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TESTIMONY OF JAY FURFARO COUNCIL CHAIR, KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL ON GM 591, RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE CHARLES WICHMAN, JR., TO THE KOKE'E STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL Committee on Water and Land Thursday, March 7, 2013 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 225

Dear Committee Chair Solomon and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of GM 591, relating to consideration of Gubernatorial Nominee Charles Wichman, Jr. to the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as an individual member of the Kaua'i County Council and as the Council Chair.

Mr. Wichman's strong advocacy, dignified leadership style, and willingness to serve make him a highly qualified candidate and I believe he will represent the people of Kaua'i well through his role on the Council. As the Chief Executive Officer and National Tropical Botanical Gardens' Director, Mr. Wichman understands the delicate balance in preserving Koke'e State Park for cultural and recreational use, while also managing conservation of our forest preserve.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request your support for this measure. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely uncil Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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