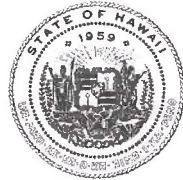


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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, KALBERT YOUNG, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** Kalbert Young to the to the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority

Mr. Young comes before you as one whose experience and qualifications have served to prepare him well to assume any role and/or responsibility that require sound judgement, a creative mind, and boundless motivation.

We've worked closely with Mr. Young over the years and he has repeatedly proven himself to be an outstanding public servant. He is well known and well respected who has the demonstrated ability to take on tough jobs and succeed by listening to people and working together. Simply put, he is a superb choice who brings a wide range of public and private sector experience, including his current position as vice president for budget and finance and chief financial officer (VPBF/CFO) of the University of Hawai'i System, which in itself is a challenging position.

Governor David Ige has made it a top priority to make the State become energy self-sustaining, using 100% renewable sources by 2045. With such an audacious initiative, we are confident that Mr. Young will deepen the Authority's credibility and expertise. He has firsthand experience wrestling with challenges such as how to fulfill strategic core missions with scarce resources and competing demands. More important, Mr. Young knows how to make the tough decisions that will be needed in order to achieve the Governor's 100% renewable sources goal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.