

# GM 796

Re: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, MITCHELL ROTH, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

TESTIMONY



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April 14, 2016  
2:45 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 229

**G.M. No. 796**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE**  
**STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,**  
**MITCHELL ROTH, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020.**

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** Governor's Message Number 796, relating to the consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mitchell Roth, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Mr. Roth is currently the elected Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Hawaii. Some of his accomplishments include developing the Community Oriented Prosecution Program; helping to design and establish the Pahoia Weed and Seed project; and helping to design initiatives to reduce crime in numerous communities on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Mr. Roth is a valued member who has served two four-year terms, with a two-year break in between, on the State Highway Safety Council. Additionally, he previously served as Chair of the State Highway Safety Council and for the DOT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

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

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT**

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Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I SUPPORT GM 796 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, gubernatorial nominee, MITCHELL ROTH, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Mr. Roth has been a strong advocate for highway and traffic safety in Hawai'i for many years. He has extensive experience and applied knowledge in these areas and has served in many capacities to reduce injuries and fatalities on our roadways.

It has been my honor to work with him over the past decade on our shared initiatives to protect our island homes.

Accordingly, I SUPPORT GM 796 and this nomination. I request that your Committee recommend CONFIRMATION of this nominee.

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

**Kaala Coleman**

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Kari Benes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Mitch Roth has been a great asset to the State Highway Safety Council. His work as a county prosecutor and previous leadership of the State Highway Safety Council has provided important insight and guidance on key traffic safety issues. Please support the confirmation of Mr. Roth. Kari Benes Co-chair, State Highway Safety Council

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