

GM 510

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

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Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

The Department of Transportation **supports** Governor's Message Number 510, Byron Y. Fujieda to the State Highway Safety Council.

Mr. Fujieda is currently a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with Maui County. He is the division supervisor of the district court that handles traffic infractions, traffic crimes, misdemeanors crimes, and violations of the county code and state administrative rules, with his primary focus being on Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant and excessive speeding-related cases. Mr. Fujieda, along with his division, give back to the community by speaking at anti-underage drinking rallies, neighborhood watch meetings and getting involved with the "Be A Jerk" campaign, which urges parents and other adults to Be a Jerk and prevent underage individuals from drinking alcohol.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 17, 2014

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: **Byron Fujieda**, Gubernatorial Nominee for State Highway Safety Council

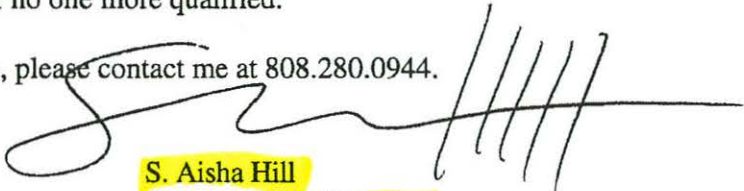
To Whom It May Concern at the Senate Transportation Committee:

I am writing in support of Byron Fujieda, in his nomination to the State Highway Safety Council. For the past four years, I have had the opportunity to know Mr. Fujieda largely as opposing counsel, as I am a Public Defender, and he, a Prosecutor. Throughout this time, we have opposed each other hundreds of times, whether it be a trial, pre-trial motions or simple court appearances; the vast majority of the cases stem for traffic matters ranging from OUI's/DUI's, to instances with major accidents involving fatalities. Over the course of these experiences I have found Mr. Fujieda to be a passionate advocate for Highway Safety. Without fail, whenever my clients are found guilty, at sentencing, Mr. Fujieda argues that my client could have avoided the incident/accident but for the speeding or distraction with the cell phone, or decision to operate a vehicle after drinking alcohol. As a father of four small children, he knows firsthand the need for safe public roads, while as a prosecutor he knows the extent in which we need improvement to get to where we should be.

Above all, however, Mr. Fujieda possesses the unique ability to see all sides of the issues when most people get stuck on one facet. I believe this ability stems from looking at the world from three lenses: first as a concerned father, second, as a former criminal defense attorney, and third, as a current prosecuting attorney. These lenses, at least in my experience, allow him to see the issues from a balanced perspective.

However, it should be noted that while I do not always see eye to eye with Mr. Fujieda on many issues (as we often oppose each other), I do have the utmost respect for him and know him to be a passionate advocate for the larger society and highway safety. In this respect, one of his greatest attributes is the ability to maintain a pleasant demeanor regardless of the surrounding circumstances. For all the above reasons, I am urging the Senate Transportation Committee to confirm his nomination, as I can think of no one more qualified.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at 808.280.0944.


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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 BYRON FUJIEDA to the State Highway Traffic Safety Council Mr. Fujieda is the supervisor of our District Court Division. His experience in handling traffic cases, training and education make him well suited to serve on the Council. We request that the committee recommend confirmation. Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM510

Consideration and Confirmation of Byron Fujieda to the
State Highway Safety Council

March 10, 2014

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President, and Members of the Senate,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this letter of recommendation for Byron Fujieda's consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council. I have known and worked with Byron for at least 9 years.

Byron has played a key role in helping prosecutors and police throughout the State in educating and enforcing traffic laws. He has demonstrated passion in keeping the roads of the State of Hawai'i safe.

Through my interactions with Mr. Fujieda, I know him to be a person of high moral and ethical caliber. He is intelligent and at the same time has been very humble and helpful in all of our interactions. Byron is a team player who can be trusted to keep the people of Hawai'i safe on our roadways.

For these reasons, I whole heartedly support and recommend Byron Fujieda's consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Roth".

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TESTIMONY IN **SUPPORT OF GM510**, THE NOMINATION OF BYRON FUJIEDA
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**,
GM510, the nomination of Byron Fujieda to the State Highway Safety Council.

Mr. Fujieda 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. Fujieda's nomination.

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

Respectfully,

Justin F. Kollar
Prosecuting Attorney
County of Kaua'i

TESTIMONY OF BYRON Y. FUJIEDA
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
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Chair English and distinguished members of the Committee, I thank you for the opportunity to be heard today by written submission and apologize for not being able to attend this hearing.

I would like to thank Governor Abercrombie for nominating me to have a seat on the State Highway Safety Council. It is an honor and a privilege to be considered to such an important position.

My work experience has provided me with a wealth of knowledge and experience regarding Highway Safety issues and more importantly safety issues in our home of Hawaii. I have been in a law enforcement capacity for over 10 years dealing with safety issues. While there are many challenges we face daily, I am willing and excited to be a part of the solution and work towards a safer Hawaii. I have seen from the trenches how laws can affect the community through its enforcement and application. I have also seen how sometimes these same laws should be modified for the betterment of society. This being said, I believe that decisions should be well balanced and consider both impact on

society and safety. I shall keep in mind that as a member of the state highway safety council my priority is to advise the governor on matters relating to the programs and activities of the State in the field of highway safety.

In closing, I would like to thank Chair English and this Committee for the decisions you make on a daily basis in the interest of our State. Thank you for considering my nomination. Thank you all who have supported me through this process.

Mahalo

Byron Y. Fujieda

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Ricky Uedoi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of Byron Fujieda to serve on the State Highway Safety Council. I've personally known Byron for over 15 years and have watched him progress as an attorney, but most of all as a well respected and reputable individual in the community. Byron treats people fair and with dignity. If confirmed to served on this council, Byron will be a valuable asset to the council. He is fair and knowledgeable. He will keep the best interest in mind for the people in Hawaii. He will be a hard worker and a strong supporter to ensure that our State Highways are safe for everyone. He is a loyal and dedicated individual. I urge you to confirm Byron to serve on the State Highway Safety Council.

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