Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the confirmation to the Stadium Authority (the Authority), gubernatorial nominee, Brennon Morioka. The Department of Accounting and General Services is in support of Mr. Morioka’s nomination and recommendation for confirmation.

Mr. Morioka has extensive executive experience and an engineering background which will add to the Authority’s depth in addressing the challenges it faces in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.
Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Dr. Brennon Morioka.

Dr. Morioka comes to the Stadium Authority with an extensive educational and professional engineering background and wealth of knowledge and experience in both the private and public sectors of business. His experience includes significant involvement in leading major multi-billion dollar projects across the State of Hawaii. I have had the opportunity and pleasure of working with Dr. Morioka and have known him to be very professional, knowledgeable, and of high moral character. These qualities are essential to ensure that the Stadium Authority Board moves forward with best interest of the general public in mind. Further, Dr. Morioka's extensive educational and engineering background will be of significant value to the Stadium Authority Board as it prepares to address very complex and difficult decisions in the years ahead.
As such, I respectfully ask for the Committee’s favorable consideration in confirming gubernatorial nominee, Dr. Brennon Morioka to the Stadium Authority Board for a present term to expire on June 30, 2021.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.
August 28, 2017

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development, Tourism.
and Technology
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM37 – Testimony in Support of Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee Brennon Morioka, for a Term to Expire 6-30-21

Dear Chairs Wakai and Taniguchi:

I am testifying in strong support of the appointment of Brennon Morioka as a member of the Stadium Authority. Brennon has served as a leader in public, private and non-profit organizations; the State Department of Transportation, HART, Hawaiian Electric Company, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, serve as examples.

His education and background (PHD in Civil Engineering) should also assist the Authority as the Aloha Stadium is one of the most visible and recognized public structures in Hawaii.

Please confirm his appointment. He will make an outstanding member of the Authority.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Oshima
President and Chief Executive Officer
August 28, 2017

The Senate
The Twenty-Ninth Legislature
Interim of 2017
State of Hawaii

Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Subject: Governor’s Message No. 37
Testimony in Support of Mr. Brennon Morioka, Ph.D., P.E.
Confirmation to Stadium Authority

TO THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR, BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Brennon Morioka to the Stadium Authority.

As a fellow engineer, I have known Mr. Morioka well over 20 years and have tremendous respect not only for his technical and management capabilities but his strong commitment to realize a vision for a better Hawaii. I have personally worked with Mr. Morioka in his management capacities with the State Department of Transportation, CH2M Hill and recently at HART. As a leader in each of these organizations, perhaps the best measure of his influence are the solid improvements achieved in performance standards during his tenure. He combines his passion, people skills and business acumen to make positive impacts and is very well respected in the engineering community.

We are nearing a judgement day on the future of Aloha Stadium. The decision to preserve the Stadium or construct a new one rests on the shoulders of the Stadium Authority. Many business and socioeconomic aspects of this opportunity, including the prospects surrounding the future rail station at the stadium location, will need to be weighed and balanced before a sound decision is reached. As a business executive and community leader, Mr. Morioka understands the gravity of this situation and will truly be an asset to the Authority in achieving the right decision for Aloha Stadium’s future.

Personally, I have high regard for Mr. Morioka’s outstanding character, high integrity and one of the most dependable individuals I know. As a father of a young family, I believe he understands this is an opportunity to achieve his vision for a better Hawaii for future generations.

Winners of the Hawai'i State 'Oihana Maika'i Award, which is based on the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality core principles.
I respectfully request your support for the confirmation of Mr. Brennon Morioka to the Stadium Authority.

Respectfully,

Dexter Kubota, P.E.
Vice President
August 28, 2017

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Economic
Development, Tourism, and Technology
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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RE: GM 37
Hearing date: August 29, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

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

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I have known Brennon for several years now, as both a colleague and a friend. As you may well know, Brennon is an experienced engineer with a wealth of knowledge on many areas beneficial to the stadium. He is well recognized in the transportation industry in Hawaii, having served as both the director of the state department of transportation and as the deputy executive director of HART. In these high profile and demanding positions, Brennon always exhibited a “can-do” attitude. Brennon also had a strong reputation for finding creative solutions to difficult problems.

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Mahalo for your consideration.

Michael L. Hosua

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August 28, 2017

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Kimberley W. Yoshimoto
August 28th 2017

The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Committee On Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology:

It’s with high regard that I submit this letter of support for Mr. Brennon Morioka in your consideration for Governor’s Message 37 related to the appointment to the Stadium Authority.

I have known Mr. Morioka for more than 25 years, during which time my respect for him has grown both personally and professionally. Above and beyond his many accomplishments in his professional career, he is a model father and outstanding community and business leader.

A competitor by nature, Mr. Morioka is steadfast and focused on the initiatives he undertakes. He places the same level of rigor and preparation behind his volunteer efforts that lead him to the successful careers he held in both the public and private sectors.

Mr. Morioka’s experience in government, as well as his time in the private sector provides a unique set of skillsets that I believe will be very helpful to the Stadium Authority.

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,

Micah A. Kāne, Friend
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair and members of the Committee:

Respectfully support the confirmation of BRENNON MORIOKA to the Board of Directors of the Stadium Authority.

I have known Dr. MORIOKA for several decades both personally and professionally. I have worked with him in his capacity of a proacting engineer, Director of the State Department of Transportation and as Deputy director of HART.

I know him to be an individual of high integrity and professional ability. He has the best interest of the People of Hawaii at heart at all times.

Thank you for your consideration

David W. Rae