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

Before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**  
Thursday, March 10, 2022  
3:00 P.M.

In consideration of  
**Governor's Message 597**

Submitted for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director for Administration,  
Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Patrick McCain

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members:

I respectfully request your **support** in confirming the appointment of Patrick McCain to serve as the Deputy Director for Administration, Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. McCain has almost 30 years of experience in the public sector that make him uniquely qualified to serve at DOT's Deputy Director for Administration. A graduate of Chaminade University, Mr. McCain has developed strong leadership values and a commitment to public service through work experiences at the city, state and federal levels of government. He was Chief of Staff to Congressman Abercrombie from 1993-1997 and most recently worked with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as an Immigration Services Officer. In total, he served with DHS for 15 years. Mr. McCain has also served on the Downtown-Chinatown and Ala Moana-Kakaako Neighborhood Boards and the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawai'i.

My administration is committed to ensuring that the people of Hawai'i have access to safe, efficient, accessible, and sustainable transportation systems. I am confident that Mr. McCain will be an asset to the Department of Transportation in this effort. Together, we can ensure that our transportation systems ensure mobility while also enhancing the quality of life for all residents of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration.



**TESTIMONY BY:**

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March 10, 2022  
3:00 P.M.  
State Capitol, Room 224

**G.M. 597**

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

Senate Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) strongly supports Patrick H. McCain as the department's First Deputy Director.

Patrick is a dedicated career public servant. He has served in the legislative and executive branches of the city, state, and federal levels of government. He has also worked in the private sector representing workers and management. He has been a Congressional Chief of Staff, an industry association president, and a federal officer. He came to Hawaii in 1977 to attend Chaminade University where he earned a political science degree in 1981.

Patrick is particularly well qualified and an ideal selection to not only keep DOT moving, but moving in the right direction. I have had the honor of building a strong partnership with him and continue to appreciate his thoughtful and diligent analysis of our programs, budgetary matters, and personnel issues. I have always found him fair, forthright, and flexible. He knows that making progress requires partnerships. In every instance, he has exemplified competence, courtesy, and professionalism.

In the short period of time that Patrick has been at DOT, I have observed his ability to work collaboratively to identify and resolve complex issues, all the while keeping in mind service to the public. Most of the staff who had the opportunity to work with him see him as a listener and quick learner who tempers his search for solutions with his knowledge, insight and commitment to balance. He has common sense and a commitment to getting the job done right. His wide range of experiences gives him a level of expertise and insight DOT will surely benefit from.

Having known and worked with Patrick over the years, I can attest that he is a man of exceptional character and integrity. His congenial personality makes it a pleasure to work with him. His honesty and sincerity make it easy for him to cultivate positive

relationships with everyone. I am confident that he will serve the department and the people of the State of Hawaii in a responsible, professional, and respectful manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of a truly great public servant.

**ROSS M. HIGASHI**

GM 597 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICK MCCAIN, for term to expire December 5, 2022.

**Senate Committee on Transportation  
March 10, 2022, 3:00 p.m.  
Room 224 & Teleconference**

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

It is with honor and pleasure that we submit this testimony and support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Patrick McCain as the Deputy Director, Department of Transportation. For the past three months, I have worked with Mr. McCain in his capacity as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, and have found him to be passionate, hardworking and knowledgeable. Mr. McCain's combined forty plus years of work experience at the city, state and federal levels of government provides him the ability to transition and take on the role as Deputy Director with a term of less than a year remaining.

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

Approving Mr. Patrick McCain's nomination as the Deputy Director, Department of Transportation will provide proven leadership and experience for the department.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
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March 8, 2022

Senator Chris Lee, Chair  
and Committee Members  
Committee on Transportation  
State Capitol, Room 224 & Videoconference  
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Re: GM 597; Hearing on March 10, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Confirmation of Patrick McCain for Deputy Director of the Department of  
Transportation; Testimony in Support

Dear Senator Lee and Committee Members:

This testimony is submitted in SUPPORT of the nomination of Patrick McCain to be the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have been fortunate enough to work with Patrick McCain on a couple of committees, as well as having contact with him in our capacity as Cabinet members of Governor Ige's administration. I have found Patrick to be extremely diligent in preparing for committee meetings and well versed and willing to share his knowledge and expertise on the issues that come before the committees. Patrick is not shy to speak up and share his thoughts and positions with the other committee members. When Patrick speaks, it is clear he has thought through the issue and provides some very helpful information and insights, which assists the committee members with making decisions on the matters before them.

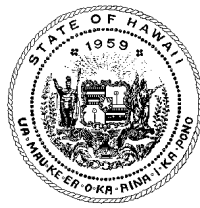
I have enjoyed working with Patrick in his capacity as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation and know that he is an asset to State government.

I fully support and recommend that the Senate Transportation Committee confirm and send for consideration to the full Senate Patrick McCain to be appointed as the Deputy Director for the Department of Transportation.

Respectfully,

Holly T. Shikada  
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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 597  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, PATRICK MCCAIN.

By: Max Otani  
Director, Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Transportation  
Senator Chris Lee, Chair  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

March 10, 2022: 3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224 and Videoconference

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

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Patrick McCain to serve as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). Mr. McCain's educational background and administrative experience in the federal, state, and county governments, and the private sector, makes him an ideal candidate for this position. While serving as acting DOT deputy director, Mr. McCain worked collaboratively with our department in addressing interdepartmental and community issues.

Again, I ask for your support in confirming Mr. McCain and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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AND  
GLORIA CHANG  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 597

**March 10, 2022**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Room 224 & Videoconference**

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

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

We strongly support the appointment of Patrick McCain to the position of deputy director of the Department of Transportation (Department).

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.

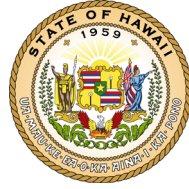
Mr. McCain is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Mr. McCain has been serving as the deputy director for Administration at the Department of Transportation since December 2021. Prior to that, he has experience working at federal, state, and city agencies. His work experience will benefit the department and the State; therefore, we support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 10, 2022

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

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022  
Time: 3:00 P.M.  
Place: State Capitol Conference Room 224 and Videoconference

From: Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: G.M. No. 597 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy  
Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
PATRICK MCCAIN**

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

My name is Anne E. Perreira-Eustaquio, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am testifying in strong support of Governor's Message 597, Gubernatorial Nominee, Patrick McCain, as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. McCain has demonstrated that he has the leadership and experience to assist in leading the DOT. As the Deputy Director, Mr. McCain assists in the oversight of the Airports, Harbors, and Highways Divisions and collaborates with federal regulators such as the FAA and TSA on important issues like national security and rebuilding infrastructure. Mr. McCain's experience as an Immigration Services Officer demonstrates his capacity to understand and apply federal laws and regulations equitably while maintaining our Nation's security. In addition, Mr. McCain's service in the United States Congress, Hawaii State Legislature, and City and County of Honolulu show his extensive knowledge and ability on addressing governmental issues as well as underscore his dedication to public service.

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

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





DAVID Y. IGE  
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**Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Transportation  
Thursday, March 10, 2022  
3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 597, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE PATRICK MCCAIN,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 5, 2022**

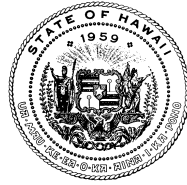
Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi, and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. McCain's appointment as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

It is clear from Mr. McCain's extensive work experience in county, state, federal government as well as in the private sector that he has the administrative expertise needed to successfully assist Director Butay in leading the Department of Transportation. Mr. McCain has been a collaborative, helpful, and knowledgeable representative of his department. His extensive enforcement, planning and managerial background make him well suited to the myriad responsibilities that come with his new position.

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G.M. 597  
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 597 in strong SUPPORT of the confirmation of Patrick McCain as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 597**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DEPUTY**  
**DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL**  
**NOMINEE, PATRICK MCCAIN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON**  
**12/5/2022.**

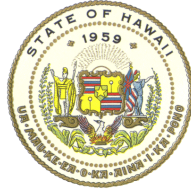
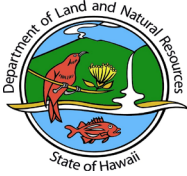
SENATOR CHRIS LEE, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Hearing Date: March 10, 2022                      Room Number: 224

The Department of Health strongly supports GM 597 and the confirmation of Patrick McCain as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. McCain has been serving as the Deputy Director for Administration of the Department of Transportation since December 1, 2021. He brings with him years of experience and knowledge, having previously worked in all levels of government, Federal, State, and County, and the private sector. His extensive history with different governmental entities and understanding of how government intersects with the private sector and community interests uniquely qualifies him for this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 597 and the confirmation of Patrick McCain as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
TRANSPORTATION**

**Thursday, March 10, 2022  
3:00 PM**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 224, Via Videoconference**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 597  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
PATRICK MCCAIN  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources strongly supports Governor's Message 597 nominating Patrick McCain as Deputy Director for the Department of Transportation for a term to expire at noon on December 5, 2022.**

Patrick McCain is a graduate of Chaminade University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. In addition to employment at the City and County of Honolulu and the United States House of Representatives, Mr. McCain previously served as an Immigration Services Officer with the United States Department of Homeland Security before joining the Department of Transportation as the interim First Deputy of Administration.

Mr. McCain brings across-the-board experience and knowledge in government to the benefit of the Department of Transportation. The Department of Land and Natural Resources wholeheartedly believes that these experiences and knowledge will prove valuable during these difficult times, plagued with uncertainties.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's strong support of Governor's Message 597, nominating Patrick McCain as the First Deputy Director for the Department of Transportation.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
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TESTIMONY TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

For Hearing on Thursday, March 10, 2022  
3:00 p.m., State Capitol, Room 224

By

RYKER WADA  
DIRECTOR

**Governor's Message 597: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICK MCCAIN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

DEAR CHAIR LEE, VICE-CHAIR INOUYE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I submit this testimony in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of Patrick McCain as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation. In the short time I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. McCain in his capacity as Acting Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, I have found him to be a dedicated and knowledgeable public servant who is well suited for the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation. Mr. McCain's prior experience at federal, state, and city agencies will be a great asset to the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **support** of Governor's Message 597 and Patrick McCain.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor

JOSH GREEN  
Lt. Governor



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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
MARCH 10, 2022  
3:00 P.M.  
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 597**

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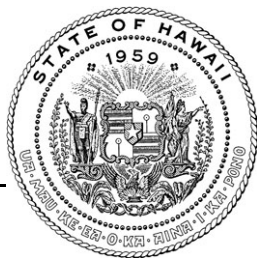
Chairperson Lee and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 597, consideration and confirmation as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICK MCCAIN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) strongly supports this measure.

Mr. McCain has professional experience, serving in various positions with federal, state and county government, and the private sector across a wide variety of subject matter disciplines. His extensive professional experience will serve him well at the Department of Transportation, an agency whose jurisdiction intersects with agencies at all levels of government. HDOA strongly supports the nomination of Patrick McCain to serve as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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Statement of  
**MIKE MCCARTNEY**  
Director

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Thursday, March 10, 2022  
3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of  
**GM 597**

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PATRICK MCCAIN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

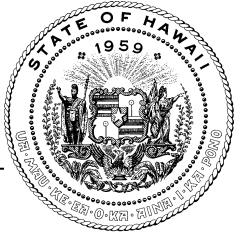
Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee.

I **support** the appointment of **Patrick McCain** to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Throughout his professional career, Patrick has served the community in his many positions in federal and state government. His roles in the U.S. Congress, State Legislature, City and County and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, have given him the opportunity to partner and collaborate with many different groups of people and organizations. As a Deputy Director in the Department of Transportation he will be able to utilize these skills to enhance internal and external outreach and be a strong advocate of the department and state.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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Testimony of  
**SCOTT J. GLENN, Chief Energy Officer**

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

Thursday, March 10, 2022  
3:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

SUPPORT  
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 597, PATRICK MCCAIN  
AS DEPUTY DIRECTORY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
(Written Testimony Only)**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee, I am writing in support of the appointment of Mr. McCain to serve as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. McCain is a dedicated career public servant. He has served in the legislative and executive branches of the city, state, and federal levels of government. He has also worked in the private sector representing workers and management. Since beginning his position as Deputy Director, he has been a pleasure to work with and brought his considerable expertise and support for collaboration between the Department of Transportation and Hawaii State Energy Office to achieve Hawaii's goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





**Testimony in support of GM 597 :**

**Patrick McCain nomination to deputy director Department of Transportation**

Submitted by Amy Agbayani, co-chair  
Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights (HFCR)

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and members of the committee

I am an Emeritus Assistant Vice Chancellor for student diversity at UH Manoa, member of The Legal Clinic for immigrant justice and co-chair of the Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights (HFCR).

HFCR advocates for civil rights, diversity and inclusion. Our strong support for Patrick McCain's nomination is informed by my years of professional and community service in the area of higher education, immigration and civil rights. Over the years, I have requested Mr. McCain's assistance relating to equal access policies and funding for projects at the city, state and federal level. He is a person of integrity with decades of experience in government service. He is hard working and respectful and will be a strong, competent member of DOT's administrative leadership team.

I have observed Mr. McCain's professional career and community work for over three decades. Since his retirement from the federal immigration office, he has been a volunteer on a number of Honolulu community service immigration projects. As a member of The Legal Clinic, I want to express my appreciation to him for his many hours of volunteer work with our naturalization/citizenship workshops. These workshops were co-sponsored by Unite Here Local 5, UH law school immigration and refugee clinic, Methodist churches, Catholic Charities, Pacific Gateway Center and community volunteers. Mr. McCain shared his invaluable expertise and provided important direct help to individual immigrants. His recent assistance with Hawai'i immigrant community is consistent with his values of fairness and advocacy for the civil rights of all.

I am impressed with his integrity, knowledge, professionalism, administrative ability and commitment to transparency, attention to the big picture as well as to details. He understands our state's history and needs, he appreciates Native Hawaiians and our multicultural community and has been consistent in supporting the civil rights of all. I am taking this opportunity to publicly thank him for his leadership and public service. He is committed to working collaboratively with the Department of Transportation leadership and staff. I respectfully request you approve the nomination of Patrick McCain as deputy of DOT. .



**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/3/2022 10:18:29 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Deb Kuwaye	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Patrick McCain for First Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you.

**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/3/2022 10:34:33 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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Comments:

March 3, 2022

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PATRICK MCCAIN:**

I first met Patrick McCain while we were both working at Honolulu Hale, over 30 years ago. He introduced me to my late husband, Michael Slackman. During my husband's long battle with cancer, Pat stood by us. He is a kind, compassionate and wonderful human being. He also has a wealth of government experience at the State, local, and Federal level. The State of Hawaii will benefit by confirming him. Mahalo. Alice Slackman Fent

GM 597

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF PATRICK MCCAIN  
FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

My name is Steven Beaudry and I am a retired federal investigator and congressional staffer. I have known Mr. McCain since 1985, when I worked for then-state senator Neil Abercrombie. I also had the privilege of working intimately with him when he was the Chief of Staff and I was the District Director to then-Congressman Abercrombie. Since then, I have maintained a close friendship with Pat and can speak to you about his attributes and qualifications in a number of capacities.

First and foremost, Patrick McCain is one of the most dedicated and hard-working public servants I have ever known throughout my career. Pat is dogged and will see a project thru, no matter the cost to his personal time.

Mr. McCain is extremely smart and analytical. He can assess problems and projects quickly and come to decisions that are reasoned and researched. Patrick also believes in having buy-in from those that are affected by his decision-making and is excellent in communicating his rationale to both colleagues and community members.

Patrick McCain is also a very congenial leader, who throughout his career has been respected and liked by both those he supervises and those he reports to. Because I worked with Mr. McCain, I can personally attest to him handling difficult personnel problems both professionally and fairly.

Pat's love for Hawai'i and serving the people of Hawai'i thru his various governmental roles is obvious when you review his resume. I believe that it would be hard to find a more experienced or qualified individual for the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation. In fact, Mr. McCain's life work has led him to this point where he is the ideal candidate for this position.

I unequivocally give my highest recommendation to Patrick H. McCain for your support for his confirmation to this position.

Aloha kākou.

**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/4/2022 8:25:37 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
J N Musto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I submit this testimony in support of the confirmation of Patrick McCain as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation. I have known and worked with Pat for thirty years. He has a vast background in service and employment in both our state government, the federal government, as a Congressional aid, and with the US Department of Homeland Security. In all the positions that Mr. McCain has held, he has served with distinction. And his ability to take those skills and adapt them to a wide range of activities is extraordinary; from being Chief of Staff for Congressman Abercrombie, to leading the Honolulu Restaurant Association, and sitting as a hearings officer for the United States Citizenship & Immigration Service. Mr. McCain's skills carry across a wide diversity of jobs and duties, and his understanding of governmental agencies will be an asset to the Department of Transportation's Director. DOT, as state agency, is inextricably dependent upon federal funding, and thus the State of Hawaii is fortunate to have the Mr. McCain in the position of Deputy Director. His appointment should be confirmed. Respectively Submitted, J. N. Musto, Ph.D.

**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/6/2022 9:43:50 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James S. Williston	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I had the pleasure of working for Patrick McCain when he served as a Senior Advisor to then Honolulu City Councilmember Neil Abercrombie. Patrick was always well prepared, understood the issues, and was easy to work with. I believe he would serve the State well as the Deputy Director of Transportation (Administration).



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March 6, 2022

To: Senate Hearing Committee for GM597

Subj: Endorsement of Mr. Patrick H. McCain for the Position of State Deputy Director of Transportation

I am pleased to express my wholehearted endorsement of Mr. Patrick H. McCain for the position of State Deputy Director of Transportation. He is most deserving of this position and I can assure you that he will represent the State and the Department with dignity, humility, and energy with much to contribute based on his wide-reaching experiences.

I have known Mr. McCain for years, since his days as a Chief of Staff for Hawaii's U.S. Congressman, the Executive Assistant in the City Managing Director's office, the U.S. Homeland Security and more recently, assisting charitable organizations in Hawaii. We have developed a cordial business relationship along the way. I have found his conduct to be consistently outstanding in assisting the people of Hawaii. His record of accomplishments speaks for itself, including important contributions on a broad range of issues, e.g. finances/budget, state legislature, federal appropriation, social, public relations, and more.

In addition, Mr. McCain is a strong supporter of gender equity, prevention of sexual harassment, steward of the aina, social issues, all current priorities in Hawaii State departments.

As a senior adviser to the admirals in Hawaii, I have worked and consulted with Mr. McCain in his role as the Chief of Staff for Hawaii's U.S. Congressman on many Navy and Hawaii issues, including federal funding appropriations, security and welfare of the people of Hawaii, land use, and state expansion on Navy land, all issues related to the Dept of Transportation. These initiatives have been successfully completed in ways that support the mission of the Navy and State of Hawaii, benefiting the social and economic well-being of Hawaii's citizens. If approved as the Deputy Director of Transportation, his experiences and knowledge will benefit the State of Hawaii in maintaining and further advancing it's mission.

As a former senior advisor to the Admirals, and current Regent Emeritus and recent past Regent on the university Board of Regents, I am fortunate to have a keen understanding on the qualifications and hiring of positions on the executive level. Mr. Patrick H. McCain fits those descriptions and the State Dept. of Transportation will certainly benefit with his presence.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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March 8, 2022

Chair Chris Lee  
Vice Chair Lorraine R. Inouye  
Members of the Senate Transportation Committee

Re: GM 597 Patrick McCain

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee:

I submit my written testimony in strong support of the confirmation of GM 597, Patrick McCain, for the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, State of Hawai`i. My testimony is in my individual capacity.

I have had the honor and pleasure of knowing Patrick McCain and to observe his work ethic; and his professional development at the various positions he has held. I find that his service within the Department of Homeland Security will be a great asset to the Department of Transportation and the State. Patrick McCain has also served his fellow employees as a steward of the Local AFGE 2886. Those of us who know him from the time he served then Congressman Neil Abercrombie are well aware of the gamut of his governmental service and his knowledge of the City, the State and the Federal Government. This can only enhance his ability to serve the people of the State of Hawai`i.

For almost a year, I have had the privilege of serving on a Board with the Director of Transportation, Jade Butay, who I have gained great respect for. It is my opinion that Patrick McCain will serve him well as his Deputy Director.

Thank you very much for considering my written testimony. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above stated address, my email: [hanac841@yahoo.com](mailto:hanac841@yahoo.com) or my by phone at (808) 595-3388.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ***Colleen Hanabusa***



**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/7/2022 5:13:34 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
J. Kimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mr. McCain was the Legislative Director for a U.S Congressman in Washington D.C. and was responsible for managing and supervising the office staff, as well as monitoring legislation and developing policy positions. He was very dedicated and worked long hours and committed himself to doing a good job.

Mr. McCain has over 20 years of experience working at various levels for the Federal government in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as well as experience working for the City and County of Honolulu and the Hawaii State Senate. His desire to serve the community is commendable, having served on the Downtown Chinatown and Ala Moana Kakaako Neighborhood Boards, as well as other Boards and Committees. Mr. McCain's years of experience and knowledge working in government and his desire to serve the community should be an asset to the Department of Transportation.



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DATE: March 10, 2022

TO: Senator Chris Lee  
Chair, Committee on Transportation  
*Submitted Via Capitol Website*

FROM: C. Mike Kido

RE: **GM597** - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICK MCCAIN, for a term to expire 12-05-2022.

**Hearing Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room: 224 & Videoconference**

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

This letter is to support the nomination of Patrick McCain for the position of Deputy Director of the State Department of Transportation (DOT). As his resume articulates, I have had the pleasure of working with the nominee in many different capacities of public service over the years.

Mr. McCain has always demonstrated a keen interest and dedication to public service during those years. In addition, I believe his stint with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security provides a unique working experience that will benefit himself and the State of Hawaii given the stated mission of the DOT.

I would sincerely ask for your support on the advice and consent of the nomination of Patrick McCain for Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/8/2022 10:23:02 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Rodriguez	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

I write in strong support of GM 597, Patrick McCain as First Deputy to the DOT. Patrick offers renewed enthusiasm and hope in meeting the aspirational and transportation goals set forth by the State. He is a good listener and is willing to help in all situations. He is a motivating force in meeting the challenges the DOT faces.

I too am inspired by him to get things done and eager to work with Patrick as our First Deputy.

Thank you for allowing me to express my strong support for Patrick McCain.

**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/8/2022 1:50:50 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kendrick Chang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senator Lee, Vice-Chair Inouye, and Committee Members:

I write in strong support of Mr. Patrick H. McCain and believe he is well qualified to serve our State as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation. Mr. McCain bring years of experince working at various administrative and legislative roles that are relevent to his current position. Further, I have personally known Mr. McCain since 2018 and can affirm that he is a gacious, collaborative, and transparent gentleman -- qualities that we need in our State administrators. I urge you to confirm Mr. McCain's appointment and believe he'll serve our State well through the remainder of the current Administration.

Mahalo!

-Kendrick S. Chang

**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/8/2022 2:02:36 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
JACK LAW	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please know that I have known Patrick McCain for almost 30 years.

During this time I have had oportunities to work with Patrick on various projects and legislation. I have found him to be a person of integrity and very able in his work.

Sincerely and Aloha,

Jack Law, Hawaii Resident and Business Person since 1966.



**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/9/2022 1:22:12 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rodney Y. Sato	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TO: Committee on Transportation

Senator Chris Lee, Chair

Senator Lorriane R. Inouye, Vice Chair

Senator Lynn DeCoite

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro

Senator Kurt Fevella

FROM: Rodney Y. Sato

RE: GM597 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICK MCCAIN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

The committee(s) on TRS has scheduled a public hearing on 03-10-22 3:00PM;

Conference Room 224 & Videoconference.

DATE: March 9, 2022

Thank you very much for scheduling this hearing and giving us an opportunity to present testimony.

My name is Rodney Y. Sato. I live at 95-155 Waikalani Drive, Mililani, Hawaii 96789. I am chair of Shangrila Company, LLC and managing member of Global Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center LLC. I have been doing business development and real estate development for 40+ years.

I have known Patrick McCain for 30+ years. I worked with Patrick McCain when he was working for U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie from 1991 to 1997. He was very helpful on the business development projects and real estate development projects that I was working on at that time, including but not limited to Sea Life Park, Waimea Falls Park, Hawaii Health Foundation/Dr. Terry Shintani, Hawaii Wellness Foundation and Queen Emma Foundation.

I also worked with Patrick McCain on several democratic coordinated campaigns. He represented U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie in the democratic coordinated campaign meetings and was very easy to work with keeping everything legal and professional.

Patrick McCain has a good business, community and government background that will be useful in his position of deputy director of transportation.

I strongly support the nomination of Patrick McCain.

**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/9/2022 1:51:36 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Gustafson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is David Gustafson. I retired from the Department of Health as an environmental engineer and am testifying as a private individual in strong support of Mr. Patrick McCain for deputy director at DOT. I have know Patrick for many years and we have had numerous discussions on various topics, including environmental issues, rail, traffic and safety issues. I have benefitted from these discussions as Mr. McCain is knowledgeable and keeps up with current information and policy issues. He listens, is thoughtful, communicates clearly, seeks information and facts to support his position and open to different points of views.

I am confident he can make a strong contribution to DOT as deputy because of his administrative and staff experience in Hawaii and Washington DC. He has also worked effectively with non-profit groups and business groups. I respectfully request you vote in favor of his nomination.

**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/9/2022 2:32:29 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Celeste Nip	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation,

My name is Celeste Nip and I respectfully request the Committee on Transportation's favorable consideration of the nomination of Patrick McCain to serve as a Deputy Director with the Department of Transportation.

I have known Patrick since 1986 and have worked with him on a number of projects during his tenure on the congressional staff, labor union and the trade association. He is very conscientious, dedicated and possesses the administrative acumen to serve as Deputy Director for Administration for the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for your kind attention to my testimony.

**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/9/2022 2:59:14 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Agnes Malate	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am taking this opportunity to express my strong support for Patrick McCain. We have worked on various community projects (e.g. outreach to communities on government programs, UH campus educational programs, immigration workshops). Mr. McCain has extensive leadership experience in government addressing a variety of governmental policies and working with non-profit and business groups. He has a proven excellent track record working collaboratively and effectively as an administrator, community leader, and part of a team.

Mr. McCain is a responsible, hard working person who is great under pressure. I strongly endorse his nomination as DOT deputy director

I am the Director of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Health Opportunities Program and an Officer of Ethnic Education Hawaii but I am submitting this testimony as a private citizen.

Thanks so much for your consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely,

Agnes Malate

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**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/9/2022 3:46:42 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ted Nakata	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chairman Lee and members of the committee,

I am writing today to support the confirmation for Patrick McCain to be Deputy Director of the State of Hawaii's Department of Transportation. I worked with Pat when I was in the State of Hawaii's Washington DC office during the Waihee and Cayetano Administrations. Pat has the knowledge and experience at the state, local, and federal levels to successfully contribute to the department's mission. I sincerely hope that you will support his nomination and look forward to his future endeavors to improve Hawaii's transportation infrastructure. Mahalo for your consideration,

Ted

**LATE**

**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/9/2022 5:05:03 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Kato	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is John Kato. I am submitting testamony in support of Patrick McCain for his position as Deputy Director of Department of Transportation.

I have known Pat since 1987 when he was a staffer for Neal Abercrombie. I found him to be an extremely competent person who came across as honest and empathetic. Since then I have seen him display outstanding work ethic in addition to his other fine traits.

Please vote for Pat's confirmation as he will be a valuable asset to the State.

**LATE**

**GM-597**

Submitted on: 3/10/2022 11:20:16 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
david w rae	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair and members,

I have known Pat for several decades. First in his capacity as chief to then coucilman Abecrombie and Later in DC.

I know his to be very competant dilligant and responsive.