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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
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April 12, 2022  
3:00 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224/Teleconference

**G.M. 844**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JACQUELINE BOLAND, for a term to expire 6-30-2022.**

Senate Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the nomination of Jacqueline Boland to the State Highway Safety Council (SHSC).

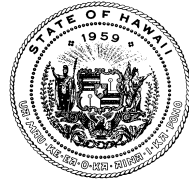
Chapter 286-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishes the SHSC which advises the Governor on matters relating to the programs and activities of the state in the field of highway safety. The state has adjusted the makeup of the committee from a group that was primarily government officials and safety advocates, 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.

Ms. Boland is the Community Outreach Director for American Association of Retired People Hawaii. She has been educating the public about pedestrian and driver safety and advocating for safe, multi-modal travel in Hawaii for the past 20 years.

Additionally, she has a history of success in collaborating with policy makers, community stakeholders, volunteers, and the public. She was instrumental in the passing of Act 54 and Bill 26, Hawaii's Complete Streets policies.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 844  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE  
HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE  
JACQUELINE BOLAND FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

SENATOR CHRIS LEE, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Hearing Date: 4/12/2022

Room Number: Room 224 and Via  
Videoconference

1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports Governor's  
2 Message 844 (GM 844) appointing Jaqueline Boland to the State Highway Safety Council for the  
3 term expiring on June 30, 2022.

4 Ms. Boland is highly qualified to serve on the Highway Safety Council with her  
5 extensive knowledge and experience on transportation and pedestrian safety as AARP's  
6 Outreach and Educational Associate State Director. She has led and organized many educational  
7 and community projects such as walk audits to assess our streets and intersections. She brings  
8 valuable insights which will help guide the Council in making our streets and highways safer and  
9 more accessible for all modes of transportation.

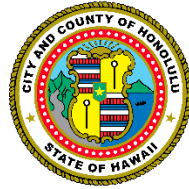
10 DOH has partnered with AARP Hawaii for over fifteen years on efforts related to "Age  
11 Friendly," communities and "Complete Streets," that are designed and operated for safe,  
12 comfortable and convenient travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all  
13 ages and abilities. Ms. Boland has partnered with DOH on numerous occasions to educate the  
14 public, engage in street audits, and advocate for policy changes. She has a history of success in  
15 collaborating with policy makers, community stakeholders, volunteers, and the public and was  
16 instrumental in organizing grass roots advocates and partner organizations to pass Act 54,  
17 Hawaii's Complete Streets policy, and Bill 12, Honolulu's Complete Streets Policy.

1           DOH supports GM 844 and Ms. Boland's appointment to the State Highway Safety  
2 Council. She has a wealth of experience in advocating for safe, multi-modal travel in Hawaii and  
3 will be an excellent addition to the State Highway Safety Council.

4           Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING  
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April 11, 2022

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Transportation  
Hawaii Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lee and Committee Members:

**Subject: Support for Strategic Highway Safety Council,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, Jacqueline Boland**

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **strongly supports** Jacqueline Boland's candidacy to serve on the Strategic Highway Safety Council. The DPP staff have worked with Ms. Boland for several years on issues such as age-friendly communities, complete streets, safety, livability, and transit-oriented development.

Ms. Boland is highly qualified to serve on the Strategic Highway Safety Council with her extensive knowledge and experience on transportation and pedestrian safety as AARP's Outreach and Educational Associate State Director. She has led and organized many educational and community projects such as walk audits to assess our streets and intersections. She has been a strong advocate for making our neighborhoods and streets safe, comfortable and convenient for travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

Ms. Boland brings valuable insights and experience which will help guide the Council in making our streets and highways safer. She has been educating the public about pedestrian and driver safety and advocating for safe, multi-modal travel in Hawaii for more than 20 years. She has a history of success in collaborating with policy makers, community stakeholders, volunteers, and the public and was instrumental in organizing grass roots advocates and partner organizations to pass Act 54, Hawaii's Complete Streets policy, and Bill 12, Honolulu's Complete Streets Policy. She also participated in the Honolulu Complete Streets Design Manual workshops.

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and Members  
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As an AARP Hawaii staff member, Ms. Boland also has access to a broad array of public policy research and technical assistance from the national AARP office that can be of service to Hawaii. AARP Hawaii has brought in many national experts to share models of success and talk story with local organizers and transportation stakeholders.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

Dean Uchida  
Director



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**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, JACQUELINE BOLAND  
GM 844

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 social impact organization for people age fifty and over, with over 140,000 members in Hawai'i. **AARP strongly supports the confirmation of Jacqueline Boland** to the State Highway Safety Council. Ms. Boland is an excellent candidate who brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise and advocacy experience on the issues of transportation and pedestrian safety.

As AARP Hawaii's Outreach and Education Associate State Director, Ms. Boland was instrumental in establishing the Hawai'i Complete Street Coalition and leading successful grass-roots campaigns to pass strong transportation safety laws locally. A passionate advocate in making Hawai'i streets safe for kupuna and others, she initiated the first walk audit in the nation in which she and teams of AARP volunteers assessed the safety of our streets and intersections. It is a groundbreaking model widely used in other states. Ms. Boland's educational and outreach organizational skills have engaged hundreds of thousands to in-person (prior to COVID-19) and virtual educational programs – raising awareness on safe multi-modal transportation options, and pedestrian safety. She is articulate, a skillful community organizer and collaborator, and will be a tremendous asset to the Highway Safety Council in representing the safety interests of older drivers and pedestrians.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to **strongly support Ms. Boland's confirmation.**

Sincerely,

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

Keali'i Lopez, State Director



Email: [communications@ulupono.com](mailto:communications@ulupono.com)

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

**Ulupono Initiative strongly supports GM 844 and GM 845, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jacqueline Boland, through 06-30-2026.**

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 844 and GM 845.** Ms. Boland has been involved in many transportation safety issues for the past twenty years with her work at AARP, helping to support our kupuna. She has helped promote pedestrian safety, Complete Streets, walk audit applications, and more in service to our community. She will be a critical asset to the State Highway Safety Council.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata  
Director of Government Affairs

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# ALOHACARE

Date: 4/12/2022

To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair, Senate Transportation Committee

From: Peggy Mierzwa, Community & Government Relations

RE: Supporting the nomination of JACQUELINE BOLAND for confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial nominee, for a term to expire 06-30-2023

AlohaCare appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 844, the nomination of JACQUELINE BOLAND for confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council.

AlohaCare **supports** the nomination of Jacqueline Boland to the State Highway Safety Council. Ms. Boland is a strong advocate for pedestrian safety and multi-modal transportation options in Hawaii. She provided grassroots leadership to the organizations that worked together to pass Hawaii's Complete Streets law in 2009 and Honolulu's Complete Streets law in 2012 and has organized countless walk audits and pedestrian safety demonstrations and participated in numerous public input processes.

Founded in 1994, AlohaCare is a community-rooted, non-profit health plan serving 80,000 Medicaid and dual-eligible health plan members on all islands. It is the only state health plan exclusively serving Medicaid patients. Our mission is to serve individuals and communities in the true spirit of aloha by ensuring and advocating access to quality health care for all. We believe that health is about supporting whole-person care, including access to housing and food security, to build a stronger, healthier Hawai'i.

Mahalo for this opportunity to support the nomination of JACQUELINE BOLAND for confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial nominee, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

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Hawai'i Public Health Training Hui

Healthy Eating + Active Living

Kūpuna Food Security Coalition

Date: April 11, 2022

To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Transportation

Re: Support for GM844, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JACQUELINE BOLAND, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Hrg: April 12, 2022 at 3:00 PM in Conference Room 224 and via videoconference

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Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of GM844 and Jacqueline Boland's appointment to the State Highway Safety Council.

HIPHI is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the health and wellness of the people and islands of Hawai'i. HIPHI strives to be a bridge between community and partners from government and healthcare so that all relevant stakeholders throughout the Hawai'i are involved in decisions related to public health policy, programs, and investments. We believe we can play a significant role in the shift of public health from being primarily about treating disease to the promotion of preventing it. Our work includes food and agriculture, transportation and public safety, oral health, healthy eating + active living (HEAL), drug and alcohol prevention, tobacco prevention and control, COVID-19 response efforts and workforce development.

Ms. Boland has been an integral founding member of the Kūpuna Food Security Coalition, where she served as a Steering Committee member and helped to support emergency kūpuna needs throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the building of long-term, sustainable age-empowered community-based food systems. As a result of Ms. Boland's efforts, over 1.2 million meals were distributed and over 30,000 health and social services were provided to kūpuna who were disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Over 8,000 kūpuna each week were connected to critical care because of Ms. Boland's exceptional leadership, community engagement, and advocacy.

Ms. Boland is highly qualified to serve on the Highway Safety Council with her extensive knowledge and experience on transportation and pedestrian safety as AARP's Outreach and Educational Associate State Director. She has led and organized many educational and community projects, including walk audits, to assess our streets and intersections. She brings valuable insights

which will help guide the Council in making our streets and highways safer, and ensure equitable transportation for all.

It is my honor and pleasure to fully support Ms. Boland's nomination to the Highway Safety Council.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Fernandes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Amanda Fernandes, JD  
Policy and Advocacy Director



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The Senate Committee on Transportation  
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The Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Vice-Chair

RE: Support for State Highway Safety Council, gubernatorial nominee, JACQUELINE BOLAND; GM 844

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

My name is Christy Nishita and I am the Coordinator for Age-Friendly Honolulu. I am submitting this testimony in **strong support of Jacqueline Boland's candidacy to serve on** the State Highway Safety Council. I have known and collaborated with Ms. Boland for the past eight years on community projects and initiatives related to pedestrian safety. She has led and organized many impactful educational and community projects. In particular, we collaborated on a pedestrian safety project in Waikiki, leading a walk audit and pedestrian safety campaign, which engaged kupuna, students, and policy makers.

Ms. Boland is highly qualified to serve on the Highway Safety Council with her extensive knowledge and experience on transportation and pedestrian safety as AARP's Outreach and Educational Associate State Director. She brings valuable insights which will help guide the Council in making our streets and highways safer.

Jacqueline's work as a grass roots community organizer is commendable and impressive. She has excellent communication skills and has been a true champion for Age-Friendly Honolulu.

I am honored to fully support Ms. Boland's nomination to the Highway Safety Council.

Sincerely,  
*Christy Nishita*

Christy Nishita, Ph.D.  
Age-Friendly Honolulu Coordinator

**GM-844**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 2:54:29 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Alexander	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm writing to give my strong support to JACQUELINE BOLAND for confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council. I have had the honor of working with Ms. Boland over the years and in her capacity with AARP, she has played an crucial role in advancing Complete Streets in Hawaii and Oahu. AARP was early to identify the pedestrian safety crisis facing Oahu and Hawaii, which was particularly impacting our elderly citizens. And AARP took action - they were instrumental in pushing for the Hawaii state Complete Streets law and City and County of Honolulu Complete Streets ordinance. These thoughtful laws have lead to numerous real pedestrian and multimodal improvements that make it safer and more accessible for people of all ages to get around by foot, bike, bus, and car. The reality is much work still needs to be done and the State Highway Safety Council is an important venue for advancing this transportation safety work. I'm very happy that AARP remains engaged and that Ms. Boland in particular continues this work. I urge that you confirm her. I know she'll contribute tremendously to the State Highway Safety Council's imprortant work. Mahalo.

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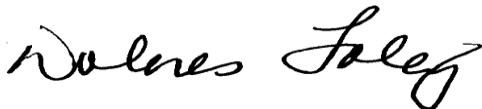
Aloha Chair Lee and Vice-Chair Inouye,

My name is Dolores Foley and I am submitting this testimony in **strong support of Jacqueline Boland's candidacy to serve on** the Highway Safety Council. I have worked with Jackie on a number of community projects related to transportation and safe streets. Jackie Boland is highly qualified to serve on the Highway Safety Council with her extensive knowledge and experience on transportation and pedestrian safety as AARP's Outreach and Educational Associate State Director. She has led and organized many educational and community projects such as walk audits to assess our streets and intersections. She brings valuable insights which will help guide the Council in making our streets and highways safer.

Describe Jackie's attributes as a grass roots community organizer, communication skills and passion in building an Age-friendly community for people of all ages, etc.

It is my honor and pleasure to fully support Ms. Boland's nomination to the Highway Safety Council.

Sincerely,



Dolores Foley  
President  
Change AGEnts Hawaii  
Kailua, Hawaii

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RE: Support for Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JACQUELINE BOLAND  
GM 844

Aloha Chair Lee and Vice-Chair Inouye,

As co-founder and a board member of local non-profit community development organization, Better Block Hawaii, which has helped realize many Complete Streets projects, I can personally share my many positive, collaborative, and constructive experiences working with Ms. Boland.

I am submitting this testimony in **strong support of Jacqueline Boland to serve on** the Highway Safety Council.

Ms. Boland is highly qualified to serve on the Highway Safety Council with her extensive knowledge and experience on transportation and pedestrian safety as AARP's Outreach and Educational Associate State Director. She has led and organized many educational and community projects such as walk audits to assess our streets and intersections. She brings valuable insights which will help guide the Council in making our streets and highways safer.

Mahalo

Daniel Simonich  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**GM-844**

Submitted on: 4/9/2022 3:50:55 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dan Gardner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chairman Lee, and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation - I was very pleased to learn of the appointment of Ms. Jackie Boland to the State Highway Safety Council by the Governor Ige. Having known and worked for and with Ms. Boland on numerous projects over the past five years, I can readily testify to her dedicated efforts to improve the lives of our seniors and all citizens of Hawaii. As a key member of AARP's leadership team in Hawaii, she has been positively involved in many safety-related issues dealing with pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. Jackie is an intelligent, friendly and hard-working professional who would make an excellent addition to the Council. Ms. Boland is an excellent choice for this position and most deserving of your support for her nomination.

**LATE**

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

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RE: Support for Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
JACQUELINE BOLAND, GM 844

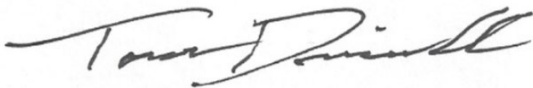
Aloha Chair Lee and Vice-Chair Inouye,

My name is Tom Dinell, Professor Emeritus, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i at Manoa and President Emeritus Trees for Honolulu's Future. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of Jacqueline Boland's nomination to serve on the Highway Safety Council. I have known and worked with Jacquie for about 20 years on Complete Streets and other major community projects including the Making Honolulu an Age-Friendly City Initiative. In fact, I served as the AARP representative on the initial State Complete Streets Task Force and Jacquie was my AARP liaison.

Jacquie Boland is bright, knowledgeable, committed, and dependable. She works well with people, particularly community groups. When you ask Jacquie for assistance, you know she will come through with good material and good ideas. Jacquie is highly qualified to serve on the Highway Safety Council with her extensive knowledge and experience on transportation and pedestrian safety as AARP's Outreach and Educational Associate State Director. She has led and organized many educational and community projects such as walk audits to assess our streets and intersections. Pedestrians will know that have a valuable friend on the Highway Safety Council with Jacquie as a member.

It is a pleasure to support Jacquie's nomination for membership on the Highway Safety Council. If I can provide additional input or respond to specific questions, please let me know.

Aloha Nui Loa,



Tom Dinell  
3694 Kawelolani Place  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96816



**LATE**

**GM-844**

Submitted on: 4/11/2022 10:12:22 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chad K Taniguchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

AARP and Jackie Boland have a long history of successfully pushing for safe streets policies and legislation. Councilmember Breene Harimoto and AARP (under Jackie’s leadership) led a coalition of organizations to educate community organizations who then supported Complete Streets legislation at the state level in 2009 and at the Honolulu City level in 2012.

It’s great to see AARP and Jackie lending their organizational support and knowledge to the State Highway Safety Council.

**LATE**

**GM-844**

Submitted on: 4/12/2022 6:03:25 AM

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

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and committee members!

I have known Jackie Boland for about 14 years, due to her employment at AARP and my volunteer work with that organization. She has long taken an interest in pedestrian safety, Complete Streets and liveable communities. She has led the volunteers on many a walk audit and other activities with regard to pedestrian safety, especially with regard to Kupuna.

Jackie will be a valuable asset to the State Highway Safety Council.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service MSW (ret)

Kupuna advocate

**LATE**

I strongly support the confirmation of Jackie Boland. I have known her for over a decade and I can attest to the fact that she has been a strong advocate for traffic safety. She brings a unique perspective to the issue because she speaks on behalf of the elderly—a population that merits special consideration because of their vulnerability.