

GM 852



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

April 4, 2012

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 852
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONSIDERATION TO THE STATE
HIGHWAY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JUSTIN KOLLAR, FOR A TERM
TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Department of Transportation supports Governor's Message Number 851, relating to the consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Justin Kollar**, for a term to expire 06-30-2016.

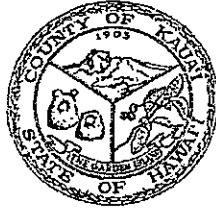
Mr. Kollar's experience as the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, County of Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, equipped him with the knowledge of traffic safety laws in Hawaii. In his current position as Deputy County Attorney, County of Kauai Office of the County Attorney, he provides legal services to the Kauai Police Department, Kauai Civil Defense and various county agencies.

Mr. Kollar's knowledge of traffic safety laws and the Kauai community will make him a valuable member of the council.

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



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March 27, 2012

The Senate
The Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair

RE: Governor's Message 852 (Appointment of Justin Kollar to State Highway Safety Council)

Honorable Chair English and Vice Chair Espero:


I am writing to you today in strong support for the nomination of Justin Kollar to the State Highway Safety Council. I have had the pleasure of having observed Mr. Kollar's work for more than four years now; first when he was a Deputy Prosecutor handling traffic crimes and vehicular homicide cases, and now in his capacity as a Deputy County Attorney advising the Kauai Police Department. He is diligent and capable, and has become a significant resource for our County in terms of highway safety issues.

I have always observed Mr. Kollar to be passionate and committed concerning these matters. He has always taken a particular interest in supporting law enforcement and legislative initiatives aimed at keeping our highways safe. He was instrumental in drafting and implementing our County's distracted driving ordinance.

I strongly support Mr. Kollar's nomination based on his track record, his demonstrated experience and leadership, and his willingness to serve our community.

Therefore, I humbly urge your honorable committee to support passage of GM 852.

Mahalo,


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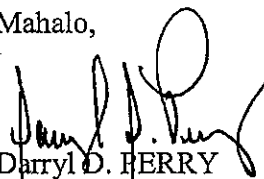
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The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawaii

April 1, 2012

RE: Testimony for GM 852 - Justin Kollar for State Highway Safety Council.

Dear Governor Abercrombie:

I write in support of Justin Kollar's confirmation as a member of the State Highway Safety Council.

I have known Justin Kollar for about four years. We first met when we were both working as Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys for the County of Kauai under Craig De Costa. Soon after we met, I learned that he had served as a law clerk to Intermediate Court of Appeals' Judge Foley. It is common knowledge that only the brightest law school graduates are selected as law clerks by appellate judges.

As a colleague, I found Mr. Kollar to be extremely dedicated to his caseload in general, and specifically, his traffic-related caseload, such as offenses involving driver intoxication. Mr. Kollar very successfully handled his traffic caseload, before the Honorable Trudy Senda. She has very high standards for prosecutors who appear before her; so his success in her courtroom is evidence of his talent and dedication.

Aside from his regular workload, Mr. Kollar took the initiative to get involved State-wide in traffic crimes issues. He attended the Traffic Commanders meetings - periodic meetings of police officers and prosecutors, throughout the State, focused on traffic safety.

I recommend Mr. Kollar without reservation for the State Highway Safety Council. I am confident he will contribute positively to the Council, as he possesses the background knowledge necessary, and his dedication and personality will allow him to work well and collaboratively with others on the council.

Thank you,

/s/ Tracy Murakami

TESTIMONY OF
JUSTIN KOLLAR
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ON
APRIL 4, 2012

GM 852

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JUSTIN KOLLAR, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I also wish to thank Governor Abercrombie for nominating me. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be nominated to serve on the State Highway Safety Council. I also wish to extend my warmest appreciation to those who submitted written testimony on my behalf and have supported me in other ways.

I received my undergraduate and legal education in Boston, Massachusetts, and spent the first few years of my career working in the City of Boston's Corporation Counsel's office and the Massachusetts Superior Court as a law clerk. Although I have many fond memories of the sixteen years I spent in Boston, I can happily say that my time in Hawaii has been the best time of my life. I moved to Oahu in 2006 to work as a law clerk for Judge Daniel Foley of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. It was there that I worked with and met many fine young attorneys and legal minds of impressive stature. In March, 2008, I moved to the island of Kauai to work as a Deputy Prosecutor in the Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. I began working for Prosecuting Attorney Craig De Costa, and under his mentoring I discovered my passion for traffic and highway safety issues. I saw firsthand the impact of drunk driving on our rural, tightly-knit community. I learned what an impact I could have working with the fine men and women of the Kauai Police Department.

In late 2009, I learned of an opportunity to work in the Kaua'i Office of the County Attorney and pursued it. I saw the opportunity to work for County Attorney Al Castillo as a chance to have an excellent mentor, and I have not been disappointed in that expectation. Since then, I have served as the legal advisor to the Kaua'i Police Department and various other Departments of the County of Kaua'i. It has been tremendously rewarding to continue my career in public service while maintaining and strengthening my ties with our law enforcement and highway safety infrastructure.

I have been honored to serve in various efforts to make our community safer. I participated in the effort to implement our County's distracted driving ordinance, which prohibits motorists from using cell phones while driving. I served as part of the Ignition

Interlock Task Force, a multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional task force created by the legislature to assist in the crafting of legislation to implement Hawaii's Ignition Interlock law. I am pleased to have had the chance to work alongside police, prosecutors, and traffic safety professionals from across our local, state and federal governments.

My parents and grandparents raised me to understand the importance of service to one's community. Service is something I have always found great personal satisfaction in. To that end, I am a proud member of the Rotary Club of Kaua'i, and the East Kaua'i Lions Club. I am active in the Access to Justice community, serving on the Access to Justice Commission's Committee on Self-Representation and Unbundling. I am the past president of the Kaua'i Bar Association.

I view the State Highway Safety Council as another avenue of service to our community; one that will allow me to focus on my interest in highway safety issues and take advantage of my experience and track record working in this area. My vision for the Council is to work collaboratively with the other members of the Council (many of whom I have formed excellent working relationships with over the past four years) to provide well-considered guidance to the highway safety community in terms of grant management and utilization and also to give thoughtful and wise advice to the Governor on matters pertaining to State programs in the field of highway safety.

To conclude, I would like to again thank this Committee for all the valuable work you do, and for giving me the opportunity to be here today. Mahalo for considering my nomination.

I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee might have.