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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.

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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:

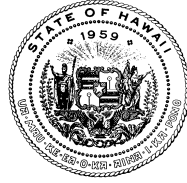
We strongly support Jade Butay's appointment to the position of Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). We are working with Mr. Butay in our professional capacity as Director and Deputy Director of Finance, respectively.

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

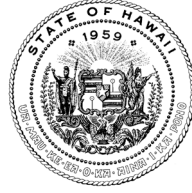
Chairperson Inouye and Members of the Committee:

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.





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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.



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Statement of
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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.

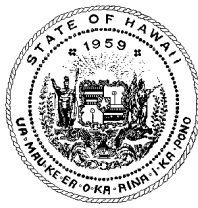
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 577
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JADE BUTAY.

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

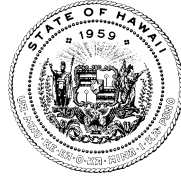
final example, under Director Butay's leadership, and also in conjunction with the City and County of Honolulu, PSD has been able to pilot a Civil Identification (ID) Project for our inmates, with an anticipated implementation date of the first identification processed by the end of June 2019.

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
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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

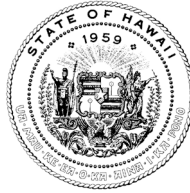
Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the Committee:

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.

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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

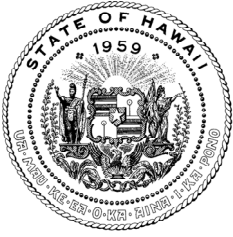
Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the committee:

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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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

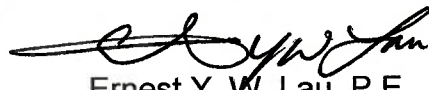
The Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports GM 577 nominating Mr. Jade Butay to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

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,



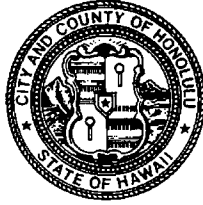
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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February 19, 2019

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Sasamura', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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



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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 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]
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 9:16 AM
To: Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye <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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February 20, 2019

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

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>]

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 2:34 AM

To: Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye <seninouye@capitol.hawaii.gov>

Cc: Doug Won <dougw@sause.com>; Vic Angoco <vangoco@matson.com>; Kuuhaku Park <kpark@matson.com>; Michael Caswell <Michael.Caswell@psterminals.com>; jboivin@htbyb.com; Sandi Weir <sweir@ncl.com>; Lance.Tanaka@parpacific.com

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

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 27th 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.

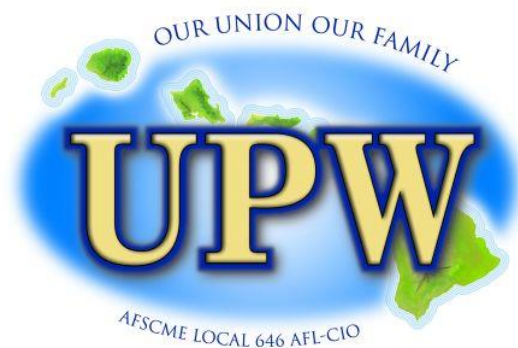
HTA supports Governor Ige's nomination of Jade Butay as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

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
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Place of Hearing: Conference Room 225

TESTIMONY ON GM577 JADE BUTAY

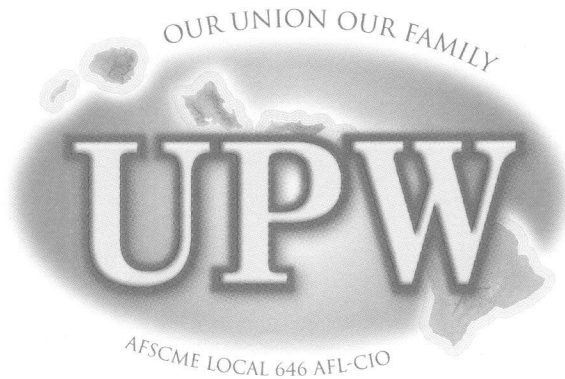
By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

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 s the Deputy Director of DOT in 2011 and was subsequently appointed as Deputy Director of the Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations 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 Bachelors Degree with a double major in accounting and finance and a Masters 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.



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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.

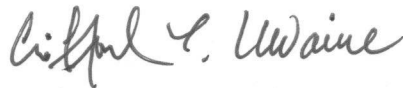
As I stated in my 2018 testimony for Mr. Butay, he recognizes the necessity that laws, regulations, and governance must be balanced with the needs and interests of government, the public, and employees. Mr. Butay is a responsible and responsive decision-maker who is careful to study the issues and relevant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

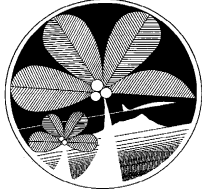
Our members have known Mr. Butay from the time he was Deputy Director with the Department of Transportation to now his current position as Director.

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.*



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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**

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.



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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: 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**

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.



Imanaka Asato
A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW COMPANY

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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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) or Chad Taniguchi (808-735-5756, chad@hbl.org).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

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Hawaii Bicycling League

Chad Taniguchi
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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 21st 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
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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

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Testimony submitted by Ned Directo
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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



Dr. Nancy Atmospera-Walch, CEO & CNO
DNP, MPH, MCHES, LNHA, CCHN, CMC, BSN, RN

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

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Testimony submitted by Dr. Nancy Atmospera-Walch, Chairwoman
ADVANTAGE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, INC., AND
President-elect
FILIPINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HAWAII

Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Breen Harimoto, and Committee members

My name is Dr. Nancy Atmospera-Walch, and I am in strong support of the nomination of Mr. Jade Butay for Director of Transportation.

I have witnessed and have worked with Mr. Butay during the past two years in empowering the Filipino young adults. Yes, Mr. Butay has been an excellent Role Model to the young Filipinos. In terms of serving his own community he has shown Commitment, Collaboration, Compassion, Cooperation, Clear Communication and Commendation to those that deserves. - *rw*

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

With warmest Aloha,

Dr. Nancy Atmospera-Walch, President, CEO & CNO
DNP, MPH, MCHES, LNHA, CCHN, CMC, BSN, RN

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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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| Melodie Aduja | Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Brian Miyamoto | Testifying for Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation | Support | No |

Comments:

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| 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 sits 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

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| 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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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.

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| 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

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| 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

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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

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| 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

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| Franz D. Juan | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Deanna Espinas | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments:

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| 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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| 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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| 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 |
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| 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

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

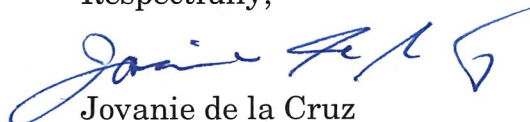
Dear Senate Committee on TRS Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair; Sen. Breene Harimoto,
Vice Chair; and Senate TRS Committee Members:

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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| 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

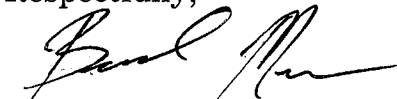
From: Bernard Menor, Oahu Residence

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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| 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

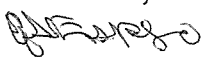
Dear Senate Committee on TRS Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair; Sen. Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair: and senate TRS Committee Members:

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
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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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| 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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| 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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| 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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| 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

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

LATE

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
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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.