

# GM590

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NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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March 13, 2013  
1:16 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 224

**G.M. 590**

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Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

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The Department of Transportation **supports** Governor's Message Number 590, relating to the consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Steven Kyono, for a term to expire 06-30-2017.

He has over 20 years of experience as an engineer and planner, which will make him a valuable member of the council.

Mr. Kyono is currently the Vice President in charge of SSFM International, Inc.'s Kauai Island Office. Previously, he served at the Hawaii Department of Transportation as a District Engineer and Civil Engineer. His other work experience includes the Kauai County Department of Public Works and Sam O. Hirota, Inc., which worked on various engineering projects including the renovations at the Hilton Hawaiian Village and designing the Sheraton Princeville Resort.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to support Governor's Message Number 590.



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## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
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March 11, 2013

The Honorable Kalani J. English  
Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol  
451 South Beretania Street, Rm. 205  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Steven Kyono  
State Highway Safety Council

Dear Senator English:

I am informed that Steven Kyono has been nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie for a position on the State Highway Safety Council. I am in strong support of Mr. Kyono's nomination and I am sure that he will do an exemplary job as a member of the council if approved by your committee.

It is my firm belief that if confirmed, Mr. Kyono will become a valuable asset to the State Highway Safety Council.

Thank you for your time and consideration and if there are any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Sincerely,

RONALD D. KOUCHI  
Senator – 8<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

cc: Steven Kyono



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**SUBJECT: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 590, GUBENATORIAL NOMINEE STEVEN KYONO,  
STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL**

Dear Chair English, Vice-Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee:

**The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Steven Kyono to the State Highway Safety Council.**

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing more than 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of its members, which employ more than 200,000 individuals, to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Chapter 286-5, HRS, establishes the Hawaii Highway Safety Council. The state Highway Safety Council advises the Governor on matters relating to the programs and activities of the State in the field of highway safety.

Mr. Kyono brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from over 30 years working for the State Department of Transportation and the County of Kauai, Department of Public Works. He also has worked in the private sector and understands how public policy decisions impact businesses in the State.

We believe Mr. Kyono is more than well-suited for a position on the Hawaii Highway Safety Council, as he brings with him a firm working understanding of the public highway systems in Hawaii and how government rules and regulations interface and impact Hawaii's small businesses.

**We appreciate the opportunity to provide our strong support for this nomination.**

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Dear Chair English, Vice-Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the voice of the construction industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

**BIA-HAWAII strongly supports** the nomination of Mr. Steven Kyono to the State Highway Safety Council.

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