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April 6, 2011

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BILL NUMBER: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 646

TITLE: SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CHAD TANIGUCHI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2015.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: We support this submission.

COMMENTS: The State Department of Transportation supports the confirmation of Chad Taniguchi to the State Highway Safety Council.

Mr. Taniguchi has been a member of the Hawaii Bicycling League since 2003 and was selected as the Executive Director in July 2010. The mission of the Hawaii Bicycling League is to get more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation and transportation/environment through advocacy, education and events. As such, he will be an excellent resource to the board.

The Department of Transportation respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Chad Taniguchi to the State Highway Safety Council.

Maui Bicycle Alliance

Keeping Maui on the Right Path!

March 30, 2011

State of Hawaii - Twenty Sixth State Legislature
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing Date: April 6, 2011

RE: GM 646: In Support of nominee

Aloha Chair English, Vice Chair Espero and TIA Committee Members;

The Maui Bicycle Alliance is pleased to write this letter in **support of the nomination of Chad K. Taniguchi** to the State Highway Safety Council.

The Maui Bicycle Alliance is a grassroots bicycling advocacy organization committed to improving conditions for bicycling in Maui County. We promote bicycling and advocate bicycle use in Maui County for health, recreation, sport and transportation purposes.

We have worked with Mr. Taniguchi in the past to address bicycle safety issues at the State level and we feel his experience and expertise will benefit not only bicyclists, but all other road users. His passion and motivation to help improve safety in the area bicycling is recognized statewide by all local bicycle advocacy organizations. Mr Taniguchi has our full support and we feel he will be a valuable and productive member to the State Highway Safety Council.

We respectfully ask that you support this nomination and confirm Mr. Taniguchi to the State Highway Safety Council.

Sincerely,

Walter Enomoto
Maui Bicycle Alliance

cc: C. Taniguchi
D. DeLeon

The Twenty-Sixth Legislature
Regular Session of 2011

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

State Capitol, Conference Room 224
Wednesday, April 6, 2011; 1:15 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON G.M. 646
CHAD K. TANIGUCHI
STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL**

The ILWU Local 142 supports the confirmation of Chad K. Taniguchi to the State Highway Safety Council.

Mr. Taniguchi was born and raised on Kauai and is, through and through, an island son. Environmentally conscious and politically aware, he was early involved in issues of social and economic justice.

An attorney by training, Mr. Taniguchi worked for the community colleges in workforce development and, most recently, distinguished himself as the head of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. In that capacity, he worked tirelessly to make improvements to public housing facilities, to be responsive to residents' needs, and to correct the numerous faults inherited when he took on the job. Although his tenure was cut short, Mr. Taniguchi was respected for his professionalism and his caring concern for public housing residents.

It is that kind of compassion and passion that Mr. Taniguchi will bring to highway safety. For years, Mr. Taniguchi commuted to work from his home in Kailua on his bicycle. Powered only by his own energy, Mr. Taniguchi could be seen bicycling over the Pali into town. That experience, no doubt, has made him keenly aware of the need for and issues of highway safety. If it's sometimes dangerous to drive a car on the highways, riding a bicycle is many times more so.

Mr. Taniguchi is intelligent, thoughtful, and will serve the State Highway Safety Council well. The ILWU urges his confirmation.

Thank you.



Testimony of Clyde T. Hayashi
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Wednesday, April 6, 2011
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 224

GM 646 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, gubernatorial nominee, CHAD K. TANIGUCHI, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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

My name is Clyde Hayashi and I am the director of Hawaii LECET (Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust). Hawaii LECET is a partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 and our union contractors.

I am submitting this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Chad K. Taniguchi to serve on the State Highway Safety Council.

I have known Mr. Taniguchi for nearly 40 years. He has a wealth of experience and gives his all to whatever he does. He is honest, sincere, and concerned.

Mr. Taniguchi is an active bicyclist & the Director of the Hawaii Bicycling League. He will bring an important perspective to the Council and will help to make recommendations that will result in our highways being safer for everyone.

Hawaii LECET respectfully asks your favorable consideration of the nomination of Chad Taniguchi.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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Conference room: 224
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Comments:

I highly recommend Chad for confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council. Chad has been the executive director of the Hawaii Bicycling League since last summer. Over the past nine months or so, he has implemented new programs and met with people such as officers from the Honolulu Police Department and managers of a local private transportation company to work out ways to improve safety on our roadways for all users. Chad will make a good addition to the council.

From: Vested Interest [vested_interest_hi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 8:55 PM
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DATE: Wednesday, April 6, 2011
TIME: 1:15 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 224

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Aloha,

It is my pleasure to submit testimony in support of the nomination of my classmate and friend, Chad Taniguchi, to the State Highway Safety Council. Chad is hard working, steadfast, intelligent, and willing to speak his mind. He cares about the community. I am sure he will be a good addition to this council.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Kent