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Testimony of
Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawaii

Before the
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224 and Videoconference

In consideration of
Governor's Message No. 519

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

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Governor's Message No. 519, appointment of Edwin "Ed" Sniffen to serve as Director, Department of Transportation.

Ed's service with the Department of Transportation spans over a decade. During this time, Ed held leadership responsibilities over the operations of the Department of Transportation Highways Division, which included about 780 employees and \$500 million in capital improvement projects, special maintenance projects, and operational funding. During that time, Ed's scope of responsibilities also extended to leading the modernization efforts for highways statewide and leveraging highway resources toward the State's highest priorities, including the piloting of green materials for broad construction use, increasing public access to data, and building broadband infrastructure for underserved communities.

Ed's previous work experience also includes serving as Administrator and Technical Design Engineer of the Department of Transportation Highways Division; Executive Assistant to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu from 2013 to 2014; Senior Program Manager of the Facilities and Construction Department of Sandwich Isles Communications; and Director of Kamehameha Schools Capital Program Management Division. In these roles, Ed advanced efforts aimed at improving

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divisional consistency, efficiency, and accountability through collaboration with federal, state, and county partners. These work experiences equipped Ed with essential management, policy-making, and decision-making skills to effectively lead the Department of Transportation.

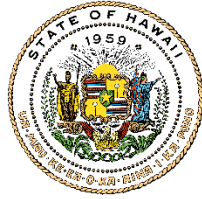
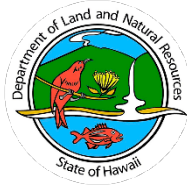
Ed earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Santa Clara University.

I am confident that Edwin Sniffen's extensive work experiences and leadership in government will enable him to effectively serve the State and community as Director of Transportation.

Mahalo for your consideration.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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**Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

**Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 224 and Videoconference

**In Consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 519
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
AS THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDWIN SNIFFEN,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-07-2026**

Governor's Message 519 submits for consideration as the Director, Department of Transportation (HDOT), Edwin Sniffen, for a term to expire on December 7, 2026. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this nomination.

Mr. Sniffen has a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Santa Clara. He spent 13 years in the private sector, and then became a technical design engineer for HDOT. From there, he worked his way up to Administrator, which is HDOT's highest civil service position. Throughout this time at HDOT, Mr. Sniffen continually worked to improve efficiency, transparency, and responsibility within HDOT. As Administrator, he improved relationships both within HDOT and between HDOT and other agencies. After a brief stint away from HDOT, Mr. Sniffen returned as the Deputy Director for Highways, where he implemented programs to modernize HDOT processes, vision, and image with the public. He led the charge to green highway operations and implemented sustainability initiatives, while improving internal efficiencies, including having HDOT go paperless. He also brought his energy to other departments, leveraging highway resources to address some of the State's highest priorities, including the delivery of broadband to eight (8) underserved communities, using highway facilities to provide COVID updates and testing sites during the pandemic. He helped the State to leverage infrastructure development for increased affordable housing in partnership with counties and developers. He has worked with schools, particularly in rural areas, to integrate engineering and STEM into high-school project based learning curricula.

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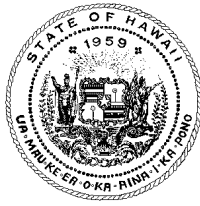
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ENFORCEMENT
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Mr. Sniffen is a dynamic and visionary leader. In addition to managing the direct mandates of HDOT, he is a natural collaborator who is willing to integrate statewide goals into HDOT's work as well as work closely with other departments. Through HDOT's work, he has been willing to address the challenges of global climate change, as well as the need for access to the internet for school children in rural areas. Our Department has worked successfully with Mr. Sniffen on matters ranging from land leases to small boat harbors, and shoreline erosion.

Mr. Sniffen's energy, vision, and willingness to think outside of the box will ensure that HDOT is not only willing to move to the next century, but with Mr. Sniffen at the helm, they may already be there.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 519.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE NO. 519
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE EDWIN SNIFFEN

By
Tommy Johnson, Director

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Senator Chris Less, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 6, 2023; 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Via Video Conference

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

I submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as Director, Department of Transportation (DOT). His impressive and in-depth knowledge of government operations at the City and State level, and lengthy work experience in both the government and private sectors, make Mr. Sniffen the ideal candidate to lead DOT moving forward.

In my recent discussions with him regarding a variety of issues, I found that he clearly has the prerequisite knowledge, honed leadership, managerial skills, and interpersonal skills required of such a complex and diverse position. His "outside of the box" thinking and approach to problem-solving are tremendous assets to DOT and its mission.

I strongly urge the committee to recommend advise and consent for this very highly qualified nominee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Governor's Message No. 519 and the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00 PM
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

**GM 519 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director,
Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN,
for a term to expire 12-07-2026**

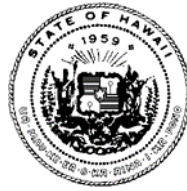
Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) **supports** GM 519, relating to the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Edwin Sniffen’s appointment as Director of the Department of Transportation (“DOT”).

ADC believes Mr. Sniffen’s extensive management experience will be instrumental in leading DOT. Furthermore, ADC is confident Mr. Sniffen has the knowledge and skills required to serve as Director and we respectfully ask for your consideration and support of his nomination.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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CATHY BETTS
DIRECTOR
KA LUNA HO'OKELE

JOSEPH CAMPOS II
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April 5, 2023

TO: The Honorable Senator Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **Testimony in Strong Support**
G.M. 519, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director,
Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee,
EDWIN SNIFFEN

Hearing: April 6, 2023 at 3:00 pm
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

I am writing in strong support of GM 519, Edwin Sniffen, to his appointment to the role of Director for the Department of Transportation (DOT). The Department of Human Services (DHS) has worked alongside Mr. Sniffen in a collaborative spirit throughout the pandemic. Our team has witnessed his ability to quickly make innovative and sound decisions, to quickly maneuver through emergencies, and to do so in a calm, efficient, and responsive manner.

I had the privilege of serving as a deputy director during the previous administration alongside Mr. Sniffen and appreciated his critical role in the state's pandemic response. He has decades of government experience that will serve him well in this role. However, perhaps even more important is his ability to innovate and look for collective solutions that is so needed in government today.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in strong support of GM 519, for the appointment and confirmation of Edwin Sniffen to the role of DOT Director.



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April 5, 2023

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE DARIUS K. KILA

SENATOR CHRIS LEE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

SENATOR LORRAINE R. INOUE, VICE CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURES AND THE ARTS

RE: GM519, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members on the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts:

I am DARIUS K. KILA, and I am submitting this testimony in strong support of EDWIN SNIFFEN as Director for the Department of Transportation.

As a newly elected Representative, I have had the pleasure to work with Director Sniffen on numerous issues that have plagued District 44, including unsafe conditions, safe routes to schools, traffic lights, the heavy traffic and needed roadway improvements. Director Sniffen has always promptly responded to my emails, with assurances that he or his staff would investigate the matter.

Problem areas that could be resolved with a quick fix were remedied in a reasonable amount of time. The problems which could not be immediately solved, were reported back to me by either Director Sniffen or his staff, with assurances that they are working on the problem.

Prior to his appointment, Director Sniffen was the Department of Transportation's Deputy Director for the Highways Division. He comes to the position with experience and knowledge of the Department of Transportation's operations, divisions, budget and staff, and brings a wealth of knowledge to the position.

Representative Darius K. Kila

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Senator Chris Lee, Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation

RE: Testimony in Support of Edwin Sniffen

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Prior to his appointment as Deputy Director for the Department of Transportation Highways Division, Director Sniffen has worked in the private and public sectors, most notably as a technical design engineer then administrator for the Department of Transportation Highways Division. He is licensed professional civil engineer and highly qualified to lead the Department of Transportation.

Director Sniffen is clearly the right choice to lead the Department of Transportation. He has the experience and qualifications to be the Director.

I strongly urge you to confirm EDWIN SNIFFEN as the Director for the Department of Transportation.

Very truly yours,

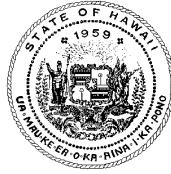
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Darius K. Kila

Representative, House District 44

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Statement of
BRENNA H. HASHIMOTO
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
GM519 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller,
Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN for a term
to expire 12-07-2026

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and the members of the committee.

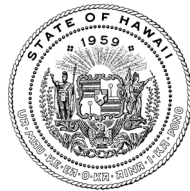
We strongly support the appointment of Ed Sniffen to the position of Director,
Department of Transportation.

Mr. Sniffen has proven to be a dedicated public servant and has considerable
knowledge of the department and state government operations. In addition to his
considerable experience within the Department of Transportation, he has also held
leadership roles within the city government and the private sector.

In the few months I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Sniffen, he has been
extremely supportive of DHRD. He has proactively and enthusiastically sought
ways to address workforce and staffing concerns that are in line with DHRD's
priorities. I sincerely appreciate his partnership and look forward to continuing the
positive working relationship with the DOT leadership as we work together on future
projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 519

April 6, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Room 224 & Videoconference

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDWIN
SNIFFEN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-07-2026.

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

I strongly support the appointment of Edwin Sniffen to the position of Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). I am working with Mr. Sniffen in my professional capacity as Director of Finance.

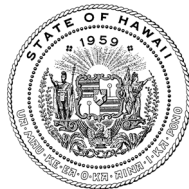
Governor Green's administration shares his priorities of homelessness and housing, the cost of living, climate change, and health care for the people of Hawai'i. We are committed to take action to make the needed changes to move Hawai'i forward.

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

Mr. Sniffen has been serving as the Director of DOT since December 2022. Prior to that, he was the Deputy Director for Highways at DOT since January 2015. His work experience will benefit the department and the State; therefore, I support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TO THE
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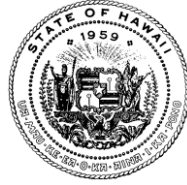
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Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of
Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon
on 12-07-2026.**

SENATOR CHRIS LEE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Hearing Date: 4/6/2023

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1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the nomination of Edwin
2 Sniffen for Director of the Department of Transportation..

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4 Mr. Sniffen has a wide-ranging professional resume in both the public and private sectors, in
5 roles ranging from engineering line staff, to project manager and middle management, through
6 senior management and executive leadership. In addition to engineering excellence, Mr.
7 Sniffen's understands the complexity of municipal, state, and federal funding related to
8 infrastructure, and the related complexities of right-of-way, land use, and community
9 engagement.

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11 DOH looks forward to working with Mr. Sniffen on topics of mutual interest such as Complete
12 Streets, and other built environment policies and projects that promote healthy lifestyles.

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14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND
THE ARTS**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023
3:00 PM
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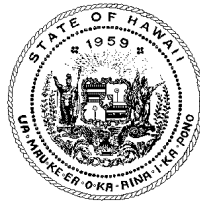
Chairperson Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Edwin Sniffen, as the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT). Ed brings 25+ years of experience to the position, that started after his graduation from Santa Clara University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Since graduation, he has held positions of increasing responsibility that included Director of Capital Program Management with Kamehameha Schools, Executive Assistant to the Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu, and Deputy Director, DOT for the past 7 years, before being nominated to serve as Director, DOT. Ed has managed hundreds of projects with an aggregate value in the hundreds of millions of dollars and is the right person for the position.

Respectfully requesting your vote to confirm Ed Sniffen's nomination to serve as the Director, DOT. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE NO. 519
RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF EDWIN SNIFFEN
TO BE THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By
Jordan Lowe, Director

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Senator Chris Lee, Chair
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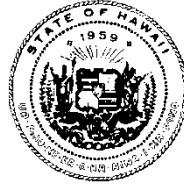
Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in support of the nomination and confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Sniffen has extensive work experience within the private and state government sector. His many years of work experience in planning & design, leadership roles within DOT, and his successes in innovation and efficiency projects make him a highly qualified candidate to take on the complexities of the duties and responsibilities, and the authority as the Director for DOT.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 519 and the confirmation of Mr. Sniffen.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



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Honorable Chair Lee, and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 519, to consider and confirm Edwin Sniffen to the position of Director for the Department of Transportation.

I am honored to be working alongside him in Governor Green's Administration. He is an integral part of a team that is committed to addressing the many issues facing our State and I believe that he will be able to effectively fulfill his role through his life experiences and professional expertise.

There is no doubt in my mind that he will continue to bring a fresh perspective on how to deliver services, improve the experience of those we serve, and strive to maximize taxpayer dollars efficiently and effectively.

The HPHA urges the Committee to pass GM 519 and confirm Edwin Sniffen to the position of Director for the Department of Transportation.

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TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND
THE ARTS
HEARING ON APRIL 6, 2023 AT 3:00PM IN CR 224

IN SUPPORT OF

GM 519

for consideration and confirmation as the Director,
Department of Transportation,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **EDWIN SNIFFEN**,
for a term to expire 12-07-2026

April 6, 2023

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Edwin Sniffen as the Director for the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Sniffen has been instrumental in assisting DHHL with several CIP projects and we are certain that he will continue to be a necessary asset for DOT and the State of Hawaii. Mr. Sniffen is a collaborative leader whose unwavering work ethic was expressly reflected during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Sniffen's work in the greening of Highways operations and sustainability initiatives, as well as his experience in leveraging Highways resources toward the State's highest priorities reflects his ability to consistently align the initiatives of DOT with the priorities of the State of Hawaii.

DHHL looks forward to working in partnership with Edwin Sniffen and we respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

TESTIMONY BY JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - AIRPORTS
REGARDING

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 519 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDWIN SNIFFEN, FOR TERM TO EXPIRE
DECEMBER 7, 2026

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
April 6, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Room 224 & Teleconference

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

On behalf of the management staff at the Department of Transportation Airports, it is with honor and pleasure to submit this testimony and support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Edwin Sniffen as Director, Department of Transportation (DOT). For the past three months, we have worked with Mr. Sniffen in his capacity as Director, and have found him to be passionate, hardworking, and knowledgeable. Mr. Sniffen's six years as Deputy Director for DOT Highways, provides him the ability to quickly transition and assume the role as Director.

In the short time since he has assumed the position, Mr. Sniffen has taken a "boots on the ground" approach to work with the Airports to learn the various challenges unique to each airport. His knowledge provides the Airports with the proper tools to accomplish its goals. Mr. Sniffen's "let's get it done" mindset sustains his commitment to safety, security, and improving the passenger experience of residents and visitors passing through Hawaii's airports.

Approving Mr. Edwin Sniffen's nomination as 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.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR

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STATE OF HAWAII
KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
KA 'OIHANA PONO LIMAHANA

April 6, 2023

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

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Re: G.M.519; Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations **strongly supports** the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as Director to the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Sniffen earned his B.S. in civil engineering from Santa Clara University and has served as Deputy Director of Highways, Highways Administrator and Technical Design Engineer for DOT. He has also worked as an Executive Assistant to Mayor Caldwell and was the Director of the Capital Program Management Division for Kamehameha Schools.

The DLIR concurs that Mr. Sniffen's has the ambition and experience to lead the DOT. His passion for safety and desire for efficiency will push the DOT to better provide a safe, efficient, accessible, and sustainable inter-modal transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods while enhancing our economic prosperity and quality of life.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 519.

TESTIMONY BY TAMMY L. LEE
REGARDING

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 519

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDWIN
SNIFFEN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-07-2026

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

April 6, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Room 224 & Videoconference

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee on Transportation & Culture and the Arts:

My name is Tammy Lee and I have worked with Ed Sniffen since 2015. Ed is a visionary and a decisive leader who is passionate about the work we do and passionate about the community we serve. He brings out the best in us by challenging us to think outside the box to develop solutions with the State's best interests in mind.

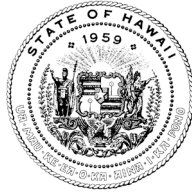
He has the technical knowledge, foresight and a pulse on all things and his resolve keeps us striving to always be ahead of the curve. Ed has worked to bring more federal funds (\$99 million more) from the Federal Highways Administration during August Redistribution into the State and federal funds through discretionary grants. The support Ed gives to his DOT team is unwavering and all of us together under his leadership will do great things for our State.

I **strongly support** Ed Sniffen's nomination as Director of Transportation and I ask this Committee to support his nomination as Director of Transportation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

Tammy L. Lee

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Testimony of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 519
NOMINATION OF EDWIN SNIFFEN, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Thursday, April 6, 2023

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of Governor Josh Green's nomination of Edwin Sniffen as Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Since 2015, Mr. Sniffen has served as a Deputy Director for DOT-Highways, leading the modernization efforts for highways statewide and leveraged highway resources toward the state's highest priorities, including the piloting of green materials for broad construction use, increasing public access to data, and building broadband infrastructure to underserved communities.

He has also served as an Executive Assistant to Mayor Kirk Caldwell, a DOT Administrator, a DOT Technical Design Engineer, a Senior Program Manager for Sandwich Isles Communications, and as the Director of the Capital Program Management Division for Kamehameha Schools. In these roles he improved divisional consistency, efficiency, and accountability through collaboration with federal, state, and county partners.

I am pleased to support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

JOSH GREEN M.D.
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SYLVIA LUKE
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**TESTIMONY OF
GARY S. SUGANUMA, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION**

TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

In consideration of G.M. No. 519

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director for the Department of Transportation, gubernatorial nominee, Ed Sniffen

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

DATE: Thursday, April 6, 2023
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 224

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

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of the confirmation of Mr. Ed Sniffen as the Director for the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Given his past leadership roles with DOT and his engineering, financial and organizational management experience, I believe Mr. Sniffen is an excellent candidate for the Director position. Mr. Sniffen's performance at DOT has demonstrated his great relationship with the community and commitment to serving the best interests of the State. I am confident that Mr. Sniffen will continue doing a great job as the Director of DOT.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 519.

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April 6, 2023

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The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
and Members
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

Subject: GM 519: Confirming the Nomination of Edwin H. Sniffen
to serve as the Director, Department of Transportation

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports the nomination of Edwin H. Sniffen to serve as the Director of the State Department of Transportation (DOT).

Currently, Mr. Sniffen serves as an ex-officio BWS Board Member pursuant to §54-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Mr. Sniffen's background and professional experience as former Deputy Director of the DOT makes him well qualified to serve as the Director of the DOT and provides for a seamless transition.

Under the leadership of Mr. Sniffen, the DOT has initiated climate adaption studies in response to ongoing and forecasted climate change. On May 13, 2021, Mr. Sniffen advocated at the federal level to the Senate Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies of the United States Senate on the important need for climate resiliency in transportation. Mr. Sniffen indicated in his testimony to the Senate Subcommittee that the DOT infrastructure is vast and the need to address the ongoing impacts of climate change to airports, highways, bridges and harbor facilities will be costly. He stated it will require strong leadership, "networking, resource sharing and coordination at all levels of government in Hawaii."

The BWS faces the same vulnerabilities as our water pipelines and infrastructure underground is also at risk. The BWS appreciates Mr. Sniffen's advocacy to anticipate ongoing "climate-related hazards" and the need to plan for "adaptation strategies" and "needed actions."

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
and Members
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Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony in support of
GM519 - Edwin H. Sniffen as Director of the DOT .

Very truly yours,

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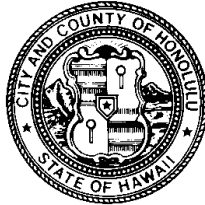
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

April 4, 2023

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts (TCA)

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 210
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts (TCA)

**Subject: Department of Facility Maintenance, City and County of Honolulu
Testimony in SUPPORT of G.M. No. 519, Submitting for
consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of
Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term
to expire at noon on 12-07-2026**

Dear Senators Lee and Inouye and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) of the City and County of Honolulu strongly **SUPPORTS** G.M. No. 519, confirming the nomination of Edwin Sniffen to serve as the Director of the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT).

I have known Mr. Sniffen for approximately 20 years, and have had the good fortune to work closely with him for the past two (2) years during his role as Deputy Director of Highways for HDOT. Mr. Sniffen is a respected civil engineer throughout the local design professional engineering community, and is a highly-regarded, dynamic leader.

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
April 4, 2023
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Mr. Sniffen has a proven adeptness in prioritizing agency efforts toward ensuring the reliability and safety of the State's highways, while also taking into account factors that impact the ability to provide a sustainable, resilient highway system (i.e. climate change, sea level rise, etc.). Through his innovative ideas and keen ability to collaborate cross-sector and work cooperatively with other Federal, State, and County agencies, he has effectively implemented policies, initiated plans, and successfully executed projects that support the HDOT's mission to provide a "*safe, efficient, accessible, and sustainable inter-modal transportation system*" for the State of Hawai'i. I am certain if his nomination is confirmed, his skills and successes realized at Highways will extend to HDOT as a whole.

We, at DFM are grateful for Mr. Sniffen's willingness and eagerness to collaborate and feel that the synergy and working relationship he has established with DFM and other City departments is unprecedented, and will pave the way for both the State and City and County of Honolulu to accomplish much for the residents of Hawai'i.

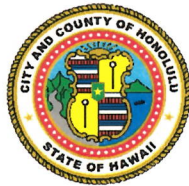
Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony in support of G.M. No. 519.

Sincerely,

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April 5, 2023

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

SUBJECT: GM 519, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN
SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on
Transportation and Culture and the Arts:

As the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, it is my privilege to express my strong
support for the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen ("Ed") as the Director of the State of Hawai'i
Department of Transportation.

During my two years as mayor, the City and County of Honolulu has had the opportunity
to work directly with Ed and I have been impressed by his leadership skills and his eagerness to
cooperate and work towards viable solutions. I have full faith in his abilities and I respectfully
ask for this Committee's favorable consideration of Mr. Sniffen's confirmation as the Director of
the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Rick Blangiardi
Mayor



Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

**04/06/2023 3:00 PM
CR 224 & Videoconference**

GM 519

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) **supports GM 519, for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.**

The OahuMPO is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on the island of Oahu responsible for carrying out a multimodal transportation planning process, including the development of a long-range (25-year horizon) metropolitan transportation plan, referred to as the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP). The OahuMPO encourages and promotes a safe and efficient transportation system to serve the mobility needs of people and freight (including walkways, bicycles, and transit), fosters economic growth and development, and takes into consideration resiliency needs, while minimizing fuel consumption and air pollution ([23 CFR 450.300](#)).

As the former Deputy Director of Department of Highways for the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT), Mr. Sniffen has been a key partner in ensuring the people of Hawaii are connected through our multimodal transportation system by making it more resilient, efficient, and safer for all. He understands the need to build a better transportation system that serves the needs for our keiki, kupuna, and all residents of Hawaii including those who primarily walk, bicycle and use transit.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your support of Edwin Sniffen as the Director for the HDOT.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR

MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR



Testimony of
Derek S.K. Kawakami
Mayor, County of Kaua'i

Before the
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
April 6, 2023 at 3:00 PM
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of
GM 519 Edwin Sniffen
Director
Department of Transportation

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

I am honored to write in **strong support** of the nomination of Edwin Sniffen as the State of Hawai'i Director of the Department of Transportation. I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Sniffen while he served as Deputy Director of Transportation overseeing the Highways Division and while I served as a State Legislator, Councilmember, and Mayor.

Mr. Sniffen administers his work with a skillset focusing on modernizing our transportation needs while recognizing the changing geographic and socioeconomic landscapes in this dynamic time. He works for improvements not only on state projects but has supported our county initiatives helping us to secure federal funding most recently with our RAISE grant.

In 2018, our island was impacted by a major storm flooding many locations as well as more than thirteen landslides along our state highway effectively cutting off the northern end of Kaua'i from the rest of our island. Mr. Sniffen was boots on the ground working with our Incident Management Team and working to reestablish transit for our residents and visitors. In 2021, after another rain event, he led another recovery effort after the highway along the Hanalei Hill collapsed.

Mr. Sniffen's leadership includes clean energy projects including the use of green materials and electrifying vehicle fleets, equity measures such as Road Usage Charges, and working with the University of Hawai'i on how best to protect and address the threats to our highways from climate change. He is a forward thinker and utilizes data as well as input from the community to serve the people of our state.

I am confident in Mr. Sniffen's ability to lead the Department of Transportation overseeing airports, harbors, and highways. I respectfully urge you to **Advise and Consent** to his nomination and forward to the full Senate for their consideration.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TROY K. TANIGAWA, P.E., COUNTY ENGINEER

BOYD GAYAGAS, DEPUTY COUNTY ENGINEER



DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Testimony of
Troy K. Tanigawa, P.E.
County Engineer, County of Kaua'i

Before the
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
April 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of
GM 519 – Ed Sniffen
Gubernatorial Nominee for
Director, Department of Transportation

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

I am writing this letter in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Edwin Sniffen's confirmation as the Director for the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation. On behalf of various County of Kauai transportation improvement projects, I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Sniffen while he has served as the State's Deputy Transportation Director. I can confidently say that he is a skilled, dedicated, and visionary leader who would be outstanding in this position.

Mr. Sniffen is a consummate professional who possesses an exceptional ability to collaborate with stakeholders, including government officials, contractors, and community members, to deliver transportation solutions that benefit all. He is an effective communicator and has been very effective at bringing in Federal funding opportunities for our infrastructure improvement projects. Furthermore, Mr. Sniffen is always looking for innovative ways to improve Hawaii's transportation infrastructure, and he has demonstrated his commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Mr. Sniffen for the position of Director for the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation. His experience, expertise, and dedication to transportation improvements, knowledge of government operations, and temperament make him an ideal candidate for this important position. I have no doubt that he will serve Hawaii with distinction and make meaningful contributions to all modes of the state's transportation system.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

KA'ĀINA HULL, DIRECTOR

JODI A. HIGUCHI SAYEGUSA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR



DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
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Testimony of

Alan G. Clinton

Administrative Planning Officer, County of Kaua'i

Before the

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

April 6, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of

GM 519 – Edwin Sniffen

Gubernatorial Nominee for

Director, Department Transportation

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

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Mr. Edwin Sniffen's nomination as Director of the Department Transportation. As a nominee, he is well qualified to fulfill this responsibility given his professional and life experiences, his temperament, and desire to serve.

Mr. Sniffen has considerable experience in the transportation sector and has helped to introduce and encourage novel traffic control and transit solutions across the broad range of geographies and spaces in Hawai'i. As emergency operations unfolded following the Hanalei Hill landslide, he seamlessly joined the County of Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency Incident Management Team to offer support, resources, and guidance for highway repair and temporary management solutions. With a history of working in dynamic conditions Mr. Sniffen is well prepared to helm the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation.

The Department and the State will undoubtedly be enriched by his service as Director. I have confidence in Mr. Sniffen's ability to make sound and deliberative choices in the management of our state's transportation systems and services, and respectfully ask this honorable committee to **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to his nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Mitchell D. Roth
Mayor



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March 31, 2023

Chair, Sen. Chris Lee
Vice Chair, Sen. Lorraine Inouye
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

Hawai'i State Legislature
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: GM519 Consideration and Confirmation of Director, Department of Transportation; Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN
Hearing Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Time/Place of Hearing: Via Video Conference,
Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts,

On behalf of the County of Hawai'i, I would like to express my unequivocal support for Mr. Edwin Sniffen, Gubernatorial Nominee for Director of the Department of Transportation.

Over the years, I have worked with Mr. Sniffen on a range of issues facing our community including safety initiatives that address our most dangerous roadways, promoting energy efficiency with LED Lighting and alternative fuels, and developing effective responses to the many weather events and natural disasters we face on our island.

An example of the outstanding partnership we have with DOT under Mr. Sniffen's leadership was the creation of a Traffic Safety Mitigation Route during the recent Mauna Loa eruption. This multi-agency, intergovernmental effort alleviated

hazardous traffic conditions on the Daniel K. Inouye Highway, provided safe lava viewing opportunities for residents and visitors, and was fully operational in less than 48 hours. This would have not been possible without the exceptional assistance and support of Mr. Sniffen and his Hawai'i Island team.

I believe Mr. Sniffen deserves your sincerest consideration for this important position and urge you to confirm his nomination.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Roth", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mitchell D. Roth
Mayor
County of Hawai'i

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TESTIMONY OF J. ROGER MORTON
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Thursday, April 6, 2023, 3:00 PM, Via Videoconference

- TO: Senator Chris Lee, Chair, Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
- RE: SUPPORT FOR Governor's Message 519 for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, **EDWIN SNIFFEN**, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

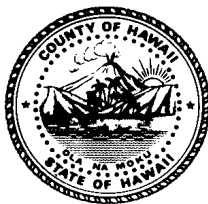
My name is J. Roger Morton and I am Director of Transportation Services for the City and County of Honolulu. The Department **strongly supports** the confirmation of Edward Sniffen as Director of the State Department of Transportation (HDOT).

For the past two years, it has been my good fortune to work with Mr. Sniffen in his previous role as Deputy Director of Highways for HDOT. It is refreshing that Ed's philosophy is that all roads – whether owned by the State or county – are equally important to all residents. In the past two years, there has been unparalleled cooperation between the City and the State in many transportation projects. On Oahu, we are partnering with the State on important projects including modernizing all traffic signals on State and county roads, quickly implementing traffic calming projects in many neighborhoods, developing an island-wide bike path plan and helping to expand our Oahu HOLO Card to neighbor-island transit systems.

Ed has established a quarterly IJJA Coordination Meeting with State, county and federal transportation officials to ensure Hawaii receives its fair share of discretionary federal transportation funding. He has made State resources available to help counties develop better technical analysis and grant writing for all county grant requests, and has supported many county initiatives in the areas of climate change mitigation, pedestrian and roadway safety, and the expansion of county public transportation services statewide.

Mr. Sniffen has proven himself as a transformational transportation leader. We strongly support his confirmation as Director of Transportation.

From the office of -
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April 4, 2023

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: GM 519, EDWIN SNIFFEN – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

I write in **strong support** of Governor's Message 519 for the confirmation of Edwin W. Sniffen as the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

During my time as the Hawai'i County Council Chair of the Committee on Public Works and Mass Transit and now the Chair of the Committee on Public Infrastructure and Assets, I found every interaction with Mr. Sniffen exceptional. Mr. Sniffen's ability to communicate effectively on dynamic and complex issues is superb and an essential skill vital for the role of Director of the State Department of Transportation.

While it would be easy to speak of Mr. Sniffen's ongoing success at the Department of Transportation, it's the incidents of setbacks that unveil his true leadership. For example, in 2019, road work causing gridlock and significant traffic delays on Highway 130 (Kea'au-Paho) hit a crescendo with drivers when needed road construction for Highway 130 began on the first day children were headed back to school after their summer break.

Mr. Sniffen did what was critical of a leader; he took responsibility for the department's deficiency, addressed the shortcomings within the project schedule, and adjusted accordingly. Throughout this process, he provided information transparently and effectively to the affected community.

In addition to my legislative work related to transportation in Hawai'i County, I serve on the National Association of Counties (NACo) Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. This committee addresses matters pertaining to federal transportation legislation, funding and regulation, and its impacts on county government, including highway and bridge development, finance and safety, public transit development and finance, transportation planning, and airport development services. Mr. Sniffen is well known and respected within this network, and with our federal delegation in Washington, D.C. Mr. Sniffen is the perfect conduit needed for the State of Hawai'i to capture its share of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (P.L. 117-58).

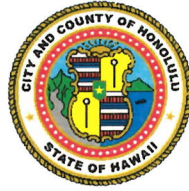
Aloha Piha,

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Susan "Sue" L.K. Lee Loy
Council Member, County of Hawai'i, District 3
Chair, Committee on Infrastructure and Assets

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April 5, 2023

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on
Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

SUBJECT: GM 519, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN
SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on
Transportation and Culture and the Arts:

As the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, it is my personal honor to
express my strongest support for the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen ("Ed") as the Director of the
State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation.

I have worked directly with Ed for over ten years and have the utmost respect for his
leadership, innovative thinking, knowledge, personal drive, integrity and commitment to
solutions. Truthfully, Ed is a "go to" guy, someone I can always rely on and partner with to get
things done in the transportation sector. Ed understands what it takes to move big projects, cut
through the bureaucratic tape, and achieve results. His amazing body of work speaks to his
intangible skills in this regard.

I have full faith in Ed's abilities and I respectfully ask for this Committee's favorable
consideration of Edwin Sniffen's confirmation as the Director of the State of Hawai'i Department
of Transportation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Michael D. Formby
Managing Director

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TROY K. TANIGAWA, P.E., COUNTY ENGINEER

BOYD GAYAGAS, DEPUTY COUNTY ENGINEER



DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Testimony of

Boyd Gayagas

Deputy County Engineer, County of Kaua'i

Before the

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

April 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of

GM 519 – Ed Sniffen

Gubernatorial Nominee for

Director, Department of Transportation

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

I am writing in **strong support** for Ed Sniffen, for the position of Transportation Director for the State of Hawaii. I have had the pleasure of working with Ed on various transportation projects for several years, and I am confident that he possesses the skills and expertise necessary to excel in the role of Transportation Director. Formally the Deputy Transportation Director, Ed has a wealth of experience and a track record of success that make him an ideal candidate for this important position.

Ed has a deep understanding of Hawaii's transportation system. He has a remarkable ability to identify opportunities for improvement, streamline processes, and ensure that projects are completed on time and within budget. He is a strong leader who is respected by his colleagues and has a talent for building and maintaining collaborative relationships. Furthermore, Ed is always looking for innovative solutions to Hawaii's transportation challenges, and he has a demonstrated commitment to sustainability and the environment.

In conclusion, I strongly endorse Ed Sniffen for the position of Transportation Director for the State of Hawaii. His experience, expertise, and leadership skills make him an exceptional candidate for this role. He has the vision, passion, and dedication necessary to help Hawaii's transportation system meet the needs of its residents and visitors. I have no doubt that he will serve the state with distinction and contribute significantly to its transportation goals.

I respectfully urge your committee to **advise and consent** to the nomination of Ed Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Testimony of
Michael M. Moule, PE, PTOE
Chief of Engineering, County of Kaua'i

Before the
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

April 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of
GM 519 – Ed Sniffen
Gubernatorial Nominee for
Director, Department of Transportation

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

I strongly support Edwin Sniffen's confirmation as the Director for the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT). Given his temperament and professional experience, most notably as Deputy Director for Highways, Mr. Sniffen is uniquely qualified to serve in this position. Through HDOT's oversight of Kaua'i County's federal aid projects, I have worked with him since his appointment as Deputy Director in 2015. I've attended dozens of meetings with him regarding policies and programs that relate to State and County projects and funding. He is a dedicated leader with great vision for the future of Hawai'i.

I witnessed firsthand Mr. Sniffen's herculean effort to work with staff from HDOT and the four counties to reduce the "pipeline" of federal funds that have been obligated by the federal government but not yet spent on projects. This effort ensured that Kaua'i County and the rest of the State continue to receive federal funds and likely increased the amount of federal funds used on transportation improvements statewide. Mr. Sniffen supported Kaua'i County's successful TIGER Grant application in 2015; this completed project enhanced mobility and is revitalizing Lihu'e Town. Then in 2022, Mr. Sniffen supported Kaua'i County's successful RAISE Grant application to enhance Safety and Mobility for all road users along Po'ipū Road through Kaua'i's largest resort area (Po'ipū) and Hawai'i's first town with a sugar mill (Kōloa).

Mr. Sniffen has championed projects and policies that improve safety and mobility for all modes of surface transportation. He recognizes the importance of protecting vulnerable users including pedestrians and bicyclists, along with motorists and transit users. The expansion of his influence to airports and harbors will further enrich transportation within the State of Hawai'i. I respectfully and wholeheartedly ask this committee to consent to this nomination.

GM-519

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:32:22 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
De MONT Kalai Manaole	Testifying for Ho'omana Pono, LLC	Support	In Person

Comments:

We **STRONGLY SUPPORT** Ed as Director of DOT, as we have a long history of working with Ed, dealing with DOT issues on the Waianae Coast.

Ed is amazing to work with. He is committed to providing safe roads & thoughtful planning to improve our historically terrible road conditions on the Wai'anae Coast.

Ed has forward thinking in his approach to easing traffic congestion, as well as a compassion for Kūpuna who uses the public transportation at bus stops, to ensure that our Kūpuna have a safe and easier route to stores/pharmacy close to bus stops.

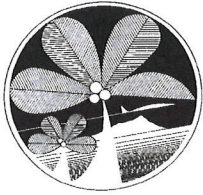
Governor Green selected the right man for this job & we look forward to working with Ed on other major projects that's necessary to improve our quality of transportation.

Please give Ed your "Advise & Consent".

Mahalo,

De Mont Kalai Manaole

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Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00 p.m.; Conference room 224

RE: GM 519 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire on 12-07-2026 – IN SUPPORT

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

The Airlines Committee of Hawaii (ACH), comprised of 20 signatory air carriers that serve the State of Hawaii, appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of the nomination of Ed Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Sniffen is a civil engineer and has served as the Deputy Director of Highways for DOT since 2015. He served as the chair of the Committee on Transportation System Security and Resilience for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and is a recognized leader on the topic of climate resiliency in transportation. In the few months that Mr. Sniffen has led the DOT, he has made favorable first impressions – he is astute, dedicated, goal-oriented and has strong leadership skills. He recognizes the importance of collaborating with the airlines in the development, operation and maintenance of the Hawaii Airports System, the need to execute critical capital improvement programs in a timely and cost-effective manner, and the challenges and complexities of overseeing the 15 airports in the system.

We believe Mr. Sniffen has the requisite credentials to effectively serve in this demanding position and ask for your favorable action on his confirmation.

Sincerely,

Airlines Committee of Hawaii Executive Committee

Brendan Baker

Mark Berg

David Sellers

Randall Fiertz

Richard Ide

ACH members are Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Alaska Airlines, All Nippon Airways/Air Japan, Aloha Air Cargo, American Airlines, China Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Federal Express, Fiji Airways, Hawaiian Airlines, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Philippine Airlines, Qantas Airways, Southwest Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, United Airlines, United Parcel Service, and WestJet.



HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters
SUPPORT for GM519

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

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (HRCC) strongly supports GM519 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

HRCC believes that Mr. Sniffen has clearly demonstrated that he is a competent administrator throughout his career in the state, city, and in the private sector. As Deputy Director for Highways, he showed out-of-the-box thinking when he helped to stand up a COVID “surge” testing site on the H-3 highway at the height of the pandemic despite bureaucratic resistance. We hope that he brings this same mindset to his job as Director, in a department that spans everything from harbors, to highways, and airports.

Ed has also demonstrated a unique ability to harness federal funds for the state of Hawaii, due to experience gained during the 2009 American Rescue and Recovery Act...a skillset that will be sorely needed as Hawaii attempts to get its fair share of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

We believe that Ed’s “can do” attitude, and his ability to communicate with members of the legislature, administration, and public will be an asset to the Department in these consequential times.

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
ON GM 519 RELATING TO SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDWIN SNIFFEN,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON DECEMBER 7, 2026**

Thank you Chair Lee and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association with over 350 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

HTA wholeheartedly supports the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as Director of the State Department of Transportation (HDOT)

We have had the pleasure of working directly with Ed on many issues the past few years during his tenure as Highways Deputy at HDOT. He has proven to be genuinely concerned about transportation issues. He will afford you an opportunity to present differing thoughts and be fair in seeking solutions.

To be sure, we do not see eye to eye on everything, but we are always certain to understand each other's positions and limitations. We have truly functioned as PARTNERS.

Ed has been one of the most innovative thinkers we have associated with. The turmoils of the COVID years created many unforeseen challenges for motor carrier operations and driver credentialing. Ed, his departments, and the county DMVs went a long way to ensure we kept the supply chain moving with critical medical and food supplies for Hawaii.

Prior to his appointment as Highways Deputy for HDOT, Ed served in executive positions at the City and County of Honolulu and within the private sector. He is a licensed professional engineer with experience in civil and structural design as well as facilities and construction management.

HTA's first hand experience with this candidate, his stellar service with the DOT, and fair handed approach makes Ed Sniffen an excellent candidate for the position of Director of the State Department Of Transportation.

Mahalo.



April 5, 2023

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation.

Through our trade association, Airlines for America (A4A), we have enjoyed a productive working relationship with Mr. Sniffen since he assumed the director role at the end of 2022. Mr. Sniffen's experience within the department and at various levels of government make him eminently qualified to lead Hawai'i's transportation division. As the former chair of the Committee on Transportation System Security and Resilience for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials we feel he is uniquely qualified in identifying new solutions for greater resilience, safety and modernization, and hope to continue working with Mr. Sniffen and his team towards our collective goals.

For these reasons, we humbly ask for Mr. Sniffen to be confirmed as the Director of the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation. We look forward to working in close collaboration with Mr. Sniffen and A4A in the coming months and years.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Daniel Chun
Alaska Airlines

Eddie Angeles
American Airlines

Dana Debel
Delta Airlines

Blaine Miyasato
Hawaiian Airlines

Jenn Poeppelmeir
Southwest Airlines

Papia Gambelin
United Airlines



SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
GM 519, Nomination of Edwin Sniffen as Director, Department of Transportation
Thursday, April 6, 2023, 3 p.m.
Conference Room 224

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

Hawaiian Airlines, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Edwin Sniffen to be the Director of the Hawai'i Department of Transportation. Since assuming the role as Director Nominee, we have appreciated Mr. Sniffen's solutions-oriented focus on the business at hand. He has been collaborative and innovative in his approach to long-standing transportation issues across the state.

Mr. Sniffen's familiarity with the Department, including his previous administrative experience within the Department, will foster a smooth transition for the Department's operation. Under his leadership, lapsing federal funds have been restored to highway projects across the state. We are confident that Mr. Sniffen's leadership and tenacity will result in similar positive developments for federally funded airport projects going forward.

With 94 years in operation, headquartered here in Honolulu, and with over 6,500 employees who live in Hawai'i, we are the largest operator of commercial flights to, from, and between the State of Hawai'i. Hawaiian Airlines is uniquely positioned to be in constant contact with the Hawai'i Department of Transportation. Having a director who is well-versed with the Department and its operations only provides a more efficient and effective operation where all stakeholders benefit.

Mr. Sniffen's leadership of the Department since his nomination demonstrates the type of organization he seeks to lead, one that will address issues with solutions in a timely manner through openness and transparency that allows all stakeholders the opportunity to flow chart what works and what does not. These qualities are necessary to lead such a complex Department that has real-time impacts on the daily lives of everyone who lives in and visits our home.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of GM 519.

Blaine Miyasato
Managing Director, State and Local Government Affairs

Hawaii Harbor Users Group
In Strong Support of GM519
Before the Committee on Transportation and Culture & Arts
March 31, 2023

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

The Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG) is a non-profit maritime transportation industry group comprised of key commercial harbor users statewide. HHUG strongly supports GM519, which nominates Edwin Sniffen to serve as Director of Transportation. He has been a dedicated, longtime public servant who has a deep understanding of transportation issues in Hawaii. Mr. Sniffen's decades of experience in state government strongly qualifies him to lead the Department of Transportation.

HHUG has worked very closely with Mr. Sniffen for several years. Our members have found him to be open, fair, and collaborative. We believe he will execute his duties with fairness and competence.

Thank you for considering our testimony in strong support.

Matson Navigation Company, Inc.
In Strong Support of GM519
Before the Committee on Transportation and Culture & Arts
March 31, 2023

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

Matson Navigation Company, Inc. (Matson) strongly supports GM519, which nominates Edwin Sniffen to serve as Director of Transportation. He has been a dedicated, longtime public servant who has a deep understanding of transportation issues in Hawaii. Mr. Sniffen's decades of experience in state government strongly qualifies him to lead the Department of Transportation.

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Thank you for considering our testimony in strong support.



Imanaka Asato
A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW COMPANY

March 28, 2023

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R, Inouye, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Transportation
and Culture and the Arts

RE: Governor's Message No. 519 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026

Hearing date: April 6, 2023 at 3:00 pm

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

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Edwin "Ed" Sniffen's nomination as Director, Department of Transportation.

Ed is a highly qualified civil engineer with nearly three decades of training, about half of which has been with the Department of Transportation. He has led development of many of the state's highest profile projects related to highways, ensuring successful completion of each. Indeed, there are few public officials that are as well respected as Ed in completing projects, even under difficult circumstances.

In his past positions as DOT Highways Division Administrator and Deputy Director, Ed has led the Highways division, building and maintaining approximately 2,500 lane miles of state highways across Hawaii. Ed has also been recognized for his expertise in resilience and infrastructure having served on various national committees.

Simply put, Ed is a person with great knowledge and integrity. The state would benefit tremendously from his continued service. I strongly urge you to pass Governor's Message No. 519 and confirm Ed Sniffen as Director, Department of Transportation.

Mahalo,

Michael L. Iosua



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April 3, 2023

The Thirty-Second Legislature
Regular Session of 2023

STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 100 ON GM 519 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDWIN SNIFFEN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-07-2026.

The ILWU Local 100 strongly **supports** the nomination of EDWIN SNIFFEN as the director, department of transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of GM 519**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mueller
President
ILWU Local 100

"AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL"



Imanaka Asato
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March 29, 2023

Representative Chris Lee, Chair
Representative Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Transportation
And Culture and the Arts

RE: **GM 519- DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
Hearing date – April 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

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

I am submitting this letter in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 519 appointing **Ed Sniffen** to serve as director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). I have known **Ed Sniffen** for many years, and have followed his career in public service. Ed is hard working, focused, driven and, at this point, very experienced in the areas of transportation and information technology, among other things.

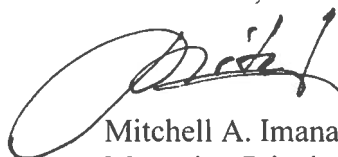
He has served Hawaii well in all of his prior positions, including his latest stint as Highways Administrator at the Department of Transportation. During his time in that capacity, he was confronted with numerous challenges, including unexpected weather events that impaired transportation services to the community. Under his leadership, those events were handled very well, restoring services and roadways in record time.

Another thing about Ed is that he is not afraid to make difficult decisions, and always puts the public interest first. He is not afraid to question decision making at every level. That independent thinking and approach to governance is a refreshing departure from the norm.

I have no doubt that, if confirmed, Ed will serve well, and be a great benefit to our community in moving us forward, improving things for the benefit of all of us, including those not yet born.

Accordingly, I **strongly support** his appointment, and urge an early confirmation.

With Aloha,



Mitchell A. Imanaka
Managing Principal

April 3, 2023

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

RE: Testimony in Support – GM 519 Consideration and Confirmation
as the Director, Department of Transportation
Gubernatorial Nominee, Edwin Sniffen
Hearing: Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 3:00 PM, Conference Room 224

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

It is my pleasure to express **support** for the appointment of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

For nearly twenty years, I have worked together with Ed both personally and professionally, and witnessed his unwavering drive to accomplish the tasks at hand along with his strength as a communicator. He addresses every endeavor with an ambitious and confident approach while efficiently communicating with team members to ensure a common understanding of goals and expectations.

As a professional Civil Engineer for thirty years, Ed has successfully managed projects, directed teams, and developed public policies. Each of these experiences are valuable leadership qualities required to direct an organization as large and complex as the Department of Transportation (DOT). I am confident that Ed's significant transportation-related experience, coupled with his leadership traits, provides the State of Hawaii with the best candidate to lead the State DOT.

Your consideration and confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as Director of the Department of Transportation is requested. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support.

Sincerely,



Stanford S. Carr



WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

April 6, 2023

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

RE: Governor’s Message No. 519 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Edwin Sniffen, for a term to expire on December 7, 2026
Hearing date: April 6, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

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

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on behalf of Young Brothers, LLC (“YB”) offering **SUPPORT** of Edwin Sniffen’s nomination.

YB is a common carrier by water, transporting property by tug and barge between the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, and Lanai. YB is currently the only water common carrier authorized to transport property under Chapter 271G, Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) (i.e., the Hawaii Water Carrier Act), subject to the regulatory authority of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii (“PUC”). Since 1900, customers across Hawaii have relied on YB’s frequent, regular, and universal sailings to serve as the bridge that connects all communities in this island-state.

Edwin Sniffen has been a dedicated, longtime public servant who has a deep understanding of transportation issues in Hawaii. Mr. Sniffen's decades of experience in state government make him well qualified to lead the Department of Transportation. We believe he will execute his duties with fairness and competence.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Edwin Sniffen’s nomination.

Sincerely,

Jay Ana
President

Kris Nakagawa
Vice President, External and Legal Affairs



Testimony by Harry Saunders
President, Castle & Cooke Hawai'i

Before the Senate Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Thursday, April 6, 2023; 3:00 p.m.; Room 224

In Support of GM 519
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF EDWIN SNIFFEN
For
Director, Department of Transportation

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

We support the confirmation of EDWIN SNIFFEN for the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Sniffen has a clear, big-picture understanding of the challenges we face in Hawai'i not only in terms of transportation but also in terms of housing, infrastructure, homelessness and protecting natural resources. He has proven that he is very capable of making the tough decisions necessary to move Hawai'i in the right direction.

Mr. Sniffen has outstanding leadership skills, having managed nearly 800 employees with a budget of \$500 million, and has already developed key working relationships with State, County and Federal entities that are crucial in order to successfully facilitate improvements for our airports, harbors, highways and the state of Hawai'i in general.

Mr. Sniffen is very proud of Hawai'i and continues to work collaboratively with other key leaders toward doing what is best for the people of Hawai'i. There is no one better for the position than Mr. Sniffen.

We respectfully request your confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Please contact me at 548-4863 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

CASTLE & COOKE HAWAII

Harry A. Saunders
President



Written Statement of
DR. PATRICK K. SULLIVAN, PH.D.
PRESIDENT/CEO
OCEANIT

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In Support of the Nomination of
EDWIN SNIFFEN

As Director
Department of Transportation
(GM519)

To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair, Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

From: Dr. Patrick K. Sullivan, Oceanit, CEO & Founder

Re: **Testimony in Support of GM 519**

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Edwin Sniffen as Director of the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (DOT).

I've had the pleasure of working with Mr. Ed Sniffen for many years. Ed uniquely brings energy, ideas and enthusiasm, as well as technical know-how, management and leadership to his job. He displays the same level of enthusiasm and excitement today as when we first met many years ago. He has never lost his passion for work or his commitment to excellence.

Ed's drive and experience enables him to see DOT holistically, integrating community perspectives and involvement. He understands how the State's transportation infrastructure is central to how our society lives and plays, including how it is central to Hawaii's economic prosperity. As the Deputy Director for State Highways, I witnessed Ed's innovative approaches to community engagement and problem solving. Ed is a natural leader and will serve the State of Hawaii and our community well.

I sincerely request your support in confirming Ed Sniffen as the Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation.

Thank you for your consideration.



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April 6, 2023

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

Senator Chris Lee, Chair

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

GM519, Nominee Edwin Sniffen for Director of the Department of Transportation

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund Political Action Committee (HOEISF PAC). The HOEISF PAC is a non-profit labor management organization whose core mission is to represent the interests of the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 and Hawaii's leading contractors and ensure that the industry is thriving and sustainable for the future.

We are writing in support of Ed Sniffen's nomination to lead the Department of Transportation (DOT). Mr. Sniffen clearly has the necessary experience to lead DOT based on his many years serving the Department and his long list of accomplishments. His knowledge of how government works and his ability to get things done are critically needed. He will be an asset to DOT and the state of Hawaii in this role.

We ask that you please support Ed Sniffen's nomination.



**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

Governor's Message 519

**Consideration and Confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation,
Gubernatorial Nominee Edwin Sniffen**

Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Scott Seu
President and CEO
HEI

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

My name is Scott Seu and I am testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Electric Industries (HEI) in support of Edwin Sniffen's nomination as Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation.

I have had the opportunity to engage with Mr. Sniffen for many years on transportation infrastructure, resilience and sustainability issues and have been impressed with his leadership and commitment to strengthening our communities. Hawaiian Electric Company, a subsidiary of HEI, operates critical energy infrastructure for 95% of the State's population, and close coordination with and support from our State Department of Transportation is central to our ability to advance our goals for a decarbonized and resilient Hawaii. Mr. Sniffen is not only collaborative, but very willing to consider new approaches to getting things done. Perhaps most importantly, I've always seen him focusing on serving the greater good of our community.

Accordingly, I strongly support Mr. Sniffen's nomination as described in GM 519. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/2/2023 4:08:05 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Warren Carsey	Testifying for Sustainability Partners	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On behalf of Sustainability Partners, a Public Benefits Company and active services contractor to the State of Hawai‘i, I support the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

Commentary: I have known and observed Mr. Sniffen for over three (3) years—beginning during his role as the Deputy Director of the Highways Division of the DOT. During these three years and during my past twenty years as a government contractor at the federal, state and local government levels, I can confidently testify that Edwin (Ed) Sniffen is one of the most impressive government officials with which I have interacted. Mr. Sniffen has demonstrated a combination of prudent stewardship of public resources, combined with both vision and energy to bring substantive changes to improve government operations. With this, he also demonstrates a surprisingly winsome management style that creates uncommon loyalty and comradery among those he leads.

As a services provider to the DOT, my firm Sustainability Partners (SP) has come to rely upon Mr. Sniffen’s capabilities and decisiveness to reduce delays and save costs, directly benefiting the taxpayer. His vision for improving both the efficiency and environmental stewardship of the State government has brought the Hawaii DOT to be the subject of inspiration among transportation sector leaders throughout the nation. Within Hawaii, Mr. Sniffen has demonstrated a regular willingness to reach beyond his own department to assist others to achieve sustainability and efficiency goals. At SP we have come to rely upon the likelihood that when Mr. Sniffen gets involved in a project the right decisions get made quickly and with uncommon collegiality and cooperation within all government personnel involved—both outside of his department and within. We have further noted that Mr. Sniffen’s influence, combined with his winsome effectiveness, extends far beyond Hawaii. As a national provider of sustainability services, SP regularly meets with government leaders across the United States and it is surprising and impressive how many of these leaders both know and respect Mr. Sniffen. In fact, to my knowledge, each of our encounters with officials that know Mr. Sniffen have been positive and have resulted in praise for the State of Hawaii as they describe their experience with Ed.

As a citizen, taxpayer and voter, I would like to see many more officials with the character and characteristics of Edwin Sniffen. We wholeheartedly support his confirmation.

Sincerely,

Warren Carsey, Partner

Sustainability Partners LLC

Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

Senate Committee On Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

GM 519—Confirmation Mr. Edwin Sniffen as the Director of Department of Transportation
Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00 P.M.

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

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a non-profit market recovery trust fund which represents approximately 7,000 men and women union carpenters and 240 large and small contractors. With our expertise in research, compliance, marketing, and project advocacy, we are committed to building a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs, and enhances the quality of life for all residents of Hawaii.

PRP writes in **strong support** of GM 519, confirming as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Edwin Sniffen.

Mr. Sniffen's commitment to public service; leadership experience; knowledge of government at the county, state, and federal levels; patience and ability to understand and work with people from diverse backgrounds; and his commitment to making Hawaii a better place for all residents renders him well suited to serve as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Given the above, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration on Mr. Sniffen's confirmation.





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Aloha Transportation, Culture and Arts Chairperson Chris Lee and Vice Chair Lorraine Inouye,

The Department of Transportation Director duties are to improve safety, security, efficiency, and the experience users have with our infrastructure in alignment with the overarching goals of the state as set by Governor Green and the legislature. When selecting and implementing projects, they must consider how we incentivize and expedite housing and affordable housing developments, increase energy security, advance food security, affect education, and most importantly support local jobs in Hawaii.

The Director will influence and assist the industry to compete for resources that will create jobs, prepare our infrastructure for the future, allow Hawaii to lead in green and innovative spaces, and help reset our economy. In addition, the leadership will help maximize Harbor Improvement Plans.

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 142 Hawaii Longshore Division strongly supports consideration and confirmation for Ed Sniffen as the Director for the Department of Transportation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony,

Dustin Dawson
ILWU Local 142
Hawaii Longshore Division Director

“AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL”

Sen. Chris Lee
Hawaii State Senate
Chair, Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Hawaii State Capitol
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IN SUPPORT
Governor's Message 519
Nomination of Edwin Sniffen as the
Director, Department of Transportation

April 6, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Room 224

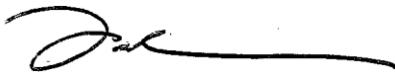
Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Inouye and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of GM 519
Mr. Ed Sniffen's nomination as Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

I have known Ed for many years. He is thoughtful, organized, a terrific listener and a gifted communicator. As the Deputy Director for Highways, I have found Ed to be someone who instills trust between the department's employees and the community. Ed is a collaborative leader with skills we cannot pass on. He is one of the best people I know.

I strongly urge the Transportation Committee to advise the Senate to confirm Mr. Sniffen for this important post.

Mahalo,



Patrick Kobayashi
President & CEO
Kobayashi Group, LLC

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 12:05:00 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LIBRADO COBIAN	Testifying for Oahu Motorsports Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Oahu Motorsports Association supports Edwin Sniffen for DOT Director. We appreciate his support in regards to repealing recon and his support to reuse recycled asphalt for state and city road projects. Li Cobian of OMA



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To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair, Senate Transportation and Culture & the Arts Committee
Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair, Senate Transportation and Culture & the Arts
Committee

From: JoAnn Hamaji-Oto, Territory Operations Director, Smart Start LLC,
Hawaii Corporate Office

Re: GM 519, Nomination of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Dept. of Transportation
Testimony in Support

I am JoAnn Hamaji-Oto, Territory Operations Director for Smart Start LLC, Hawaii Corporate Office. We are writing in strong support of Ed Sniffen's nomination to serve as the director of the State Department of Transportation.

In our role as the current vendor contracted by the Hawaii Department of Transportation to install and service alcohol ignition interlocks in the state of Hawaii, we have worked closely with the highway division to implement Hawaii's drunk driving laws and to promote highway safety. Under Ed Sniffen's leadership, Hawaii has made strides in stopping impaired drivers from reoffending. He has consistently and persistently advocated for strengthening the existing highway safety laws. His depth and breadth of experience in the department speaks to his qualification for this position. We know, from our long collaboration with Director Sniffen, that he has a commitment to public service and public safety that will serve the community well.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Director Sniffen's nomination.

IRON WORKERS STABILIZATION FUND

April 6, 2023

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

Re: GM 519, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Edwin Sniffen, for a term to expire on 12-07-2026.

The Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund **strongly supports GM 519**, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Edwin Sniffen, for a term to expire on 12-07-2026.

As the Managing Director of the Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund, I've had the pleasure of working with and getting to know Ed Sniffen for over a decade and believe he is an excellent choice to be the Director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation.

Ed Sniffen has an impeccable background having most recently served as the Deputy Director for Highways since 2015 and held other positions such as the Executive Assistant to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, a Project Manager for Sandwich Isles Communications and as a Capital Program Management Division Director for Kamehameha Schools.

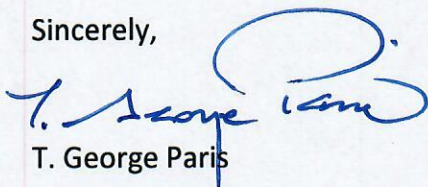
Mr. Sniffen is also highly respected among his colleagues and peers and has always been fair, levelheaded, and considerate and will bring fresh new perspectives to the Department of Transportation.

Further, Mr. Sniffen is a committed public servant and has a deep understanding of the transportation industry. He is passionate about transportation, and he is committed to making our transportation system safer and more efficient. He is also committed to working with all stakeholders to ensure that our transportation system meets the needs of our community.

I strongly urge the committee to recommend a favorable vote.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. George Paris". The signature is stylized and includes a large, circular flourish at the end.

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April 4, 2023

RE: Written Testimony for GM 519 – Confirmation of Edwin Sniffen

Hui 'Oihana, the Hawai'i Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce supports the confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director for the State Department of Transportation.

Since Ed has been involved at the Department of Transportation, our chamber members have seen vast improvement in the condition of the roads, bridges and facilities managed by the State on Hawai'i Island. These transportation roadways are key to the growth of commerce throughout our County.

Since Ed was appointed Transportation Director by Governor Green, there has been electric vehicle infrastructure installed (or planned) for all Hawai'i Island airports and harbors. The State Highways division already has several electric vehicles that were put into place when he was Deputy Director for Highways. The emergence of electric transportation is essential in meeting the State's objective to have fossil fuel free vehicle fleets by 2035. Electric vehicle use is expanding rapidly and we need an islandwide network of vehicle chargers and Ed Sniffen fully supports that goal.

For these reasons and our belief that he will stand for us and with us to build a better future for our keiki, Hui 'Oihana supports the confirmation of Ed Sniffen. It is important to our chamber that 'ōiwi leadership be a central part of our state government.

I mua e nā pōki'i,



Benson Medina

President

Hui 'Oihana – Hawai'i Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 3:45:43 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair, Chair, Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

Re: **Testimony in Support of GM 519**

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Edwin Sniffen as Director of the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Sniffen has served as the Deputy Director for Highways within the Hawaii Department of Transportation since 2015. He is a Leader on the topic of Resilience. He has served as Chair of the Committee on Transportation System Security and Resilience for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. Mr. Sniffen will be an asset to Hawaii's Department of Transportation and its mission to provide a safe, efficient and sustainable inter-modal transportation system to provide mobility to the people of Hawaii. Mr. Sniffen's work with the local community needs no introduction and his vision will be an asset for our State.

I strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Sniffen as Director for the Department of Transportation for the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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April 6, 2023

TESTIMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

To the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, gubernatorial nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

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

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs testifies in **SUPPORT** of GM 519 which confirms Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

With his many years of experience in engineering, transportation, and government land use, Mr. Sniffen is a solid choice for this role. He is a collaborative and action-oriented leader who has demonstrated a commitment to the Native Hawaiian community through meaningful consultations and mitigations for adverse impacts of certain projects.

Mr. Sniffen is a member of the Elizabeth Kahanu Hawaiian Civic Club and by supporting the confirmation of a Native Hawaiian to this cabinet position, we can ensure our state government better reflects the communities it serves.

Founded by Prince Kūhiō in 1918, the Hawaiian Civic Club movement is the oldest Native Hawaiian community-based advocacy movement. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is a not-for-profit organization that is a confederation of 61 individual and autonomous Hawaiian Civic Clubs located across Hawai‘i and across the continental United States. With more than 3,000 members, we advocate for improved welfare of Native Hawaiians in culture, health, economic development, and education.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of our support for Edwin Sniffen.



Email: communications@ulupono.com

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & CULTURE & THE ARTS
Thursday, April 6, 2023 — 3:00 p.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports GM 519, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Edwin Sniffen, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

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 choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

Ulupono supports GM 519, which submits for consideration and confirmation Ed Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Sniffen has served in many important roles at the DOT, including serving as a technical design engineer, administrator and deputy director for the Highways Division. His leadership in moving the State forward with the electrification of transportation with an innovative contract for services has paved the way forward for state electric vehicle adoption. Mr. Sniffen has also committed to working closely with community stakeholders to further project selection and evaluation around active transportation. We appreciate the collaboration and communication with vested partners and look forward to working with him on these important issues.

Ulupono humbly asks this committee and the Legislature for their support of the nomination of Ed Sniffen for the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i

Written Statement of
Su Shin
President & General Manager

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

APRIL 6, 2023 – 3:00 PM
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference, Hawai'i State Capitol

SUPPORT FOR:

**G.M. NO. 519 – CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDWIN
SNIFFEN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026**

To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

Re: Testimony providing support for GM No. 519

Aloha Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair, and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to offer support for GM No. 519, for consideration and confirmation of Edwin Sniffen, Gubernatorial Nominee, as Director of the Hawai'i Department of Transportation (DOT).

I have known Mr. Sniffen for 12 years, in both a professional and personal capacity. As such, I can testify confidently, based on first-hand experience, about his character and competence.

Mr. Sniffen is clearly highly qualified for this role, given his 28 years of experience as a professional engineer and strategic leader in both the public and private sectors, including his 13+ years of progressively responsible experience at the DOT. What I believe makes him uniquely suited for this critically important role for our state, is his passion and dedication to improve the lives of Hawaii's people. He is a true public servant and is motivated by his desire to do the right thing on behalf of the people he serves. Furthermore, he has a proven track record of success resulting from his creative and innovative approaches to solving problems.

As the COVID 19 pandemic forced many in our state to learn-from-home and work-from-home, Mr. Sniffen, the then Deputy Director of Highways at the DOT, saw a unique opportunity to

reduce traffic congestion while expanding affordable broadband access to some of the most vulnerable populations in the state. He did this by partnering with Hawaiian Telcom to invest in broadband infrastructure that was necessary for DOT's operations, then leveraging this investment on an innovative solution to enable vital broadband access to those in Hawaii's most economically challenged communities.

He demonstrates the kind of bold and visionary leadership that will move our state forward. I believe his impeccable reputation as a dedicated public servant with high integrity coupled with his creative approach to solving problems is a tremendous asset to not just the DOT, but to the Governor's Cabinet and the State of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of the Senate's confirmation for Ed Sniffen's appointment to serve as Director of Hawai'i Department of Transportation, and to respectfully urge your Committee's passage of GM No. 519.





April 6, 2023

TO: HONORABLE CHRIS LEE, CHAIR, HONORABLE LORRAINE R. INOUE, VICE CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF GM 519.** Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

HEARING

DATE: Thursday, April 6, 2023
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Capitol Room 224

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

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately five hundred (500) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. Our mission is to elevate Hawaii's construction industry and strengthen the foundation of our community.

GCA is in **support** of GM 519, which submits for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

Mr. Sniffen has demonstrated a history of being an outstanding public servant. His experience in the Department of Transportation provides the necessary background to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation. GCA has worked with Mr. Sniffen on several occasions and have found him to be responsible, fair, and competent.

Thank you for considering out testimony in support.



Written Statement of
Len Higashi
Executive Director
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of
GM519
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

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

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as the Director for the Department of Transportation. I have known Mr. Sniffen for over a decade and worked with him since he joined the Department of Transportation as the Deputy Director for Highways.

Mr. Sniffen is a strong, forward-thinking leader who embraces technology and is passionate about the community. He is often featured as a speaker for innovation in government. In a recent event at the Entrepreneurs Sandbox the Salesforce.com representative credited Mr. Sniffen for leading a national dialogue on using D.O.T data to take proactive measures for pedestrian safety. Mr. Sniffen is not afraid to pilot new ideas and has shown great leadership in executing projects. I am confident that he will lead the Department to success.

I look forward to working together in the years to come. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.

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April 4, 2023

Senate Committee On Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

RE: GM 519
Support for Confirmation Mr. Edwin as the Director of Department of Transportation
Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00 P.M.

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Inouye, and members of the committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts:

I am writing to register my strong support for Governor's Message No. 516 and respectfully request your favorable consideration for the appointment of Mr. Edwin Sniffen to serve as the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Sniffen brings an extensive range of skills, experiences, knowledge and a proven track record to the Department of Transportation. Mr. Sniffen's commitment and enthusiasm to public service and the DOT is absolutely refreshing and inspirational. Mr. Sniffen's ideas, plans, strategies and thinking "outside the box" especially in regards to securing Federal grant monies – not only for the DOT, but for other State and county departments shows his leadership and upbringing in making sure everyone is taken care of. Mr. Sniffen's knowledge of government at all levels, the county, state and federal and his forward thinking, growing up in Hawaii and patience gives him the ability to understand and work with people from diverse backgrounds. Most importantly, his commitment to making his home, Hawai'i a better place for all residents is clearly evident and makes it clear that he is well suited to serve as the Director of DOT

I have every confidence that Edwin Sniffen will serve the State and community well as Director of the Department of Transportation.

If you have any questions or require anything additional from us, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Wyeth M. Matsubara
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April 4, 2023

The Thirty-Second Legislature
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THE SENATE

Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

Senator Chris Lee, Chair

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Thursday, April 6, 2023; 3:00 p.m.

STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON GM 519 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDWIN SNIFFEN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026.

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports the nomination of EDWIN SNIFFEN as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Mr. Sniffen's high caliber of work and extensive experience within the Hawaii DOT makes him the best person for this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of GM 519.**

Respectfully,

Christian West
President

NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE HOLDINGS LTD.

GM 519 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWARD SNIFFEN for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026

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

It is an honor to offer this testimony in support of Governor Green's nomination of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation. I am writing on behalf of Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd to express strong support for Ed as the ideal candidate for the position.

As the former Deputy Director for Highways, Ed demonstrated an ability to manage large scale projects and lead diverse teams. His leadership style fosters collaboration and inclusiveness, which is necessary for success in any organization.

With the large-scale projects currently underway in all Transportation departments it is paramount that a strong leader, with experience, drive and professionalism is selected for this position. Ed Sniffen has the qualifications required to lead successfully.

I respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination and thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Regards,

Daniel S. Farkas
EVP, General Counsel and Chief Development Officer
Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings LTD.



April 5, 2023

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Transportation & Culture and the Arts Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: SUPPORT for GM 519 Gubernatorial Nominee EDWIN SNIFFEN

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the TCA Committee:

My name is Gino Soquena, Executive Director of the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council which represents 18 construction trade unions in the State of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of EDWIN SNIFFEN who is the Gubernatorial Nominee for the Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have known and worked with Mr. Sniffen professionally for over 10 years. He has a strong background and extensive experience in transportation. In my experience working with Mr. Sniffen, I have found him to be fair and transparent with great communication skills and professionalism.

I have no doubt that Mr. Sniffen will make a great and effective leader of the Department of Transportation. For these reasons I hope that this Committee agrees with my recommendation in confirming EDWIN SNIFFEN as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gino Soquena", is written over a faint, light blue watermark of the Hawaiian Islands.

Gino Soquena
Executive Director
Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:18:46 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kalae Kawamura	Testifying for Waimea Christmas Parade Co- Chairperson	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Mr. Edwin Sniffen as a candidate for the DOT Director. I have witnessed Mr. Sniffen's interest, involvement and commitment to public safety. I am certain he is the best person for the position to improve the safety for all of Hawaii island.



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DATE: April 6, 2023

TO: Senator Chris Lee
Chair, Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Gary Slovin and Tiffany Yajima

RE: **GM 519 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire on 12-07-2026.**
Hearing Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room: 224

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

We submit this testimony in **strong support** of Edwin Sniffen as nominee for Director of the Department of Transportation.

In his capacity as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation's Highways Division, we have had the opportunity to work with Ed on a number of projects, initiatives and working groups over many years. We have always found Ed to be positive, transparent, and forthright in our interactions. He is very knowledgeable of state processes and federal funding mechanisms and possesses strong leadership skills and vision.

The Department of Transportation has been extremely fortunate to have Ed serve as Deputy Director of Highways for the past eight years. He has done excellent work not only in maintaining state highways but also in modernizing our transportation system using technology. He has proven to be a leader in the areas of efficiency, resiliency, sustainability and innovation on government projects. We have full confidence that Ed will continue to be a visionary leader for the Department of Transportation as a whole.

For the above reasons, we strongly support Mr. Sniffen's nomination and urge the Committee to advise and consent to his nomination as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



April 6, 2023

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation and Culture and Arts
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In support of Governor's Message No. 519 for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

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

I respectfully request your support for Governor's Message No. 519 appointment of Edwin Sniffen as Director of the Department Transportation.

Ed has experience and knowledge that will help him lead the Department of Transportation. Previously he was a Deputy Director for Highways, executive assistant to the Mayor, Director of Capital Program Management Division at Kamehameha Schools. He has served as an Administrator and Technical Design Engineer at Hawaii Department of Transportation, Highway Division.

Thank you for the opportunity to submitted written testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 519.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Coppa
President



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TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND
THE ARTS

Hearing on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 224

RE: TESTIMONY IN **SUPPORT** OF NOMINEE ED SNIFFEN – GM 519

Honorable Chair Chris Lee, Vice Chair Lorraine R. Inouye, and Members of the Committee
Transportation and Culture and the Arts:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186 (IBEW 1186), is
comprised of over 3,600 men and women working in electrical construction,
telecommunications, Spectrum, civil service employees, and educator and faculty
associations.

IBEW 1186 **SUPPORTS** the nomination of Ed Sniffen as the Director of the Department
of Transportation (DOT).

Ed Sniffen has already shown his ability to lead one of the most complicated divisions of
the DOT, the Highways Division. His ongoing vision of sustainability has been
innovative as he has utilized PV and electric vehicle technology to line his department up
with Hawaii's renewable energy goals.

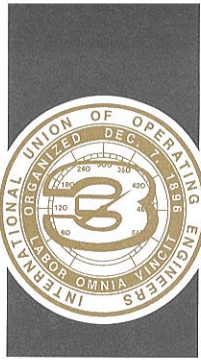
IBEW 1186 has always appreciated his willingness to work with stakeholders in all
industries to find solutions that can benefit our members, construction trades, and all
citizens of the State. Simply put, our highways and roadways are better because of his
leadership and work ethic.

Hawaii's Airports, Highways, and Harbors need the tenacity of Ed Sniffen to meet all of
the challenges that each of these divisions face. He is the right person for the job of
Director of Transportation, and we urge this committee to approve the nominee.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT** of GM 519.

Sincerely,

Damien T.K. Kim
Business Manager/
Financial Secretary



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April 5, 2023

Honorable, Chris Lee, Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, Chair
Honorable, Lorraine R. Inouye, Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

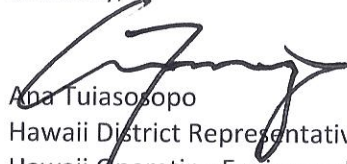
**RE: GM519- SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDWIN SNIFFEN, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-07-2026.**

Chair Lee,

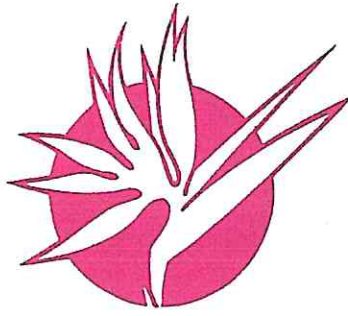
My name is Ana Tuiasosopo. I am the District Representative and Trustee for Operating Engineers Local 3. We are the largest construction union in the United States. I and the members of Operating Engineers Local 3 **strongly support GM 519**- Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

Mr. Sniffen's years of dedicated service in the transportation sector in both the state, county, and private sector show his expertise and experience in dealing with the State of Hawaii's transportation needs. His skill to go out and talk to communities about the transportation issues they are facing and finding common ground to build consensus is a key skill that I have seen him do time and time again. Under his leadership, I believe we will see DOT flourish as the department addresses the state's transportation needs now and into the future.

Sincerely,



Ana Tuiasosopo
Hawaii District Representative, Trustee
Hawaii Operating Engineers Local 3



AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE

Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and The Arts
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol Building
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing: April 6, 2023, Room 224

Re: GM 519 – Nomination of Edwin Sniffen

Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Inouye and Honorable Committee Members,

The Airports Concessionaires Committee represents the majority of airport concessions that do business at Hawaii's public airports.

We are in strong support of the nomination of Edwin Sniffen as Director for the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Sniffen is a knowledgeable and dedicated public servant who is willing to discuss and listen, solution oriented with adaptation to new strategies, successful in obtaining federal funding and support, a proven DOT representative and leader, practical in addressing short-term and long-term needs including environmental concerns and the vulnerabilities of our airports to sea level rise which must not be ignored.

He has the management skills and is well prepared to be DOT Director. Besides past work with the DOT and being DOT's Deputy Director for Highways since 2015, his past experiences also include Executive Assistant to Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, positions with program and capital management in the private sector including Kamehameha Schools, technical design engineer, senior project manager and a licensed Hawaii professional civil engineer.

Besides just Hawaii, Mr. Sniffen has also testified before the US Senate and developed relationships and contacts beyond Hawaii that will assist him in his duties as Director given his service as Chair of the Committee of Transportation and System Security Alliance and Resilience with the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials and also as Chair of the Audit Committee with the Western Association of State Highway Transportation Officials.

We respectfully urge you to support Mr. Sniffen's nomination. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Government Affairs Liaison, Jim Stone, at 808-223-7810. Mahalo.



HAWAI'I COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

To: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee

From: Micah Kāne, Chief Executive Officer & President - Hawai'i Community Foundation

Re: Testimony in Support of GM519 Relating to Dept. of Transportation, Ed Sniffen
Thursday April 6, 2023, 3:00 P.M.

The Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) **strongly supports GM519 and Ed Sniffen's appointment as Director of the Department of Transportation.**

Ed Sniffen has proven himself as a top-notch leader within the State of Hawaii and the Department of Transportation. His years of service as Deputy Director of Highways has shown his personal and professional commitment to the betterment of our State. Beyond his ability to manage and lead his division, Ed has shown the broader prioritization to ensure that the division's work not only serves transportation but impacts other important issues and needs of our communities.

Most specifically, HCF has worked with Ed in our House Maui Initiative, with the goal of lowering the cost burden of housing for Maui County residents. Ed Sniffen was willing to discuss, collaborate, and priorities so that efforts of the Highways division would help impact housing opportunities for Maui County. He took the Governor's priorities into account as he led his division for the greatest impact to our State.

Beyond this direct experience, we have watched Ed lead through various levels of crisis and need for our state. He has been willing to both lead his division and represent the department in public settings, providing transparency and information. We believe our state will benefit from Ed Sniffen serving as Department for the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support Ed Sniffen for Director of the Department of Transportation pursuant to GM519.

April 5, 2023

Chair Chris Lee
Senate Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania St
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Vice-Chair Lorraine R. Inouye
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Culture and the Arts
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Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, gubernatorial nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026

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

On behalf of The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), we respectfully submit testimony in support of the confirmation of Mr. Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Hawai'i Department of Transportation (DOT). AASHTO is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing the state transportation departments (state DOTs) in the 50 states—including the Hawai'i DOT—plus the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. AASHTO's mission is to support state DOTs in connecting America with the transportation system of today and tomorrow.

The national transportation community as represented by AASHTO has greatly benefited from Mr. Sniffen's contributions to addressing the most challenging issues faced by not only Hawai'i, but also peer state DOTs through the country—such as climate and infrastructure resilience, safety, decarbonization and electrification of transportation infrastructure, and many more. Specifically, Mr. Sniffen has served as Chair of the AASHTO Committee on Transportation System Security and Resilience (TSSR) since August 2019. TSSR plays a vital role for state DOTs by focusing on preparation for and response to both natural and human-made threats, shocks, and stressors to the transportation system. As Chair, Mr. Sniffen has led TSSR's coordination of national policy efforts, identification of best practices, and advancement of research to promote resilient and secure transportation systems across the country.

In addition, Mr. Sniffen has long-served as Hawai'i DOT's designee to AASHTO's Board of Directors, and is held in highest regard by state DOT CEOs around the nation, to whose ranks he would join if confirmed by the Senate. We strongly believe that Mr. Sniffen's knowledge, experience, and leadership skills will continue to be an invaluable resource to the DOT and the State of Hawai'i. And given his relationships with stakeholders across the many transportation sectors—in addition to AASHTO—we believe Mr. Sniffen is well-positioned to successfully lead the Hawai'i DOT as Director.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Sniffen's confirmation.

Sincerely,



Roger M. Millar, PE, FASCE, FAICP
President, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
Secretary, Washington State Department of Transportation



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April 5, 2023

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In support of Governor's Message 519 for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN H. SNIFFEN, for the term to expire 12-07-2026.

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

I respectfully request your support for Governor's Message No. 519 appointment of Edwin H. Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

I recently had the opportunity to meet with the nominee, Edwin Sniffen, concerning a situation that required his assistance for my company at Honolulu Harbor. Mr. Sniffen listened to our concerns but, more importantly, provided positive solutions to our situation.

I am thankful for his professionalism and, how he was able to provide us with a resolution that met everyone's satisfaction.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Governor's Message 519.

Respectfully,

Charles Pires
Managing Member

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ELIZABETH KAHANU HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

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April 6, 2023

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 530

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

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

The Elizabeth Kahanu Hawaiian Civic Club supports GM 519, which confirms Edwin Sniffen as Director of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Sniffen is a member of our Hawaiian Civic Club and we have confidence in his leadership and capacity to execute the responsibilities assigned to this position. He is a collaborative and action-oriented leader who has demonstrated a commitment to the Native Hawaiian community through meaningful consultations and mitigations for adverse impacts of certain projects. Further, confirming a Native Hawaiian to the cabinet increases its diversity and ensures our state government better reflects the communities it serves.

The Elizabeth Kahanu Hawaiian Civic Club hosts a forum for education, learning, and exchange of information to advance our understanding of government, politics, civic processes, and matters of importance to Hawai'i and the Native Hawaiian community. Among these matters of importance are increased civic engagement, and representation and participation in government by Native Hawaiians.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of our support for Edwin Sniffen. If you have any questions, please contact us at EKahanu.HCC@gmail.com.

TESTIMONY BY
VERONICA A.M. FUENTES
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

April 6, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Conference Room 224

Submitting for consideration and confirmation Governor's Message 519 as the Director for Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

I am submitting this testimony in **Strong Support** for the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as the Director for the Department of Transportation (DOT). Mr. Sniffen has extensive knowledge and understanding of DOT, and the essential services it provides to various multi modes of Transportation. His multitude of experiences and his vision on safety, resiliency, climate change, right sizing government and making government efficient makes him uniquely qualified to the department.

With his leadership and guidance, DOT will continue to thrive as sustainable inter- modal transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods. I am in **strong support** of Mr. Sniffen's confirmation to serve as the Director for the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

TESTIMONY OF SCOTT T. MURAKAMI

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

In consideration of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 519

Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00PM, Conference Room 224

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDWIN SNIFFEN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-07-2026.

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

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 519 regarding the appointment of Mr. Edwin Sniffen to serve as the Director for the Department of Transportation. I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** his nomination.

During my tenure as Hawaii's 21st Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, I had the honor of working directly with Mr. Sniffen in his capacity as the Deputy Director for Highways. Working with Mr. Sniffen was and remains an absolute joy. He is ALWAYS positive, solution and action oriented, and has an unwavering focus on doing what is right for the people of Hawaii.

When the COVID-19 crisis occurred, Mr. Sniffen played a critical leadership role in mobilizing resources from the DOT Highways Division to operationalize the Hawaii Convention Center into a massive unemployment insurance response center. His efforts directly contributed to 190,000+¹ Hawaii residents successfully filing their initial UI claims between the months of April and May 2020. During this time, Mr. Sniffen lead by example, both volunteering and enlisting volunteers from his division to support our collective efforts in providing financial relief to Hawaii's unemployed residents.

Ed is the epitome of a genuine servant leader who is dedicated to making Hawaii a better place for all our residents. He is humble, approachable, empathic, and an excellent communicator who possesses the administrative, technical, legislative, and most importantly, leadership skills necessary to fulfill his oath and duties in serving as Hawaii's Director for the Department of Transportation.

I **WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT** gubernatorial nominee Mr. Edwin Sniffen to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

¹ [Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Data, Employment & Training Administration \(ETA\) - U.S. Department of Labor \(doleta.gov\)](https://doleta.gov), March 1, 2023.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 2:35:55 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon Nouchi	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha pumehana,

My name is Jon Nouchi. I am a transportation professional who works every day to bring safe and efficient mobility to the island of O‘ahu in my capacity as the Deputy Director of the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services.

However, this testimony today is in my individual capacity as a current resident of Kaka'ako and a kama‘āina raised in ‘Āhuimanu, Ko‘olaupoko. Ed Sniffen's extensive résumé can address his academic and professional achievements and affiliations, therefore, I will use this space to speak to his character and person.

Ed is a rare find in both government and the transportation industry. He is an innovator, a problem solver, a resource giver, and a silo buster. He does not fit into the neat narrative of the oft-maligned government employee or appointee who administers programs with stale and repeated sameness. Rather, he chooses with determined defiance to imagine new solutions and implement them at speeds where his peers must rush to catch up with him or risk being left behind.

Ed is all about efficiency. He inspires his team and colleagues to press forward and challenges everyone around him to measure results in hard data, performance, and, above all, safety. I‘ve known and worked with Ed for the last nine years, and have always strived to be more like him -- to be so friendly and approachable, but also be a next-level innovating trailblazer.

I am proud to call Ed Sniffen an influential mentor and a caring friend. He is always available at any hour of the day to listen to and assist me with any professional or personal issues, and I know this privilege is not exclusive to just me. Ed is engaging, and never disconnects from important issues. He is a husband and a parent, and his ‘ohana serves to inspire him to bring his best work to bettering the lives of everyone in the State of Hawai‘i.

I stand in the strongest support of Edwin H. Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation. There is no one in this State more suitable to lead Hawai‘i's transportation programs into our modern futures. I look forward to his confirmation and ask for your favorable consideration of his nomination.

Me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,

Jon Y. Nouchi
Kaka'ako

April 6, 2023, at 3:00 pm
Conference Room 224

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

To: The Honorable Senator Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

From: Joseph Campos II

Re: **Testimony in Strong Support**
GM519, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN

I am Joseph H. Campos II, and I am writing in my personal capacity. My assessment and testimony are informed by my position as Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS). I am writing this letter in **Strong Support** of the nomination and confirmation of Edwin Sniffen, Director for the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Director Sniffen's background and extensive experience qualify him for appointment and confirmation as the DOT Director. Mr. Sniffen has consistently demonstrated that he has the leadership and experience to serve as the DOT Director, especially in times of crisis. Mr. Sniffen served in various public and private positions that will enhance his insight and thoughtfulness around matters before him at DOT.

As the Deputy Director of DHS, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Sniffen since September 2020, and I have seen his commitment to the people of Hawaii and have been impressed with his willingness to work with other departments and ensure that issues are addressed to facilitate the timely response to issues before departments. Mr. Sniffen has always shown himself to be responsive and willing to guide departments through a variety of issues. In all of my interactions with Mr. Sniffen, I have been consistently impressed by his commitment to Hawaii and his willingness to listen, be thoughtful, and be creative in dealing with all matters no matter the complexity. Mr. Sniffen is deeply committed to make Hawaii a better place.

Mr. Sniffen's humility and openness are essential parts of his leadership. Throughout the last two and a half years, I have seen his commitment to open communication and understanding of the community's needs to find ways to improve access to the State during an extremely uncertain and difficult time. Mr. Sniffen has worked collaboratively with legislators, other

executive branch agencies, and the community to deliver what is necessary to address community needs.

With his leadership and guidance, DOT will continue to be responsive to the needs of Hawaii's residents, Legislative Branch, and Executive Branch.

I **strongly support** the nomination of Mr. Sniffen to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

TESTIMONY BY CANDI MIGUEL

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURAL ARTS

APRIL 6, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Conference Room 224

I am submitting my written testimony in **strong support** of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

With the many years of experience, knowledge and leadership, I believe Mr. Sniffen will continue to guide the department and the State of Hawaii toward a better future through innovation, safety improvements, climate change, affordable housing and resiliency. He has exemplified this during his tenure as the Highways Deputy Director and I feel he will continue to make great strides as the director.

I am in **strong support** of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

GM-519

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 5:36:40 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dan Akiu	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I support Mr. Ed Sniffen's appointment to lead the Department of Transportation.

Although Hawaii is challenged with maintaining roads to support a healthy tourist industry, and in the past has remained at the bottom of the TRIP Reports, Mr. Sniffen's knowledge of maintenance and sustainability of highway roads and infrastructures is nationally recognized. In addition, his briefing at the 2022 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Conference incited lively rounds of discussions and appreciation for sharing his insight.

Given the opportunity, Mr. Sniffen will lead the state on a well-designed and thought-through path. No more same-old stuff with Mr. Sniffen. He represents the change Hawaii has long needed.

Aloha,

Dan Akiu

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GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 7:26:41 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sam Sniffen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lee and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts:

We respectfully submit testimony in favor of the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen, our father, as Director, Department of Transportation for the State of Hawai'i.

We were 13 and 9 years old when Dad joined DOT in 2015. Stalled ZipMobiles, hurricanes, landslides, historic flooding, fatalities, and a global pandemic have tested and shaped him as a leader. As he has learned and grown in his position and responsibilities, so have the three of us. Now, at 21 and almost 17, as we near the next stage in our lives, careers, and service to our community, we realize that many of the lessons we will take with us were learned by watching Dad.

We have a behind-the-scenes look at the complex issues and criticism faced by government leaders as they strive to make the right decisions and keep things moving forward amidst conflicting opinions on how to do so. We see the importance Dad places on having people he can trust for their knowledge, ability, and judgment, and know he is grateful and proud of the team he has at work. We also understand that we, his family, are a part of his team too and we welcome the chance to support him in this new role.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,

Sam Sniffen

Simon Sniffen

Eli Sniffen

TESTIMONY OF SANDY BAZ, Former Maui County Managing Director and Budget Director

TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING:

519 GM Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

DATE: Thursday, April 6, 2023

TIME: 3:00 PM

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 224

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and
Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

It gives me great pleasure to offer STRONG SUPPORT for the confirmation of Edwin H. Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation. In my former role as Managing Director for the County of Maui from 2019 to 2023 and Budget Director from 2011 to 2019 I have had the opportunity to work with Director Sniffen on several projects that benefited the citizens of Maui County.

Ed has dedicated the last decade of his career to public service. He has always been open, transparent and diligent in his previous role as Deputy Director for Highways. His creativity and persistence in developing projects and programs has provided great benefit to our citizens. There are many examples of how he partnered with the County of Maui. Not only have his efforts resulted in improved transit corridors with the county, but he has also successfully maximized available funding and obtained additional discretionary funding to support multiple efforts across the state. I personally worked with him on Honoapi'ilani Highway improvements related to the bypass and future shoreline retreat, improvements to Pi'ilani Highway and Hana Highway, increased availability of broadband in our rural communities, roadway infrastructure improvements to support affordable housing, and others. In addition, he was a great partner during the COVID-19 pandemic. We worked closely together to manage the impact of public health and safety measures on transportation needs of our communities. He was instrumental in supporting our rural communities and their worries over the potential spread of COVID-19 and its impact on limited health services. He was always open to listen to and address our concerns.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide my support for Ed Sniffen and I ask that you unanimously confirm his appointment for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

*'O wau iho nō me ka ha'aha'a,
Sandy Baz*

April 4, 2023

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

Thursday, April 6, 2023, 3:00pm
Conference Room 224, via video conference

Re: GM 519 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to strongly support the nomination of Ed Sniffen to lead Hawaii's Department of Transportation.

I have had the privilege of knowing Ed professionally for well over a decade. Anyone who has worked with him knows Ed is a straight shooter - strategic, tenacious, and smart – who does not shy away from direct engagement with community stakeholders (even on contentious matters), frequently representing the Department himself at all hours of the day, at meetings spanning the islands. As the Department of Transportation executes massive infrastructure development and improvement projects, an accessible, accountable, and deliberate leader is needed to secure the support of key stakeholders and take these projects across the finish line. Ed consistently demonstrates how collaboration and communication can build trust across communities.

Additionally, Ed's broad experience in the business community and at the State and County levels provides him with a unique perspective and important skills to adeptly navigate key relationships. He has also represented Hawaii's Department of Transportation on a national stage as the Chair of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials' Committee on Transportation System Security and Resilience.

I have also had the pleasure of knowing Ed in a personal capacity for nearly 32 years. A devoted husband and proud father to three sons, the intensity with which Ed addresses professional tasks is matched by his enthusiasm and care for those closest to him. Ed is a role model and exuberant cheerleader for my 7th grade son, and we are both profoundly proud of his accomplishments.

It is my honor to respectfully request your support for the confirmation of Ed Sniffen as Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,


Dana M. Harvey

Melissa Pavlicek
1099 Alakea Street, Suite 2530
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Date: April 6, 2023
Committee: Senate Transportation and Culture & the Arts
Re: GM 519, Nomination of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Dept. of Transportation

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the committee!

I am writing in support of Ed Sniffen to serve as the Director of the state Department of Transportation.

My name is Melissa Pavlicek. I am an attorney and small business owner who resides in Honolulu. I have had experiences working in the aviation industry, as an in-house and outside counsel to Aloha Airlines, and advocating in a personal as well as a professional role for highway safety and strengthening of Hawaii's impaired driving laws.

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Please favorably approve Ed Sniffen's nomination.

Melissa Pavlicek
1099 Alakea Street, Suite 2530
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Date: April 6, 2023
Committee: Senate Transportation and Culture & the Arts
Re: GM 519, Nomination of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Dept. of Transportation

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April 6, 2023
3:00 PM
Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in Support of GM 519

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

March 28, 2023

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

I am Linda Rosehill testifying in strong support of Edwin Sniffen, nominated to be the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT), State of Hawaii.

I first met Ed at a neighborhood board meeting decades ago. In addition to his excellent education, work history, and experience; Ed is a tireless, hard worker. Attending numerous community meetings, engaging with community members, responding to their questions and concerns, and more importantly addressing their issues in as timely a fashion as is possible.

The Director of DOT oversees areas of huge responsibilities and addresses issues of utmost importance to the State. His ability to understand how government at all levels work and then proactively engage with the community is critical.

He has the experience, temperament, and desire to carry out the huge responsibilities of DOT. I humbly ask your approval of his nomination.

Sincerely,



Linda Rosehill

March 29, 2023

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Honorable Members
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Hawai`i State Senate
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Re: Governor's Message No. 519 appointing Edwin Sniffen as Director of the Department of Transportation

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

I would like to express my strong support for GM 519 relating to Mr. Edwin Sniffen's consideration and confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have worked with Mr. Sniffen nearly 25 years in his varying capacities while working for the State, the City and County of Honolulu, and while in the private sector. He has been one of the State's most effective leaders in pushing projects and initiatives for the betterment of Hawaii while always demonstrating the highest degree of integrity. He is open to healthy debate and disagreement in order to come up with the best answers to our most difficult problems. And he will never back down from a challenge as it is people like Ed that we need in these kinds of leadership positions because others choose to shy away when things become difficult.

I believe Ed is an exceptionally qualified nominee and would humbly ask for your favorable consideration of his nomination to this position.

Aloha,

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Brennon T. Morioka, PhD, PE

GM-519

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:59:40 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Oku	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Sen.Lee, Vice Chair Sen.Inouye, and members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts,

I support the consideration and confirmation, of Edwin Sniffen to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

GM-519

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:39:27 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deb Kuwaye	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Lee and members:

Please accept my support for Edwin Sniffen as the Director for the Department of Transportation. Ed has so much passion and experience that will make him a great fit. With his team of well qualified deputies, he will be successful in running a department that is ready to move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:21:51 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordon kapu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of ED Sniffen of the Director, Department of Transportation.

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF JUDI MORRIS

IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF

EDWIN SNIFFEN
AS DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(GM 519)

Before
THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

April 6, 2023

3:00 pm
Conference Room 224 and Videoconference

To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair, Chair, Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

From: Judi Morris

Re: **Testimony in Support of GM 519**

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Edwin Sniffen as Director of the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Sniffen has served as the Deputy Director for Highways within the Hawaii Department of Transportation since 2015. He is a Leader on the topic of Resilience. He has served as Chair of the Committee on Transportation System Security and Resilience for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. Mr. Sniffen will be an asset to Hawaii's Department of Transportation and its mission to provide a safe, efficient and sustainable inter-modal transportation system to provide mobility to the people of Hawaii.

I sincerely support the confirmation of Mr. Sniffen as Director for the Department of Transportation for the State of Hawaii.

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF Abe Toma

IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF

**EDWIN SNIFFEN
AS DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(GM 519)**

Before
THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

April 6, 2023

3:00 pm
Conference Room 224 and Videoconference

To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair, Chair, Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

From: Abe Toma

Re: **Testimony in Support of GM 519**

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Edwin Sniffen as Director of the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Sniffen has served as the Deputy Director for Highways within the Hawaii Department of Transportation since 2015. I've had the fortunate opportunity to see the results of his work in communities across the state. At a time when government officials have a reputation of inaction and maintaining the status quo, Mr. Sniffen has brought innovation and change where it is sorely needed. His type of leadership is rare because it is faced with challenges and resistance. Nevertheless, Mr. Sniffen has repeatedly shown his willingness to face these challenges head-on.

Additionally, Mr. Sniffen has shown his character by focusing on serving the needs of the community. He views the role of the Department of Transportation not only for management of highways, harbors, and the airport (all critical infrastructure for the state), but as a connector of communities and people. This is the type of high-minded, visionary approach that will lead Hawaii to a better future.

I sincerely support the confirmation of Mr. Sniffen as Director for the Department of Transportation for the State of Hawaii.

GM-519

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:30:15 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jullie Aiko Manaole	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in steong support of Ed Sniffen. I have seen the work that he has done for Hawai'i so far and I would like to see him continue. He is a great thinker and gets the job done. Mahalo!

Aloha Chair Lee, and Vice Chair Inouye,

I strongly urge your committee give a positive recommendation of Ed Sniffen's confirmation as DOT Director by the full Senate. Mr. Sniffen oversaw DOT Highways from 2015 -2022. His strong leadership over this key division of DOT has it setup for success going forward. DOT completed several new capacity projects during his tenure, started process of implementing road usage charge that will eventually phase out the fuel tax as DOT's primary revenue source, and reduced the amount of unexpended Federal Highway funds from 758 million dollars in 2014 to 450 million dollars in 2019.

Hawaii's transportation system needs continued strong leadership now and into future. Ed Sniffen's track record shows that he is up to task of managing our state transportation assets.

Aaron Stene
Kailua-Kona

GM-519

Submitted on: 3/31/2023 1:43:47 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Questor Lau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Honorable Members of the State of Hawaii Senate Committee,

I am writing to express my ***strong support*** for the appointment of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation in the State of Hawaii. Having over 20-years of experience as a Hawaii-based affordable rental housing developer, architect, and facilities planner, I believe that Mr. Sniffen has the qualifications and experience necessary to lead the Department of Transportation and effectively serve the people of Hawaii.

Mr. Sniffen has served the Department of Transportation in various capacities for over 16 years, and during his tenure, he has demonstrated a deep commitment to improving Hawaii's transportation infrastructure. He has overseen critical projects such as the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, which is one of the largest transportation projects in Hawaii's history.

Additionally, he has worked to modernize Hawaii's roads, highways, and bridges, ensuring that they meet the needs of residents and visitors alike.

Mr. Sniffen is an experienced leader who has earned the respect of his colleagues and peers. He has served as the interim Director of the Department of Transportation since November 2019, during which time he has demonstrated strong leadership skills and a commitment to improving Hawaii's transportation infrastructure. As the Director of the Department of Transportation, he will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position and continue to move Hawaii forward in terms of transportation infrastructure.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the State of Hawaii Senate Committee to confirm the appointment of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Sniffen's extensive experience and proven track record of success make him an ideal candidate for this critical position. I am confident that, under his leadership, Hawaii's transportation infrastructure will continue to improve, and the people of Hawaii will benefit greatly.

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF STERLING Q. L. YEE

IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF

**EDWIN SNIFFEN
AS DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(GM 519)**

Before
THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

April 6, 2023

3:00 pm
Conference Room 224 and Videoconference

To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair, Chair, Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

From: Sterling Yee

Re: **Testimony in Support of GM 519**

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Edwin Sniffen as Director of the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Sniffen has served as the Deputy Director for Highways within the Hawaii Department of Transportation since 2015. I have had the pleasure and opportunity to work with Mr. Sniffen in the past several years. During that time, he has shown vision, leadership, and commitment to the residents of Hawaii in improving the operations and safety of the highway and road infrastructure in Hawaii. Mr. Sniffen will be an asset to Hawaii's Department of Transportation and its mission to provide a safe, efficient, and sustainable inter-modal transportation system to provide mobility to the people of Hawaii.

I strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Sniffen as Director for the Department of Transportation for the State of Hawaii.

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS (TCA)**

Governor's Message 519

**Consideration and Confirmation as the Director, Department of
Transportation of the State of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee Edwin Sniffen**

Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Darcy Endo-Omoto

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

My name is Darcy Endo-Omoto and I am testifying in support of Edwin Sniffen's nomination as Director of the Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii.

I had the opportunity to work with Director Sniffen for many years on resilience, emergency, including the many projects involving DOT and Hawaiian Electric Company (HE) and have been impressed with his strong leadership, expertise, and commitment to getting things done in a professional and collaborative manner. HE, a subsidiary of HEI, operates critical energy infrastructure for 95% of the State's population, and works in close coordination with and support from the many State Departments, including the Department of Transportation (Highways, Harbors, and Airports). Director Sniffen's extensive work experience makes him a very strong candidate to lead the Department. His collaborative and inclusiveness in his style, is of critical importance in partnering

with key stakeholders throughout the state of Hawaii. He is a problem solver and works to get things done, moving projects to completion, something that is so critical in this day and age.

Accordingly, I strongly support Director Sniffen's nomination as described in GM519. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

GM-519

Submitted on: 3/31/2023 8:51:38 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lon Paresa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Mr. Ed Sniffen as State Director of Transportation. Mahalo

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 8:08:03 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen Seddon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my support for the appointment of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation in the State of Hawaii.

As Deputy Director of the DOT, Mr. Sniffen demonstrated strong leadership skills and an ability to work collaboratively with stakeholders across the public and private sectors. He has been a tireless advocate for safety, efficiency, and sustainability in our transportation systems and has been instrumental in developing innovative solutions to some of our most pressing transportation challenges.

I believe that Mr. Sniffen's appointment as Director of the Department of Transportation will be a great asset to our state. His leadership and vision will help to ensure that our transportation infrastructure is safe, reliable, and responsive to the needs of our communities.

I urge you to support his appointment and confirm him as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Duane K. Kurisu



Senator Chris Lee
Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 3, 2023

RE: GM519, Confirmation of Edwin Sniffen

Dear Chairman Lee and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts,

Please accept my expression of support for the confirmation of the nomination of Edwin Sniffen as the State of Hawaii Director of the Department of Transportation.

Throughout the years that I've known Ed, he has demonstrated leadership in government and our community with thoughtfulness and clarity and with the skill to achieve results through collaborative efforts with people and resources. His abilities as a strategic thinker and as an exceptional communicator allow people like me to have confidence that he can help achieve things, big and small and likewise be willing to be held accountable for his actions.

I trust Ed. I stand behind him as a person of character and who is authentic in his will for public service.

The people of our State would be truly fortunate to have Edwin Sniffen lead us as our Director of the Department of Transportation.

Very truly yours,

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Duane K Kurisu

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 3:41:32 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pankaj Bhanot	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts. My name is Pankaj Bhanot and I am submitting this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Edwin Sniffen’s consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation, for a term to expire at noon on December 07, 2026.

I have known Ed personally and professionally since 2015. I had the pleasure of working with Ed during my tenure as the Deputy Director (2015-2016) and Director (2016-2020) of the Department of Human Services.

Ed has a strong professional experience in developing, managing, and executing projects in government, leading modernization of transportation infrastructure, greening of infrastructure, business process transformation, leveraging resources towards State’s highest priorities, building community partnerships, maximizing federal funds, cross-sector collaboration, and successfully representing State in high profile issues.

Ed’s educational background (civil engineer), professional experience (civil engineer, Deputy Director of Highways and Administrator of Highways Division), character, integrity, fairness, professionalism, desire to serve Hawai’i, and do the right thing for right reasons, makes him an ideal person to be appointed as the Director of the Department of Transportation during these challenging times.

I truly believe that our highways and surface streets (state owned) are safer because of the vision and hard work of Director Sniffen.

For the foregoing reasons, I strongly urge the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts to recommend Ed’s appointment to the full Senate to be confirmed as the Director of the Department of Transportation, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 3:45:13 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Miranda-Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Inouye and Members,

I respectfully submit my **strong support** for the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

For over a decade, I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Sniffen in various capacities. During that time I have found him to be a dedicated, knowledgeable, and well-prepared person who is well suited for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Melissa Miranda-Johnson

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 4:30:48 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Boomsma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members Elefante, Keohokalole and Awa:

I hereby submit this testimony in support of the appointment of Edwin Sniffin as the State of Hawaii's Director of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Sniffin's demonstrated track record of successfully managing transportation infrastructure projects will be a continued benefit to the State of Hawaii, our residents, and visiting guests.

Mahalo for your consideration.

April 6, 2023

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, CR 224
Honolulu, HI 96813

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

RE: GM 519: Confirmation of Edwin Sniffen, Director, Department of Transportation

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Ed Sniffen as Director of the State Department of Transportation.

I have worked closely with Ed in his position at the City & County of Honolulu, and then as head of the State DOT Highways Division, and I have always felt that we—the citizens of Hawaii—are very fortunate to have someone of Ed’s caliber and dedication working on our behalf. Ed is a motivated do-er, with a wide command of the private and public sector, and a keen instinct of how to engage both sectors to get projects done. As you know, it is extremely difficult to implement transportation infrastructure projects in Hawaii—while they are widely viewed by the public as being needed to improve our personal commutes and as the foundation for healthy communities and economies, the inconveniences and impacts that result from specific projects often become community issues, and often the subject of controversy. Ed has proven to be able to adeptly navigate these issues and audiences in the past with highway/road projects, ensuring thorough communication with the public, and I would expect no less from him with a larger scope of projects, in the position of overall DOT Director.

Under Ed’s leadership, I believe that the transportation needs of the people of Hawaii will be well-served and advanced. Ed Sniffen’s technical background in engineering combined with his real-life experience in State and County government will bring much to the DOT Director position and enable Hawaii to bring its transportation infrastructure up to date, building the foundation for both a strong economy and an improved quality of life.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Meredith J. Ching, EVP
Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.

April 3, 2023

TO: Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and Arts
FROM: Richard T. Bissen, Jr. *RTB*
RE: GM 519

My name is Richard T. Bissen, Jr. and I am writing in support of Edwin H. Sniffen, P.E. as Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation.

I have met with and spoken with Ed on several occasions regarding the many issues confronting Maui County. He personally assisted with trying to resolve the opening of Kulanihako'i High School in Kihei. He has also helped with identifying and prioritizing the funding and building of some of our critical pending highway infrastructure projects here on Maui. He is responsive, helpful, and knowledgeable and has been an important partner to our County.

Aside from Mr. Sniffen's impressive resume, he is well qualified for this position as he is a strong and confident leader. The move to becoming the Director of the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation is the next logical step for him. We can expect full transparency, and decisive leadership from him.

I strongly recommend Ed for the position of Director for the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation. I am confident that he will continue to represent the State of Hawaii well.

If you have any further questions you may contact me at (808) 270-5535.

Patti Cook

P.O. Box 6960, Kamuela, HI 96743

cookshi@aol.com

April 3, 2023

**TO: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Members, Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Transportation and The Arts**

RE: Hearing – Thursday, April 6, 2023 – 3PM - SUPPORT

**GM 519 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director,
Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN,
for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.**

Mahalo for your time and consideration of this testimony. As a resident of Waimea, we have had numerous opportunities to work directly with Mr. Edwin Sniffen in his position as the Deputy Director of DOT – overseeing state highways and have found him responsive, thoughtful, knowledgeable both from an engineering perspective and how to move significant projects forward financially and operationally, and effective in guiding us in how to help move forward critical highway projects that were complex and in some instances, long standing issues.

Several years pre-pandemic, when we ran into serious roadblocks on urgently needed in-town public safety improvements that could also address current and growing traffic congestion and take into consideration the cross-island needs of our farmers, ranchers, truckers, fuel and other heavy load traffic, connectivity to major ports, etc., he secured a federal DOT grant to bring together over about a 15-month period of time a large (50-60+ per evening session) diverse group (always open door) of community members to dig deep into the issues, obstacles and opportunities. Through this process, engineering expertise was shared with the community in informal presentations with time for discussions and walk and talk Q&A sessions who held. Also, various user groups were provided opportunities to speak to their needs. A website was established to post and track discussions and information, mailings and email was employed to keep the community informed and engaged and print and social media supported this as well.

The thinking was to get community involved from the get-go and give us the insight and tools to help guide and participate in decision making. It was challenging for many to attend perhaps 7-8 meetings over the course of the project but many stuck with it – feeling “heard” and respected, and this helped ensure good representation from across our community.

Recommendations were made and then a funding plan pursued by Mr. Sniffen and DOT staff from the Legislature. An authorization plan passed the Legislature, but unfortunately, the pandemic impacted the funding plan and we are now again hopeful about securing at least a portion of needed funding this session. It's a big project and I am particularly grateful that this process helped build community support, understanding and recognition that the plan – with its many benefits – is also one in which most of us have also given up a bit too. This is what good leadership looks like. I must add that this was just a tiny piece of Mr. Sniffen's kuleana at the time, but I appreciate his respect for and involvement of our community in working toward meaningful solutions.

Please confirm Mr. Sniffen's appointment.

Aloha, **Patti Cook**

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 6:22:28 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen Pause	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Ed Sniffen. I have worked with Ed for the past two years in my role at Public Works and found him to be the consummate professional and an ardent supporter of transportation for our Island of Hawaii. He is dedicated to his profession and in tune with the challenges of improving our Island infrastructure. I have personally found Ed to be approachable, honest, and genuinely caring in his role at HDOT for assisting our department with funding and carrying out our Highways projects.

I strongly recommend Ed for his new role. He will be an asset for all of our communities.

Mahalo!

Stephen M. Pause, PE

Director, Public Works - County of Hawaii

Testimony of
CHRIS J. SADAYASU
to the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
GM 519
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director,
Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN,
for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

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

I support the appointment of Edwin Sniffen to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

As a longtime public servant, Mr. Sniffen has held key positions at both the state and county levels. Within the Hawai'i Department of Transportation, he has served as the Administrator and the Deputy Director for the Highways Division. As the Administrator, he managed division operations, oversaw the Capital Improvement Program, and made decisions on budgetary, technical, and personnel matters. Most recently as the Deputy Director for Highways, Mr. Sniffen built community partnerships, improved efficiencies, implemented initiatives related to sustainability, and provided increased public transparency on division projects.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for Ms. Sniffen's confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:16:15 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DANIEL ORTIZ	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Bill gm519

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:16:37 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lawrence DeCosta III	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

He's the guy for job! Personable and competent!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:17:03 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pomai Kalama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM519 Support!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:17:47 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clinton Blackman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:17:56 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Louis Mansanas jr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, department of transportation

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:18:34 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
joshua demello	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:18:40 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clayton Glass	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support!!!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:18:43 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Manny Kulukulualani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:18:46 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Seth Holck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:18:47 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Enriquez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support GM519

i support consideration an confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the director, department of transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:18:48 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Scott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation .

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:18:50 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paquito KHD Capillan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Gm519

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:19:00 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelsey Beck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:19:16 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Rabanal	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:19:43 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kekoa masutani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the consideration of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:19:44 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alana Kaili	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of GM519

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:19:59 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaai Bruhn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:20:06 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dave Teriirere	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:20:17 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sierra Revilla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:20:34 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gabriel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:20:43 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KAIKA SASAOKA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:20:55 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keoni Mendiola	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:21:07 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Campbell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill GM519

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:21:06 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Falaniko Vitale	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director of Department of Transportation.

Mahalo

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:21:13 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aaron Miyashiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:21:36 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kainalu paikai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the director, department of transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:21:56 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noah Campbell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director of Department of Transportation

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:22:08 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Seen Morimoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM519 Support!!!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:22:31 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
noah	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:22:38 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donton Meinel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:23:00 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dane Kaluhiwa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:23:11 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adrian Kaleo Nakashima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:25:23 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hubert Pruett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:25:58 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ka'ena Paikai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the director, Department of transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:27:00 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Walter Walker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:27:21 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Ramos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:27:49 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Like	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:29:39 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alfred Horner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Alfred Horner support GM 519

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:29:55 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:33:36 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blair Nahale	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:33:44 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen Paling IV	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM159

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:34:29 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zorich Palimoo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:35:46 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Finau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:39:09 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Hustace	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for your consideration.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:38:58 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B. Hansen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:39:20 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kale Ornellas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of Ed Sniffen in consideration and confirmation as director for department of transportation. Thank you

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:50:35 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sam	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:04:47 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chaz Bajet	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:07:03 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nathan Dudoit	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly urge the TCA Committee to confirm the Governor's nomination of Ed Sniffen to the post of Director of the Department of Transportation. His record of service to the State of Hawaii exhibits he possesses the skills necessary to lead the DOT into the future.

Mahalo

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:08:54 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JON WHITE	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in strong support of GM519 and for the consideration of Mr Edwin Sniffen to become the Director of the Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:09:39 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Coleman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:10:57 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nick West	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support confirmation of Ed Sniffen as Director of the Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:21:22 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeremy Inferrera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:24:41 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Edward Klaneski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:25:26 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jonovan Tuinei	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:26:22 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jerome K H Kupukaa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Insupport

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:26:30 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Burton Chun	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support in consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the director department of transportation

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:26:52 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kekoa Bruhn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Edwin Sniffen 519 GM

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:28:38 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashkhon Kuhaulua	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the director, department of transportation!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:28:58 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kuulei Kupihea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:35:18 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sy Delizo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:39:32 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lyle Nicely	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM519

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:40:32 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jesse Machado	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 11:03:31 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
blayne dikito	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM519 Support!!!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 11:11:04 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Allastaire Casamina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 11:18:49 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tyler Yuu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the director, department of transportation

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 11:20:02 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas CathcartIII	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

GM519 Support!!!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 11:39:56 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Mueller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT consideration and confirmation of

ED SNIFFEN as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 11:47:59 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ahtooanya jones	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director of the Dept. of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 12:04:50 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kawika Kekuawela	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 12:05:00 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keenan Luke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 12:11:17 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wade Terlep	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 12:34:33 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Yoshimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department Of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 12:36:56 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Maeva	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 12:38:31 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
anthony padilla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support gm519

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 12:40:22 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Ching	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Bill GM519

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 12:47:29 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tavi Mahaulu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

Michael S. Vincent

CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
OF
EDWIN SNIFFEN

Gubernatorial Nominee as Director, Department of Transportation
Before the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Thursday, April 6, 2023; 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 224, Via Videoconference

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

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

I am writing in support of the nomination of Ed Sniffen to serve as the Director of Transportation (DOT).

I have had the privilege of working with Ed for several years as he has served in positions in DOT. Typically, our work has been following an emergency or disaster of one sort or another and he worked to get public infrastructure back up for the public or taking action to ensure the health, safety, and protection of the public. At every event he was creative and welcoming in working together for the public good. I have enjoyed the ability to speak candidly with him in finding solutions and developing a course of action to accomplish goals and objectives. He is perfectly suited to serving as the Director of DOT and I look forward to our continued working relationship because I know that we both want the same thing-what is good for our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in support of Ed.

Michael S. Vincent

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 1:46:15 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Troy keithley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of ed Sniffen as the director , department of transportation

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 2:25:28 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Trey Ah Yuen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 2:35:20 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cisco Valeho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 3:34:51 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kyle Miyahana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as Director

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 3:37:37 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Curt Kalama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support of bill GM519.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 3:44:41 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Troy Maruoka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support GM519

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 3:39:34 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sean Stoltzman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 3:46:58 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dan ngo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM519 Support!!!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 3:48:48 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kenneth	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

100% support Ed Sniffen for Director of Transportation. He has the experience, knowledge and leadership to get the job done. Mahalos

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 4:01:30 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shane Tappe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Me as a local born and raised here in Hawaii support this bill.

Aloha Shane Tappe/ email Tappeontopoftheworld@gmail.com

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 4:04:05 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chase Kalama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 4:07:51 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blake Soares	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as the director of the department of transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 4:11:14 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christian Monsell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 4:18:39 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Gilman Sur	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Support of GM519

I am submiting written testimony in support of GM519, requesting the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation. Should Mr. Sniffen be confirmed, I look forward to the transfer of DLNR harbors back to the Dept of Transportation.

Mahalo,

Sarah Gilman Sur

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 4:37:34 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
seth ilae	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Seth Ilae support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 6:53:54 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lafaele Koka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 7:44:31 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pio pelesasa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as a director department of transportation

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:05:45 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Greenwell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Ed Sniffen's nomination as the new Director of the Department of Transportation. He is a hardworking individual who has common sense and will see things through that need to be done for safety, security and efficiency.

Mahalo,

David Greenwell

PO Box 1964

Kamuela, HI. 96743

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:12:23 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marc Takamori	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

April 4, 2023

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice-Chair

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

RE: GM519 – Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Edwin Sniffen as Director, Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Chris Lee, Vice-Chair Lorraine R. Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

I am respectfully writing to SUPPORT GM519 to confirm Edwin Sniffen as Director for the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (HDOT).

In my capacity as the current Director for the County of Maui, Department of Transportation, I had the opportunity to work with Ed in his role as the Deputy Director of HDOT. He was always supportive whenever we needed assistance from HDOT. I have found him to be very articulate, highly competent, and committed to getting the job done. As an analytical leader who thinks outside the box, he will continue to be an asset to the State and the people of Hawaii.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that this Committee confirm Edwin Sniffen as Director of Transportation for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you very much for allowing me to submit my testimony and for your time and consideration.

Marc Takamori

Director

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Department of Transportation

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April 4, 2023

Senator Chris Lee, Chair, Committee on Transportation and Culture/Arts
Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Senator Brenton Awa

**Re: Letter of Support; Ed Sniffen, Director, Department of
Transportation (GM519)**

My name is Riley Smith. I am writing in support of Ed Sniffen, Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have known Mr. Sniffen for over twenty-five years. We have worked together over the years, as we are both licensed professional engineers in the State of Hawaii. He has always impressed me in being able to contribute and be effective, at the County, State and private sector levels. He has also made important contacts/relationships with those at the federal level, that assist our local communities with leveraging federal funding for Hawaii projects.

In my recent community service endeavor as the Hawaii island representative on the Board of Land and Natural Resources, I've been able to interact with him, in resolving issues that we deal with, having to do with approval State DOT land dispositions (BLNR approves all State DOT, Harbors, Airports and Highways action items. He has always stepped up to address concerns that I have raised, so that we can ensure that State DOT leases, RPs, are able to be approved, executed, so that our critical DOT infrastructure is protected.

For the above reasons, I wholeheartedly support Ed Sniffen, as Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Very truly yours,



Riley W. Smith, P.E.
President/Chief Executive Officer

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 11:22:21 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LORRAINE "Lani" OLSEN-CHONG	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Mr. Edwin Sniffen as a candidate for the DOT Director. I have witnessed Mr. Sniffen's interest, involvement and commitment to public safety. I am certain he is the best person for this position to improve the safety and security for all of Hawaii.

Statement of
LEO R. ASUNCION, JR.
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, April 6, 2023
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of

Governor's Message (GM) 519

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts.

I strongly support the nomination of Edwin Sniffen to serve as Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have known and worked with Mr. Sniffen for over 10 years, and he continues to demonstrate competency of the broad range of transportation topics facing Hawai'i, as well as nationally and globally. With his varied experience in state government and the private sector, it is my opinion that Mr. Sniffen possesses the right demeanor and collaborative nature and is the right type of leader that the Department of Transportation needs to advance critical initiatives for our island state and its residents.

For as long as I have known and worked with Mr. Sniffen, he continues to demonstrate the highest level of leadership. Mr. Sniffen has gained my trust as a colleague and a friend, and I have the utmost confidence that he will serve our State well.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to advise and consent to the nomination of Edwin Sniffen as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 519.

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF
EDWIN SNIFFEN AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

April 5, 2023

To: Chairman Chris Lee and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I am an attorney licensed in the State of Hawaii and have been primarily involved in government affairs for the past 40 years. I am testifying in strong support of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have had the opportunity to work on several issues with Mr. Sniffen during the past few years when he was the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation. We have had many meetings and discussions regarding transportation matters regarding one of my clients. He was always accessible to discuss the issues and he was always fair and willing to listen to all sides of the issue I was involved with. He has a very positive attitude and is interested in solving the problems and/or issues that he is confronted with. I feel that problem-solving is one of his strengths. Further, he is not averse to making the hard decisions in order to resolve an issue.

His understanding of the challenges that the Department of Transportation must deal with and his skills and ability to listen to everyone and to solve problems makes him well suited to be the Director of the Transportation Department. He has displayed a very solid background on transportation related issues that he will be dealing with.

I wholeheartedly support his nomination and urge this committee to recommend him for this position and for the Senate to confirm him as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 7:44:35 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elijah Werner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support and nominate Mr Ed Sniffen and as child living on the leeward coast. Mr Sniffen does safety in our community and across the state of Hawaii. Slowing down the speeding cars in the neighborhood safety 1st & how he was there 🙏 to bring it forward and raise awareness

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 7:51:15 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynell Yuu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Ed Sniffen was a pro-active and exceptional public official as DOT Deputy. He never passed the buck because it wasn't a state structure or thoroughfare.

He will be great for our state and rescue our aging infrastructure. He will get work done.

Please confirm Ed Sniffen!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 7:53:17 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
pua auwae	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I nominate Ed Sniffen he been awesome with the state of Hawaii DOT!

TESTIMONY OF
KEITH A. REGAN
HONOLULU, HAWAII

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

GM519

Honorable Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, I am providing testimony in support of GM519, the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

Mr. Sniffen is a knowledgeable, experienced, and innovative leader who has the energy, creativity, and determination to transform and modernize the Department of Transportation into an overall more efficient and effective organization. He has proven to be a capable leader through his many accomplishments serving as the Deputy Director for Highways and other roles throughout his career. His efforts to develop and implement a new vision, policies, and processes for the Highways Division have resulted in benefits to the community and environment that include reducing the State's carbon footprint through fleet electrification, leveraging resources to better address priorities, and improving community relationships through increased engagement actions. His innovative thinking makes him an excellent candidate for Director.

Having worked with Ed over the years, I've found him to be a very collaborative colleague who approaches every challenge with a solution-driven positive attitude. Regardless of the issue, he is always willing to provide assistance to ensure that community needs are met and problems are solved. In my role as Managing Director at the County of Maui, when we were faced with road closures due to landslides, we knew we could rely on Ed and his team to send manpower and equipment to help remove the debris and reopen the roads. Through my experience, he has always kept his word and delivered on his commitments making him worthy of the position of Director.

Mr. Sniffen's extensive resume and many accomplishments make him an excellent candidate for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation and, for these reasons, I humbly ask you to please support the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:01:53 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paulette Werner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support this bill and nominate Mr Ed Sniffen

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:01:33 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryan Talatala	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM519 Support!!!

Aloha Members,

I am in support of Ed Sniffen. Submitting testimony specifically about Ed's character through my perspective of him as a youth baseball coach.

I've known Ed and his family for over 8years. We started coaching our sons' baseball team when the boys were 9years old, continued to coach them until they were near 14years old just going into high school.

Ed has a high IQ for the game, but also has a strong respect for teaching the game of baseball the right way. He let parents know early on that he was focused on developing players and was not marking success based on the win / loss column. I learned later on one of his personal goals was to give every player a chance to compete for their high school baseball team.

For some players and parents, this approach came at a cost of winning competitive games or prized tournaments and in turn decided it was not the direction they wanted. For others, it was a great opportunity to be well coached, that valued the individual in a team setting and to be involved with a team that developed personal growth on and off the field. At the younger levels, it sometimes is easier to take shortcuts to win games, ie seeking out physically advanced kids, ignoring fundamental flaws that bring short term results, playing better players over developmental players others, etc. Ed never took short cuts nor did he ever take away a player's opportunity for the sake of an immediate win.

He'd tell the players "the score matters because the goal of the game is to win, but the win/loss does not define us". He coached players to always give their best effort. He set clear individual and team expectations, energy and effort were non-negotiables, everything else was part of the process. Ed held players accountable, he was quick to let them know when they weren't playing with their best energy and effort, but he was equally quick to praise when they gave their best effort and made correct adjustments regardless of the outcome. He was fair and he was consistent.

The players on our team consisted of a range of personalities, abilities and athleticism (high energy, slow moving, unfocused, acutely attentive, boisterous, shy, etc), but through Ed's coaching all of them developed to a higher level of play that excited both parents and players to more potential. A by-product of his coaching helped produce two positive opposites. Our high energy extravert players began to play with a more acute-focused energy. Our introvert players became more vocal and outgoing. But all inherently developed a true sense of confidence within themselves.

Practices were high-energy both mentally and physically, no one walked, he ensured we made the most of practice time, but also so that it was fun and engaging. Baseball is a competitive sport, there's games within the game, when played the right way you apply pressure to your opponent and you manage opposing pressure that's applied to you. At certain practices Ed applied pressure to the players beyond the immediate task at hand, he sometimes would raise his voice, demand they push a little harder than their best, it

would seem out of place or heavy-handed, but it was always intentional. Game time was test time, Ed allowed the game to apply the pressure to our players, he'd take a backseat approach and in turn allowed the players to manage it themselves. If players controlled the controllables (ie effort and energy), post game talks were insightful and positive, regardless of the win / loss. When effort and energy was poor, the feedback was clear, players knew they lost opportunity to showcase themselves, regardless of the win / loss.

Ed allowed the players to make their own decisions on how we'd want to attack certain game situations and opponents, he'd talk them through it so they could see the pros / cons, but pushed to have them think for themselves. Early on some were too shy or didn't want to verbalize a bad idea, but they learned quickly everyone's input was important, all ideas would be heard, bad ideas only needed further thought and discussion, but everyone would be treated and respected like an equal. As coaches, it became a lot of fun to see two players with different ideas commit to working to find a common approach especially in the heat of a tough game. Once a decision was made, a plan was in place, the players executed without hesitation and if they didn't get the outcome they wanted Ed talked afterwards on how they could adjust.

These were growing boys. There were many times when change lead to discomfort and resistance. Ed never allowed a player to accept discomfort as a reason for not getting past their own hurdles. He focused on those cringe situations, seemingly hammering the crooked nail. He would speak firmly but never with discernment. His advice was always actionable. Once players committed to moving forward, they always saw the positive change on the other side of it. I felt this was one of Ed's best qualities among many as a coach.

Now that our sons' are in high school, Ed continues to mentor former players. His commitment to his players remains the same, just on the other side of the fence. My son had recently been struggling on the field and Ed took him to breakfast on a Sunday morning. They did not to talk about the mechanics of his swing or fielding a ground ball, but entirely about his mental approach and controlling the controllables. Sound advice.

Ed invested himself into the team, fostered growth and confidence through the game of baseball, but I most appreciate the amount of value he added to each individual. He did it selflessly and without accolades.

I appreciate your patience, seeing my testimony obviously has nothing to do with Highways Harbors and Airports. The wins or losses mean something entirely different here, but I can truly testify that Ed's commitment to the people of Hawai'i is resolute, he has a way to build a team and to support people to a common goal, he holds himself and his team accountable and assures things are done the right way.

Mahalo,
Brandon Goeas

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April 5, 2023

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts (TCA)
Hawai'i State Legislature
(Submitted online via: capitol.hawaii.gov)

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF GM 519
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members,

I write to you in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM519 and the nomination of Ed Sniffen as Director of the Dept. of Transportation (HDOT).

I've had the pleasure of working closely and directly with Ed in both of our various roles over the past 13+ years, including:

- In 2010-2011, while I was serving as Director of the State of Hawai'i, Office of Planning and Ed was serving as HDOT Highways Division Administrator, we worked closely to coordinate analyses of potential impacts and ultimately presentations of the state's position to the State Land Use Commission on several of the state's largest ever proposed developments.
- In 2014, while I was serving as lead planner on the Artspace affordable housing development in Kaka'ako, Ed oversaw and led efforts on behalf of the City & County of Honolulu Mayor's Office to align City funding and plan for the provision of City social and community services for future Artspace residents.
- From 2016-2018, while serving as Director of Planning, Permitting and Right of Way for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), Ed, as HDOT-Highways Deputy Director, was my primary point of contact at HDOT Highways, and he helped resolve multiple, complex issues related to the City's use of State right of way and other planning concerns.
- Since 2019, I have been employed as a project manager, transportation and environmental planner for Jacobs Engineering Group (formerly CH2M) and have worked with Ed and HDOT Highways staff on a variety of planning and design projects statewide. Additionally, I have been a direct witness to Ed's leadership of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Committee on Transportation System Security and Resilience, where he had advocated for advancements in our national transportation systems and programs, to benefit our resilience and adaptability to climate change and other man-made and natural disasters.

In all of our varied roles and through our collaboration on a wide range of nuanced and complicated projects, Ed has remained a trustworthy, consistent, and reliable force for progress. Ed is a tireless advocate for his programs, and for the people of Hawai'i. He is thoughtful, forward-thinking, collaborative, and fearless in his pursuit of solutions to our state's most complex problems. **I have no doubts or hesitations in supporting Ed's confirmation as Director of HDOT.**

I am proud to call Ed a friend and look forward to our further work together.

Sincerely, and with aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abbey S. Mayer", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Abbey S. Mayer

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 10:33:31 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ron Shimabuku	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in **STRONG SUPPORT** for the appointment of Ed Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation. My ohana had met Ed in 2017 at a tragic time when my hanai brother, Kaulana Werner, was killed by a drunk driver. Since then, Ed has provided his unwavering support of my ohana's effort to rid our streets from drunk drivers. His shown me he's committed to making our state roadways safe! He's the right person for this job. Please confirm this appointment.

Mahalo for the opportunity!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 11:10:58 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ed werner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Ed Werner, and I am from Nanakuli, Hawaii. I am testifying in FULL SUPPORT of the

nomination of EDWIN SNIFFEN as the Director, Department of Transportation.

As a longtime resident of the Leeward Community, I have seen and experienced first-hand the terror that exists on our roadways. Since my son's passing on April 24, 2016, at the hands of a drunk driver, I have dedicated my life to ensure our streets are a safe place to live, work and play. I have engaged and involved many community stakeholders and organizations to achieve this. One of these organizations is the State of Hawaii, Department of Health. This is when I first met Ed Sniffen.

Since this first meeting, Ed has proven that he has the same commitment I have to safe streets. He has always been a phone call away when I have observed issues on our roads. His swift actions have resulted in many precautionary measures taken in my community.

Ed has provided support in the many sign waving and community events I have organized to promote the public's awareness of the dangers of drunk driving; and meeting with lawmakers and various organizations to share his support of the Kaulana Law.

Based on my personal experiences, Ed is committed to doing the right thing. I appreciate having a state leader who listens to the community. I am happy to have Ed as a direct contact for safety matters in my community. For these reasons, I urge you to confirm and consent Mr. Edwin Sniffen for the Director, Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 11:37:26 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Misunas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

April 6, 2023

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation and Culture and Arts
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In support of GM 519 for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

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

I respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to GM 519 the appointment of Edwin Sniffen as Director of the Department Transportation.

Ed has years of experience and understanding to lead the Department of Transportation. Previously he was a Deputy Director for Highways, Administrator and Technical Design Engineer at Hawaii Department of Transportation, Highway Division. He graduated from Santa Clara University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of GM 519.

Sincerely,

Ross Yamasaki

Testimony of
Morris M. Atta
Deputy Director
Hawaii Department of Agriculture

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

April 6, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol

In consideration of
Governor's Message No. 519
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation,
Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Edwin Sniffen, as Director, Department of Transportation ("DOT").

Ed Sniffen has an extensive and impressive record of experience at the highest levels of public transportation administration and project management. He demonstrated a impeccable leadership skills while overseeing DOT's Highways Division, supervising approximately 780 employees and efficiently managing \$500 million in capital improvement projects, special maintenance projects, and operational funding. He has been leading the modernization of Highways vision, policies and processes, while promoting greater public transparency. Ed Sniffen is effectively implements innovative solutions and programs to achieve transformational changes to the State's transportation infrastructure for the benefit of Hawaii's residents and visitors alike.

He is a graduate of the Santa Clara University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and is a member of numerous transportation-oriented professional organizations. Ed Sniffen is the best person for this important position.

I respectfully request your vote to confirm Ed Sniffen's nomination to serve as the Director, Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 1:13:18 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keone Bee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support ed sniffen as director. Department of transportation

Submitting testimony in support for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

Thursday, April 6, 2023 3:00pm

Conference Room 224

Testimony on GM 519

Edwin Sniffen

Aloha Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

As the Honolulu Port Director with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), I have had the pleasure of working on various Federal agriculture quarantine inspection projects with Edwin Sniffen at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.

Mr. Sniffen has demonstrated a great of professionalism and integrity when dealing with the numerous government agencies, airlines, and vendors in the airport community.

I strongly support Mr. Sniffen's nomination as the Director of the Department of Transportation and look forward to working with him to improve the travel experiences of both Kama'aina and visitors alike while utilizing the airports and seaports in the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo,



Chris Tokumar

Port Director

United States Department of Agriculture, APHIS, PPQ

Honolulu, Hawaii

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Thursday, April 6, 3 P.M.
State Capitol, Room 224

Testimony in Support of Governor's Message 519

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

I am writing in support of GM 519, Governor Josh Green's nomination of Edwin Sniffen as Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Ed brings many years of experience in local and state government as well as in the private sector. In his previous role as Deputy Director of Highways, Ed demonstrated the ability to lead and manage the Division, work proactively and collaboratively with diverse stakeholders, and secure support for innovative community-focused solutions.

Ed has shown his commitment to energy sustainability by pursuing various efficiency initiatives, leveraging and maximizing Federal funding, and developing community partnerships in the interest of workforce development. Over the last eight years, Ed has done an exceptional job as Deputy Director of Highways and I believe his creativity and forward-thinking will continue to yield positive results for Hawaii's communities.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ed Sniffen's nomination as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Lance K. Parker

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 1:19:49 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elmer Kaai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please Advise and Consent Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 1:44:04 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kiani keohohou	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my strong support for Edwin Sniffen’s appointment for Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). I have had the privilege of work alongside and for Ed Sniffen for 5 years. His excellent work ethic, knowledge and understanding of DOT and his experience as a public service employee should qualify her in leading the department.

He is an example of what true leadership is. He leads by example, knowledgeable, hardworking, professional, trustworthy and constantly strives to improve and restore the faith and trust by the public in government.

Mr. Sniffen has been a vital part of the Department of Transportation in different leadership positions, Administrator and Deputy Director. Ed Sniffen with all of his experience is a definite asset to the department.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 1:59:57 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
George Abcede	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Having worked with Mr. Sniffen for the past 8 years, I can honestly say I have never seen the type of progress in my 32 years of government service as I have seen under Ed's leadership the past 8 years. Our use of technology and the efficiency of our processes have all increased. My understanding of our program and how it benefits our community grew exponentially during this time as well and I cannot imagine anyone more qualified to lead us through this next decade!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 2:35:59 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Levi Archuleta	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Ed Sniffen as the Director, Department of Transportation.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 2:45:27 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jowen Murray-Thornton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 2:48:32 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
robin shishido	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and Committee members,

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Edwin Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have known Mr. Sniffen for over 20 years while he worked in the private and public sector. Throughout his career, Mr. Sniffen has always been a leader, innovator and tireless worker. In the last 8 years Mr. Sniffen has been the State Department of Transportation, Deputy Director for Highways. In this position, Ed has implemented and supported numerous initiatives to improve the DOT's (electronic bidding, wikiwiki hiring, eConstruction, telework, etc) processes. Mr. Sniffen has also made safety the number one priority for the DOT and implemented safety measures such as raised crosswalks, red light running safety cameras, no right turn on red, IDIQ construction contracting and google safety analytics. In additions, Mr. Sniffen has been able to increase federal funding from the Federal Highway Administration thru discretionary grants, congressional directed spending (earmarks) and August redistribution. In total, the DOT has received over \$250 million in additional funding.

I am confident that Mr. Sniffen's background and previous government service will be a great asset to the Department as the Director.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of G.M. 519.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 5:20:11 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
K. Piltz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair and Committee Members:

I am testifying in strong support for the consideration and confirmation of Edwin (Ed) Sniffen, as the Director, Department of Transportation, for a term to expire on 12-07-2023.

Mr. Sniffen has been very active in addressing transportation concerns and issues at both the County and State levels. He is straight forward and plain speaking, allowing everyone to understand what the government is doing when addressing transportation issues and needs, such as rock slides or road closures.

Together with his team of deputy directors, I believe that Mr. Sniffen will be able to tackle many major issues facing the department including issues that deal with airports and harbors.

I humbly ask for your strong support to advise and consent, Ed Sniffen as the Director of the Department of Transportation. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 5:34:20 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Micah Kahumoku	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM519.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:08:55 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ian Kitajima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senator Chris Lee, Chair; Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair, and committee members,

My name is Ian Kitajima, and for the last 21 years, I worked at Oceanit to bring the next generation of technologies to life, working with the smartest and most talented engineers, scientists, and technologists you can imagine. And when I started to work with Ed about 4 years ago, he ran faster and brighter than anyone in industry, and the best compliment I can give him is I wanted to steal him away everytime I worked with him. But there are people who have a higher purpose and are so needed in the mission, that you should not and cannot distract them, like Ed. I have said to multiple people, "I wish I could clone that guy!" Ed told him when we started to work together, people think I only fix potholes and we do that, as we focus on the bigger mission of CONNECTING COMMUNITIES. I use that moment to remind myself that it's about people first. Now I became a super fan when Ed and I started to connect DOT highways projects with nearby schools and students. Game changing for us but more so for the students and their communities. Watch this short video about a DOT Makaha Beach project with Waianae High students: <https://youtu.be/XN90yHELHNM>

And let me offer my **STRONGEST SUPPORT** for Mr. Ed Sniffen. Mahalo, Ian Kitajima

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 10:32:58 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Trisha Kehaulani Watson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I am delighted to give Ed Sniffen my strong support. Ed has been a natural leader his entire life. He used that leadership effectively at the Department of Transportation in the Deputy Director role, and during that time, he proved what wonderful work he will do for the department as director. I am delighted with the governor for selecting such a wonderful appointee. And I urge each of you, Senators, to give this nominee your enthusiastic support.

Mahalo nui!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/6/2023 7:55:48 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly support Ed Sniffen for DOT Director. I was a former executive director of the Hawaii Bicycling League and worked closely with Ed for many years, even now.

Ed embraces the policy of Vision Zero, where agencies strive to create streets where no one dies or is injured. Ed embraces the policy of Complete Streets where all users have equal access to travel safely.

He is technically competent as an engineer, makes decisions using facts, prioritizes safety first, and works well with people in the community. Under his leadership as Highways Deputy he responded to the public cry for safety.

In the first six months of 2016 in Nanakuli and Waianae when six residents were killed while walking or bicycling he attended a memorial service and "solutions meeting" called by the Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) to prevent future tragedies. As a stopgap measure he allowed HBL to install pedestrian crossing flags in Nanakuli, Waianae, Hawaii Kai and Waimanalo that slowed the slaughter of vulnerable people. Recently he has slowed speeds and installed raised crosswalks in Nanakuli/Waianae and island-wide that physically slow drivers down and require them to take notice. People want more innovation like this! You've seen him take action at Ala Moana/Kamakee, Kapiolani/Kamakee and numerous other places where "Vision Zero" changes are needed to prevent future tragedies.

Ed carried the ball in uniting statewide police, prosecutors, public defenders, engineers and safety advocates to present a unified proposal to the legislature on red light cameras. Red light cameras are now being implemented and saving lives.

Ed and DOT worked with FHWA, other state agencies, and consulting parties (Historic Hawaii Foundation, Hawaiian Railway Society, and the Hawaii Bicycling League) to resolve decades-long roadblocks and begin construction of the Leeward multiuse path that will allow people to walk and bike from Waipahu to Kapolei. Kapolei to Waianae is next for safe and healthy spaces to travel and recreate.

Ed has been the go to state director for emergencies such as Pali Highway erosion, Haena mudslide, and even mass Covid-19 testing. Why? Because he's a leader who can get things done the right way.

Ed is currently working with the State Highway Safety Council on which representatives of the public from each county (including advocates for children, people who walk and bike, homeless, and elderly) meet with law enforcement, judiciary, and engineers to discuss and support Safety measures.

Ed exemplifies the best in public service professionals. I and many others thank him for his dedication, service, and leadership to make Hawai'i a safer and better place.

Mahalo Nui Loa!

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/6/2023 6:39:49 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeyan Thirugnanam	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Mr. Snifen's appointment as DOT Director.

He is very highly qualified, experienced, and knowledgeable.

More importantly, he is responsive to the community and passionate about helping the people of Hawaii.

Please confirm, Mr. Sniffen.

GM-519

Submitted on: 4/6/2023 9:55:33 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mihoko Ito	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I write this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Ed Sniffen for the Director of the Department of Transportation. Ed has served the Department for many years and has been a wonderful leader most recently for the Highways Division of DOT. I have worked with him on numerous issues over the years and have always been very impressed with his dedication, hard work, integrity, and collaborative style. In my view, Ed has both the experience and personal skills to be a very strong leader for the Department of Transportation. For these reasons, I strongly support Ed as the Director of the Department of Transportation and ask the Committee to advise and consent to his nomination.

Mahalo,

Mihoko Ito

April 6, 2023

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation
and Culture and the Arts
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813



RE: G.M. 519; Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWIN SNIFFEN, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Inouye and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts. I am submitting this testimony in my capacity as a private citizen, in **support** of the confirmation of Edwin Sniffen, as Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation (“Department”).

Over the past 5 or 6 years, I have been fortunate to work directly with Ed on a number of substantial legislative bills, many of which presented forward-thinking pilot projects and/or significant statutory amendments to improve highway safety. In all instances, Ed has been exceptionally responsive and inclusive in developing effective means to achieve a given objective, and he is particularly adept at bringing together various stakeholders and decision-makers to find common ground and get things done for the good of the community.

Notably, even in instances when we disagreed on certain aspects of a bill—or the overall effectiveness / necessity of a bill—Ed was humble enough to consider alternative approaches and/or language, and there were several times when he ultimately agreed to take a different approach, after further discussion with stakeholders. That said, Ed has always had a clear sense of mission for his Division, as I imagine he will for the Department, and he is highly skilled at weighing priorities and setting/accomplishing both short- and long-term objectives.

In speaking with Ed over the years, he has always been extremely knowledgeable and articulate on all aspects of highway safety matters in Hawaii, and I can already see that he has started to apply himself in much the same way—for all matters within the Department’s jurisdiction—in the brief time since he has assumed the lead.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

Sincerely,
Tricia Nakamatsu

GM-519

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 12:53:11 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patrick Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write to you to ask that you do NOT confirm Ed Sniffen as the Director of Transportation. My reasons for this is that he has been the Deputy Director of Transportation overseeing the Highways Division for the past 8 years. During this time, he has managed the Pali Highway resurfacing project. This project is a disaster. This project has gone on for over 4 years. Remember when they shut down the Pali tunnels and Mr. Sniffen said that they would be able to get a jump start on the Pali highway repairs to shorten the time. Well, that never happened. They shut down the tunnels, made the necessary repairs and they are still working on Pali Highway.

The work on Pali highway is necessary but the way it is managed is terrible. DOT has allowed the contractors to close off two of the three lanes of traffic for the road work. I have seen all the lanes backed up because of this and an Ambulance literally stuck in that traffic with no where to go. I have written to the DOT to have them consider contra flowing a lane to ease the traffic. I got no response. I'm sure you realize that every second counts when an ambulance is needed. The bad part of this is the contractors close 2 lanes. They work on one lane and use the other lane to park their cars. Really? They can't park on a side street?

They closed off one lane in each direction so they could plant grass. Have you driven by lately? Its not grass. Its all weeds. They wasted time and money on weeds? They should have taken the astroturf from Aloha Stadium and put it on the median strip. Next theyre gonna close the lanes to cut the weeds.

Lastly, the DOT has not done anything for traffic safety. Everything is reactive versus proactive. The McKinley student had to die in order for the DOT to put in raised cross walks. Why couldn't this have been done before? Mr. Sniffen was overseeing the Highways Division, and now he wants to be the Director? I ask that you DO NOT confirm Mr. Sniffen.

Mr. Sniffen was in charge of Highways and he couldn't do that right. So now he wants to be the Director and screw up the Airport and Harbors too? Save everyone the headache and reject his confirmation.

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GM-519

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 4:28:08 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patrick T Onishi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

April 5, 2023

Hawaii State Senate

Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

Subject: GM 519 Confirmation of Edwin Sniffin as Director, DOT

Testimony in OPPOSITION

Dear Chairman Lee and Committee Members,

I am writing in OPPOSITION to the appointment of Mr. Edwin Sniffin. as the next Director for the Department of Transportation.

My testimony is being tendered as a 60 year resident on Nuuanu Valley, a former City and County of Honolulu planning director, and a professional licensed architect.

My position results from Mr. Sniffins’s poor performance as the DOT’s Deputy Director overseeing the Highways Division; specifically related to the “improvements” and resurfacing of Pali Highway.

As residents of Nuuanu valley, we are experiencing the adverse impacts of speeding cars and hazardous pedestrian crossings caused by the Pali Highway resurfacing and “improvements” project. The expansion of Pali Highway's width to 3-4 lanes between Akamu Place/Jack Lane and Waiokanaka Drive has created extremely hazardous conditions for pedestrians and vehicles attempting to cross at un-signalized points along the highway. Additionally, the added width of the highway through the aforementioned portion of Nuuanu Valley promotes speeding by drivers the instant the highway widens from 2 lanes to 3-4 lanes in both directions which coincides with where the residential area is located; calling into question the justification for facilitating the flow of traffic through the most concentrated residential section of Nuuanu Valley; whereas Pali Highway (between Vineyard Blvd. and Wylie St.) has only 2 lanes in both directions, and the Pali Tunnel has only 2 lanes for both the Kailua and town bound traffic. The described work was also accomplished by reducing the “greenbelt” median; exacerbating the appearance of the arterial to look like a freeway.

The accelerating cars and the hazardous pedestrian crossings are the net result of the “one size fits all” criteria that was used in the design and construction of the project and reflects the ineptness of DOT's Highway Division in its programming, design, contracting, and construction management of the Pali Highway “Improvements” project. As an architect/planner I believe that the previously stated issues and the protracted construction time is a direct result of DOT's Highway Division's failed leadership. (The construction phase is at least two years behind schedule, with no reliable end in sight). However, what I found to be the most frustrating part of this project was the Highway Division's lack of communication with the community and individual complainants. Mr. Sniffin himself would not respond to inquiries.

Aloha.

Patrick T. Onishi

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