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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM PAIK, for a term to expire 06-30-2024

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is in **strong support** of the nomination of William Paik to the State Highway Safety Council (SHSC).

Chapter 286-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishes the SHSC which advises the Governor on matters relating to the programs and activities of the state in the field of highway safety. The state has adjusted the makeup of the committee from a group that was primarily government officials and safety advocates, to one that includes cross sections of all users of the highway system in our community. We believe the Gubernatorial Nominees will bring knowledge, experience and passion that will add tremendously to a council that will advise the department on eliminating roadway fatalities while modernizing the system to meet the current and future needs of our state.

Mr. Paik brings a wealth of experience specifically in strategic planning and in managing transportation engineering and construction operations and projects. Many of the projects that Mr. Paik managed was constructed for Hawaii DOT. He understands the complexities of ensuring safe, efficient and quality construction on the highway system while minimizing environmental and traffic impacts on the public.

The SHSC would benefit from Mr. Paik's experience especially as we improve construction work zone efficiency and safety. Mr. Paik's expertise in infrastructure projects will assist in eliminating fatalities in work zones as we protect all workers and users of the system – including bike riders, pedestrians, in vehicle occupants and transit users – as the DOT updates standards for construction sequencing that did not always consider multi-modal movements.

The DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm William Paik to the SHSC, whose members serve without compensation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.