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April 12, 2022
3:00 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224/Teleconference

G.M. 845

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JACQUELINE BOLAND, for a term to expire 6-30-2026.

Senate Committee on Transportation

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

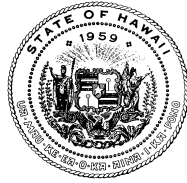
Chapter 286-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishes the SHSC which advises the Governor on matters relating to the programs and activities of the state in the field of highway safety. The state has adjusted the makeup of the committee from a group that was primarily government officials and safety advocates,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



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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 845
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE
HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
JACQUELINE BOLAND FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026

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 845 (GM 845) appointing Jaqueline Boland to the State Highway Safety Council for the
3 term expiring on June 30, 2026.

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 845 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.



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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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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 GM845, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JACQUELINE BOLAND, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

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

Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of GM845 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



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

2022.04.11

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

I wish to submit my strong support for the confirmation of **Jacqueline Boland** as a State Governor's representative to the Hawaii State Highway Safety Council.

I have worked with Jackie for several years in my role at Biki, as AARP has been a very good partner for promoting active transportation in our work to get more seniors on bicycles as daily transportation. As an aside, the 'silver seniors' are a large untapped demographic for getting back on bikes for Hawaii and in many ways much easier than the youngest adults. Much of this can be attributed to a more independent childhood riding daily of bikes (back when Hawaii's roadways were often safer: had less traffic and lower 85th percentile speeds, etc.).

She 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 active transportation and an older active state population.

These are all important as our nation's Departments of Transportation broadens their institutional view for the highway network to effectively serve the mobility of the '8 to 80' population versus the 16 to 65 population of peak hour commuters of the past.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Boulanger", written in a cursive style.

Todd Boulanger
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Submitted on: 4/9/2022 3:54:34 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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 for a term ending 6-30-2026. 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 elders 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.

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GM-845

Submitted on: 4/11/2022 10:14:05 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:

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-845

Submitted on: 4/12/2022 6:17:01 AM
Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara J. Service	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and committee members!

I am strongly encouraging the appointment of Jackie Boland to the State Highway Safety Council.

I have known Jackie for 14 years through her employment at AARP and my volunteer work with that organization. She has long been a champion for pedestrian safety, Complete Streets and liveable communities. She has led the volunteers through many a walk audit and other activities with emphasis on Kupuna safety.

Please support her nomination to the State Highway Safety Council.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Barbara J. Service MSW (ret)

Kupuna advocate