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Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

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Aloha,

State Senate Committee on Water and Land, please accept my testimony.

Mahalo.

Alec Sou,

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March 9, 2015

The Honorable Senator Laura Thielen, Chair,  
The Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria,  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Subject: Testimony In Support of Carleton Ching Gubernatorial Nominee  
for Chairperson of the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources**

Dear Chair Theiland, and V. Chair Galuteria,

As a farm-business owner and having worked with Carleton Ching for the past 10 years on land lease and land use issues, you may find my support of Carleton to the Chair position of DLNR a surprise. While we know of Carleton under the Castle & Cooke hat, nevertheless, the years of dealing with Carleton, I come to appreciate his fairness, his commitment to the people that work the land, the farmers, and the communities. Despite the "hat" he wears, he has always been genuine in his respect for the land and our Hawaii natural resources. The heart to his position and experience is to manage by protecting and preserving those assets that have been handed down from generations. And from what I have witnessed, Carleton has managed that very well.

Carleton is one that is loyal to his "words" and "commitment" as a friend and business associate. His long experience in land asset management across the different islands from the Molokai Ranch days to central Oahu gives a perspective on how to deal with our island wide dichotomy. Further, this past stands with Hawaii Housing Authority lends lend a hand on to the working intricacy to the our Government system. I see his more recent experience under the lobbying "hat" as asset to layout and manage a more efficient working of the cross state departments.

Please allow me this letter to be convey my full support of Carleton on what I foresee as a right fit. I have no doubt that Carleton will prove to be one of the best DLNR Chair in our present time. Mahalo.

Sincerely,

Alec Sou,  
General Manager/Owner

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Christine Camp	Avalon Group	Support	No

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March 10, 2015

The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair  
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Committee Members:

**RE: GM 514 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation  
as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING**

I am writing in **SUPPORT** of the nomination of Carleton Ching to head the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

DLNR's mission speaks to the importance of balancing the needs of the present with the needs of the future as well as the role of public-private partnerships in accomplishing this mission. Mr. Ching has a strong track record of building consensus and developing partnerships from both public and private sectors, a skill that will be essential to DLNR's success. He also has broad experience in various land management issues which is an asset to the position as well.

Finally, I know Mr. Ching to be a man of integrity whose strong family ties in Hawaii give him a vested interest in Hawaii and its future.

I encourage you to confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Camp', written over a large, stylized flourish.

CHRISTINE CAMP  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elliot Van Wie	The Sierra Club	Oppose	No

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Honorable Governor David Y. Ige,

My name is Elliot Van Wie and I am a member of the Executive Committee of the Oahu Group of the Sierra Club and I am in *strong* opposition to the potential appointment of Carleton Ching, as the Director of the DLNR.

The mere suggestion of appointing someone from Carleton's recent background, that being as a lobbyist, into the directorship of any, even loosely related governmental office by that of an elected official represents the epitome of the revolving door between government, politics and the private sector.

In Carleton's case, it's a particularly blatant one as he has personally been involved in projects, such as Koa Ridge, aiming to build over prime agricultural land in a particularly unsustainable and dated suburban fashion, which is no longer justifiable, while flying directly in the face of established TOD principles set in place to move our islands and our people through the coming years, intelligently, without claiming a collective blissful ignorance, a now claimless thing.

How can a man who is the champion of the aforementioned be expected to:

*Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei [...]* (DLNR mission statement)

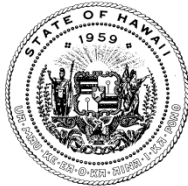
The air around this potential appointment reeks with the potentiality for abuse and corruption, in disservice to our aina.

The appointment of Charleton Ching as Director of the DLNR would in no way be pono; do not confirm Carleton Ching.

With aloha & mahalo plenty,

Elliot Van Wie

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



Testimony of  
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GM 514

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

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Senate Committee on Water and Land

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Mr. Ching was a graduate of Kaimuki High School and received his BA in Business Administration from Boise State University. He has over 25 years of professional experience in corporate management and governmental affairs focusing in the areas of real estate strategic planning, operations, management, and development. He is a community-spirited man who has been involved in a variety of industry organizations, voluntary committees, and non-profit groups. He has devoted considerable time in various state and county affordable housing task forces, land use, and agriculture issues.

Due to the broad range of difficult, contentious, and vital issues which must be resolved by the DLNR and the impact of its decisions, great responsibility is placed upon the department. The need to strike a balance is of course nothing new. We cannot afford to have development and growth at all costs without regard for sustainability and quality of life, but we also cannot afford to stop development completely given that growth is an important part of our State's economy. We will continue to do our part and we look forward to continue working with all stakeholders on striking a balance so that we have a sustainable future for Hawaii. The DOT has confidence that Mr. Ching has the credentials, background, and temperament to become an outstanding Chairperson of the DLNR.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Gino Soquena	Hawaii Laborers Union Local 368	Support	No

Comments: In STONG SUPPORT.

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The Honorable Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair,  
And Members of the Senate Water and Land Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Senate Water and Land (WTL) Committee:

**Subject:***GM 514 - Carleton Ching – Nominee for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources*

I am writing this letter in strong support of the nomination of Carleton Ching to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I do so because I sincerely believe that Carleton's experience in the business world and his dedication to the State and his family will bring a wealth of knowledge in land matters. When he first broached this issue with me, I wanted to make sure he was willing to serve for the right reasons. He clearly understood the demands of the position, the challenges of the department, the sacrifices he would have to make and the opinions and criticisms he might face in trying to serve the people of the Hawaii. In spite of these issues, his commitment to serve the State of Hawaii was genuine, that his agenda would be the DLNR and in the best interest of the State, not Castle & Cooke!

I am surprised that special interest groups have suggested that Carleton's appointment is somehow improper in light of his past employment as an executive in the private sector. This attempt to besmirch the integrity of a good and honest man is absurd. With Carleton what you see is what you get - honest, passion for the people and future of the Hawaii. He has always strived for true understanding of any situation; he has always sought compromise in areas of conflict, and with respect of the law and mission of the organization he was working for and then has moved forward with fair and firm enthusiasm.

Our elected officials are tasked with the responsibility of fairly judging the appointment of a Chairperson of a very important position like this, and it is essential that you do so with the same integrity and courage that you seek for the position. Be careful to judge based on rhetoric from those that don't know or haven't worked with the Governor's nominee. Look to balance. Government needs leaders with broad backgrounds to move forward the tasks and responsibilities of managing our limited and special resources.

Carleton Ching is one of those people and I urge your approval of this nomination.

Sincerely,



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Jobie Masagatani	Department of Hawaiian Home Lands	Support	No

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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
IN SUPPORT OF

**GM 514, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-  
2018.**

March 11, 2015

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the  
Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support  
of Governor Ige's nomination of Carleton Ching to lead the Department  
of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

As you know, the DLNR and its board are responsible for managing  
all Hawaii's state-owned lands, or one-third of Hawaii, as well as  
protecting Hawaii's unique natural, cultural, and historic resources  
held in public trust. The chair is one of seven decision-making  
voices on the Board of Land and Natural Resources, as well as the  
chief executive officer of one of the state's largest departments.  
Mr. Ching's professional credentials, academic background, and  
community service, including 25 years of professional experience in  
private corporate management and public-sector positions in strategic  
planning, operations, and management, are needed tools to lead such a  
large organization with wide-ranging impacts. His experience in

*Department of Hawaiian Home Lands*

*GM 514*

*WTL, 3-11-2015*

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development is coupled with proficiency in land management, community outreach, and supporting conservation and agricultural programs.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands works frequently with the DLNR on a wide-range of projects to address water concerns, hunting on Hawaiian home lands, access to sites, and other issues important to both agencies. I am confident Mr. Ching will successfully and effectively carry out the duties and responsibilities of his position and we look forward to working alongside him for the next four years.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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John Monis	HI Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund	Support	Yes

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March 10, 2015

Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair  
Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
And members of the Committee on Water & Land  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 231  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Governor's Message 514 relating to the Appointment of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Chair Thielen and members of the Committee,

My name is John R. Monis, Executive Director, of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF), a labor management fund representing 4000 unionized members in heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction.

HOEISF would like to submit its strong support of the Governor's appointment of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mr. Ching has a strong background and experience in land management in both the private and public sector. This experience is an invaluable asset to DLNR and will help the State of Hawaii succeed in conserving and protect its natural beauty and natural resources. Mr. Ching has proven to be a strong leader who willing and able to collaborate with all parties involved to gain consensus on an issue that works for everyone.

Mr. Ching has a clear understanding and desire to fulfill DLNR's mission to "*enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawai'i's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawai'i nei, and its visitors, in partnership with other from the public and private sectors.*"

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of the Governor's nomination of Carleton Ching to Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

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Hawaii Operating Engineers  
Industry Stabilization Fund

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Justin Kochi	Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters	Support	No

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The Senate  
The Twenty-Eight Legislature  
Committee on Water and Land  
March 11, 2015 10:00 a. m.  
Room 229

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters on GM 514  
Confirmation of Carlton Ching as Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters supports the confirmation of Carlton Ching to direct, manage and lead the DLNR.

It is not unusual in life that we see a skilled and experienced person that we wish were working for us, instead of the organization where they may be. Mr. Ching has land and management skills that will make citizens glad that he's "on our side", that of the State of Hawaii and its people.

He has been criticized for not having expertise in each and every subject of endangered species, cultural resources, historic sites, climate change, invasive species, shoreline policy, outdoor recreation, watershed and related issues, etc. Who does? The need to be filled by a nominee is to manage the programs of the DLNR, and the experts that carry out the programs. Good leadership gathers from program staff, formulates plans, and goes back to program staff to carry them out.

The boards and commissions related to the DLNR approve or deny, and direct, the executive. DLNR meetings and decisions involve prior staff work, legal review, public notice, hearings, and voting. The Chair's actions are guided and subject to law. There is, incidentally, a DLNR member selected for expertise in cultural resources.

His willingness to serve should not be lost to the State. The responsiveness and honesty of Mr. Ching, which opponents of the Koa Ridge – Castle & Cooke development attested to, can serve the people of Hawaii well.

Thank you for considering the needs of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the people of Hawaii, in confirming Carlton Ching.



Conservation Council  
for Hawai'i

*Hawai'i's voice for wildlife*

*Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu*



**Testimony Submitted to the  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hearing: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 10:00 am Room 229  
In Opposition to GM 514 - Nomination of Carleton Ching as Director of the  
Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources**

Aloha, Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i opposes GM 514 - Nomination of Carleton Ching as Director of the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources for the following reasons: (1) Mr. Ching lacks expertise and interest in the DLNR; (2) Mr. Ching lacks experience administering a large, complex organization with hundreds of employees, dozens of programs, and many moving parts; and (3) Mr. Ching's professional experience and board service are not aligned with the DLNR's core mission and programs, and it is inappropriate for him to serve as Director. Our comments are not directed at Mr. Ching personally and we mean no disrespect.

**Mr. Ching Lacks Expertise and Interest in the DLNR**

- Mr. Ching did not apply for the job and declined the nomination at least once before he accepted.
- Mr. Ching has no demonstrated expertise, professional or volunteer experience, or interest in the protection and stewardship of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources under DLNR's care, including rare and endangered species, habitats, watersheds, water resources, coral reefs and nearshore fisheries, Hawaiian and historic sites, *iwi kupuna* and other burials, Native Hawaiian water rights, the Public Trust Doctrine, public shoreline access, *mauka* access trails, and outdoor recreation areas.
- During talk-story sessions with concerned citizens in February, Mr. Ching was clearly not up to speed and indicated no knowledge of the Public Trust Doctrine, Native Hawaiian rights, water issues on Maui, his employer – Castle & Cooke's position in the Waiahole Ditch matter (to oppose stream restoration in Windward O'ahu), or threats to our essential watersheds and water supply. In light of the significant challenges we face from climate change and invasive species, we need an informed leader who will build on what little progress has been made.
- Many of us who met with Mr. Ching tried to keep an open mind, looking for some reason to be optimistic about this nomination. However, most of us left those meetings convinced more than ever that he is not the right person to lead the DLNR.
- If Mr. Ching applied for a top position in the private sector and knew as little about the corporation he wanted to lead as he does about the DLNR, there is no way he would be hired. ***Why should we lower the standard for the DLNR?*** If anything, we should be setting the bar higher because the DLNR is a public agency that manages public land and resources in trust for Hawai'i's people and generations to come.
- The Hawai'i State Senate and the people are being asked to place an enormous amount of trust in Mr. Ching. Yet thousands of people, including the Honolulu Star-Advertiser and Civil Beat editorial boards, the 7,500+ citizens who signed the online MoveOn.org petition ([http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/do-not-confirm-developer.fb47?source=c.fb&r\\_by=1621974](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/do-not-confirm-developer.fb47?source=c.fb&r_by=1621974)), and the 900+ people who submitted testimony in opposition do not have confidence in this nomination. In addition, DLNR staff and other state employees are uncomfortable speaking against the nomination. This is the most controversial nomination of a DLNR Director in the state's history. Attached to this testimony is a list of links to video, audio, and print media related to GM 514.

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- While we do not expect a nominee to be an expert in the DLNR, he/she should at least have some general knowledge of the department's mission, legal mandates, and programs. It is also reasonable to expect a nominee to have some experience interfacing with the DLNR other than working for-profit land companies and serving on the boards of lobbyist organizations that oppose the department's core mission and programs.

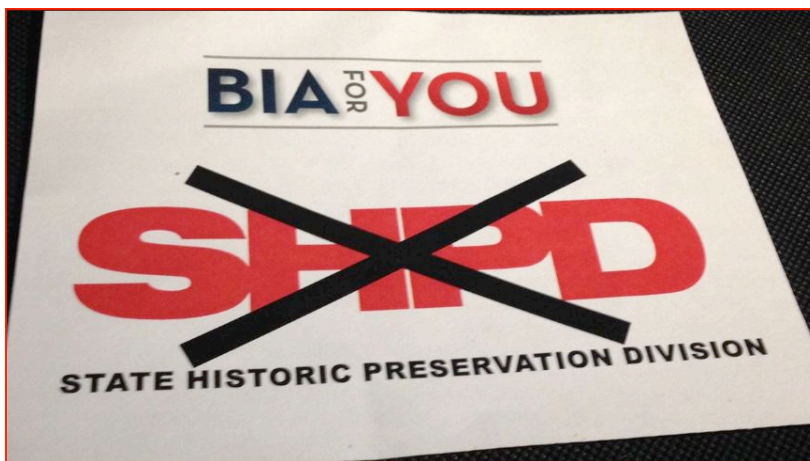
#### **Mr. Ching Lacks Experience Administering a Large, Complex Organization**

- Mr. Ching lacks the administrative experience, energy, and enthusiasm to lead the DLNR effectively. His response to questions from this committee indicates that others were involved in the achieving the accomplishments he notes. However, his administrative experience, or lack thereof, does not prepare him well for leading the large and complex DLNR.
- We are concerned that Mr. Ching's lack of substantive expertise **and** administrative experience will harm the resource. The DLNR oversees over 1 million acres of ceded land, including the Conservation Districts; submerged lands and coral reefs; watersheds, streams, and groundwater; habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered species; Natural Area Reserves; Wildlife Sanctuaries; State Parks; fishing and game management areas; trails; and state lands in urban areas. By virtue of his appointment as DLNR Director, Mr. Ching will also serve as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chair of the Commission on Water Resource Management, and head of the State Historic Preservation Division if not State Historic Preservation Officer.
- Mr. Ching's business experience working for companies that develop land and water to make a profit is not appropriate for the DLNR. Land and water uses by Castle & Cooke, Moloka'i Ranch, and other large landowners in Hawai'i have always been at the expense of the resource and on the backs of others who are harmed by the development. Water use is one important example. Although the DLNR manages developed and undeveloped land, the private-sector, commercial model should not be applied to the DLNR. ***The DLNR is not a business, the public trust is not for sale, and Hawai'i's people are not customers who can shop elsewhere.***
- One of the primary reasons he was nominated is to increase efficiency and create revenue streams within the DLNR where appropriate. While there is always room for improvement, there is only so much you can squeeze out of an already underfunded and overburdened DLNR. The department requires more than increasing efficiencies or determining whether DLNR programs "pencil out." Not all DLNR programs pencil out, not should they. Furthermore, funding and program cuts in an attempt to increase efficiency can also be detrimental to the resource, the people, and staff morale if the DLNR leadership is out of touch, or if its vision is contrary to the DLNR's core mission.

#### **It is Inappropriate for Mr. Ching to Serve as DLNR Director**

- It is inappropriate for Mr. Ching to serve as DLNR Director because he has spent a significant amount of time working for large for-profit land development companies, lobbying for them, and serving on the boards of their lobbyist organizations, including the BIA (Building Industry Association) and LURF (Land Use Research Foundation). They are diametrically opposed to the core mission of the DLNR to "enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors."
- Mr. Ching served on the board of directors of the BIA until January 2015. One of the most controversial bills BIA supported was SB 1171 SD 1 (Act 85, 2013), which allows phased historic/archaeological reviews. It is inappropriate for Mr. Ching – a long-standing BIA director – to serve as DLNR Director and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

- The BIA is currently using the image below in one of its campaigns on historic properties, and it was used on postcards given out at expos and sent to BIA members. A similar image is on the BIA's website. We do not object to the campaign or the fact that BIA disagrees with any given policy or program; the Conservation Council for Hawai'i and other citizen organizations sometimes do as well. However, it is inappropriate for Mr. Ching to serve as DLNR Director given his leadership position in the BIA, its philosophy about the role of government in land and resource protection, and its active and consistent efforts to weaken land use regulations that protect the public interest and public trust.

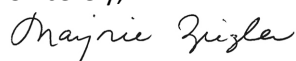


- Mr. Ching also served as President of LURF from 2008 to 2009 and as a Director or Vice President until February 2015. LURF, like the BIA, represents large private landowners and developers. LURF has consistently lobbied on bills that are contrary to protecting the public interest and the public trust.
- Here is a sampling LURF's major accomplishments in attempting to dismantle environmental protection regulations:
  - LURF supported the controversial Public Lands Development Corporation and opposed legislation to repeal the PLDC.
  - LURF opposed legislation creating the environmental court, which will help the DLNR by increasing enforcement of regulations. ***The DLNR Director's involvement and support of the environmental court is essential to its success, and we are concerned that Mr. Ching will oppose this important program.***
  - LURF fought hard to convince the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reduce critical habitat designations and mandated endangered species recovery areas.
  - LURF successfully lobbied to reduce requirements for developer applicant reviews by the State Historic Preservation Division of the DLNR.
  - LURF successfully lobbied to require the Hawai'i Department of Health to delete various protections involving Native Hawaiian rights, historic preservation, coastal zone management, and environmental impact reviews for stormwater runoff permits.
  - LURF actively opposed the requirement of landowners to provide lateral access along the coastline.
  - LURF has been extremely active in what has almost become an annual effort to weaken HRS Chapter 343 (the state EIS law).

- LURF supported the ill-conceived PLDC (Public Land Development Corporation) and numerous other efforts to exempt various development projects from environmental, health, planning, and public interest laws.
  - LURF submitted a brief in opposition to Native Hawaiian gathering rights in the famous PASH case, which was written by one of Governor Ige's top advisors, who vetted the applications for DLNR Director. I believe KAHEA has submitted a list of cases involving the DLNR and/or public access and public trust resources in which LURF submitted amicus briefs or otherwise participated. Others may be providing more information on legal cases and testimonies by LURF that are contrary to the DLNR's mission and programs.
  - LURF and its Executive Director were fined by the Ethics Commission recently for violating state lobbying laws over several years.
- The nomination of Mr. Ching will likely result in real or potential conflicts of interest. For example, legislation this session proposes to use public funds, some dedicated to other purposes, to investigate potential land exchanges between the State and private landowners, Dole Food Company and Castle & Cooke, to build a new prison or expand the existing prison in Halawa, use conservation land for agriculture and watershed protection, and possible development by Dole/Castle and Cooke along the rail's path in Kalihi. Other land exchanges and development projects are in the works. DLNR will be expected to handle many of these matters, and it is inappropriate for Mr. Ching to lead the department in these matters. Common Cause's testimony provides compelling reasons to oppose the nomination based on concerns about conflicts of interest.
  - It is also inappropriate for Mr. Ching to serve as Director of DLNR because his experience in the private sector has been divisive. He has **not** brought different stakeholders together. Rather, Mr. Ching has been involved in some of the most controversial land-development projects in recent history, which have left communities divided.
  - In the case of the Waiahole land leases, Mr. Ching is credited with helping to overcome the stalemate between the State and Waiahole farmers. As an employee of the Hawai'i Housing Authority, Mr. Ching helped fix a broken waterline and claims he later surveyed farms for long-term leases. However, he was not a key figure in resolving long-standing issues or finalizing the leases. The leases took more than 20 years to finalize (from ca. 1977 to 2000). Mr. Ching was employed by HHA from 1980 to 1990, and other state employees and the farmers themselves were responsible for negotiating and finalizing the leases, not Mr. Ching.
  - In the case of Mr. Ching's employment Castle & Cooke, community members have described Mr. Ching was a divisive figure, not someone who brought people together. His community relations failed, and he did not reduce the opposition to proposed Big Wind on Lana'i. We wonder if Mr. Ching even realizes the extent to which the Waiahole Ditch contested case hearings, Big Wind on Lana'i, Koa Ridge, Hoapili, and other Castle & Cooke land and water uses have divided the community and created bad feelings. We refer you to a column written by Lana'i resident, Robin Kaye, in The Hawaiian Independent: <http://hawaiiindependent.net/story/the-lobbyist-on-lanai-left-a-community-torn-apart-by-big-wind>.
  - Last please note that the volunteer projects Mr. Ching lists in his written response to questions from this committee, other than sports coaching, were probably volunteer efforts sponsored by Castle & Cooke, and not projects Mr. Ching was involved in personally. Furthermore, none of these projects is related to the DLNR mission.

In summary, this nomination is ill-advised, and we urge you to oppose GM 514. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,



Marjorie Ziegler

**Attachment A**  
**Media Links**

Read why so many concerned citizens, organizations, and even the editorial boards of the Honolulu Star-Advertiser and Civil Beat oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching as Director of DLNR.

**Honolulu Star-Advertiser**

[http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20150123\\_ige\\_names\\_nominates\\_executive\\_to\\_head\\_DLNR.html?id=289639341](http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20150123_ige_names_nominates_executive_to_head_DLNR.html?id=289639341)

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**Civil Beat**

<http://www.civilbeat.com/2015/01/ige-taps-castle-cooke-lobbyist-to-lead-land-and-natural-resources-department/>

<http://www.civilbeat.com/2015/02/hawaii-monitor-iges-honeymoon-ended-with-his-nomination-of-carleton-ching/>

<http://www.civilbeat.com/2015/02/is-carleton-ching-the-man-to-protect-hawaiis-public-lands/>

<http://www.civilbeat.com/2015/02/governor-stands-behind-decision-to-nominate-ching-as-dlnr-director/>

<http://www.civilbeat.com/2015/02/hawaii-monitor-shifting-ground-in-debate-over-ching-nomination/>

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Conservation Council for Hawai'i  
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**Civil Beat cont.**

<http://www.civilbeat.com/2015/02/iges-pick-for-new-dlnr-chair-is-an-indefensible-risk/>

<http://www.civilbeat.com/2015/02/sen-green-calls-on-ige-to-withdraw-nomination-of-carleton-ching/>

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**Ilind Online Daily From Kaaawa, Hawaii Blog by Ian Lind**

<http://www.ilind.net/2015/01/24/a-curious-fact-about-the-governors-controversial-land-board-nominee/>

<http://www.ilind.net/2015/02/01/lets-hear-the-governors-case-for-dlnr-nominee/>

<http://www.ilind.net/2015/02/02/the-governor-needs-to-explain-that-dlnr-nomination/>

<http://www.ilind.net/2015/02/04/my-civil-beat-column-today-takes-a-third-look-at-gov-iges-dlnr-nomination/>

<http://www.ilind.net/2015/02/05/ethics-violations-by-developers-group-adds-to-questions-facing-dlnr-nominee/>

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<http://www.ilind.net/2015/02/25/two-informative-items-about-the-carleton-ching-nomination/>

<http://www.ilind.net/2015/03/01/state-confirmation-process-lacks-key-information/>

**The Hawaiian Independent**

<http://hawaiiindependent.net/story/the-lobbyist-on-lanai-left-a-community-torn-apart-by-big-wind>

**Ilani Media Blog By Henry Curtis**

<http://ilanimedia.blogspot.com/2015/02/talk-story-with-carleton-ching-and.html>

**Kingdom Media Hawai'i Video of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i interview of Carleton Ching and Kekoa Kaluhiwa, February 26, 2015**

<http://new.livestream.com/accounts/311605/events/3843394>



Hawaii Reserves, Inc.  
A LAND MANAGEMENT COMPANY

R. Eric Beaver  
PRESIDENT & CEO

March 10, 2015

**Via E-Mail: WTLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov**

Senate Committee on Water & Land

**Re: G.M. 514 (Confirmation of Carleton Ching as DLNR Chairperson)  
Testimony In Support  
Hearing: Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Conf. Rm. 229**

Honorable Chair Thielen and Committee Members:

Aloha and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources on behalf of Hawaii Reserves, Inc., a land management company located in Laie, Hawaii. We highly recommend Mr. Ching for the position of DLNR Chairperson.

We know Mr. Ching on both a professional and personal level. He has nearly three decades of professional experience dealing with the kinds of issues that the DLNR Chairperson encounters in the State of Hawaii. These include issues involving the community, public and governmental strategic planning, policy, and outreach covering areas related to agricultural, residential and commercial land, and renewable energy operations.

Carleton is a "local boy" born on Oahu, and a proud graduate of Kaimuki High School. The DLNR will greatly benefit from someone with this community background who also has diverse professional experience in private corporate management and governmental positions in the areas of real estate strategic planning, operations, management and development.

This background spans government and private sectors involving a wide array of development functions such as master planning, strategic land planning and development, feasibility analysis, budgeting, design, governmental processing, development implementation and operations. As a private consultant, he provided project management services to a wide cross section of private corporations and public agencies.

I have also been able to observe Carleton in less formal settings and have been impressed with his clear thinking, honesty, sense of humor and concern for local residents. We applaud Governor Ige's choice in nominating someone of Mr. Ching's high caliber to head one of the state's most important agencies.

We have every confidence that Mr. Ching will faithfully execute his responsibilities as the Chairperson of the DLNR, and respectfully request that this committee confirm Mr. Ching and pass out G.M. 514.

Sincerely,

R. Eric Beaver

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**GM514**

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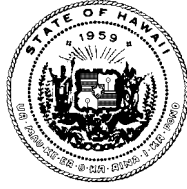
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rachael Wong, Director	Individual	Support	No

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**STATE OF HAWAII  
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March 10, 2015

Memorandum

To: The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair  
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land

From: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

Subject: **GM 514 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.**

Hearing: 10 AM, Wednesday, March 11, 2015  
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

I am writing **in support** of the confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Although I only recently met Carleton, I can attest to his sincerity, honesty, and commitment to serving Hawaii. This includes our islands' lands and natural resources.

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**GM514**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rafael Bergstrom	Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter	Oppose	Yes

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To: Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Water & Land (WTL)  
Re: Strong Opposition to GM 514 (Carleton Ching's nomination as Director of DLNR)  
Hearing: Wed., Mar. 11, 2015 at 10:00 am, Room 229

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong opposition of GM 514. As the Oahu Chapter Coordinator for the Surfrider Foundation I must inform you that we oppose the current candidate to head up the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) as Mr. Ching simply is not the right fit for this post. He lacks experience in the field of natural resources management and frankly his past puts him directly at odds with protecting our fragile ecosystems here in Hawaii.

Lobbying for Castle & Cooke, one of the biggest developers in the state, Carleton Ching is suited for a position within a land development firm, but certainly not a State position which seeks to protect conservation and agriculture land from development. Additionally, he lacks experience running such a large state agency, while his past should exclude him from being appointed to such a position.

When his nomination was first announced, many groups came together to write a formal letter protesting Gov. Ige's controversial appointment. In the face of such strong opposition, many hoped that the Governor would withdraw his candidacy. But if this doesn't happen, we ask that the nomination to be defeated by the Senate to show that our elected officials will not allow such a clear conflict of interests.

The DLNR needs to be run by an individual deeply connected to the land and its people. Mr. Ching does not fit this description. Through correspondence and connections with other organizations who have interviewed Mr. Ching, we surely do not think poorly of him as person and this is not being written as a personal attack in any. However, this appointment is far too important to simply rely on personality over experience and expectations for the future. Mr. Ching's response to groups representing the sustainable future of Hawaii has continued to be elusive and without substance in direction.

The Surfrider Foundation hopes that Senate will consider the ethical and practical objections to this nomination and help take steps to make sure a different, more qualified applicant is selected to lead DLNR.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this difficult decision.

Rafael Bergstrom  
Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter Coordinator.

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**GM514**

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Scott Enright	State Department of Agriculture	Support	Yes

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015  
10:00 a.m.  
Room 229**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 514  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CARLETON CHING, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-  
2018**

Chairperson Thielen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governors Message No. 514 that submits for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, Carleton Ching, for a term to expire December 31, 2018. The Department supports this nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support for the confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Carleton Ching has the executive skills for the critical tasks of the stewardship of Hawaii's unique resources and the ability to facilitate complex issues by balancing the various points of views to preserve and address the needs of our environment and our people. At his tenure with the Hawaii Housing Authority he facilitated a resolution to the conflict between the Waiahole-Waikane Community Association and the State of Hawaii to preserve those valleys for agricultural and cultural practices. Given the opportunity to serve as Chairperson, he will prove his commitment to the mission and goals of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify.



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**GM514**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Vicky Takamine	'Ilio'ulaokalani Coalition	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Aloha Senator Thielen, Senator Galuteria and Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Natural Resources, I am Vicky Holt Takamine, the po'o of 'Ilio'ulaokalani Coalition. Its been a while since we've submitted testimony on any measure introduced at the legislature. We strongly oppose the appointment of Carleton Ching to the position of Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Mr. Ching has not shown any leadership in the area of protection of our environment, natural and cultural resources. We need to be able to trust that the person appointed to this very important position will be able to lead the department and provide a vision for the future of our state. Mr. Ching has in the past been involved with some of the very entities that resulted in the organization of 'Ilio'ulaokalani. We've been on opposite sides of the issues surrounding PASH. We're very concerned that as the head of the DLNR, that those policies that have been put in place to protect our natural and cultural resources will be at risk. We agree that we need to find a good manager, but we do not think that Carleton Ching is the right person for this position. Mahalo nui loa, Vicky Holt Takamine 'Ilio'ulaokalani Coalition

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