



TESTIMONY BY:

JADE T. BUTAY
DIRECTOR

Deputy Directors
ROSS M. HIGASHI
EDUARDO P. MANGLALLAN
PATRICK H. MCCAIN
EDWIN H. SNIFFEN

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

April 12, 2022
3:00 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224/Teleconference

G.M. 840

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEVAN GAUG, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is in **strong support** of the nomination of Kevan Gaug, 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. Gaug currently serves as the senior vice president of investments and analytics at Ulupono Initiative. His areas of oversight include their investment strategy within the ground transportation sector. The Ulupono team is committed to a more sustainable, resilient Hawaii - investing and partnering to increase local food production, renewable energy, clean transportation, and better management of freshwater and waste. Within transportation, their work has not only focused on electrification of transportation, but also encouraging the expansion of safe, active transportation options for our island communities.

We believe that his experience in strategy evaluation and development, due diligence, financial modeling, and project support and oversight would benefit the SHSC.

The DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Kevan Gaug to the SHSC whose members serve without compensation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

650 SOUTH KING STREET, 3RD FLOOR
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
Phone: (808) 768-8305 • Fax: (808) 768-4730 • Internet: www.honolulu.gov

LATE

RICK BLANGIARDI
MAYOR



J. ROGER MORTON
DIRECTOR

JON Y. NOUCHI
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (TRS)

APRIL 12, 2022

**IN SUPPORT OF
GM 840 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway
Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee KEVAN GAUG, term to expire 6-30-2025**

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (DTS) supports the appointment of Mr. Kevan (Greg) Gaug to the State Highway Safety Council.

Safety for all users of roads and highways is paramount. DTS is responsible for promoting the safe, efficient, and effective use and operation of the City's streets, administering the City's bikeway, pedestrian and traffic safety education programs, and implementing Honolulu's Complete Streets and Vision Zero programs. The work of the State Highway Safety Council is aligned with the DTS mission and objectives related to traffic safety.

It is important this council is diverse and representative of all users of the State's highways, and Mr. Gaug will be an excellent addition to this group that is responsible for advising the Governor on all matters related to highway safety. Mr. Gaug brings a wide-range of expertise and insights that will be invaluable to this council. In his current position with Ulupono Initiative, he leads strategies and investments to improve the quality of life for Hawai'i's residents by promoting self-sufficiency and sustainable solutions that include clean transportation. In his volunteer work, Mr. Gaug serves as the chair of the Bikeshare Hawai'i board, a key stakeholder in active transportation on O'ahu. The inclusion of this voice and experience on the State Highway Safety Council ensures the safety solutions are realistic and workable.

Thank you for consideration of this measure and for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



1001 Bishop Street | Suite 625 | Honolulu, HI 96813-2830
1-866-295-7282 | Fax: 808-536-2882
aarp.org/hi | aarphi@aarp.org | twitter.com/AARPHawaii
facebook.com/AARPHawaii

**The State Legislature
The Senate Committee on Transportation
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
3:00 p.m.**

TO: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Vice-Chair

RE: Support for State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kevan (Greg) Gaug
GM 840

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

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over, with over 140,000 members in Hawai'i. AARP strongly supports the confirmation of Kevan (Greg) Gaug of the Ulupono Initiative to the State Highway Safety Council. Greg has been instrumental in helping develop new transportation services and products that help make our system safer and include more choices, such as bikeshare, EV charging, and real-time transit information. Additionally, the Ulupono Initiative has taken on a greater role in the community as a convener of organizations interested in active and sustainable transportation. His commitment to the future of Hawaii and expertise and reach into the community will make him a valuable member of the State Highway Safety Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the confirmation of Kevan Gaug to the State Highway Safety Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keali'i S. Lopez".

Keali'i Lopez, State Director



Email: communications@ulupono.com

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 — 3:00 p.m.

Ulupono Initiative strongly supports GM 840, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kevan Gaug, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Dear Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy, clean transportation, and better management of freshwater and waste.

Ulupono strongly supports GM 840. As the Senior Vice President of Investments and Analytics for Ulupono Initiative, Mr. Gaug has played a leading role in the advancement of opportunities to increase active transportation options for Hawai'i residents while also providing strategic direction for Hawai'i's electrification of transportation. His experience and sector knowledge will be important for the State Highway Safety Council and, should his nomination be approved, we look forward to his service for the people of Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i



The Honorable Ronald Kouchi, President,
and Members of the Senate
State Legislature Hawai'i State Capitol,
Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

2022.04.10

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

I wish to submit my wholehearted and strong support for the confirmation of [Greg] Kevin Gaug as a State Governor's representative to the Hawaii State Highway Safety Council.

I have worked with Greg for almost four years in his multiple roles affecting sustainable green transportation in Hawaii through his volunteer work on the boards of Bikeshare Hawaii and STCH (Sustainable Transportation Coalition of Hawaii) and his work at the Ulupono Initiative.

He will bring an important viewpoint and skills set relating to the programs and activities of the State in the area of 'highway' safety especially as it supports Vision Zero goals and participation in community conversations about safer active transportation. His long and deep work with Bikeshare Hawaii has allowed this mobility service to make the greatest impact on cycling in Hawaii, especially Honolulu since the first introduction of bicycles during the 1890s Monarchy. The Biki system has made cycling safer overall by introducing many well maintained, accessible, and affordable city bikes in urban Honolulu: thus, reinforcing the "safety in numbers" research findings of transportation planners/ engineers: i.e. the more cyclists that drivers frequently experience and share the roadway with lowers the crash and injury rates of cyclists involved with motor vehicle operators.

Thus far, the Biki system has served over 300,000 users who rode over 5 million trips which is equivalent to:

- Over 11 million miles travelled (half of which would have been car trips);
- Over 13 million pounds of CO2 avoided (vs mitigated); and
- Over 444 million calories burned (important for type 2 diabetes avoidance).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Boulanger".

Todd Boulanger
Executive Director

Todd Boulanger,
Executive Director

Ranked
as a Top US
Bikeshare Service
by NACTO
since 2017

Mail:
PO Box 2362
Honolulu, HI 96804

888-340-2454

info@
bikesharehawaii.org

GoBiki.org

@GoBikiHI



SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

April 12, 2022, 3:00 P.M.

Conference Room 224 & Video Conference

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 840

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee members:

Blue Planet Foundation is pleased to **support the nomination of Kevan (Greg) Gaug to serve on the State Highway Safety Council.**

Blue Planet Foundation is a Hawai'i-based nonprofit organization. We work to clear the path for local, clean, renewable power. Through our advocacy for clean energy, sustainable transportation, and energy efficiency, we seek to make our communities stronger, our energy more secure, our environment healthier, and our economy more robust.

As the climate crisis becomes increasingly stark, we need strong and collaborative leaders to guide our state toward a sustainable and equitable future. Mr. Gaug is a recognized leader on data-driven transportation policy and has a long history of building relationships through community conversations about sustainable transportation. The State Highway Safety Council plays an important role in shaping the state's transportation planning and infrastructure. We are confident that Mr. Gaug has the expertise and commitment to thoughtfully contribute to moving Hawai'i closer to its vision of a transportation future that is equitable, safe, active, and climate-friendly.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support of GM 840.**

Aloha,

Melissa Miyashiro

Executive Director, Blue Planet Foundation

GM-840

Submitted on: 4/11/2022 10:07:42 AM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
K. Greg Gaug	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

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

I am Kevan (Greg) Gaug, Gubernatorial Nominee for the State Highway Safety Council for a term to expire June 30, 2025. I am writing to express my commitment to the people of Hawai‘i and ask for the Committee Members’ support in approving my appointment to the Council.

As senior vice president of investments and analytics at Ulupono Initiative, my areas of oversight include our investment strategy within the ground transportation sector. Our Ulupono team seeks partnerships to increase local food production, renewable energy, clean transportation, and better management of freshwater and waste. Within transportation, our work has not only focused on electrification of transportation, but also encouraging the expansion of safe, active, and affordable transportation options for our island communities. I have been encouraged by the Hawai‘i Department of Transportation’s efforts in the area of electrification of transportation, specifically in service of the department’s goal to reduce or convert its entire light-duty fleet by 2030. This is ahead of the State goal of 2035, and the department has demonstrated in this area how it can serve as a model for other government agencies across Hawai‘i.

At the same time, I have great interest in other opportunities for the department’s Highways Division to strengthen its alignment with other State goals and objectives, including support of Vision Zero goals; actively participating in community conversations around safe, active transportation; and improving localized highway and road safety overall. I believe my experience in strategy evaluation and development, due diligence, financial modeling, and project support and oversight would serve the Council in these areas.

Lastly, as a husband and father raising a young family on O‘ahu, I am committed to giving back in ways that benefit future generations and improve the overall quality of life in the Islands. If appointed, I would offer my utmost commitment to fulfilling the Council’s legislatively mandated duty to advise on matters relating to the programs and activities of the State in the field of highway safety.

For these reasons, I humbly ask for your vote of confidence and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council.

Thank you for the Committee’s consideration and this opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,

K. Greg Gaug

Randolph G. Moore
2445-A Makiki Heights Drive
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Telephone 808-778-8832

email makikimoore@gmail.com

April 11, 2022

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
and members of the Committee on Transportation
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu HI 96813

Dear Senators Lee and Inouye and members of the Committee on Transportation

Subject: GM 840

I am writing in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Kevan Gaug to the State Highway Safety Council for a term ending June 30, 2025. I regret that I not be able to testify in person.

I have known Mr. Gaug for a number of years, having served with him (he's the chair) of BikeShare Hawaii. In this capacity, Mr. Gaug has accumulated a wealth of knowledge about bicycle and automobile safety that will enable him to be a productive, contributing member of the State Highway Safety Council.

Mr. Gaug is committed to the betterment of the state. He has an ability to listen to and be respectful of others, to understand various perspectives, and to bring people together to solve problems. He is a person of high integrity.

I support without hesitation or reservation his appointment to the State Highway Safety Council.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Sincerely yours,

Randolph G. Moore

LATE

GM-840

Submitted on: 4/11/2022 9:24:25 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chad K Taniguchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I lend my voice in support of Greg Gaug for the State Highway Safety Council.

Greg has consistently looked for ways to make walking and bicycling safer and more available to people, through his involvement with Biki Bikeshare and other initiatives. More people will walk and bike when they know it is safe to do so. This will reduce use of petroleum based fuels and help fight climate catastrophe. Fewer heavy vehicles on our roadways also decrease the chances for dangerous crashes.

His financial and nonprofit experiences will bring a business perspective to the work of safe streets.