

GM 509

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHARLES HIRATA, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

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Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** Governor's Message Number 509, Charles M. Hirata to the State Highway Safety Council.

Mr. Hirata has been an excellent resource as a member of the State Highway Safety Council. Formerly with the Maui Police Department, he is very knowledgeable of Hawaii's traffic safety laws and enforcement issues that affect the community. Additionally, he continues to serve the community through his volunteer work to promote child passenger safety in Hawaii and nationally.

The DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Charles M. Hirata to the State Highway Safety Council to continue serving as a member.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard K. Minatoya	Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney	Support	No

Comments: The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, SUPPORTS the nomination of CHARLES HIRATA to the State Highway Traffic Safety Council. Mr. Hirata's many years of service in the Maui Police Department, including as a traffic commander, makes him well suited to serve on the council. We ask that the committee recommend confirmation. Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM509, THE NOMINATION OF CHARLES
HIRATA TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL**

Justin F. Kollar, Prosecuting Attorney
County of Kaua'i

Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
March 18, 2014, 1:16 p.m.
Conference Room 224

Chair English, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Senate Committee:

The County of Kauai, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, SUPPORTS, GM509, the nomination of Charles Hirata to the State Highway Safety Council.

Mr. Hirata is an extremely able and experienced public servant who has considerable knowledge of the subject matter of this Council's activities. He is dedicated to his work and has provided diligent and able service as a public servant.

Based on the foregoing, the County of Kauai, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, SUPPORTS this Governor's Message. We ask that the Committee support Mr. Hirata's nomination.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this message.

Respectfully,

Justin F. Kollar
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Mr. Hirata's confirmation. Mahalo.

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Lt. Jeraul S. Pladera	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the nomination of Mr. Hirata to the State Highway Safety Council. For the many years I have known him he has been a vocal advocate for traffic safety in the County of Maui. His many years of service in the Maui Police Department and as a volunteer in the community for safety oriented causes should be noted in the testimony as examples of his dedication. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Ricky Uedoi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of Charles Hirata for confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council. I have known Chuck for many years while he served with the Maui Police Department. He has always and continues to share his knowledge and continues to be active in traffic safety here in Hawaii and abroad. He is a dedicated individual and will devote his time and energy serving in this capacity. He is fair and will seek the best interest to the people of Hawaii. I strongly urge you to confirm his nomination to this council.

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