



## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 28<sup>th</sup> 2011

I am testifying in favor of GM 592, Governor Abercrombie's nomination of John A. Ervin to the Commission on Transportation. I have known John A. Ervin for approximately eight years. During that time I have found that Mr. Ervin is very active in community affairs. John truly believes in community service. As with all neighbor island residents he is aware of the importance of the transportation issues we all face on a daily basis.

Mr. Ervin is a quick learner and makes friends easily. As the President of the Lassen College Governing Board, an elected position, he successfully guided the college through Chapter Nine Bankruptcy and it survives today. This was only the third time a municipality declared Chapter Nine Bankruptcy in the history of the United States. The default on bonds sold for garbage to energy co-generation facility took place prior to his tenure. John understands the difficult decisions, often unpopular, that must be made during austere times. Mr. Ervin has entrepreneurial, county, state and federal employment experience which gives him a unique perspective to support the Transportation Commissioner.

John is very knowledgeable of International Affairs. His wife has family who live in three different Prefectures in Japan. They all survived the recent catastrophe without injury. As a world traveler, he has traveled to five continents and has a goal of stepping foot on all of the continents in the world. Australia and Antarctica are the final two continents to explore to achieve this goal.

I feel that Mr. Ervin's experience, dedication and integrity will make a valuable asset to the Hawai'i Commission on Transportation and International Affairs. I urge you to approve John A. Ervin, the Governor's selection for the East Hawai'i's representative to the Commission on Transportation

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Senator Malama Solomon  
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March 28, 2011

Honorable Senator J. Kalani English  
Chairman Transportation and International Affairs Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol Room 205  
Honolulu, HI. 96813

Dear Honorable <sup>Kalani</sup> ~~Senator~~ English,

Subject: Governor's Message No. 592, Nomination of Mr. John A. Ervin to the Commission on Transportation

This is to indicate my support of the confirmation of John A. Ervin to the Commission on Transportation.

Aloha and Best Wishes,

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Please accept my testimony IN SUPPORT of the consideration and confirmation of JOHN A. ERVIN to the Commission on Transportation.

I have known John Ervin for several years. He is committed to the betterment of our community, the island and the state. He has a well-rounded, varied background which allows him to provide insight into issues from many different perspectives. He has the time and the wherewithal that is necessary to competently serve on a commission. He listens with both ears before he speaks.

I believe JOHN A. ERVIN will be an asset and will serve as a positive, contributing member of the COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony IN SUPPORT of JOHN A. ERVIN.

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