



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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Nomination of Brennon Morioka (GM 257)

Chair Kalani, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I support the nomination of Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Morioka has played a pivotal role in the development of UH West O'ahu's new campus in the City of Kapolei. Mr. Morioka took great effort to collaborate and understand the needs of the West O'ahu region by meeting with the university and key community leaders and developers.

He clearly understood the economic and educational importance of the university to the region and the State of Hawai'i and therefore focused the department's attention to the expeditious opening of the North-South Road, which provides vital access to the new campus.

I strongly urge your support in appointing Mr. Morioka to Director of the Department of Transportation so that he may continue to provide his expertise and insight in helping the department prioritize projects that have great impact on the state's economy and well-being.