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**CITY COUNCIL MOURNS THE PASSING OF FORMER COLLEAGUE, STATE
SENATOR BREENE HARIMOTO**

Honolulu City Councilmember Brandon Elefante and Council Chairman Ikaika Anderson today, with heavy hearts, issued the following statements about Sen. Breene Harimoto, who represented District 8 on the City Council for four years and chaired the Transportation Committee, where his passion for Transit Oriented Development was evident, and served as vice chair of the Zoning Committee alongside Chair Anderson. Harimoto also formerly chaired the Board of Education and the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board. In addition, he was once the Deputy Director of the City's Department of Information Technology.

Councilmember Elefante's statement:

“Sen. Breene Harimoto was my mentor, my hero, and my very good friend. He dedicated his life to service. He was also a man of faith, integrity, and always believed in doing what was right for the community. I offer my prayers and condolences to the Harimoto family during this time. I am sad by his loss.”

“When I was his staffer from 2011 to 2014, he inspired me to run for public office in 2014. He was the reason why I pursued public service. He gave me hope and faith in government. I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for him. He always showed me that you display service from the heart and work hard. He shepherded important legislation, such as the City's Complete Streets policy and other important safety policies. His light will never dim. We remember his legacy, kindness, and his unwavering spirit to not give up and to always have compassion. We will miss you, Breene, and we will carry on your legacy.”

Chairman Anderson's statement:

“Sen. Breene Harimoto was an exceptional public servant, and an even better human being. I enjoyed our time together serving on the City Council. My wife Lisa & I send our deepest condolences to Breene's 'ohana, his staff and the people of his senate district. God Bless you, Brother Breene, and a sincere mahalo to your 'ohana for sharing you in service of the community you loved so very much.”

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