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Testimony of  
David Y. Ige  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**  
February 20, 2019  
1:15 p.m., Room 225

In consideration of  
**GM 577, Jade T. Butay**  
as the  
Director of the Department of Transportation

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the reappointment of Jade T. Butay as the director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Jade began his tenure with the DOT as the first deputy director in 2011 until being appointed as deputy director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in November 2013. He returned to his position as first deputy director at DOT in January 2015 and was appointed director in October 2017.

In the time Jade has been working with DOT, he has become an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of my administration. I would like to see him continue as director to build on the previous term's achievements and ensure the department's success over the next four years.

My administration is committed to reshaping the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I am confident that Jade Butay will continue to support our employees at DOT in this effort. Moving forward together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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February 19, 2019

To: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair,  
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: G.M. No. 577 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Scott T. Murakami, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am testifying in support of Governor's Message 577, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jade Butay, as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Butay has demonstrated that he has the leadership and experience to successfully lead the Department of Transportation. As the Director of the Department of Transportation, Mr. Butay oversees the Airports, Harbors, and Highways divisions and collaborates with transportation stakeholders such as the FAA, TSA, and Legislature on important issues like rebuilding infrastructure and sustainability. Mr. Butay also served as the Deputy Director of DLIR, where he assisted in providing planning and coordination of labor and employment programs and services.

I urge you to confirm Mr. Butay to serve as the Director of Transportation so that he may continue to provide leadership and service to the public.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Butay.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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February 15, 2018

TESTIMONY TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
For Hearing on Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 225

By

RYKER WADA  
DIRECTOR

**Governor's Message 577**  
**(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)**

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Harimoto and Members of the Committee on Transportation

RE: Consideration and confirmation of Jade Butay, for Director of the Department of Transportation.

I submit this testimony in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of Jade Butay as Director of the Department of Transportation. I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Butay over the past two years as Director. I have found him to be a dedicated, knowledgeable, measured and a well-prepared person who is well suited for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Butay's background and extensive experience in the transportation industry will continue to assist in his duties as the Director of Transportation.

I support the confirmation of Mr. Butay as the Director of Department of Transportation.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governors Message 577 and Jade Butay



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Testimony of **Romala Sue Radcliffe**  
Administrator, State Health Planning and Development Agency

Before the  
**Senate Committee on Transportation**  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 225

**in SUPPORT of**  
**GM 577**  
**Confirmation of Jade Butay to serve as Director of Transportation**  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

Thirtieth Legislature Regular Session of 2019

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **support** of GM 577.

I support the confirmation of Jade Butay.

Having served as the Administrator of The State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) since 2011, I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Jade Butay as we both serve on the State of Hawaii Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

Mr. Butay has years of experience within government service. He has successfully managed his department through many unexpected natural disasters. Road destruction from flooding, landslides, lava, and hurricane damages have been repaired.

Your favorable consideration of this measure is greatly appreciated.



WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY  
RODERICK K. BECKER  
AND  
ROBERT YU  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 577

Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 p.m.  
Room 225

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JADE BUTAY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

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

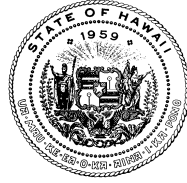
We strongly support Jade Butay's appointment to the position of Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). We are working with Mr. Butay in our professional capacity as Director and Deputy Director of Finance, respectively.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our keiki, our kupuna, and the disadvantaged.

Mr. Butay is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Mr. Butay has served as deputy director at DOT from 2011-2013 and 2014-2017, as deputy director at the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations from 2013-2014, and most recently as director at DOT since 2017. Mr. Butay's work experience and construction background will be beneficial to DOT; therefore, we support confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM577**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR**  
**OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,**  
**JADE BUTAY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.**

SENATOR LORRAINE R. INOUE, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Hearing Date: February 20, 2019

Room Number: 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the nomination of Jade  
3 Butay for Director of Transportation. Jade has been a valued partner in policy conversations  
4 with DOH about built environments and communities that support active transportation and  
5 lifestyles, both of which are essential to a healthy Hawaii. DOH looks forward to further  
6 opportunities where transportation infrastructure planning may be employed to address our  
7 community's health care and social justice concerns.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM577.

9 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY 20, 2019  
1:15 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 225

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 577  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JADE  
BUTAY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022

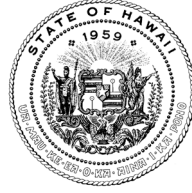
Chairperson Inouye and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 577, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022. The Department strongly supports this measure.

Mr. Butay has demonstrated good leadership and oversight as the Director for the Department of Transportation since 2017. Mr. Butay also served as the Deputy Director from 2015-2017. His experience in various roles as a leader in State government is an asset for the State in his role as DOT Director.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





DAVID Y. IGE  
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Testimony to the Senate Committee on  
Transportation

The Thirtieth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019

Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 p.m.

Testimony on **Governor's Message No. 577**, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the **Director of the Department of Transportation**, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Jade Butay**, for a Term to Expire on December 5, 2022.

To the Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, the Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and I am writing in **support** of the appointment of Jade Butay to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation, for a term to expire on December 5, 2022.

Over the last four years, I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Butay, who prior to being appointed as the Director of the Department of Transportation, served as its deputy director. As both a director and deputy director, I observed Mr. Butay to be responsive and helpful on matters that crossed our jurisdictions, and one who was willing to offer solutions to challenges that we presented to him. Mr. Butay is a dedicated, thoughtful, and collaborative public servant who has demonstrated he possesses the skills, tenacity, temperament, and aptitude needed to lead the Department of Transportation.

I firmly believe Mr. Butay will continue to be a valued and highly productive member

Testimony of Catherine P. Awakuni Colón

G.M. 577

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of Governor Ige's cabinet, and respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to support GM No. 557. I would be pleased to respond to any questions that you may have.



DAVID Y. IGE  
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MIKE MCCARTNEY  
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Statement of  
**MIKE MCCARTNEY**  
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of  
**GM577**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Director of Transportation, JADE BUTAY,  
for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Committee.

I am writing in support of the appointment of Jade Butay to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). My name is Mike McCartney and I am the Director for the State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Mr. Butay has served as the Director of the DOT since 2017 and in other leadership roles within the DOT, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and in the private sector. His past experiences working cross-functionally within the State of Hawaii and with the community will be an asset in this position and would benefit the people of the State of Hawaii.

For these reasons, I urge his confirmation for the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
TRANSPORTATION**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 577  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE  
JADE BUTAY  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 577 nominating Jade Butay to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT) to expire at noon on December 5, 2022.**

Mr. Butay is a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a Bachelor of Business Administration and Accounting. Mr. Butay has been with DOT for nearly 5 years, serving first as the Deputy Director, then as the Interim Director before becoming the Director of Transportation last year.

Mr. Butay began his career in public service as a budget analyst for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. In 2013, he was appointed as the Deputy Director of the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, and the following year moved to DOT as the First Deputy.

Mr Butay has served on the Interagency Climate Adaption Committee, housed within the Department's Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, and has worked with us to address natural resources affected by DOT projects. We have found him to be responsive and consistent in his role on the committee, as well as a pleasure to work with.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's strong support of Mr. Butay serving as the Director of DOT.

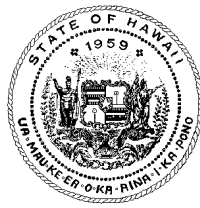
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 577  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JADE BUTAY.

by

Nolan P. Espinda, Director  
Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Transportation  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 20, 2019; 1:15 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the nomination of Jade Butay as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

PSD staff has had the opportunity and privilege of collaborating with DOT on important partnerships under Director Butay's leadership. First, through a memorandum of agreement, PSD partners with DOT to provide deputy sheriffs at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport for law enforcement services to ensure the safe, secure, and efficient operation of the airport for our community and the travelling public. Second, DOT, PSD, and the Governor's Homeless Office collaborate on homeless operations, also partnering with other state agencies and the county.

Additionally, the DOT Highways Division provides vocational work opportunities to PSD inmates who are soon to transition to the community. As a



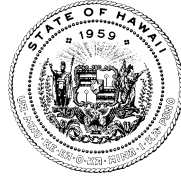
final example, under Director Butay's leadership, and also in conjunction with the City and County of Honolulu, PSD has been able to pilot a Civil Identification (ID) Project for our inmates, with an anticipated implementation date of the first identification processed by the end of June 2019.

Again, PSD supports Jade Butay as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
HEARING ON FEBRUARY 20, 2019 AT 1:15PM IN CR 225

IN SUPPORT OF

**GM577**

for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, **JADE BUTAY**,  
for a term to expire 12-05-2022

February 19, 2019

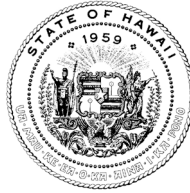
Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the Committee:

It is an honor to provide this testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Jade Butay as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Butay's background and professional credentials and his tenure at the DOT makes him well-qualified for this appointment. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands works frequently with the DOT on a wide-range of projects to improve traffic flow in and around new and existing homestead communities statewide, and we look forward to working alongside him for the next four years.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



DOUGLAS MURDOCK  
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Testimony of  
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 577  
Gubernatorial Nominee Jade Butay

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the committee:

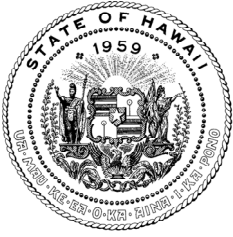
I strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Jade Butay, nominee for Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). Mr. Butay has demonstrated his strong leadership and commitment to the State of Hawaii since being appointed to the position in 2017. Prior to becoming director, he served as its First Deputy from 2011 through 2013 and from 2015 to 2017.

While working at DOT, Mr. Butay gained the understanding and knowledge of the structure, function, and challenges of the department. Those challenges do not deter him, rather he sees it as an opportunity to the many possibilities of improvement ahead.

As Comptroller in 2015, I've had the pleasure of working with Mr. Butay and found him to have a deep understanding of the great impact transportation has on our quality of life and livelihood of our State. As director for DOT, he will continue to be a tremendous asset to his department and to the people of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in strong support of Mr. Butay as the Director of DOT.





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Testimony of  
**SCOTT GLENN**, Director

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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 PM, Room 225

in SUPPORT of  
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 577, JADE BUTAY**  
**As the Director of the Department of Transportation**  
**(Written Testimony Only)**

Chair Inoyue, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Jade Butay to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Butay is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with a Bachelor of Business Administration and Accounting. Mr. Butay has been with Department of Transportation for nearly five years, serving first as the Deputy Director, then as the Interim Director before becoming the Director of Transportation last year.

Mr. Butay began his career in public service as a budget analyst for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. In 2013, he was appointed as the Deputy Director of the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, and the following year moved to the Department of Transportation as the First Deputy.

Throughout his tenure at the Department of Transportation, Mr. Butay has supported his staff to work with the Office of Environmental Quality Control to improve the Department's consideration of environmental impacts in their work. He understands the role of the Department in addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation and working with other agencies in a collaborative manner to be successful.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
State Capitol, Room 225  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Harimoto and Members:

**SUBJECT: Governor's Message (GM) 577 for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation Gubernatorial Nominee Jade Butay for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022**

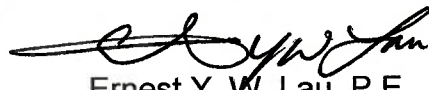
The Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports GM 577 nominating Mr. Jade Butay to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Butay currently serves as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors for the Board of Water Supply and has done an excellent job for the BWS. Mr. Butay has extensive experience in government operations as he was appointed by Governor Ige to serve as the Director of the DOT since March of 2018, Interim Director since November 2017 and as Deputy Director of the DOT since 2015. Mr. Butay has served as Deputy Director for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in 2013-14. He also served as Deputy Director of the DOT during 2011-13.

I am confident that Mr. Butay's expertise and experience in state government will continue to be a valuable asset for the Department of Transportation. I respectfully request members of the Senate Committee on Transportation vote favorably on his nomination and advancing GM 577 for full Senate confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Jade Butay's nomination to continue to serve as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Very truly yours,



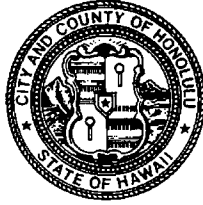
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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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February 19, 2019

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Transportation  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

Subject: GM 577 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jade Butay, for a Term to Expire at Noon on 12-05-2022

I am in full support of the confirmation of Mr. Jade Butay as the Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation and respectfully request your favorable consideration. I have known and worked with Mr. Butay since his appointment as the Deputy Director of the State of Hawaii Departments of Transportation, Labor and Industrial Relations, and more recently as Director of the Department of Transportation. I have also served alongside Mr. Butay as a board member of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

Mr. Butay has proven to be a very intelligent, knowledgeable, and capable leader and manager. He is able to address issues affecting communities and stakeholders, working collaboratively with them to develop practical solutions.

Mr. Butay has also been a respected partner in working with the City and County of Honolulu to ensure critical infrastructure impacted by weather incidents are restored to enable first responders and other agencies to reach areas of greatest need. His involvement was also critical to the recovery and restoration of hardest hit and affected areas in other counties.

I look forward to continue working with Mr. Butay to provide coordinated, and seamless services to residents and visitors on Oahu. His direct, no-nonsense approach to assessing situations is what is needed to streamline operations, marshal resources, and reduce the bureaucracy that hampers jurisdictions elsewhere.

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Transportation  
February 19, 2019  
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Your favorable support of Mr. Butay's confirmation will continue the advancement of transportation infrastructure in the State of Hawaii while improving the coordination and effectiveness of combined State and County efforts in repair and maintenance work along with incident response and recovery.

Sincerely,

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Ross S. Sasamura, P.E.  
Director and Chief Engineer





**LATE**

**TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**February 20, 2019**

**GM 577 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire 12-5-2022 – In Strong Support**

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

Hawaiian Airlines appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of the nomination of Jade Butay to continue serving as the Director of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Butay is collaborative, an effective leader and has demonstrated the ability to build and maintain positive relationships across the multiple disciplines he interfaces with daily.

Mr. Butay has the requisite credentials and demeanor to serve as Director of the Department of Transportation. He has earned the trust and respect of stakeholders, colleagues and his staff with his inclusive management style, easygoing personality and excellent decision making.

Accordingly, Hawaiian Airlines strongly supports the appointment of Mr. Butay to the office of Director at the Department of Transportation for the State of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for considering the view of Hawai'i's Airline.

Sincerely,

Ann Botticelli  
Senior Vice President – Corporate Communications

**From:** [Sydney Hart](#)  
**To:** [inouye3 - Hope](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for Jade Butay  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 1:10:36 PM

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**From:** Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 1:09:56 PM  
**To:** Sydney Hart  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Jade Butay

Can this be submitted as testimony in support of Mr. Butay? He also called in. Not sure if he's able to attend hearing.

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**From:** Eddie Flores [mailto:[eddie@lhawaii.com](mailto:eddie@lhawaii.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 9:16 AM  
**To:** Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye <[seninouye@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:seninouye@capitol.hawaii.gov)>  
**Subject:** Support for Jade Butay

Senator Inouye:

I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Jade Butay as the Director of the Department of Transportation. I have known Mr. Butay for many years. He is very reliable and hard working. Mr. Butay has the experience and will do a good job as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Aloha,

Eddie Flores, Jr.  
Chairman & CEO

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**GM-577**

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Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Buelsing	Testifying for Pacific Marine & Supply, Co.	Support	No

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Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Transportation  
State Capitol, Room 225  
415 South Beretania Street  
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**RE: Support to GM577 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire 12-05-2022.**

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Committee:

It is my honor and privilege to testify in strong support of Mr. Jade Butay for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have known Jade for over 20 years on a business and social level. I can attest to his integrity and standard of practice that are a credit to not only himself but to the State Department of Transportation.

Jade graduated from Radford High School and the University of Hawaii Manoa, he obtained his master's degree at Babson College in 1999. He has been involved in the construction industry and knows the time constraints from the management and vendor perspectives. Thus his business viewpoint is an advantage for the state in resolving disputes between government and the private sector.

He is a quality person and I endorse his confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Respectfully Submitted,

G.A. "Red" Morris  
Chairman



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## **TESTIMONY BY HAWAII LECET**

### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

### NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
TIME: 1:15 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 225  
State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania Street

### **TESTIMONY ON GM 577**

TO THE HONORABLE LORRAINE INOUE, CHAIR, BREENE HARIMOTO, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, its 5000+ members and its 250+ unionized contractors. The Laborers Union is the largest construction union in the Nation. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** for GM 577, which submits for consideration and confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee, Jade Butay as the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation, for a term to expire on 12-05-2022.

Mr. Butay is the current Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation and has worked in this capacity since November 2017. In addition to overseeing the Department of Transportation, he is responsible for developing policy and represents the Department of Transportation before the Hawaii State Legislature, Executive Branch agencies and the community.

Mr. Butay has extensive experience in government leadership, having previously held positions as the First Deputy Director for the State Department of Transportation and the Deputy Director for the Hawaii State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations. In addition, he is well versed in developing, implementing and understanding policies and legislation, having worked for U.S. Congressman Neil Abercrombie. Mr. Butay has a thorough understanding of how legislative policy and procedures affects government and various core industries in Hawaii.

We strongly believe Mr. Butay has the commitment, skills, knowledge, and experience needed to serve in this critical position. His industry experience is invaluable, and his willingness to serve the community is commendable. For these reasons, Hawaii LECET asks for your **STRONG SUPPORT** of Mr. Jade Butay as Director for the Hawaii State Department of Transportation.

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Testimony on GM577 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Committee on Transportation  
February 20, 2019  
Room 225 at 1:15 PM

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Harimoto and members of the committee:

My name is Reena Rabago and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Governor Ige's nomination of Jade Butay as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

I have had the opportunity to work with Jade in many capacities and know that with his extensive experience and institutional knowledge of the DOT he will continue to be an excellent Director of the Department.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM577.

# HAWAII CARPENTERS APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING FUND

February 14, 2019

Senate Committee on Transportation

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

1:15 p.m., Conference Room 225, State Capitol

Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair and

Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

RE: GM 577 Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jade Butay

**Position: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Carpenters Apprenticeship and Training Fund currently has 1,840 apprentices enrolled in our program statewide and for the past 5 years over 600 have completed our program.

I've known Director Butay for more than ten (10) years through his community and professional involvement. Under his leadership, the Department of Transportation sponsored and organized the Construction Career Day where 1,300 students from 20 public and private high schools, and community college students attended in October of 2018. This event gives students first-hand information on what type of trades are in the construction field after graduating high school.

We strongly support the reappointment of Mr. Jade Butay as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

HAWAII CARPENTERS APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING FUND



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**From:** Gary North [<mailto:garyjnorth@gmail.com>]

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**Subject:** Appointment of Jade Butay to Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation

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Dear Sen. Lorraine Inouye, Chairwoman

On behalf of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group (HHUG) we would like lend our support for the confirmation of Mr. Jade Butay as Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation.

As you know Mr. Butay served as interim Director of the Department of Transportation during Governor Ige's first term replacing Ford Fuchigami. He assumed the role of Director and immediately demonstrated his abilities as a leader and communicator.

During his tenure the Department of Transportation moved forward with a number of significant projects at Airports, Highways and Harbors. All of these projects will have a positive impact on the State, the economy and the people of Hawaii.

Most significantly the ground breaking of the Kapalama Container Terminal(KCT). As you know this project has been in process for a number of years. The completion of KCT will ensure that Hawai'i 's "lifeline" will not be impacted by congestion in our State's harbors.

The confirmation of Mr. Butay will help ensure that Hawai'i 's transportation infrastructure will continue to grow and meet the economic needs of our State.

The Hawaii Harbors Users Group endorses the confirmation of Mr. Jade Butay as the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation.

Aloha

Gary J. North

Executive Director

Hawai'i Harbors Users Group





**Testimony in support of GM 577 : Jade Butay for Director of Transportation**

Senate Committee on Transportation

1:15 Wednesday February 20, 2019

Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 225

Testimony submitted by Vanessa Kop, President

Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

vkop@cbi-hawaii.com

Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Breen Harimoto and Committee members

I am Vanessa Kop, President of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. The Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii's 63 year history gathers civic minded group of Filipino Businessmen and women and as a group, we would like to express our Strong support for consideration and confirmation of Jade Butay as the Director of Department of Transportation.

I collaborated with Jade Butay during our 2017 Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii's Goodwill and Trade Mission to the Philippines from October 14 to 22, 2017.

Jade was part of our planning committee and throughout the whole mission, Jade have demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism and work ethics and have gone far beyond what we could have expected from a purely business relationship—he has become a good friend.

During the trade mission, he has Hawaii's best interest in mind. Speaking for the Filipino Chamber of Commerce and the delegates of the 27<sup>th</sup> Goodwill and Trade Mission, Jade with the MMDA (Metropolitan Manila Development Authority), PAL (Philippine Airlines), NDRMMC (National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council explored various possibilities of working together on transportation matters. Jade also met with the Management of Ninoy Aquino International Airport in the Philippines and the Cebu Port authority to establish an amicable relationship.

Born in Ilocos, Philippines but emigrated to the United States with his parents and siblings, A Radford high school alumnus, Jade earned his bachelor's and master's degree in business at University of Hawaii at Manoa. Jade worked hard from the ground up to be where he is today. From working as a deputy Director for the Department of Labor and Industrial relation, Interim Director of the Department of transportation and various other leadership positions in the private sector, Jade has been diligently working towards projects that benefits the Hawaii community.

I am optimistic that Jade Butay is the suitable choice and hope that the senate feels the same and confirm his nomination as the Director of the Department of Transportation. I appreciate the opportunity to testify.



February 20, 2019

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
ON GM 577**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the  
Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY,  
for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

Thank you Chair Inouye and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 375 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

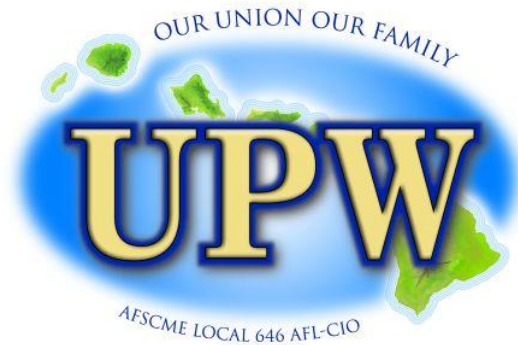
HTA supports Governor Ige's nomination of Jade Butay as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Jade's first service to the Department was as Deputy Director from 2011-2013. After a brief stint as Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Jade returned to DOT, re-assuming his Deputy position since January 2015.

His current tenure as Director has been filled with pro-activity and fearless addressing of issues pertinent to our motor carrier industry. He continues to extend his reach beyond the immediate transportation sphere into timely areas of emergency management and sustainability.

Jade earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in business at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, so utilizes his business and finance skills to mold public-private partnerships for future transportation projects.

Mahalo.



THE HAWAII STATE SENATE

The Thirtieth Legislature

Regular Session of 2019

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

Date of Hearing: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Time of Hearing: 1:15 p.m.

Place of Hearing: Conference Room 225

**TESTIMONY ON GM577 JADE BUTAY**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,  
State Director of the United Public Workers,  
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

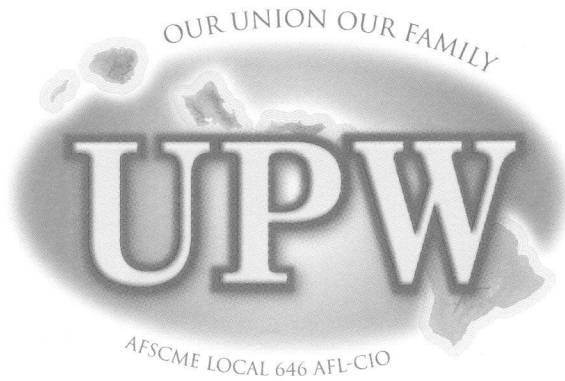
My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01, institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and four counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW **supports** the nomination by Governor Ige and the confirmation by the Senate Committee on Transportation, of Jade Butay as the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation. Director Butay served as the Deputy Director of DOT in 2011 and was subsequently appointed as Deputy Director of the Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in 2013. In January 2015 he returned to the DOT as the Deputy Director and was appointed thereafter as the Director of DOT in 2017 and continues to serve to this date.

Jade Butay brings to the DOT valuable experience and knowledge in construction management and planning. He was a partner in a construction firm and a vice president in another construction firm. He earned a Bachelor's Degree with a double major in accounting and finance and a Master's Degree in Business Administration. Mr. Butay has the experience and management qualities to lead the Hawaii State Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.





**LATE**

February 20, 2019

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Committee on Transportation and Energy  
State Senate, State of Hawaii  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE #577, NOMINATION OF JADE BUTAY FOR  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Dear Chair Inouye & Members:

My name is Clifford Uwaine and I am the Executive Assistant to State Director Dayton Nakanelua at the United Public Workers (UPW), AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO. The UPW is a labor organization that represents nearly 13,000 government and private sector employees in the State of Hawaii, specifically but not limited to BU-01 employees with the Department of Transportation (DOT).

One year ago, I submitted written testimony in support of Mr. Jade Butay's appointment to the State's Department of Transportation (DOT) Director from DOT Administrative Deputy Director. The purpose of this letter is to give my strong support for his confirmation to continue as DOT Director.

Mr. Butay is well-respected by the members and staff of the UPW. In his capacity as the previous Administrative Deputy Director and current Director, I have worked closely with Mr. Butay and know him to be knowledgeable and experienced in employment and collective bargaining contractual matters. He possesses the dedication and commitment to address difficult issues related to collective bargaining and, importantly, the ability to make sound decisions.

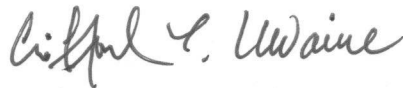
As I stated in my 2018 testimony for Mr. Butay, he recognizes the necessity that laws, regulations, and governance must be balanced with the needs and interests of government, the public, and employees. Mr. Butay is a responsible and responsive decision-maker who is careful to study the issues and relevant facts before making judgment.

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UPW Jade Butay Ltr  
February 20, 2019  
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Based on his educational qualifications, his experience, and his professional working relations with the UPW, I am confident that you will find Mr. Butay qualified. Therefore, I respectfully support his re-nomination as Director to the Department of Transportation. Please feel free to call me at 847-2631 if you have any questions or need further information on my recommendation of Mr. Butay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clifford T. Uwaine".

Clifford T. Uwaine  
Executive Assistant



February 19, 2019

Chair Lorraine R. Inouye,  
Vice-Chair Breene Harimoto,  
And Members of the Committee on Transportation  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96814

Re: GM 577 - Letter in Support of the Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee,  
**JADE TABIOS BUTAY**, To Serve As Director of the  
Department of Transportation

Hearing: **Wednesday, February 20, 2019 @ 1:15 PM**, Conf. Rm. 225  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Committee:

I am writing this letter in **strong support** of the nomination of **JADE TABIOS BUTAY** to serve as Director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation ("DOT"). I have known Mr. Butay for over ten years. He has broad experience in both the public and private sectors, including serving as the Director of the Department Of Transportation from 2017 to present..

Mr. Butay is a person of integrity. He brings to the table a wealth of knowledge and experience, and the people of Hawaii will be well served if he is chosen as Director of the Department of Transportation.

As a graduate of the University of Hawaii with an MBA from Babson College, and with numerous family and friends in Hawaii, Mr. Butay is deeply committed to upholding the mission and purpose of the Department of Transportation, as he has a vested interest in assuring a well-functioning transportation system.

I am pleased to submit this letter in **support of JADE TABIOS BUTAY's** nomination and stand ready to answer any questions should they arise.

With Aloha,

IMANAKA ASATO LLLC

Mitchell A. Imanaka  
Managing Partner

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair**

**Governor's Message No. 577**

**Testimony of Joe Boivin  
President of Young Brothers, LLC**

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

**POSITION:**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 577, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation ("HDOT"), Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire at noon on December 5, 2022. On behalf of Young Brothers, LLC ("Young Brothers"), **I submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. Butay's nomination.**

**RATIONALE:**

Mr. Butay is well-qualified and well-suited to lead the State as the Director of Transportation. As you know, Mr. Butay served as the interim Director of HDOT during Governor Ige's first term and demonstrated his abilities as a leader. While in that position, HDOT moved forward on a number of important projects at airports, highways, and harbors across the State, including the groundbreaking of the Kapalama Container Terminal. This project will help to ensure that the State's "lifeline" will operate more efficiently and effectively by avoiding congestion at the State's harbors and expediting the movement of cargo throughout the State.

Mr. Butay's knowledge, experience, and leadership skills will be an invaluable resource to HDOT and the State. Moreover, his relationships with stakeholders across the many transportation sectors makes him an ideal Director.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Butay's nomination.



## *AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE*

Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Committee on Transportation  
Hawaii State Senate

February 20, 2019, Room 225, 115pm

Re: GM 577 : Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY

Dear Chair Inouye and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Jim Stone and I am writing to you on behalf of the members of the Airport Concessionaires Committee. The Committee's members consist of major concessions operating at Hawaii's public airports.

**Our Committee strongly supports the nomination and confirmation of JADE BUTAY as Director for the Hawaii State Department of Transportation.**

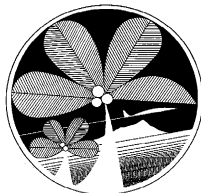
Our members have known Mr. Butay from the time he was Deputy Director with the Department of Transportation to now his current position as Director.

Mr. Butay has always demonstrated patience and a person willing to listen to our problems and concerns and has taken and supported action to achieve a fair resolution will promoting the goals of the Department.

We believe that Mr. Butay's background in the private sector as well as his service and dedication in the public sector have been of great benefit to the people of Hawaii. It's difficult to find people like Mr. Butay with his background and skill set willing to dedicate himself to public service. We are fortunate to have a person like Mr. Butay.

We respectfully urge you to please recommend and confirm Jade Butay as Director, for Hawaii's Department of Transportation. Thank you.

## AIRLINES COMMITTEE OF HAWAII



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### TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 20, 2019

**GM 577 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022 – In Strong Support**

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

The Airlines Committee of Hawaii (ACH) is a not-for-profit corporation whose origins date back to the early-1960s. The ACH was formed to provide local representation of all member airlines serving Hawaii; currently, the ACH is comprised of 19 signatory airlines\* serving Hawaii that underwrite the State of Hawaii Airports System.

The ACH appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of the nomination of Jade Butay to continue serving as the Director of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Butay has proven that he has the requisite credentials to effectively serve as Director. Mr. Butay earned the trust and respect of stakeholders, colleagues and his staff with his collaborative management style, excellent decision making and calm demeanor.

Accordingly, the ACH strongly supports Mr. Butay's appointment to become Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for considering the views of the 19 members of the Airlines Committee of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Blaine Miyasato  
ACH Co-Chair

Matthew Shelby  
ACH Co-Chair

*\*ACH members are Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Alaska Airlines, All Nippon Airways/Air Japan, Aloha Air Cargo, American Airlines, China Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Federal Express, Fiji Airways, Hawaiian Airlines, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Philippine Airlines, Qantas Airways, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines, United Parcel Service, and WestJet.*



**SanHi**

GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES  
A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: February 19, 2019

TO: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye  
Chair, Committee on Transportation

*Submitted Via Capitol Website*

FROM: Luis P. Salaveria

RE: **GM 577 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

**Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room: 225**

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Dear Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

I submit this testimony in support of Mr. Jade Butay for Director of Transportation.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Butay for the past eight years and have known him to be a hard worker with the integrity and the skills to tackle complex projects and lead organizations. He has held several positions both in the public and private sector, every time increasing in accountability and scope of responsibility. He is always available and easy to work with. On several occasions we had the opportunity to work together and each time he came with a “can do” attitude, never letting barriers prevent the project from moving forward.

As Director of Transportation he has shown the patience and confidence to approach issues such as the zero-emission vehicle initiative with a broad perspective and pragmatic view that takes into account all stakeholders. His support for the modernization of the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport has resulted in visible progress and achievement.

I wholeheartedly support Jade Butay’s confirmation for Director of Transportation. The State would be well served with him being confirmed for another term.



**SanHi**

GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES  
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DATE: February 19, 2019

TO: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye  
Chair, Committee on Transportation

*Submitted Via Capitol Website*

FROM: R. Brian Tsujimura

RE: **GM 577 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

**Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room: 225**

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Dear Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

I submit this testimony in support of Jade Butay as Director of the Department of Transportation [DOT].

I have known Jade for many years, and in his roles at the DOT. He has been always open and helpful on issues in which I have been involved, and has provided an open door for the discussion of these issues. In the many years of my involvement with government I have come to appreciate the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with officials. Jade has been exemplary in this regard.

I urge your support for his nomination.

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park  
On Behalf of Matson  
Support GM577  
Before the House Committee on Transportation  
February 20, 2019

**LATE**

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee on Transportation,

Matson supports GM577, which nominates Jade Butay as director of the Department of Transportation. Director Butay has served in this position since 2017 and we believe that his years of experience in the private and public sectors qualify him to oversee the Department.

The Department of Transportation oversees the State's transportation infrastructure, which is vital to the economic health of our State. As the State's largest shipping company, Matson relies on the Department to ensure that harbor facilities adequately support our cargo transportation operations. Mr. Butay understands and supports the modernization projects to our statewide harbor system which are vital to the movement of commerce in Hawaii.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support.



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February 19, 2019

**WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY**

**LATE**

The Honorable Lorraine Inouye  
Senate Committee on Transportation  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 210  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of Governor's Message 577, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire December 5, 2022.

Hearing: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 225  
Hawaii State Capitol

Dear Chair Inouye:


My name is Kimberley Yoshimoto and I am a partner at the law firm of Imanaka Asato, LLC. I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the appointment of Jade Butay to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation of the State of Hawaii ("State DOT").

I have known Jade for over 8 years, and have worked with him closely when he served as a Deputy Director and Director for the State DOT and as the Deputy for the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Through these experiences, I have come to respect and appreciate his honest and straightforward approach to leading and to problem solving, and his willingness to thoughtfully consider other people's opinions before making a decision. It is clear that Jade values public service very much, and has committed much of his professional career to the service of the people of Hawaii. These characteristics in addition to many others, not only qualify him, but actually make him an ideal candidate for the top position at the State DOT.

I know that Jade Butay is the right person to serve as the Director of the Hawaii's Department of Transportation. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of his appointment.

Sincerely,

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**LATE**

**Testimony Supporting GM577 (Jade Butay)**

Aloha Transportation Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and esteemed members of the Committee on Transportation:

**Hawaii Bicycling League supports GM577, the confirmation of Jade Butay as Director of the Department of Transportation.**

HBL has worked with Mr. Butay since 2011-13 and during 2015-2018, when he was DOT Deputy for Administration and since his appointment as DOT Director.

As Deputy for Administration, Mr. Butay represented the DOT admirably at HBL events, stepping up when he was called upon to represent DOT. In this way, we developed a working relationship with Mr. Butay in the highways arena. HBL works with DOT to encourage safe and Complete Streets, where everyone has safe access to our public transportation infrastructure whether they choose to walk, bike, or drive.

HBL worked with DOT under Ford Ford Fuchigami, the previous director, and Mr. Butay was an important member of the DOT Team, where HBL noticed tremendous progress in DOT's outlook and accomplishments in support of safe and Complete Streets. Now that Mr. Butay has the opportunity to lead the DOT Team, we look forward to him continuing to bring even more progress in towards traffic safety and Complete Streets.

As someone who worked hard, from humble beginnings, Mr. Butay understands that organizations must work together to get things done. He also understands that community outreach and support are important for a department's success. He is very connected to grassroots communities, a quality that will help him get feedback as well as persuade people, when new best practices are instituted for community well-being.

We look forward to working with Mr. Butay and his DOT Team in the next four years. Governor Ige's administration and the legislature are moving forward to leave a legacy of accomplishment and improvements to realize the principles in Kamehameha's Law of the Splintered Paddle declared more than 200 years ago: everyone has the right to be safe on Hawaii's roads.

Thank you very much for considering the comments of Hawaii Bicycling League. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, [Daniel@hbl.org](mailto:Daniel@hbl.org)) or Chad Taniguchi (808-735-5756, [chad@hbl.org](mailto:chad@hbl.org)).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

Daniel Alexander  
Co-Executive Director  
Hawaii Bicycling League

Chad Taniguchi  
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Hawaii Bicycling League





**HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM**  
ASSOCIATION

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Testimony of

Mufi Hannemann  
President & CEO  
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

Senate Committee on Transportation

GM 577: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

February 20, 2019

Dear Chair Inouye and Committee Members:

It is a pleasure to support the confirmation of Jade T. Butay as Director of Transportation.

Mr. Butay has proven that he is prepared for the tremendous responsibility of overseeing the state's transportation agency, bringing his blend of leadership, experience, and insight to meeting the challenges facing our transportation infrastructure. His achievements as the deputy director and as the director need not be summarized here, except to point out that his willingness to engage all stakeholders affected by the department has been welcome by those of us in the visitor industry. It is worth noting that he and his predecessor, Ford Fuchigami, were instrumental in advocating a significant change in the way our airports are managed, a change we hope becomes reality with the support of the Legislature. He is also demonstrating the innovative thinking that will integrate the city's rail transit with the state's emerging plans for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century transportation system.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the largest private-sector tourism organization in the state with nearly 700 members, has enjoyed an open and productive partnership with the Department of Transportation leadership. We're confident that we can continue this relationship with Mr. Butay at the helm, and look forward to his reappointment as the Director of Transportation.

I urge you to give Mr. Butay's nomination your favorable consideration.

Mahalo.

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THE SENATE  
THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2019

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

2/20/2019  
Rm 225, 1:15 PM

GM 577

For consideration of Jade Butay as the Director of Transportation.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of this Committee, my name is Max J. Sword, writing in support of Mr. Butay as the Director of Transportation for the State of Hawaii.

I have known Mr. Butay for a few years, both socially and professionally, as I currently serve with him on the Board of Water Supply. He has integrity, a strong work ethic, and extensive government experience which will serve the State well.

I fully endorse his confirmation and I urge this Committee to support him for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mahalo for considering my testimony in support of Mr. Butay.



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Transportation**

Tuesday, February 20, 2019 1:15 p.m.

Conference Room 225, State Capitol

RE: GM 577 – Nomination of Director of the Department of Transportation, Jade Butay

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Transportation Committee

**I respectfully submit my strong support for the consideration and confirmation of Jade Butay for Director of the State Department of Transportation (DOT) and provide the following comments to GM 577:**

Mr. Butay is a leader in the community and has a great record of public service. I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Butay who has served the state over the past two years as DOT Director and previously as Deputy Directors for DOT and for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Mr. Butay also has a business background which provides him with a broad perspective of understanding the constraints of the private sector. Throughout his years of service to our state, I have found him to be dedicated, earnest, helpful and collaborative leader who steadfastly works toward solutions. Mr. Butay possesses a great skillset paired with an even temperament and the tenacity to lead in the face of significant challenges. He is an excellent choice to lead the Department of Transportation.

For these reasons, I humbly urge your support for the confirmation of Mr. Butay.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 577.

Sincerely,

Jeannine A. Souki  
Director, Government Affairs and Communication

**Testimony in support of GM 577: Mr. Jade Butay for Director of Transportation**

Senate Committee on Transportation  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 1:15 pm  
State Capitol, Room 225  
415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

**LATE**

Testimony submitted by Ned Directo  
2018 – 2019 Treasurer of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii  
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Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Breene Harimoto and Committee members

My name is Ned Directo, I am the 2018 – 2019 Treasurer for The Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and also a Commercial Real Estate Loan Officer with a Publicly Traded Local Financial Institute.

I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Jade Butay for Director of Transportation.

The continuation of his leadership of Department of Transportation will more than benefit the City and County of Honolulu as he has proven. The support that he garners from the community show his strong character which consist of caring, confidence, emotional intelligence, honesty, and vast knowledge of the community not just his heritage but also of Hawaii as an entirety.

I humbly ask you to confirm Mr. Jade Butay's nomination as Director of the Department of Transportation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Respectfully submitted:

Ned Directo



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Bryan P. Andaya  
President & COO

Feb. 20, 2019

Testimony in **Strong Support of GM577 Jade Butay** - TRS 2/20/19 1:15pm Rm 225

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

I am proud to submit testimony in **strong support of GM577 appointing Jade Butay** Director, Dept. of Transportation, State of Hawai`i.

In addition to my role at L & L, I am honored to serve as Chair, Honolulu Board of Water Supply where Jade has served with me on the Board as an ex-officio member for approximately the last three years. In all of my capacities, I have been impressed by Jade's even temperament and meaningful contributions to everything in which he is involved. His dedication to public service and the sacrifices he has made has inspired me to give back to the public and community.

As a fellow member of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS), Jade has been reliable and insightful. I trust Jade to accomplish what is needed to fulfill our fiduciary roles both during our meetings and behind the scenes. Through his leadership, the Dept. of Transportation has worked closely with BWS to coordinate our efforts for the benefit of the public. Jade certainly uses his unquestionable expertise, leadership ability, and background to improve the lives of others.

Outside of BWS, Jade is a tireless champion of the community exhibiting compassion for the common person. In addition to his official duties, he has been exceedingly generous with his time and resources assisting in various community organizations and events.

Finally, Jade brings much-needed diversity and balance to the Governor's cabinet. As with anything, diversity in leadership is in the best position to adequately address the needs of diverse stakeholders.

For these reasons, I **strongly support** Jade's nomination.

Very truly yours,

Bryan Andaya



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Testimony in support of GM 577: Jade Butay for Director of DOT

Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Breen Harimoto and members of the committee

It is an honor as well as a privilege to speak of Jade Butay. From the moment I first met him as a young man - ambitious, determined and focused - I recognized in him someone who could and would make a major contribution to the future of Hawai'i. Soft-spoken and humble Jade works with quite confidence at any task set before him. He never has to be asked twice. If anything, he is likely to be ahead of the requirements of any agenda, particularly if it benefits the community. Jade sets the standard for all he undertakes. We are all the beneficiaries of his efforts.

Since becoming Director of Transportation he has exhibited quite, calm leadership creating an atmosphere of confidence and a steady sense of direction for the Department.

I'm certain the administration and the people of Hawai'i be the beneficiaries of his continued tenure as Director.

Governor Neil Abercrombie

Pacific Strategies LLC  
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**Testimony in support of GM 577 : Jade Butay for Director of Transportation**

Senate Committee on Transportation

1:15 Wednesday February 20, 2018

Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 225

Testimony submitted by Amy Agbayani , chair

Filipina Advocacy Network (FAN)

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Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Breen Harimoto and Committee members

My name is Amy Agbayani, I am an Emeritus Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Diversity at UH Manoa and submitting testimony for the Filipina Advocacy Network (FAN). I am in strong support of the nomination of Mr. Jade Butay for Director of Transportation.

I have known Mr. Butay for over 25 years. I first met Jade when he was an undergraduate business major at Manoa, student leader and scholarship recipient with the Operation Manong program. I have proudly observed his academic success : a BA in Business from UH Manoa and a master's degree in business from one of the leading business graduate programs in the nation. He has proven his competence and leadership in the private sector as well as in government sector. I have had the privilege to work with him in community organizations (e.g, Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights, National Filipino American Associations). In addition, in my work at the University of Hawai'i, Mr. Butay provided us with volunteer time to recruit students to college and to encourage under-represented students participate in service learning programs. He is a mentor and role model for students from various academic backgrounds and from different ethnicities.

Mr. Butay has extensive administrative experience in government service (staff to Congressman Abercrombie), state level (8 years with the Department of Transportation) that will serve him well as DOT director. My comments will focus on his leadership within the Filipino community. He has worked with community leaders to increase the representation and success of Filipinos in Hawai'i, a group that is generally under-represented in public and private sector management and policy making boards. I believe representation and diversity in state government is important and results in better policies for our community. There are 17 cabinet directors and Governor David Ige has only ONE Filipino cabinet member, Mr. Butay. His re-appointment as a

director will add ethnic diversity to the cabinet and allow him to provide his service and talent to serve the state of Hawai'i. Although Filipinos have been in Hawaii for 112 years and are the second largest ethnic group in the state, they continue to be underrepresented in state government, professions, and higher education.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Jade for being a mentor to many young professionals and for his significant contributions to improve the status and representation of Filipinos in Hawai'i. I am personally grateful to Jade for his advocacy for policies and programs supporting diversity, civil rights and non-discrimination. During his career, Mr. Butay has demonstrated his administrative leadership, competence, integrity, and active community engagement. I am confident that he will continue to be a responsible public servant for our state. Jade has a deep appreciation of the history of our state and the role of government service.

I respectfully ask you to confirm his nomination as director of the department of transportation.



# **FILIPINOS FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

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## **TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 577**

**Submitted to**  
**Senate Committee on Transportation**  
**Hawai`i State Capitol, Conference Room 225**  
**February 20, 2019 • 1:15 pm**

**TO:** Chair Lorraine R. Inouye  
Vice-Chair Breene Harimoto  
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation: Sen. J. Kalani English,  
Sen. Kurt Fevella, and Sen. Maile S. L. Shimabukuro

**FR:** Agnes Malate, PhD  
Filipinos for Affirmative Action

**RE: IN SUPPORT OF GM 577 RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF  
JADE T. BUTAY AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

It is with great honor and pride to provide testimony in wholehearted support of Jade Butay's nomination as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). I am a member of the Filipinos for Affirmative Action and a Faculty Specialist at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM). I have known Jade for nine years and have been privileged to work closely with him on numerous community projects and collaborate on career and mentoring activities for high school and college students.

Jade's accomplishments in the private and public sector speaks for itself and no doubt others will attest to his competence and qualifications as deputy director of the Department of Transportation and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relation and currently as the director of DOT. I have spent many hours discussing with Jade the challenges that we face as a State and brainstorming on possible solutions, which gave me an insight on what propelled him to apply the knowledge and experiences he gained as an entrepreneur to public service.

As first-generation college graduates of advanced degrees, we share the transformative power that a college degree has had for us, our families, and communities. He is driven by his parents' quest for a better life for themselves and their children. He lives by the principle of "kaizen." Jade seeks to continuously improve on all aspects of his endeavors and expects excellence of himself and others.

Through our spirited discussions, volunteering, and support of youth education, I have interacted with Jade in a range of situations and observed him in leadership roles and as a member of a team of top-level administrators, community members, and students. Jade brought into our conversations a different perspective from which to assess the soundness of an issue, argument, or solution. We are not always in agreement, but he will listen and take into consideration other ideas and adjust accordingly. He is fair, yet has the courage to take an unpopular stance or make difficult decisions. These are important traits to have in a leader.

As a member of the Filipinos for Affirmative Action and an immigrant, I would like to commend Governor Ige for his nomination of Jade Butay to serve as Director of the Department of Transportation. Although Filipinos are now the second largest ethnic group in Hawaii, the talents and contributions of Filipinos, as well as immigrants, often go unnoticed for several reasons. I am encouraged that Jade's hard work and dedication to improving the life of our diverse community is recognized and humbly ask for the Senate Committee on Transportation to confirm his nomination. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

*Although I am an employee of UHM, this testimony reflects my personal position and is not the official position of the University of Hawai'i.*

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 10:28:13 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 12:03:48 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Miyamoto	Testifying for Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation	Support	No

Comments:

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**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 9:54:54 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, Senate President

and Members of the Senate

Re: Support, Jade Butay, DOT Director

I have had the privilege and honor of working with Mr. Jade Butay as a member of the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization. We sit on the policy board to make important decisions regarding infrastructure for Maui Island. Mr. Butay is thoughtful, well informed and educates us on the direction of the Department of Transportation.

Please confirm Mr. Butay to continue his work as the Director of this important department. I believe continuity and strength of character is important for this position.

Yuki Lei Sugimura

Maui County Councilmember

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 4:44:28 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Linda Chu Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the nomination of Jade Butay as Director of the Department of Transportation. I believe his long association with the Department, most recently as Director, has established a track record of competence and accomplishment that should be allowed to continue. Your favorable consideration would be greatly appreciated by many in the state.

Alison Ueoka  
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Honolulu, HI 96813

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 225

**Consideration of Jade Butay, Director of the Department of Transportation**

Good afternoon Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Breene Harimoto, and members of the committee. My name is Alison Ueoka and I am testifying today in support of Jade Butay.

Jade Butay is a personal friend of mine and has been for at least fifteen years. Although soft-spoken, Jade is a thoughtful and strong person. I know that Jade's parents emphasized hard work and education and it is apparent in Jade and all the Butay children. Through the years, I have observed Jade in various social and work environments and he is always professional and polite. We have had conversations about the challenges of life and I know that he is intelligent and observes all.

Jade has now served in the capacity of Director of the Department of Transportation for a year and I believe his strong character and professional capability will continue to serve him well in this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/14/2019 2:46:15 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Goode	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

It is my pleasure to recommend confirmation of Jade Butay as Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have worked closely with Mr. Butay on the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization for a couple years and have seen firsthand his ability to work with folks from all walks of life, to be a great listener, and speak wisely and with compassion.

He has been a great asset to the Department and will serve the entire State very well for the next four years.

Mahalo,

David Goode

Acting Director, Department of Public Works, County of Maui



**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 9:05:59 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan S. Hayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the Committee on Transportation---

I am in strong support of both Mr. Jade Butay, proposed Director of DOT, and Ms. Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan, proposed Deputy of DOT, as we need continuing good qualified leadership within DOT.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Mahalo, Alan S Hayashi

# JOHN H. RADCLIFFE

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February 20, 2019

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Transportation  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: Support for GM577 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Mrs. Radcliffe and myself, we are proud to commend the candidacy of Jade Butay for Director of the Department of Transportation without any reservations, but with anticipation of a happy result.

We were first introduced to him when he was an incoming immigrant to the United States, and a freshman at Radford High School, where Mrs. Radcliffe was his English teacher for four years. From his earliest days here in Hawaii, he was seeking out ways to improve, move, explore, and expand his horizons. Both his own, and those of others. He is a natural leader.

His education in the United States has been superb, and wherever it has taken him, whether it was Radford High School, or UH Manoa, or Babson College in Massachusetts, he aced the program, but then he came back home to devote himself to public service. If anyone ever wanted to understand the success and value of family immigration to the United States, or the public schools to Hawai'i, you need look no further than Jade, and his family.

In this specific situation, you have a relatively easy task, because his past employment history with the state and federal governments is there for all to see. Having been in the administrations of three Governors, all of whom support him, his is a record of proven results.

He has been awarded the United Filipino Council of Hawaii Progress Award and the San Nicolaneous of the Year. We want to underscore that Jade is an outstanding example for all of us.

In Hawaii all of us are equal. All of us regardless of differences in culture, race, religion, ethnicity and so on, are afforded the chance to compete. It is therefore important that as many of us all are seen in the Cabinet. This immigrant son of the Philippines represents the best in all of us in Hawaii

We hope that your review will be positive upon his appointment to this position and confirm him so that he can continue to serve. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

John Radcliffe

Diane Radcliffe

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/15/2019 7:18:33 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Gustafson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support the the confirmation of Mr. JADE BUTAY as the Director of DOT. He is an outstanding citizen of our State and has made major contributions to the efficient operation of the Department in the recent past. We need more people of his caliber in the leadership positions of of our State organizations!

TO: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation

From: Pankaj Bhanot (in my individual capacity)

Re: GM 577

Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, my name is Pankaj Bhanot and I am the current Director of the Department of Human Services. However, I am submitting this testimony as an individual in strong support of GM 577 submitted by the Governor for consideration and confirmation of Mr. Jade Butay as the Director of Department of Transportation (DOT), for a term to expire at noon on December 05, 2022.

Mr. Butay has a very distinguished twenty-five (25) year professional career in public and private sector. Jade has served our great Aloha State with distinction and exemplary excellence for over thirteen (13) years in various capacities within the Executive branch (particularly the DOT) of our government. Jade Possesses professional experience, education, knowledge, skills, abilities, and the lived experience to honorably and competently serve as the Director of the DOT.

Mr. Butay has a long history and experience of providing advice and counsel to Governors, Cabinet officials, and legislative leadership on current and evolving transportation issues impacting our Airports, Harbors and Highways. We are continuing to see major progress and successes under Jade's leadership at DOT. Jade has assembled an outstanding team of executives to address and improve the transportation related needs, including improvement of infrastructure at our Airports, Harbors and Highways, and internal controls and management.

I have the privilege and honor of working collaboratively with Jade and his team on various policy issues impacting Hawaii and the Department of Human Services, for example addressing homelessness related issue on and near our highways, airports and harbors. Throughout my interactions with Jade, I found him to be knowledgeable, professional, fair, and deeply rooted in a strong belief that we must keep "Aloha Spirit" and well-being of Hawaii's residents in our minds when we make policy and operational decisions.

I request the Senate Committee on Transportation to unanimously confirm Mr. Jade Butay as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to support GM 577.

TESTIMONY OF  
LYNN A.S. ARAKI-REGAN

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
FEBRUARY 20, 2019  
CONFERENCE ROOM 225  
1:15 P.M.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 577 RELATING TO  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JADE BUTAY  
FOR DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the committee:

I wholeheartedly support the confirmation of Jade Butay to the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have had the privilege of working side by side with Jade Butay since being appointed as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation on January 14, 2019, and have gained a deep respect and admiration for him. Director Butay possesses the leadership qualities, business acumen, and administrative experience critical for a large organization such as the Department of Transportation. He is fair, reasonable, even-tempered, solution-oriented, and a good team and morale builder.

As Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner, Director Butay is an integral part of the team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 11:03:37 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Franz D. Juan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 5:57:54 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deanna Espinas	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:



**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 6:57:31 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ann Chung	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT the nomination of Jade Butay for Director of the Department of Transportation. I have worked with Jade for many years in his various roles at the DoT and have always found him to be fair, reasonable, and honest. He has and will continue to be a great asset to the DoT. I urge you to confirm his nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my support.

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 10:05:43 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patrick McCain	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the Committee;

My name is Patrick McCain and I am testifying in favor of GM 577, Jade Butay's nomination for Director of Transportation. I have known and worked with Jade for several years and can say without reservation that Jade is a solid citizen and an excellent choice to head this very important department. He is smart, hard working and as honest as the day is long.

Your consideration in this matter is appreciated in advance.

Mahalo nui loa

Patrick McCain

Audrey Hidano  
1620 Hau Street  
Honolulu, HI 96817

TESTIMONY OF  
AUDREY HIDANO  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
ON  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019, 1:15 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 225, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 577

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
**JADE BUTAY**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on GM 577. I support the nomination of Mr. Jade Butay to the position of the Director of the Department of Transportation.

I've known Mr. Butay for about 10 years, having the opportunity to work with him previously in different capacities. In my dealing with Mr. Butay, I have found him to be courteous and helpful, demonstrating sound judgement and dedication to his work.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 1:27:37 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melinda Tria Kerkvliet	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the appointment of Jade Butay as the Director of the Department of Transportation. He has the important skills and qualities to plan, implement and direct programs for continued improvements in Hawaii's transportation.

TESTIMONY OF JO ANN UCHIDA TAKEUCHI  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 P.M., Conference Room 225

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 577  
NOMINATING JADE BUTAY AS THE  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

TO THE HONORABLE LORRAINE R. INOUE, CHAIR,  
THE HONORABLE BREENE HARIMOTO, VICE CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Jade Butay to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). My name is Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi and I am submitting this testimony in my personal capacity.

I have had the pleasure of working with Director Butay for several years while he served as Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Deputy Director of the DOT, and most recently as Director of DOT. Director Butay is and has always been a reliable, hardworking person and a problem solver who is ideally suited to deal with the administration of a large and diverse department like DOT.

I am confident that Director Butay will continue to be an exemplary leader of the DOT and a valuable asset to the State. For these reasons, I respectfully request that you recommend approval of Mr. Butay's nomination as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 11:15:32 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
wilfredo tungol	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TO: Senate Transportation Committee

FROM: Wilfredo Tungol

RE: Testimony in Support of Jade Butay (GM 577)

Hearing: 2/20/19; 2:15 p.m.

Aloha Chair Inouye and members of the Senate Transportation Committee:

I am writing in **support of Jade Butay's** confirmation as State Transportation Director. I first met Jade in 2010 when we were both campaign volunteers in former Governor Abercrombie's campaign for governor. As I have gotten to know him during that year, I was impressed by Jade's integrity and humble character. I remember asking him where he went to college. He told me he went to UH-Manoa and graduate school. When I asked him what graduate school, I was impressed when he told me that he had received his MBA from Babson University, one of the pre-eminent business schools in the country. Jade proved himself a capable administrator as deputy director of transportation under Governor Abercrombie. He was reappointed to his former position by Governor Ige and later promoted to be the first State Transportation director of Filipino ancestry. Not a small feat, considering that most of the transportation directors appointed to the position are engineers. But in today's world, you need more than a specialist. You need a person with vision, with creativity, and with passion. Jade has all of those qualities and then some.

Jade's integrity, dedication, and strong analytical skills will prove invaluable in moving our state forward in terms of improving our airports (which fares as one of the worst in the country), harbors and highways. Already, I have seen the improvements in the H-1 freeways and other state highways in central and West Oahu. The DKI Airport is also undergoing a major renovation under his leadership. The state harbors are not far behind.

Mahalo for supporting Jade Butay's nomination.

Wilfredo Tungol (Pearl City)

Ph. 387-7412

Testimony of Clarita B. Hironaka, Ph.D.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816  
Cell No.: 808-271-7195

February 20, 2019  
1:15 pm  
State Capitol, Room 225

**GM 577**  
**RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, JADE BUTAY**

Senate Committee on Transportation

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I write to express my **strong support** for Jade Butay's confirmation as the Director of the State Department of Transportation (DOT).

I have worked with Mr. Butay since 2015 as the manager for Planning, Programming and Budgeting (PPB) office since he was the First Deputy Director until presently as Interim Director of DOT. Throughout these years, I have been impressed with his professionalism, practical and no nonsense intellectual integrity, and administrative acumen as well as his humble and gentle personality. Jade got his Master's in Business Administration degree from Babson College, which is often ranked as the most prestigious entrepreneurship college in the United States, and yet you will never hear him brag about his academic achievement. He also has the ability and willingness to cultivate the strengths of employees and make them work towards achieving the goals of the department.

Two specific qualifications of Mr. Butay may merit special consideration when selecting a Director of the state Department of Transportation. First, Mr. Butay has a strong understanding of the importance of fostering public-private partnerships. He has been involved in negotiating with airlines and harbor users to work with the state in improving our transportation system. And secondly, Mr. Butay has been able to forge an extensive network of contacts outside and inside the department, and he has this sphere of influence that could be put in good use for the benefit of the Department of Transportation.


I believe that with his strategic approach of thinking and bringing the "hit the ground running" type of leadership, for he has worked at DOT as First Deputy Director under two administrations for over six (6) years and one (1) year at the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Mr. Butay is eminently qualified for the leadership position of the DOT.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



Date: February 19, 2019

To: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Transportation

From: Ben Cabreros   
Former State Representative Kalihi  
Filipino Community Leader

Subject: Mr. Jade Butay  
Confirmation as the Director of  
The Department of Transportation

I have known Mr. Jade Butay for the past ten years and I am proud to write this letter of **support and recommendation for his consideration and confirmation** as the Director of the Department of Transportation for State of Hawaii.

Mr. Butay is a person that you can trust to work to reach the goals and objectives of his department. I had a chance to work with him when he was the Deputy Director at the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. He is a leader that work diligently and goes the extra mile to get the work done.

Jade is also a very active community leader. He always take some time of his busy schedule to attend various Filipino events. He served as a judge for several Filipino pageants. He also represent the Governor to Filipino functions when the Governor is not available.

The Filipino Community is proud of his achievements. He is a role model that the young Filipinos can look up to and dream that someday they will be successful as Jade Butay.

## **Senate Committee on Transportation**

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice-Chair

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

1:15PM, Conference Room 225, State Capitol

GM 577

Testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee JADE BUTAY to serve  
As the Director of the Department of Transportation

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation. My Name is Charles Toguchi and I am providing written testimony in strong support of Jade Butay, gubernatorial nominee to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have had the privilege and pleasure of knowing Jade Butay for many years. With his present role as DOT Director and his former role as Deputy Director of Administration for DOT, Jade Butay is uniquely qualified to continue serving as the Director of the Department of Transportation. He has helped oversee modernization and facility improvement projects with an increased focus on sustainability and energy efficiency along state highways, state airports, and commercial ports. With his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration for the University of Hawaii, and Master's in Business Administration from Babson College, Jade has the educational background as well as work experience that will continue to provide the necessary skills and foundation to guide and support DOT in achieving its mission.

Jade Butay is a tireless worker and he has impressed me with his genuine commitment and dedication to his job. Leadership is action...and Jade Butay has proven with his energy...forward thinking

vision...and positive action ...that he can get the job done... and done well.

I strongly support the nomination of JADE BUTAY to the position of Director, DOT.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this written testimony.

Aloha,  
Charles T. Toguchi

TESTIMONY OF DAMIEN ELEFANTE  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019 10:00 AM  
CONFERENCE ROOM 225

GOV. MSG NO. 577

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JADE  
BUTAY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the Committee. I am  
testifying as an individual and I am in support of Jade Butay's confirmation as the  
Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have known Jade, since I became the Deputy Director for the Department of  
Taxation. During his time at Department of Transportation he has developed an  
understanding and administrative knowledge of the department. His overall background  
and experiences working in the public and private sector is an asset and resource for  
the State.

I urge you to support the confirmation of Jade Butay as the Director of  
Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Statement of  
**Mary Alice Evans**

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

in consideration of  
**GM 577**  
**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the**  
**Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee,**  
**JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire 12-05-2022.**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Committee.

I respectfully urge your **strong support** for the confirmation of **Jade Butay** to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have had the good fortune to work with Jade Butay for eight years. He is quiet, humble and a very competent administrator. He has served as the Director of DOT, the Deputy Director for Administration of DOT and as the Deputy Director for DLIR. He understands the challenges that a large department like DOT faces in serving the public. Jade is honest, ethical, hardworking, and trustworthy.

I respectfully urge you to recommend advice and consent to the nomination of Jade Butay for the Director of Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

## TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 577

Senate Committee on Transportation

Feb. 20, 2019, 1:15 p.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 225

To: Honorable Senate Committee on TRS Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair,  
Honorable Sen. Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair; Honorable TRS Committee  
Members

From: Jovanie de la Cruz, Oahu Residence

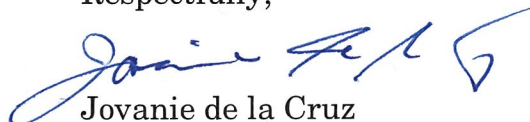
Dear Senate Committee on TRS Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair; Sen. Breene Harimoto,  
Vice Chair; and Senate TRS Committee Members:

I am Jovanie de la Cruz, a residence here in the City and County of Honolulu. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of Jade Butay as Director of the State Department of Transportation. I had the honor and privilege of working with Mr. Butay in several occasions. His extraordinary humility and quite demeanor belies a toughness of character and integrity to do what is right. I have seen this side of him on many instances when hard decisions had to be made.

Jade Butay is one of the most respected leaders within the Filipino community due to his unquestionable integrity to bring social justice. His professional expertise coupled with his immense experience both from private sector and the government makes him well-suited for the position. The various community activities that he is/was involved with is a testament to his gargantuan dedication to public service. Due to his strong background in entrepreneurship and innovation, Jade Butay is definitely an asset to our State in moving the government to become more productive, efficient and responsive.

I strongly urge the committee to move forward with his confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Respectfully,



Jovanie de la Cruz

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 12:20:26 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Arnold	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to state we are in strong support of Mr. Jade Butay to be the Director of the Department of Transportation.

We know Mr. Butay both professionally and personally and we can say that he is truly a man of honor, integrity and compassion. Professionally, Jade has been at the forefront of major events including the renovation of the Airport. He ensured that the visitors were provided the utmost service and care during their stay. He additionally, relayed the meaning of Hawaii to them to allow them to testify to others about having their functions or vacation in our State.

Jade has always been part of the community. His dedication to Hawaii can be seen through his leadership in various organizations. He truly believes that we must assist and better Hawaii for our future.

We strongly support Jade Butay to be the Director of the Department of Transportation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 577**

Senate Committee on Transportation

Feb. 20, 2019, 1:15 p.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 225

To: Honorable Senate Committee on TRS Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair,  
Honorable Sen. Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair; Honorable TRS Committee  
Members

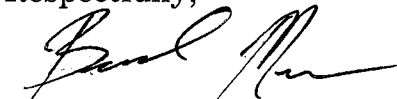
From: Bernard Menor, Oahu Residence

Dear Senate Committee on TRS Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair; Sen. Breene Harimoto,  
Vice Chair; and Senate TRS Committee Members:

My name is Bernard Menor. I am writing this testimony to strongly support Mr. Jade Butay as Director of the State Department of Transportation. With his tremendous experience working both in the private sector and in government, it leaves me without a doubt that he is well-suited for the position. I am confident that he will lead the government to become more effective and productive because of his good decision making and strong work ethic.

With that in mind, I strongly urge the committee to move forward with his confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully,



Bernard Menor



**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 12:49:41 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Clement C. Bautista	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mr. Butay has previously served as Acting Director and as Director of the Department of Transportation. His tenure has provided him with the experience and insights to seamlessly continue Gov. Ige's plans to upgrade our transportation infrastructures, including our airport and highways. Wholeheartedly support Mr. Butay's appointment and look forward to his leadership in this role.

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 577**

Senate Committee on Transportation

Feb.20, 2019, 1:15 p.m. Hawai'i State Legislature Room 225

To: Honorable Senate Committee on TRS Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, Honorable Sen. Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair; Honorable TRS Committee Members

From: Quirino A. Espejo Jr, Oahu Residence

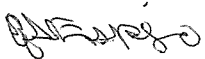
Dear Senate Committee on TRS Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair; Sen. Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair: and senate TRS Committee Members:

I am Quirino A. Espejo Jr, a residence here in the City and County of Honolulu. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Jade Butay as Director of the State Department of Transportation.

I had the honor and privilege of working with Mr. Butay in several community events. He is a natural leader who always put the people's interest first. I have seen this side of him on many instances when hard decisions had to be made. Mr. Butay is a great leader who leads by example and harmoniously works with others to achieve the common good. He will definitely be of immense value to the State and to Governor Ige's administration.

I strongly urge the committee to move forward with his confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Respectfully,

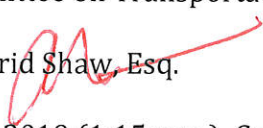


Quirino A. Espejo Jr.

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TO: Sen. Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Sen. Breen Harimoto, Vice Chair and Committee Members  
Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Abelina Madrid Shaw, Esq. 

DATE: February 20, 2019 (1:15 p.m.) Conference Room 225

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF  
JADE BUTAY FOR DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

My name is Abelina Madrid Shaw, Esquire, and I submit this testimony in support of Jade Butay's confirmation as Director of Transportation.

I have known Jade for over ten years on a personal basis, but more recently, I have gotten to know more about him in his capacity as Deputy Director of Transportation. As a public servant myself, having worked for government for over 25 years in various capacities as director, deputy director of various State and City departments, Special Assistant to the Governor and, more recently, Chief of Staff in the City and County of Honolulu, I know full-well the demands of serving the public, especially in key decision-making positions.

In his current position, he has proven himself to be a very capable administrator. The Department of Transportation is deemed one of the largest and crucial State departments with many divisions. It is no small task to be on top of everything and to deliver the services expected by the public. It requires stamina, knowledge, hard work, patience, ability to lead and command the respect of others and the honest support of his colleagues.

Jade has served humbly in his current position and I have no doubt that, should he be confirmed, he will continue to perform stellarly. He will continue to make others proud of him. He is humble, not boisterous (even if he can be, as one of the few Filipinos in a key State government position under the current administration).

His appointment as Director of Transportation would be an asset to Governor Ige's administration.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF JADE BUTAY AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

February 20, 2019

To: Chairperson Lorraine Inouye and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I am an attorney licensed in the State of Hawaii and have been primarily involved in government affairs for various clients. I am testifying in strong support of Jade Butay as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

I have had the opportunity to work on a variety of issues with Mr. Butay and found him to be fair and willing to listen to all sides of the issue I was involved with. He has a very positive attitude and is interested in solving the problems and/or issues that he is confronted with. He is patient and an excellent listener. Further, he is not averse to making decisions in order to resolve the issue.

I recently worked with Jade on what could be referred to as a somewhat controversial issue. He understood the problems, looked at all sides of the issue, and moved to resolve the issue without hesitation. His ability to listen to everyone and to solve problems makes him well suited to be the Director of the DOT.

I wholeheartedly support his nomination and urge this committee to recommend him for this position and for the Senate to confirm him as the Director of the DOT.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

**LATE**

Douglas Meller  
2615 Aaliamanu Place  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
douglasmeller@gmail.com

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 577  
NOMINATION OF JADE BUTAY AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**THIS TESTIMONY SUBMITTED FOR THE 1:15 PM 2/20/19 PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION IN STATE CAPITOL CONFERENCE ROOM 225**

**Before you act on this nomination, please ask Mr. Butay if he would be willing to informally meet and talk with the plaintiffs about settling a lawsuit which forced the DOT to remove jersey barriers installed to block public parking on City park property mauka of Laniakea Beach, Oahu.**



The City and County of Honolulu obtained possession of the site of Laniakea Beach Support Park by a court order on August 2, 1999. The property was acquired to provide parking for public pedestrian access to Laniakea Beach. Since 1999 the City has placed a few park signs, but has not taken any action to address traffic congestion and safety concerns which result from totally unregulated vehicular access and pedestrian access to City property.

On December 23, 2013, the DOT placed concrete jersey barriers along the mauka highway shoulder to block public parking mauka of Laniakea Beach. In January 2014, several concerned surfers filed a lawsuit which alleged that the DOT had not prepared an environmental assessment and had not obtained a special management area use permit and a shoreline variance to install jersey barriers. On July 8, 2015, the First Circuit Court filed a preliminary injunction requiring the DOT to remove and not reinstall any jersey barriers until the DOT had received all permits required by law. On August 24, 2015, the DOT relocated its jersey barriers onto City and private property mauka of the highway right-of-way. The plaintiffs have offered to settle the lawsuit if the DOT committed to relocate its jersey barriers to better manage - - but not prohibit - - vehicular and pedestrian access to public parking on City property. However, to date, the DOT been unwilling to meet and talk with the plaintiffs.

**LATE**

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 1:59:36 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Rodriguez	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I write in strong support of G.M. 577, Jade Butay as the director to the department of transportation (DOT).

I've worked closely with Jade at the DOT since 2011 as first deputy and through 2017 as the director of the DOT. His leadership, experience and wisdom in the department is testament to the integrity and accomplishments the DOT has gained over these years.

I look forward to working with Jade as his special assistant in achieving much more.

Aloha,

David Rodriguez

**LATE**

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 2:14:11 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deb Kuwaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**LATE**

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 2:16:41 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Grace S. Ichikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**LATE**

**GM-577**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 4:18:55 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan B Burdick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support JADE BUTAY's renomination as Director of the Department of Transportation.



TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
TRANSPORTATION

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2019

Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 577, NOMINATING JADE BUTAY  
TO DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

TO THE HONORABLE LORRAINE R. INOUE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:

My name is Colin Hayashida and I strongly support the nomination of Jade Butay to Director of the Department Transportation ("Department").

Mr. Butay's extensive and diverse career in the areas of construction, and entrepreneurship will be a tremendous benefit to the Department. This combined with Mr. Butay's leadership, various knowledge of government programs, and ability to implement policies makes him an ideal nominee.

For those reasons I ask for your favorable consideration on the appointment of Jade Butay to Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before the committee.

## **SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

Wednesday, February 20, 2018

1:15 pm

Conference Room 225

### **TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JADE BUTAY**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Breene Harimoto and Members of the Committee,

My name is Bennette Misalucha, a community leader and the managing editor of the State's foremost Filipino publication. I stand in strong support of gubernatorial nominee Jade Butay as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Jade Butay has had a long and extensive career in government service, and has served as Director of Transportation for the past year. Earlier in his career, he served as Deputy Director of the agency for three years. This is important, in view of the many infrastructure projects that are underway at the DOT, many of which require a consistent managerial oversight.

I have known Jade for a number of years, and I know him to be a strong leader and a man of integrity. Born under humble circumstances in the Philippines, he came to Hawaii with his family as a young boy, and endured many hardships and sacrifices in order to complete college and his post degree. He worked hard to build his career and over the years, has established a reputation as an excellent manager.

I believe Jade is an exemplary example of the American Dream. Despite achieving success, he never forgot his roots. He stands as a good role model for the youth in my community; his career is a wonderful testament to what hard work and persistence can do, even in the face of challenges as a young immigrant learning the ways of America.

We, as a community, are proud of Director Jade Butay. I humbly ask for your support of his confirmation. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit a written testimony.

ROSS M. HIGASHI

GM 577 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY,  
for a term to expire 12-5-2022

**LATE**

**Committee on Transportation**  
**February 20, 2019**  
**Room 225, 1:15pm**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the committee:

It is with honor and pleasure that I submit this testimony and support of Gubernatorial nominee, Jade Butay, as the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT). Jade has been the Director of Transportation from October 2017 to present and had previously served as First Deputy Director, State Department of Transportation from 2014 – 2017 and from 2011 – 2013. He also served as the Deputy Director, State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations from 2013 -2014.

Mr. Butay's duties and responsibilities over the course of his career makes him well suited for the position, and his experience in state government has well prepared him for assuming this role as Director. Since becoming the Director in 2017, he has proven strong leadership and acumen in managing and directing the all operations and functions of the DOT. Jade's calm demeanor and listening skills are important traits that he possesses.

His business background and knowledge will continue to benefit the Airports Division, since we are an Enterprise Fund supported by airport concessions and airline revenues.

Approving Mr. Butay's nomination as the Director, Department of Transportation will provide continuity of the Airport division's ongoing capital projects and provide a seamless transition for the department.

I respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination and thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

February 20, 2019

**LATE**

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: GM 577 Consideration and Confirmation of Jade Butay as the Director of the Department of Transportation**

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and Committee Members:

It is with great pleasure that I respectfully submit testimony in support of Mr. Jade Butay and his re-appointment as the Director of Transportation.

Mr. Butay has many years of experience in the Department of Transportation that will continue to benefit the state as it addresses the needs of our complex transportation system including Harbors, Highways and Airports.

Personally, I have known Mr. Butay for many years and find him to be a sincere individual of upstanding character. I feel he is qualified and his service in this capacity will benefit the Department of Transportation in its service to the people of Hawaii.

Very truly yours,



Ross I. Yamasaki

TESTIMONY OF  
JADE T. BUTAY

HAWAI'I STATE LEGISLATURE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
FEBRUARY 20, 2018  
CONFERENCE ROOM 225  
1:15 P.M.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 577 RELATING TO  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JADE BUTAY FOR DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to discuss my nomination for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). This is my third confirmation hearing with the Senate Transportation Committee. Thank you for your support in the past and I want to say at the outset what a privilege it has been to work with various members of the committee over the past several years. I've switched positions, but the good working relationship hasn't changed so I look forward to continuing to work together.

I am deeply honored to be here as Governor David Ige's nominee for this important position. I feel humbled by this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

There are family members, friends, mentors, and colleagues who have done so much over the years to make this day possible. I am deeply appreciative for their love and support. Someone who could not be here today, but who I know would be the proudest person in this room if he was still alive is my father, Crisanto "Sonny" Butay. My father passed away about ten years ago. I wish he was still here to see this proceeding because he would be so proud.

I'm especially delighted to introduce my mother, Reynie Tabios Butay, who along with my father is the foundation of everything that my brother, Walden, sister, Melody, and I have been able to achieve. We are the product of their dreams and sacrifices. Like so many immigrants, my father and then my mother left everything familiar behind to come to the United States and build a better life for our family. My siblings and I endured 4 long years of separation before we were able to join them in Hawaii. There were many challenges during those separation and the early years of moving to the United States learning English and adapting to a completely foreign culture. But my parents' love, optimism, faith, and diligence kept us together.

I would like to thank the Deputy Directors and the dedicated staff at the department for everything they do. They are the unsung heroes for the work they do every day. It's a great privilege to work with them.

Thinking back to where I came from in the town of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte in the Philippines, the transportation system then when I was growing up consisted of jeepneys, *kalesa* (horse-drawn carriage), *karison* (carabao-drawn cart), or tricycles traversing unpaved roads. Contrast

that with being able to play a major role in the managing, building, and maintaining of the modern transportation system of my adopted land. It proves that one can come from modest circumstances, or faraway places, and still be fortunate enough to be involved in extraordinary endeavors. I would not be where I am today if not for the support of people like Dr. Amy Agbayani. There are many, many others that I want to thank for their help, but the list is too long. I am grateful to everyone who has supported me and helped me over the years. I know what they did for me and no amount of thanks is enough to express my gratitude.

I am a proud product of Hawai'i's public schools. As a Filipino immigrant, coming here at the age of 13, speaking almost no English at the time, I benefited greatly from public education and graduated from Radford High School with honors. I went on to the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and attained my bachelor's degree in Business Administration, double majoring in Finance and Accounting.

With a desire to further my education, I attended Babson College, the number one school for entrepreneurship in the US, and earned an MBA. My background is in private enterprise, but find greater fulfillment working in government. Being a public servant enables me to contribute to the community in immeasurable ways that are more significant than simply making money. Being a public servant means becoming part of something larger than myself and being able to contribute to better others' lives is central to my purpose and what compels me to keep moving forward.

I will strive to be transparent, consistent, and ethical, which are parallel to the values and principles espoused by Governor Ige. Having been the First Deputy Director of DOT, from 2011 through 2013 and from 2015 to 2017, I understand the structure, function, and challenges of the department. As you may know, I also served Governor Neil Abercrombie as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) in 2014.

The Director of DOT has a tremendous responsibility overseeing 15 commercial and general aviation airports, 10 commercial harbors, 2,500 lane miles of state highways, and approximately 2,600 employees. Although there are difficult issues ahead, there are also possibilities. More immediately, we need to attend to climate change, the critical need to rebuild our infrastructure and to improve mobility, and the imperative of becoming more sustainable. There are also exciting opportunities in new technologies transforming travel and commerce. As great as the challenges are, it is one that I welcome.

DOT has a significant impact on the quality of life and livelihood of our state – from the ability to travel within our islands to the transport of people, food, and supplies between Hawai'i and the rest of the world. It touches the life of virtually everyone in the state, playing a vital role in the continued and future success of our economy and our state.

Transportation is the lifeblood of our economy, the foundation for economic development and job growth, and the tie that binds us. Fulfilling the mission of DOT is crucial to our state's economic vitality, environment, and safety. Of course, we must be realistic. Even under the best of circumstances, the department cannot do every project or meet everyone's need. We don't have unlimited time, resources, or manpower.



Ensuring that DOT is functioning at its best is absolutely essential to the success of the state. I will strive to ensure the department has the support, the tools, the morale and the resources necessary to be successful. I assure you that if I'm confirmed, I'll do my best to make sure the department will be firing on all cylinders to achieve our mission and fulfill our responsibility.

I look forward to the challenge of leading DOT.

Thank you very much.



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DAVID Y. IGE  
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Testimony of  
David Y. Ige  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**  
February 20, 2019  
1:15 p.m., Room 225

In consideration of  
**GM 578, Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan**  
as the  
Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Lynn Araki-Regan as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Lynn has a law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i, a B.S. in Accounting, and she graduated summa cum laude from H.P. Baldwin High School on Maui. She was previously employed with the County of Maui, serving as the economic development coordinator, budget director and the mayor's chief of staff. She is also an attorney with 22 years of experience in litigation, commercial transactions, creditor's rights and landlord/tenant law.

I am confident that Lynn's impressive background and past government service will be a great asset to DOT. Lynn also brings an invaluable neighbor island perspective to the department which will be an added benefit of her appointment.

My administration is committed to transforming the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I am confident that Lynn Araki-Regan will support our employees at DOT as we strive for a greener transportation future. Moving forward together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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February 15, 2018

TESTIMONY TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
For Hearing on Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 225

By

RYKER WADA  
DIRECTOR

**Governor's Message 578**  
**(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)**

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Harimoto and Members of the Committee on Transportation

RE: Consideration and confirmation of Lynn A. S. Araki-Regan for Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

I submit this testimony in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of Lynn Araki-Regan as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation. In the short time I have had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Araki-Regan in her capacity as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, I have found her be a dedicated, measured and helpful person who is well suited for the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation. In her current capacity I have experienced Ms. Araki-Regan as cooperative, helpful, and welcoming.

I support the confirmation of Ms. Araki-Regan as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governors Message 578 and Lynn A. S. Araki-Regan.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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February 19, 2019

To: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair,  
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: G.M. No. 578 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy  
Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, LYNN A.S.  
ARAKI-REGAN**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Scott T. Murakami, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am testifying in support of Governor's Message 578, Gubernatorial Nominee, Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan, as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Ms. Araki-Regan has demonstrated that she has the leadership and experience to assist in leading the Department of Transportation. As the Managing Director and the Mayor's Chief of Staff for the County of Maui, Ms. Araki-Regan managed offices and assisted the Mayor in decision making and coordinating strategic initiatives. In addition, Ms. Araki-Regan's legal background and service to the Maui community will be a strong asset to the Department of Transportation in understanding and addressing challenges on the Neighbor Islands.

I urge you to confirm Ms. Araki-Regan to serve as the Deputy Director of Transportation.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Araki-Regan.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY  
RODERICK K. BECKER  
AND  
ROBERT YU  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 578

Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 p.m.  
Room 225

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LYNN A.S. ARAKI-REGAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

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

We strongly support Lynn Araki-Regan's appointment to the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). We are working with Ms. Araki-Regan in our professional capacity as Director and Deputy Director of Finance, respectively.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our keiki, our kupuna, and the disadvantaged.

Ms. Araki-Regan is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Ms. Araki-Regan has served in various positions with the County of Maui. Ms. Araki-Regan's education and work experience will be beneficial to DOT; therefore, we support confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor

JOSH GREEN  
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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY 20, 2019  
1:15 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 225

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 578  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, LYNN A.S. ARAKI-REGAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-  
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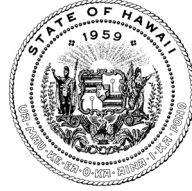
Chairperson Inouye and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 578, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, LYNN A.S. ARAKI-REGAN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022. The Department strongly supports this measure.

Ms. Araki-Regan has many years with the County of Maui serving in various positions which required problem solving and critical thinking. Ms. Araki-Regan has experience in various roles in local government and is an asset for the State as the DOT Deputy Director.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





DAVID Y. IGE  
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Testimony to the Senate Committee on  
Transportation

The Thirtieth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019

Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 p.m.

Testimony on **Governor's Message No. 578**, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the **Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation**, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Lynn Araki-Regan**, for a Term to Expire on December 5, 2022.

To the Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, the Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and I am writing in **support** of the appointment of Lynn Araki-Regan to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, for a term to expire on December 5, 2022.

I first met Ms. Araki-Regan more than twenty years ago when we were both law students at the William S. Richardson School of Law at UH's Manoa Campus. While in school, I observed Ms. Araki-Regan to be a collegial, bright, and engaged student. I'm certain that her years of experience in private practice and with the County of Maui has only enhanced that energetic student who I met years ago, and has prepared Ms. Araki-Regan to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

I firmly believe Ms. Araki-Regan will be a valued and highly productive member of Governor Ige's cabinet, and respectfully request that you recommend approval of her nomination as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Testimony of Catherine P. Awakuni Colón

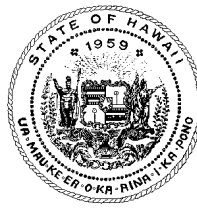
G.M. 578

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Thank you for the opportunity to support GM No. 578. I would be pleased to respond to any questions that you may have.



DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 578  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE LYNN A.S. ARAKI-REGAN.

by

Nolan P. Espinda, Director  
Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Transportation  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 20, 2019; 1:15 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

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

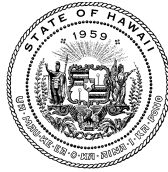
The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the nomination of Lynn Araki-Regan as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

With broad experience as an attorney, Maui County Managing Director and Budget Director, and Economic Development Coordinator, as well as an educator, Deputy Director Araki-Regan is ideally suited to serve in a leadership role for the large and diverse DOT.

PSD supports, without reservation, the nomination of Ms. Araki-Regan as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



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TESTIMONY  
OF  
AUDREY HIDANO, DEPUTY COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
ON  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019, 1:15 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 225, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 578

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **LYNN A.S. ARAKI-REGAN**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chari Harimoto and Members of the Committee on Transportation.

I submit this testimony in **Support** of the confirmation of Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation. In the short time I have had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Araki-Regan, I have found her to be a dedicated, knowledgeable, and well-prepared person. In her current capacity I have experienced Lynn as cooperative, helpful, and welcoming.

I support the confirmation of Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governors Message 578 and Lynn.



DAVID Y. IGE  
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Statement of  
**MIKE MCCARTNEY**  
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of  
**GM578**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, LYNN A.S. ARAKI-REGAN,  
for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Committee.

I am writing in support of the appointment of Lynn A.S. Araki Regan to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation. My name is Mike McCartney and I am the Director for the State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

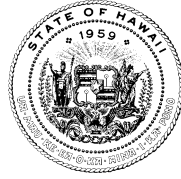
Ms. Araki-Regan brings extensive experience from her leadership roles at the County of Maui and as an attorney in the private sector. As the Budget Director and most recently, as the Chief of Staff to the Mayor of Maui County, Araki-Regan collaborated with County and State departments and managed the communications, budget and economic development programs, amongst other responsibilities. Her past experience and skills would be a benefit to the people of the State of Hawaii.

For these reasons, we urge her confirmation for the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF HAWAII

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LT. GOVERNOR  
STATE OF HAWAII



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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN  
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
HEARING ON FEBRUARY 20, 2019 AT 1:15PM IN CR 225

IN SUPPORT OF

**GM578**

for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of  
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for a term to expire 12-05-2022

February 19, 2019

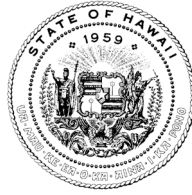
Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the Committee:

It is an honor to provide this testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Ms. Araki-Regan's background and professional credentials as a lawyer and her employment with the County of Maui makes her well-qualified for this appointment. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands works frequently with the DOT on a wide-range of projects to improve traffic flow in and around new and existing homestead communities statewide, and we look forward to working alongside Ms. Araki-Regan for the next four years.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



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Testimony of  
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 578  
Gubernatorial Nominee Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of Ms. Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan, nominee for Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Ms. Araki-Regan previously served as managing director for the County of Maui. Prior to that, she also served as Maui county mayor's chief of staff, where she managed the communications, budget, Community Development Block Grant Offices and Office of the Economic Development Program. Ms. Araki-Regan is also an attorney, with 22 years of experience in litigation, commercial transactions, creditor's rights and landlord/tenant law.

Ms. Araki-Regan will be a tremendous asset to the DOT as she brings her experience and perspective working on the neighbor island and county level as she manages and directs the administrative operations and functions of the DOT.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in support of Deputy Director of the Department Transportation nominee Ms. Lynn Araki-Regan.

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ROSS S. SASAMURA, Ex-Officio  
JADE T. BUTAY, Ex-Officio

ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.  
Manager and Chief Engineer

ELLEN E. KITAMURA, P.E.  
Deputy Manager and Chief Engineer *EW*

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
State Capitol, Room 225  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Harimoto and Members:

**SUBJECT: Governor's Message (GM) 578 for Consideration and Confirmation  
as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation  
Gubernatorial Nominee Lynn A. S. Araki-Regan for a term to expire  
at noon on 12-05-2022**

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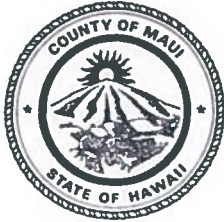
The Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports GM 578 nominating Ms. Lynn A. S. Araki-Regan to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

I am confident that Ms. Araki-Regan's legal expertise and experience in county government will be an asset for the Department of Transportation. I respectfully request members of the Senate Committee on Transportation vote favorably on her nomination and advancing GM 578 for full Senate confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Araki-Regan's nomination to serve as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Very truly yours,

Ernest Y. W. Lau, P.E.  
Manager and Chief Engineer



Michael Victorino  
Mayor

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Herman Andaya  
Administrator

19 February 2019

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye , Chair  
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation  
415 South Beretania Street, Rm 225  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**LATE**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the Committee on Transportation:

Subject: Support for Governor's Message 578, Appointment of Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

My name is Herman Andaya and I am the Administrator of the Maui Emergency Management Agency ("MEMA") of the County of Maui. It is my privilege to submit this testimony in firm **SUPPORT** of GM 578 and for the confirmation of Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan as the Deputy Director of the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation.

I have known Ms. Araki-Regan for over 30 years. In my interactions with Ms. Araki-Regan, I have found her to be intelligent, hard-working and most importantly, passionate about her community.

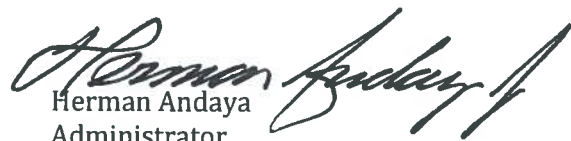
Ms. Araki-Regan is highly regarded among government officials, the Hawaii State Bar, and the community at large because of her intelligence, her professional demeanor and dedication to public service. Her most outstanding attribute is her ability to bring people together, facilitate discussions and create solutions. In her many positions, she has demonstrated a firm commitment towards her passion for public service. Her breadth of experience in the law as an attorney, in key leadership positions in government, and as a community leader will prove to be invaluable to the Department of Transportation.

In the government setting, she understands the gravity of the work assigned to her and ensures that she is equal to the task. As an example, while she was the Mayor's Chief of Staff, I needed someone to act as the public information officer (PIO) in the emergency operation center (EOC) while we were preparing for a hurricane. Knowing the importance of this role, she volunteered and began disseminating information to the public through press releases, social media and television interviews. She went above and beyond what was expected of her because she understood the importance of keeping the public informed, especially during a hurricane.

I am confident that her confirmation will be a credit to the Department of Transportation and the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important nomination.

Sincerely,

  
Herman Andaya  
Administrator



**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 1:22:14 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Buelsing	Testifying for Pacific Marine & Supply, Co.	Support	No

Comments:

**LATE**

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park  
On Behalf of the Matson  
Support GM578  
Before the House Committee on Transportation  
February 20, 2019

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee on Transportation,

Matson supports GM578, which nominates Lynn Araki-Regan to serve as Deputy Director of Administration of the Department of Transportation. Ms. Araki-Regan's years of experience as a high-level administrator in the County of Maui and her experience as a private sector attorney qualify her to serve as the Deputy Director of Administration of the Department.

The Department of Transportation oversees the State's transportation infrastructure, which is vital to the economic health of our State. As the State's largest shipping company, Matson relies on the Department to ensure that harbor facilities adequately support our cargo transportation operations.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support.



Feb. 20, 2019

Testimony in Strong Support of GM578 Lynn Araki-Regan - TRS 2/20/19 1:15pm Rm 225

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

I am proud to submit testimony in **strong support of GM578 appointing Lynn Araki-Regan** Deputy Director, Dept. of Transportation, State of Hawai`i.

I have known Lynn for over 20 years since I met her in 1996 as a law clerk for the late Mario R. Ramil, Assoc. Justice, Hawai`i Supreme Court. As I was still a law student at the time, Lynn as Justice Ramil’s law clerk, was my supervisor; but more significantly, I came to regard her as my mentor.

Combining a sound legal mind with clear oral and written communication skills together with hard work and grit, I admired what Lynn was able to accomplish and chose her as one of my role models. I attempted to emulate the quality of her work with the grit for which she was known. Today, looking back over 20 years and everything that I have been through and accomplished, I can say Lynn had a positive influence on me.

Even today, I still search her out and seek her advice. In a recent collections matter, an area of the law in which she formerly specialized, I sought her out even though her practice was on Maui. I trust her advice.

In addition, I’ve followed her business pursuits, involvement in her community, and her lovely family. In all respects, I continue to consider a great model with whom I share so much.

About 2 years ago, I saw her at Justice Ramil’s funeral. It was like old times – like yesterday, even though the occasions on which I get to see her are rare. She brought her whole family from Maui to say goodbye to a hero we had in common. This is a testament to her character and who she is as a person, and who I am proud to count as a friend.

For these reasons, I **strongly support** Lynn’s nomination.

Very truly yours,

Bryan Andaya





**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Transportation**

Tuesday, February 20, 2019 1:15 p.m.

Conference Room 225, State Capitol

RE: GM 578 – Nomination of Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, Lynn A.S. Araki- Regan

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Transportation Committee

**I respectfully submit my strong support for the consideration and confirmation of Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan for First Deputy Director of the State Department of Transportation** and provide the following **comments** to GM 578:

Ms. Araki-Regan possesses a broad range of leadership experiences recently serving as Maui County Managing Director, and in previous roles as Maui County Economic Development Director, a practicing attorney, and as a leader in several community non-profit organizations. She has a knack for identifying issues, marshaling scarce resources and implementing projects and programs to deliver positive economic impact. Ms. Araki-Regan is a great addition to the State DOT and brings a needed perspective from her roles serving Maui County and neighbor island communities. She has already shown great dedication and commitment toward working with legislators and other state leaders to tackle challenges faced by Department of Transportation and plan ahead for our state’s future. Ms. Araki-Regan is an excellent choice to co-lead the Department of Transportation as its First Deputy.

For these reasons, I humbly urge your support for the confirmation of Ms. Araki-Regan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 578.

Sincerely,

Jeannine A. Souki  
Director, Government Affairs and Communication

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 10:29:27 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

February 19, 2019

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Committee on Transportation  
State Capitol, Room 210  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 578 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my strongest support for the confirmation of Ms. Lynn Araki-Regan as my First Deputy Director at the Department of Transportation (DOT).

It is with great pleasure and without reservation that I speak in support of Lynn's nomination to this important position. She is particularly well qualified and an ideal selection. I have had the honor of building a strong partnership with her and I continue to appreciate her thoughtful and diligent analysis of our programs, budgetary matters, and personnel issues. I have always found her fair, forthright, and flexible. She knows that making progress requires partnerships.

In the short period of time that she's been at DOT, she has proven herself to be an exceptional executive, an astute decision maker, and a tireless partner who will afford everyone an opportunity to present differing views and be fair in seeking solutions. Most of the staff who had the opportunity to work with her see her as a listener and quick learner who tempers her search for solutions with her knowledge, insight, and commitment to balance. She has common sense and a commitment to getting the job done right. She possesses extraordinary skills, high ethical standards, and integrity that will advance the department's mission. Her wide range of experiences gives her a level of expertise and insight DOT will surely benefit from.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Lynn Araki-Regan.

Sincerely,



Jade T. Butay

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 4:47:01 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Linda Chu Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 9:11:29 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan S. Hayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the Committee on Transportation---

I am in strong support of both Mr. Jade Butay, proposed Director of DOT, and Ms. Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan, proposed Deputy of DOT, as we need continuing good qualified leadership within DOT.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Mahalo, Alan S Hayashi



**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/15/2019 8:13:59 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TO: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation

From: Pankaj Bhanot (in my individual capacity)

Re: GM 578

Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, my name is Pankaj Bhanot and I am the current Director of the Department of Human Services. However, I am submitting this testimony as an individual in strong support of GM 578 submitted by the Governor for consideration and confirmation of Ms. Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan as the Deputy Director (Administration) of Department of Transportation (DOT), for a term to expire at noon on December 05, 2022.

Ms. Araki-Regan has a distinguished twenty-three (23) year professional career in public and private sector. Lynn has served County of Maui with distinction and exemplary excellence for over six (6) years in various capacities within the Executive branch. Lynn Possesses professional experience, education, knowledge, skills, abilities, and the lived experience to honorably and competently serve as the Deputy Director (Administration) of the DOT.

Ms. Araki-Regan's experience as the Managing Director, Mayor's Chief of Staff, Budget Director, and Economic Development Director, of the County of Maui, and 22 year experience as a practicing attorney, has prepared her to assume the role of the Deputy Director (Administration) of the DOT and support the Director in improving internal controls and management at the DOT. I have complete confidence that Lynn will serve our Aloha State and the DOT with great distinction and honor.

I request the Senate Committee on Transportation to unanimously confirm Ms. Lynn Araki-Regan as the Deputy Director (Administration) of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to support GM 578.

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 7:05:02 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ann Chung	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye and members of the committee:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT the nomination of Lynn Araki-Regan for Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation. She has an outstanding background in her various roles in the administration of the County of Maui which will be of great value in this position. I believe that Lynn will be very effective in her new role as Deputy Director and will provide strong support to the department and to the community.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my support.

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 6:46:55 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joyce Harris	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine Inouye, chair Senate committee on transportation,

My name is Joyce Harris resident of Maui County. I'm in strong support of Government David Ige's nomination of Mrs. Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan as deputy director to the State Department of Transportation.

I have known Lynn for over 6 years, she has proven herself to be honest, trustworthy, caring, intelligent, thoughtful, diligent and a no nonsense person. Lynn and her family is well known in Maui community for their hardworking dedication to our community with endless volunteer work with love caring ways. They are always looked up to and respected as leaders of our community.

Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan, combined with her public and private sector experiences will play integral role in this position. I strongly believe that she will shine new light to this department.

I strongly endorse her confirmation.

Thank you very much for reading my testimony.

Respectfully,

Joyce Harris

808-283-6398

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 9:44:57 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Arakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I've had the pleasure of being a friend, mentor, and supervisor of Lynn Araki Regan. I have known her for nearly 20 years. Lynn is excellent in many areas. She has been an outstanding attorney, small business owner, and has been recognized as an outstanding community member, winning numerous awards.

She is an inspirational leader and very versatile. As Mayor of Maui County, I have appointed her to the positions of Director of the Office of Economic Development, Budget Director, and Chief of Staff. She was also my Managing Director for a short period of time.

Lynn is a very intellectual person, has excellent work ethics, and in my opinion, will make an excellent Deputy Director. She works well with others and is a very good person.

Please refer to her resume for more detailed Information.

Former Maui County Mayor Alan M. Arakawa

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:47:47 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Buck Joiner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

3443 Malina Place, Kihei, HI 96753 808-874-BUCK (2825) [buck@tiki.net](mailto:buck@tiki.net) Feb. 18, 2019

Subject GM578

Recommendation: Support

Dear Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye

and members of the Senate Transportation Committee

I have known Lynn Araki-Regan for about 20 years and have known her father for more than 30 years. I wholeheartedly support her appointment as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Lynn is incredibly dynamic, action-oriented, focused, with impeccable integrity. But more importantly, she is a leader in all aspects of her life, be it work or volunteering. Lynn has the ability to inspire others to do their best and to work towards a common goal with extreme dedication. Lynn is unmatched in her ability to deal with large challenges effectively and efficiently. She is a goal setter, a leader, and her ability to get others to follow is incredible.

In short, Lynn Araki-Regan is the very best there is. You can depend and count on her 100%.

Most sincerely

Buck Joiner, MS, MBA, PE

mover shaker, -retired.

Lifetime motto and commitment **HERE TO HELP**

Testimony by Tiffany Iida  
February 18, 2019

The Honorable Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
And Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation  
State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 204  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Inouye and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

RE: Testimony of Governor's Message 578 Relating to Consideration and Confirmation of Nominee Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

My name is Tiffany Iida, and I am writing in support of and ask for your support in the confirmation of the appointment of Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.


I have known Ms. Araki-Regan from childhood and am able to say that her commitment to the community started from then. She was always passionate about education, the law, community and helping others. Her sense of volunteering started at a young age as well and continues to this day. I have been grateful to have served on many boards with her and have been in several of the same nonprofits such as the Kiwamis Club, Maui County Sister Cities Foundation, Japanese Cultural Society of Maui and Maui Matsuri are just a few to mention.

Ms. Araki-Regan has an amazing ability to adapt in any surrounding and thrives on expanding her knowledge. She commits herself to excel and succeed and is not afraid to take on challenges. I have seen her take on various roles within the private, non-profit and government sector and she has always been able to learn, grow and expand these entities. Ms. Araki-Regan and I also worked in the same office and I was able to witness her leadership skills and her willingness to work with others. She has great managerial skills and was able to motivate her colleagues to make positive changes within their department.

Ms. Araki-Regan not only has a great work ethic, she also has a quality in her to grow and nurture her family, friendships and colleagues. She truly cares about others and wants to see everyone happy to be the best they can be. She can motivate and encourage you to do things you thought you would never be able to accomplish. Because of her ability to uplift those around her, she has been able to make huge and positive changes within our community. I would highly recommend her as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Should you need to contact me, I can be reached by email at [iidatiffany@gmail.com](mailto:iidatiffany@gmail.com) or by cell phone at 808-276-5444.

Sincerely,



Tiffany Iida



February 19, 2019

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 578**  
**Senate Committee on Transportation**

**To: Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation**

**From: Christopher Curley, Private Citizen, 74 Wailani St., Wailuku, HI 96793**

**Subject: Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee LYNN A.S. ARAKI-REGAN as Deputy Director for the Department of Transportation**

My name is Christopher Curley and I am writing this as a private citizen to provide testimony in strong support of Mrs. Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan's nomination as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have known Lynn for approximately eight years through our shared involvement with Scouting on Maui. She has devoted a tremendous amount of time to Scouting, first as a Den Leader, then as Advancement Chair, and finally as VP of Fund Development. Scouting on Maui was very fortunate to have Lynn's commitment to excellence and improving the Scouting program.

Scouting is only one of many causes that Lynn has thrown herself into supporting. I have sincerely never met anyone who is so dedicated to helping others. One of her greatest talents is her ability to convince the people around her to step up and assist in her community service causes.

I know our State of Hawaii and the Department of Transportation will be grateful to have Lynn's energy, intelligence and motivational leadership.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony.



Christopher Curley

To: The Honorable Senator Ioliraine R. Inouye, Chair  
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee Members

From: Jean Min

Subject: GM 578 Gubernatorial Nominee Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan  
Deputy Director, DOT  
Expiration Date: Noon on December 5, 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan's nomination as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

My name is Jean Min and I have known Lynn Araki Regan socially for just a few years but she never fails to impress me as I learn more and more about her. Her interests and knowledge are widely varied from being an attorney, realtor and etiquette instructor to being involved with Hospice Maui, March of Dimes, and the Maui Humane Society to name a few.

It is evident to me that she has a love for public service after having worked at the County of Maui under Mayor Alan Arakawa's administration as the Mayor's Chief of Staff and other positions in the County.

She is dedicated and passionate in everything that she does and is a very well rounded individual. She is also energetic, gracious, generous and thoughtful.

She will be an asset in any organization.

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 11:12:15 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
STEPHANIE OHIGASHI	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lorraine R. Inouye and Vice-Chair Breene Harimoto,

I am writing this letter of testimony in support of my lifelong friend, Lynn

Araki-Regan. I have no doubt she will make valuable contributions to the State

Department of Transportation as Deputy Director.

For as long as I have know Lynn, she gives 100%+ to whatever she takes on, whether

an important legal, work, community matter or a family event.

I have worked side by side with her on numerous Chamber of Commerce forums, County meetings, seminars, studies, educational projects, sister cities and cultural events. Hard work is no stranger to Lynn.

I am honored to submit this testimony on behalf of such a dedicated and compassionate leader.

Please accept my testimony in very strong support of Lynn Araki-Regan for Deputy Director for the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Stephanie Ohigashi

(808)281-4535

TESTIMONY OF  
LYNN A.S. ARAKI-REGAN

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
FEBRUARY 20, 2019  
CONFERENCE ROOM 225  
1:15 P.M.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 578 RELATING TO  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE LYNN ARAKI-REGAN  
FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the committee:

I am honored to appear before you today as Governor David Ige's nominee as the Deputy Director for the Department of Transportation (DOT) and express my sincerest gratitude to you for giving me this opportunity to come before your committee to be considered for this position.

As Deputy Director of DOT, I am responsible for the administrative functions of the department including personnel administration, central computer services, business management activities, environmental compliance, civil rights, emergency management, and contract services. I also work closely with Director Jade Butay in managing and directing the administrative operations and functions of the DOT.

Prior to being nominated as the Deputy Director of DOT, I served as the Chief of Staff for the County of Maui's Office of the Mayor. Prior to being promoted to that position, I served as the County of Maui's Economic Development Coordinator and Budget Director. Through these experiences in the government sector, as well as more than two decades working in the private sector and volunteering in the non-profit sector, I have gained invaluable experiences in a variety of areas including overseeing and managing operations, budgeting, public relations, strategic planning, community coalition building, grant writing, grant monitoring, and personnel/HR issues.

A fourth generation Mauian, I was born, raised, and educated in my hometown of Wailuku. A product of Maui's public schools (Wailuku Elementary School, 'Iao Intermediate School, and Henry Perrine Baldwin High School), I received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Santa Clara University, followed by a juris doctor degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa where I served as Technical Editor of the University of Hawai'i Law Review. Upon returning to Maui in 1996 following my law clerkship for Justice Ramil at the Hawai'i Supreme Court, I never anticipated leaving Maui until two months ago when my husband was offered an exciting job opportunity on Oahu, followed by Governor Ige nominating me to serve as Deputy Director of DOT.

As a long-time neighbor island resident, I believe that DOT plays a significant role in the quality of life and livelihood of our residents throughout Hawai'i. Whether it be travel between our

islands or the transport of people, food, and supplies between Hawai'i and the rest of the world, the success and effectiveness of DOT is critical in the continued and future success of our economy and our state.

If afforded this opportunity to continue my passion for public service through DOT, one of my primary objectives would be utilize my background to help DOT become more productive, efficient, and responsive. I am especially interested in streamlining and increasing efficiencies regarding various human resources functions including establishing or amending position classifications, updating positions descriptions, improving recruitment and retention efforts, as well as improving overall employee morale by implementing a range of staff recognition initiatives. In addition, I hope to bring a neighbor island perspective to the discussions and decision-making processes at the DOT. Oftentimes, our neighbor island communities feel disconnected, and my goal would be to use my experiences to develop stronger ties to these communities.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the three other deputy directors (Highways, Airports, and Harbors), Ed Sniffen, Ross Higashi, and Derek Chow who make up an amazing leadership team under the direction and guidance of Director Jade Butay. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to work closely and collaboratively with them.

Thank you Chair Inouye and distinguished members of the Committee for your time and consideration.

**LATE**

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 2:00:47 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Rodriguez	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I write in strong support of G.M 578, Lynn Araki-Regan as the first deputy to the department of transportation (DOT).

Lynn offers renewed enthusiasm and hope in meeting the aspirational and transportation goals set forth by the State. She is a quick learner and a motivating force in meeting the challenges the DOT faces.

I too, am inspired by her to get things done and very eager to work with Lynn as first deputy of the DOT.

Aloha,

David J. Rodriguez

**LATE**

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 2:14:28 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deb Kuwaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**LATE**

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 2:17:08 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Grace S. Ichikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**LATE**

**Stacy Helm Crivello**  
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808-658-0346  
[Stacy.c63@gmail.com](mailto:Stacy.c63@gmail.com)

February 19, 2019

The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye,  
Chair, Senator Committee on Transportation

Dear Senator Inouye and Committee Members:

Re: Hearing of February 20, 2019; **OFFERING TESTIMONY of SUPPORT on GM 578**, relating to the Consideration and Confirmation as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Lynn A. S. Araki-Regan

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony of support for your consideration and confirmation of **Lynn A. S. Araki-Regan** as the Deputy Director Department of Transportation for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

As a former Maui County council member, I had the distinct privilege of working and collaborating on diverse issues with Lynn Araki-Regan when she served as Maui County's Chief of Staff as well as during her tenure as the administration's Budget Director. During my six years as the Molokai district residency council member, I solicited assistance from the administration with reference to Molokai's largest landowner's offer to the county to consider taking over 35 miles of their private roads. Lynn's efforts initiated all parties of interest to vet discussion with the previous administration. Her efforts have expanded to continuing talks of due diligence and ongoing research. There were many other issues we collaborated to have positive outcomes.

Her professional skills include administrative and budgetary expertise. Her past government service and commitment to serve is an asset to the department of transportation. She works with a strong sense of diligence and earnestness to serve the public. Over the years I have observed her service to the community.

I also believe her appointment is an affirmation of the importance of diversity for the Department of Transportation. She also brings knowledge of the neighbor islands' need to the department of the transportation.

I respectfully request your favorable review and confirmation of Lynn A. S. Araki-Regan.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Stacy Helm Crivello

**LATE**

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 6:58:19 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/20/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kay Fukumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair Senator Breene Harimoto, and committee members,

I have known Lynn Araki Regan for over twenty years. We met as the founding members of the Maui Matsuri Festival and nineteen years later, that commitment to share traditions and honoring ancestors has continued to become one of the largest cultural events on Maui. Through the years I have seen first hand Lynn's commitment to work, community, and family. Her legal, fiscal, team building, and leadership skills have garnered her praise from co-workers and public and private industries. Her focus on community is extensive and her resume' of community service covers all facets of our Maui County community. And let's not forget family, as that is what keeps her grounded. She was raised to have a strong work ethic, to be compassionate, and to work with everyone regardless of differing opinions.

I strongly recommend her appointment and am confident she will represent the department and the State of Hawai'i with upmost professionalism.

Kay Fukumoto

Retired CPA, Entrepreneur, Small Business Owner

Fifty-year resident of Maui

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February 10, 2019

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, Senate President  
And Members of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**LATE**

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

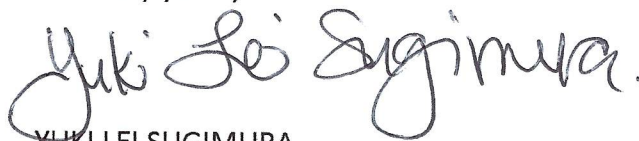
*RE: Lynn Araki Regan*

I am strongly support Lynn Araki Regan for confirmation as the Department of Transportation, First Deputy Director.

I have known Ms. Regan since 1999 and have worked on projects with her when she was the director of the Office of Economic Development; Budget Director to International Sister Cities Conference and almost 20 years as co-chairs of the Maui Matsuri, Japanese Festival. Ms. Regan always rose to the top and lead the organizations she was involved in and worked tirelessly to finish any job she committed. You are in receipt of her five (5) page curriculum vitae which shows details of her qualifications and accomplishments.

Through her years of experience, she has been a team player and leader. Ms. Regan will achieve the duties, learn the job, work tirelessly to be the best as the First Deputy Director for the Department of Transportation.

Sincerely yours,



YUKI LEI SUGIMURA  
Councilmember

ROSS M. HIGASHI

GM 578 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, LYNN A.S. ARAKI-REGAN, for a term to expire 12-5-2022

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**Committee on Transportation  
February 20, 2019  
Room 225, 1:15pm**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Harimoto, and members of the committee:

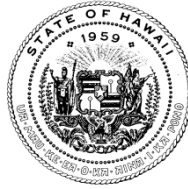
It is with honor and pleasure that we submit this testimony and support of Gubernatorial nominee, Lynn Araki-Regan as the Deputy Director, Department of Transportation. Lynn has been in public service having served as economic development coordinator, budget director, and the Mayor's chief of staff for the County of Maui. Additionally, she brings 22 years of experience as an attorney with experience in litigation and commercial transactions.

Ms. Araki-Regan's duties and responsibilities over the course of her career makes her well suited for the position, as her experience has provided strategic, legal, regulatory, governmental, facilities, communications, and external affairs direction and leadership in developing various programs and initiatives.

In her role leading the DOT's Administrative Division, she will be responsible for the division's administrative functions, including personnel administration, central computer services, business management activities, environmental compliance, civil rights, and emergency management and contract services. Her legal experience and business knowledge will be an asset and we are confident she will make positive impacts on our department.

Approving Ms. Araki-Regan's nomination as the Deputy Director, Department of Transportation will provide proven leadership and experience for the department.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony



**TESTIMONY BY:**

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February 20, 2019  
1:15 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 221



**G.M. 569**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Medical Advisory Board,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZIE NEMMERS, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.**

Senate Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** Governor's Message 569, Suzie Nemmers, MD, to the Medical Advisory Board, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Section 286-4.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides for the establishment of a medical advisory board (MAB) within the State Department of Transportation. The purpose of the MAB is to review the medical records of persons who an examiner of drivers has reason to believe have a mental or physical condition that might impair their driving ability. The MAB then provides advice to the examiner of drivers, who makes the final licensing decision. The goal is to bring about an equitable decision that considers both the safety of the driver and the safety of other roadway users.

Dr. Nemmers is a physician and surgeon in the department of ophthalmology at Tripler Army Medical Center. She is a member of the American Medical Association, Hawaii Ophthalmology Society, American Academy of Ophthalmology and American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. Her experience and knowledge in eye and vision care will be of great benefit to the MAB especially when reviewing and evaluating cases that involve these types of medical conditions.

The DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Dr. Nemmers to the Medical Advisory Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.