forward with many of the initiatives and projects meant to serve both Hawaii's residents and our visiting guests from across the world. Mr. Okimoto's background in economics and the budget will also serve the department well at a time where funding will become a major issue for many of DOT's programs as federal authorization bills are being debated in Washington, D.C.

I am hopeful you will pass Mr. Okimoto's nomination on to the full Senate for approval to assist the new Administration on moving forward with some of their initiatives to benefit all of Hawaii and our state's future.

Aloha

Brennon T. Morioka, Ph.D., P.E.
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February 2, 2011

To: Chair, Senator Kalani English
Vice-Chair, Will Espero
Members of the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

**Re: GM 516: Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Director of Transportation**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Dr. Glenn Okimoto's appointment to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

My name is Stephanie C. Ackerman and I am the Vice President of Public Policy and Communications of The Gas Company.

Dr. Okimoto has served as a dedicated public servant as the Budget Director of the University of Hawaii System. Dr. Okimoto has extensive experience in state government, including in the Department of Transportation as the Airports Administrator and Harbors Administrator; and in the Department of Accounting and General Services as State Comptroller. He served with distinction as Deputy Director for the state Transportation Department for the Administration Division. Dr. Okimoto received his BA, MA and Ph.D. in agricultural and resource economics from UH-Manoa.

We believe that he will effectively and diligently continue to serve the people of the state of Hawaii.

Please confirm Dr. Okimoto's appointment.



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January 25, 2011

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
The Honorable Will Espero, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Fax: 587-7230

Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN M. OKIMOTO, for a term to expire 12-1-2014

I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Glenn M. Okimoto as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have known Mr. Okimoto for over 20 years as a dedicated public servant dating back to his time as the Program Manager of the DOT's PPB office. Mr. Okimoto is extremely intelligent, a dedicated public servant, and has the leadership and visionary skills required to lead the Department of Transportation through the next four important years. He is a superb manager and has the proven ability to lead large and complex organizations as demonstrated by his previous senior leadership positions at the University of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, and at the Department of Accounting and General Services. He is the ideal person for this critical and important position.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. B.', is written over a faint, circular watermark or stamp.

Brian J. Bowers
President



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January 31, 2011

The Honorable Senator J.Kalani English, Chair
Senate Transportation & Intergovernmental Affairs
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capital, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator English and Committee Members:

Subject: Confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto, Director,
Department of Transportation

Please accept this letter of support on the confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto as Director of the Department of Transportation for the State of Hawaii.

Dr. Okimoto is a highly respected individual and I believe that his extensive experience and leadership skills with the Department of Transportation proves that he has the integrity and professional skills to lead this department.

Please accept my support on the confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael H. Tresler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael H. Tresler
Senior Vice President

From: Ouida Vincent-Harvest [ouids808@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 9:21 PM
To: TIATestimony
Subject: GM516 - CONFIRMATION HEARING - GLENN OKIMOTO

Dear Senator English and Committee Members:

Governor's Message No. 516

Confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto, Director of Transportation

It is truly a pleasure to submit this letter of support for the confirmation of Dr. Glenn M. Okimoto, as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have known Dr. Okimoto for about thirty years; at first, as co-workers, then he became my boss, a friend, and now again, my boss. Glenn has a wealth of experience with the Department of Transportation, serving the department for twenty years, in different capacities, from Economist to Deputy Director. He was also the Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services; as well as the University of Hawaii's Budget Director.

Glenn is knowledgeable, dedicated and committed; and would be an asset to the Governor's team in moving Hawaii forward. Dr. Okimoto is more than capable of leading the Department of Transportation and in doing so, would certainly improve the economic outlook for our state.

I thank you for your consideration and support of Glenn Okimoto.

Sincerely,

Ouida Kawahineali'iopuna Vincent-Harvest

TESTIMONY OF KU`UHAKU PARK
CHAIR, COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION
ON FEBRUARY 2, 2011
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS
IN REGARDS TO GM516 – CONSIDERATION OF GLENN OKIMOTO FOR
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Chair English and committee members, I am Ku`uhaku Park, and I am offering testimony in support of Governor's Message 516, to consider Dr. Glenn Okimoto for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

Dr. Okimoto's wealth of experience in working with the state government, most notably his tenure with the airports and harbors, makes him an ideal candidate for this position especially with the Harbors Modernization Plan and the Airports Modernization Plan upon us.

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Owen Miyamoto
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February 1, 2011

Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Honorable Will Espero, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

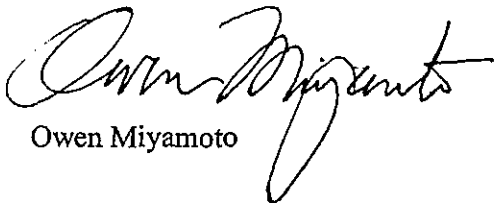
I am testifying in support for GM 516 requesting confirmation of Glenn M. Okimoto as Director of Transportation.

I am a member of the Commission on Transportation. However, I am not speaking on its behalf.

I have personally known Glenn Okimoto ever since 1981 when he began as a budget analyst for the Department of Transportation. At that time I was the Airports Administrator and was aware of his influence on the programs of the Department as he moved through various positions in the Department. He understands thoroughly the issues and challenges facing the Department in providing for the air, sea and land transportation facilities and services provided throughout the state.

Each division of the Department has proposed an ambitious facility modernization program. Implementation will require a realistic schedule based on the available funds for each program, which must generate its own funds from a variety of sources. In the present economic climate of the state it will be difficult but necessary to implement tax and fee increases for construction of new and upgrading of existing facilities. As a member of the advisory Commission on Transportation, I look forward to assisting the new Director of Transportation in meeting the goals of the Department

I believe Glenn Okimoto is well qualified to meet the challenges facing the office of the Director of Transportation and urge your favorable action on his appointment. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on his behalf.



Owen Miyamoto

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From: Harlo Stanley [harlostanley@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 5:34 PM
To: TIATestimony
Subject: Confirmation Hearing - Glenn M. Okimoto as Director of the Transportation Department

Mr. Okimoto is undoubtedly aware that the Personnel Management Specialist VI (Airports Division Personnel Officer) was a subject of numerous Senate Ways and Means Committee hearings in 2010. She was identified in one of the hearings by Mr. Francis Keeno, then Deputy Director – Staff, Department of Transportation as Ms. Lisa Matsuoka. Reference is made to public documents pertaining Civil No 10-1-1029 (RAN) (Other Civil Action) Plaintiffs Donna R Jinbo and Jennie Y. Wolfe, vs. State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Lisa Matsuoka, John Does 1-5 and Jane Does 1-5 , FINDINGS OF FGACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, DATED December 16, 2010.

This suit was based on an episode of workplace violence committed by Ms. Matsuoka. Based on that episode and a later workplace violence against another Personnel Employee, Ms. Matsuoka was reassigned duties that did not involve supervising the Personnel staff from about June 2008 until late April 2010. In early April 2010, the Department of Transportation decided it would return Ms. Matsuoka to an active role as Personnel Management Specialist IV. Subsequently, the Plaintiffs filed suit alleging that decision violated a mutual injunction that had kept the parties separated for almost two years.

The decision found that the Department of Transportation had not provided Plaintiffs a safe work environment as required by various Federal and State laws, rules, regulations, etc. It was directed that Ms. Matsuoka may not be physically placed in the Plaintiff's workplace (i.e., the Airports Division Personnel Office) and may not enter it. It further directed that any work related communication between Ms. Matsuoka and the Plaintiffs must be conducted through a neutral third party.

It is rumored that Mr. Okimoto had a close professional relationship with Ms. Matsuoka during his assignment as the Airports Administrator and was a strong supporter of her and the manner in which she directed the Personnel Management Program.

Given the legal decision discussed above, what actions does Mr. Okimoto intend to take with regard to Ms. Matsuoka's future duties at the Airports Division Personnel Office?

Will she continue to be assigned duties as Personnel Management Specialist VI? Will she continue to have performance expectations, under the Performance Assessment System, for managing and meeting objectives associated with high quality personnel management programs and services to employees as well as management?

If those will be her expectations, how will she accomplish this when she can have no direct communication with two key employees in the Personnel Office?

Finally, what actions will you take to ensure Ms. Matsuoka does not have any future episodes of workplace violence directed at any member of the Personnel Office or the Airports Division in its entirety?

January 31, 2011

TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL D. FORMBY

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 516

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Honorable Chair English and Members of the Committee:

I offer testimony in strong support of Glenn M. Okimoto's appointment as Director of Transportation, State of Hawaii.

As Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Okimoto who was serving as Harbors Administrator at the time of my appointment. In all my business dealings with Mr. Okimoto, he was professional, experienced, knowledgeable and intimately familiar with Department of Transportation operations, procedures and policies.

Following his service at Harbors Division, Mr. Okimoto became Administrator of the Airports Division where he gained first-hand experience managing Hawaii's commercial airport system. I am also informed that prior to Mr. Okimoto's service at Harbors Division, he served as an Economist, Chief Budget Officer and Deputy Director of the Administration Division in the Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii.

In my opinion, there is no public servant more qualified to serve as Director of Transportation than Glenn M. Okimoto as I believe he possesses the ability, desire, knowledge and experience to expedite transportation capital improvement projects and successfully lead this large multi-modal department.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 516.

February 1, 2011

The Honorable Senator J.Kalani English, Chair
Senate Transportation & International Affairs
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capital, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator English and Committee Members:

Subject: Confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto, Director, Department of
Transportation

I am currently serving on the Commission of Transportation and strongly support the confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto as Director of the Department of Transportation. I believe he brings leadership and experience to the Department as its Director.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Pascua", written in a cursive style.

Pete G. Pascua

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The Honorable Senator J.Kalani English, Chair
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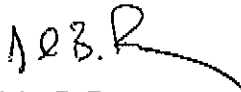
January 25, 2011

Dear Senator English and Committee Members:

Subject: Confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto, Director, Department of Transportation

My name is John Ray and I currently serve on the State Commission on Transportation representing Hawaii Island. I am writing in support of the appointment of Glen Okimoto as Director, Department of Transportation.

Respectfully,



John B. Ray

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January 28, 2011

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
The Honorable Will Espero, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

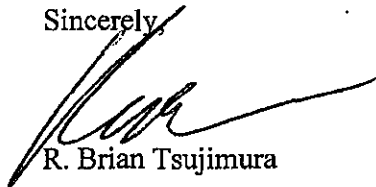
Re: Testimony in Support of GM 516: Consideration and Confirmation to the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN M. OKIMOTO, for a term to expire December 1, 2014

Chair English, Vice Chair Espero, and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs:

I am writing in support of the Governor's nominee to the Department of Transportation, Glenn Okimoto. I have known Glenn for many years and can wholeheartedly endorse and support his nomination. He has the background and the temperament for the job. He has previously served as a deputy for the department and understands the myriad and diverse arenas, from highways to harbors to airports. His expertise is necessary at this critical time as our infrastructure needs revitalization.

Your favorable consideration of his nomination is appreciated for all of us.

Sincerely,



R. Brian Tsujimura

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January 27, 2011

The Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senate Transportation & Intergovernmental Affairs
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator English and Committee Members:

Subject: Confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto; Director, Department of Transportation

I am C. S. Papacostas, Professor and Chair of the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa, who wishes to submit, as an individual, my testimony in support of Dr. Okimoto's confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation.

I am sure that the committee has all the factual information about Dr. Okimoto's impressive educational and professional background, as well as his relevant experience, including his service in the Department of Transportation in various capacities over the years.

What I wish to relate to you instead is one of his initiatives in the late 1980s and early 1990s which attests to his dedication to high quality professional service to the public. At that time, technological improvements in computer hardware and software resulted in a "touch-screen" system that could be used to administer computer-based survey questionnaires.

Dr. Okimoto, who at the time was employed at the Programming, Planning and Budgeting Office of the Airports Division, seized the opportunity by commissioning the development of such a system to elicit the degree of satisfaction of people using the Honolulu International Airport and to solicit suggestions for improvement from them. Under his direction, special-purpose kiosks equipped with the "touch-screen" version of airport user surveys were deployed strategically within the HIA to collect information that could be used to evaluate airport system performance.

This action alone attests to Dr. Okimoto's attention to quality of service, but, being the professional that he is, he approached a business school colleague of mine and me with the idea of testing the reliability and other statistical attributes of the new surveying method. The study provided guidance to the proper procedures and interpretation of the data obtained by the touch-screen system. It also resulted in several co-authored papers, one of them published by the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies.

Considering traits such as these and his educational and professional qualifications, I strongly endorse Dr. Okimoto's confirmation.

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The Honorable J. Kalani English
Chair, Committee on Transportation,
International and Intergovernmental Affairs
State Capitol
Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

January 26, 2011

Subject : GM 516 - Confirmation of Glenn Okimoto as Director of the Department of
Transportation

Dear Chair English and members of the Committee,

It is my pleasure to submit this letter in strong support of Dr. Glenn Okimoto to the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

I had the opportunity to work with Dr. Okimoto for 8 years during the administration of Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano and also for a period at the University of Hawaii. During this time working with Dr. Okimoto I can affirm that he is a very intelligent and compassionate person who can also be a no nonsense manager. He is a great people person with exceptional communication skills.

Dr. Okimoto clearly understands the workings of State government and especially the Department of Transportation after spending over 20 years in the department in various capacities. He is an "interim" Director that has hit the ground running and will not require any "learning curve" time.

The State of Hawaii and the Department of Transportation will benefit greatly from having Dr. Glenn Okimoto as it's Director and I urge the committee to approve his appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Callejo
Retired Civil Service Employee

The Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Committee on Transportation & International Affairs
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capital, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator English and Committee Members:

Subject: Confirmation of Dr. Glenn M. Okimoto,
Director, Department of Transportation

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support for the confirmation of Dr. Glenn Okimoto as the Department of Transportation's Director. Dr. Okimoto brings to this position decades of knowledge from various government agencies that will provide positive change to the Department. In addition, his skill and knowledge of the State's financial and procurement laws will benefit the Department in these times of economic uncertainty.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian T. Ishii", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian T. Ishii

TESTIMONY OF Kraig Kennedy
President and General Manager of McCabe, Hamilton and Renny Co., Ltd.
ON FEBRUARY 2, 2011
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS
IN REGARDS TO GM516 – CONSIDERATION OF GLENN OKIMOTO FOR
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Chair English and committee members, I am Kraig Kennedy of McCabe, Hamilton, and Renny Co., Ltd. and I am offering testimony in support of Governor's Message 516, to consider Dr. Glenn Okimoto for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

Dr. Okimoto's wealth of experience in working with the state government, most notably his tenure with the airports and harbors, makes him an ideal candidate for this position especially with the Harbors Modernization Plan and the Airports Modernization Plan upon us.

These two projects represent billions of dollars to the state, and having been directly involved in the management of both of these divisions ensures that Dr. Okimoto will have a quick ramp up to the issues at hand, and will also have insight to the nuances of the innerworkings of the department.

Dr. Okimoto has always been open to meet and has never avoided addressing difficult subjects with me. He is knowledgeable, honest and a quick study, and I look forward to working with him as the next Director of the Department of Transportation.