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I support Kekoa Kaluhiwa's nomination.

A. Kilohana Hirano

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Mahalo for considering my strong **SUPPORT** of Kekoa Kaluhiwa.

Signature:

  
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Print Name:

AARON WOODWARD  
\_\_\_\_\_

City of Residence:

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I support Kekoka Kaluhiwa's nomination!!!

Sincerely  
Adam Lee

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**Adam Lee**  
Corporate Account Executive

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Signature:

Adam Anderson

Print Name:

ADDIE ANDERSON

City of Residence:

Kaunohi

Date:

3/23/15

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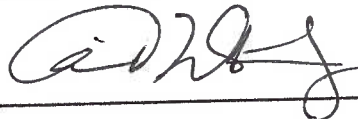
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Print Name: Ainsley A Garan  
City of Residence: Kaneohe  
Date: 3/23/15

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*Alai K. Abbey*

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Alai K. Abbey*

City of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kaneohe*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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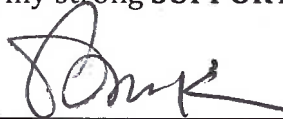
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Signature:



Print Name:

ALAN PWIODA

City of Residence:

KANEOHE

Date:

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Mahalo for considering my strong **SUPPORT** of Kekoa Kaluhiwa.

Signature:

Alice L. Mattos

Print Name:

Alice Lei Mattos

City of Residence:

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Date:

3-26-15

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Print Name:

Allan Freitas

City of Residence:

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Date:

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Mahalo for considering my strong **SUPPORT** of Kekoa Kaluhiwa.

Signature:

*Kekoa N Kaluhiwa*

Print Name:

KEKOA N KALUHIWA

City of Residence:

Waiawa, HI 96792

Date:

3/27/15

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Submitted on: 3/26/2015

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March 26, 2015

TO: Senate Committee on Water and Land  
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RE: Governor's Message 515  
Kekoa Kaluhiwa – Deputy Director for Department  
of Land and Natural Resources  
Hearing Date/Time: March 27, 2015 2:45PM

FROM: Alvin Narimatsu  
1834 Laukahi St.  
Honolulu, HI 96821

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

Aloha & Mahalo for allowing me to express my SUPPORT for the appointment of Kekoa Kaluhiwa to serve as Deputy Director of the State of Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Today, your Senate Committee on water and land has the opportunity to review and confirm the nomination of Kekoa Kaluhiwa, as First Deputy of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). A very important leadership position which is critical for the future and well being of "Hawaii's greatest treasures" – our beautiful, unique, natural, cultural and historic resources. Our "treasure" is constantly being challenged by nature itself and the growing world population and its accompanying life sustaining demands.

Balancing these increasing forces requires strong leadership. The need to maintain a steadfast stewardship of our beautiful islands is critical. Your committee's kuleana is to select the best qualified candidate, who is willing to accept these leadership responsibilities.

Today, you have the opportunity to confirm one of our brightest and exceptionally qualified leaders. Kekoa Kaluhiwa's personal, and education experiences greatly complement the DLNR mission in caring for our natural and cultural resources. Please give Kekoa Kaluhiwa the opportunity to support the DLNR mission to protect our lands.

Thank you & Aloha,

Alvin Narimatsu

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**Subject:** Kekoa Kaluhiwa  
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Kekoa Kaluhiwa has my support.

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Mahalo for considering my strong **SUPPORT** of Kekoa Kaluhiwa.

Signature:

Alyssa Ikehara

Print Name:

Alyssa Ikehara

City of Residence:

Waianae

Date:

3/22/15

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Mahalo for considering my strong **SUPPORT** of Kekoa Kaluhiwa.

Signature:   
Print Name: Amanda-Latanya Kumai-Shores  
City of Residence: Havila  
Date: 3-26-15

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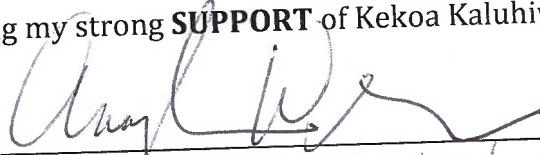
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Signature:



Print Name:

AMARAH CN WILLIAMS

City of Residence:

WAIMANALO

Date:

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**March 27, 2015 2:45PM  
State Capitol Room 224**

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Mahalo for considering my strong **SUPPORT** of Kekoa Kaluhiwa.

Signature:



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**GM515**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrew Choy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In full disclosure, I am the Acting Program Manager for the State of Hawaii, Hunter Education Program, and I am testifying as a private individual in support of the nomination and confirmation of Kekoa Kaluhiwa as First Deputy of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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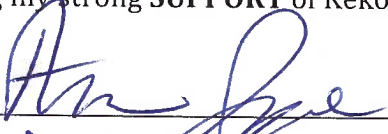
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Signature:

  
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Print Name:

Andrew Joyce  
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Signature:



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ANELA K. KEOPUHIWA

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I support Kekoa Kaluhiwa's Nomination

**From:** [Robson Hind](#)  
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Angeline D. Hind  
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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:17 PM  
To: Kirk Hind  
Subject: GM540 (as amended by GM543) - Support of Ulalia Woodside, Board of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Chair Laura Thielen and Members of the Committee of Water & Land;

I support Ulalia Woodside as a member of your board. Her experience and integrity in the area of land management and preservation is exceptional. She has the best interest of our future generations regarding land management. I have known Ulalia and her ohana for decades and have admired her commitment to her job, family and civic responsibilities.

Mahalo,  
Angeline D. Hind  
Haina LLC  
P.O. Box 240008  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96824

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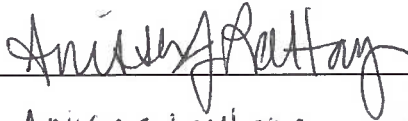
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Signature: 

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**GM515**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments: I strongly support the nomination of Kekoa Kaluhiwa for the position of Deputy Director of the Dept. of Land & Natural Resources. His work experience and background, his educational achievements including a masters in Public Administration from the University of Hawai'i with an emphasis in Environmental Planning and Management, and his personal dedication to serving the community and environment, make him an ideal candidate for this position. I urge you to approve his nomination. Mahalo.

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Signature:

Ann Y. Manatad

Print Name:

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City of Residence:

Kahala, HI

Date:

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Signature:

*Anna Koa*

Print Name:

Anna Koa

City of Residence:

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Date:

03-24-15

**From:** [Annie Nagasako](#)  
**To:** [WTLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** GM515 - Kekoa Kaluhiwa, Deputy Director, DLNR  
**Date:** Monday, March 23, 2015 2:51:50 PM

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Chair Laura Thielen and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

My name is Annie Nagasako and I am a retired educator from the Hawaii Department of Education. I am writing to support the nomination of Kekoa Kaluhiwa for the position of Deputy Director, Department of Land and Natural Resources. The hearing date will be on March 27, 2015 at 2:45 p.m.

I have known Kekoa for 15 years. His educational background and work experiences makes him a most fitting choice for the Deputy Director at the DLNR. The passion he has for Hawaii's aina and culture was instilled in him from his kupuna who taught him at a young age to treat our natural resources with respect to ensure sustainability for future generations.

Kekoa has many gifts one of which is his ability to make you feel that what you have to say is important and of interest to him. He never appears too busy to take the time to listen to your concerns, ideas or suggestions, which are validated by his actions. This is a valuable asset to have in his line of work.

I urge you to give Kekoa Kaluhiwa the opportunity to serve the people of Hawaii in the Department of Land and Natural Resources. He will be an effective and resourceful addition to this department.

Sincerely,  
Annie Nagasako

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Mahalo for considering my strong **SUPPORT** of Kekoa Kaluhiwa:

Signature: Anthony Kevin Baldonado  
Print Name: ANTHONY KEVIN Baldonado  
City of Residence: Kaneohe  
Date: 3-24-2015

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Mahalo for considering my strong **SUPPORT** of Kekoa Kaluhiwa.

Signature:

*Anthony Marumoto*

Print Name:

Anthony Marumoto

City of Residence:

Kaimuki

Date:

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Signature:

*Antoinette Dauz*

Print Name:

Antoinette Dauz

City of Residence:

Honolulu

Date:

3/24/15

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**The Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club strongly SUPPORTS Governor Ige's appointment of Kekoa Kaluhiwa to serve as Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). My name is Antoinette Lee and I am the President of the Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club which is 51 years old. Our club has a membership of 164 members and has voted to support Kekoa Kaluhiwa, who is a member of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club. As Hawaiian Civic Club members we have been in support the Aha Moku Councils and the Ahupua`a Concept since 2006 when we started a series of Puwalu to bring representatives from forty-three regions (moku) and over one hundred ahupua`a Hawaiian cultural practitioners, including kupuna and the acknowledged traditional experts, who joined together to come forth with their mana`o and concerns. The conclusion of the first Puwalu called for the creation of a resolution calling on Native Hawaiians to begin a process to uphold and continue Hawaiian traditional land and ocean practices. From several puwalu came the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) which may provide advice to the Director and the Deputy Director for the Department of Land and Natural Resources that will be able to help them in their stewardship of their kuleana resulting from the amendments to Act 212, yet keeping the intent, language and goals of the body, Act 288 additionally defend in the Aha Moku System which requires its Advisory Committee to participate in coordinating, educating, advocating and reporting for its committees.**

**Kekoa attended some of the Puwalu and with his educational background in Environmental Planning and Management Theory, his employment history, his deep**

**commitment to enhancing, protecting, conserving, and managing Hawai`i's valuable natural resources and his impressive Community involvement gives him the tools to be able to successfully serve as the Deputy Director for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.**

**Kekoa Kaluhiwa is a keiki o ka`aina with very strong Hawaiian Values, steadfast in his commitment to helping others and to protect our natural, cultural and historic resources and environment.**

**We believe in Kekoa, and ask that you give him a chance to prove himself. He is qualified to be the next Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.**

**Mahalo for considering our STRONG SUPPORT for Kekoa Kaluhiwa.**

**Antoinette Lee**

**Cell Phone: (808) 222-7853**

**Pearl City, Hawai`i**

**March 25, 2015**

**CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR  
CARLETON CHING AS THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
TESTIMONY OF ANTOINETTE LEE, PRESIDENT  
PEARL HARBOR HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB  
IN SUPPORT**

**ALOHA, KAKAHIKA CHAIR LAURA H. THIELEN, VICE CHAIR BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA AND THE COMMITTEE ON LAND AND WATER. MY NAME IS ANTOINETTE LEE, I AM A GRADUATE OF KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS, WAS BORN AND RAISED ON THE ISLAND OF OAHU. MY `OHANA IS FROM MAUI AND MY HUSBAND'S `OHANA IS FROM THE ISLAND OF MOLOKA`I. I AM A RETIRED CIVILIAN CIVIL SERVANT THAT WORKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NAVY FOR 41 YEARS IN THE FIELD OF INTELLIGENCE. I AM NOW A KUPUNA IN THE CLASSROOM EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AT MANANA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHERE I HAVE BEEN TEACHING FOR THE LAST 8 YEARS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CHILDREN'S LIVES FOR A CHANGE. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PEARL HARBOR HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB WHERE I HAVE BEEN A CHARTER MEMBER FOR THE PAST 51 YEARS. THE PEARL HARBOR HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB RESPECTFULLY URGES YOU TO SUPPORT AND CONFIRM CARLETON CHING TO BECOME THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. OUR CLUB HAS A TOTAL OF 164 IN OUR MEMBERSHIP. I AM ALSO A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS WHICH IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF ALMOST 5,000 MEMBERS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW ABOUT MY BACKGROUND BECAUSE THEN YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY I AM HERE TODAY ON PERSONAL LEAVE TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF MR. CARLETON CHING.**

**I MET CARLETON A LITTLE OVER A MONTH AGO WHEN I WAS INVITED TO ATTEND A TALK STORY, MEET AND GREET THE CANDIDATE APPLYING FOR THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES ALONG WITH FRIENDS THAT I SIT ON OTHER BOARDS WITH. AS SOON AS I MET CARLETON HE REMINDED ME OF A MAN WHO WAS THE DLNR 1984-1992 THAT MADE A GREAT FOOTPRINT IN OUR STATE. A MAN OF STATURE, WHO FILLED UP A ROOM WHEN HE WALKED IN IT. A MAN WHO WAS BORN IN HAWAI`I, A KEIKI O KA`AINA, GRADUATE OF PUNAHOU WHERE HE WAS THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT SERVED IN THE MILITARY FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOM. IN THE MILITARY FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOM. A MAN WHO LOVED HAWAI`I, LEARNED OUR HAWAIIAN VALUES AND LIVED THEM EVERY DAY OF HIS LIFE. A MAN WHO WAS LOVED BY THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, WHO WAS RESPECTED BY SMALL BUSINESSES, BIG BUSINESSES, THE KEIKI O KA`AINA AND WHO HAD A DEEP RESPECT FOR OUR LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. HIS NAME WAS MR. BILL PATY. THIS MAN BROUGHT LEADERSHIP, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO THE TABLE. HE WAS HONEST, TRANSPARENT AND WITH HIS BACKGROUND IN THE FEDERAL, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR, LIKE CARLETON IS BRINGING, I INSTANTLY KNEW THAT CARLETON CHING, ALSO A HAWAIIAN WOULD BE ABLE TO FILL HIS SHOES. YOU SEE, MR. BILL PATY'S SHOES IN MY OPINION**

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**HAS NEVER REALLY BEEN FILLED. CARLETON CHING IS THE MAN FOR THE JOB. HE IS WHAT OUR STATE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR. YOU SEE, CARLETON CHING UNDERSTANDS DIFFERENT CHOICES IN HOW TO APPROACH THE DLNR MISSION, AND HIS CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY IS SUCH THAT HE IS COLLABORATIVE AND IS WILLING TO LISTEN TO ALL PARTIES BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION THAT WILL BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE FUTURE OF HAWAI`I. HE WILL BE ABLE TO PARTNER WITH BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO ENHANCE, PROTECT, CONSERVE AND MANAGE HAWAI`I'S VITAL RESOURCES BECAUSE HE IS FROM HERE AND WANTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CHILDREN, OUR MO`OPUNA AND THE FUTURE OF HAWAI`I.**

**WHILE I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS, WE PASSED A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TRADITIONAL FISHING IN THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS TO MAKE THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS A SANCTUARY. THE ENVIRONMENTALIST OF THIS STATE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF GOVERNOR LINDA LINGLE DECIDED TO USE OUR RESOLUTION AND TOOK IT TO CONGRESS TO TURN THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS INTO A MONUMENT. CLEARLY NOT WHAT THE HAWAIIANS WANTED. THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS USED OUR RESOLUTION AGAINST US. I VERY QUICKLY LEARNED ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENTALIST AND HOW MANY OF THEM HERE IN HAWAI`I ARE NOT EVEN FROM HERE. A FACT THAT MOST PEOPLE HERE IN HAWAI`I DON'T REALIZE. THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I AM A KUPUNA IN THE CLASSROOM TEACHING 450 CHILDREN A WEEK. I WANT TO PLANT THE IDEA OF HOPEFULLY HAVING SOME OF THEM THINK ABOUT BECOMING AN ENVIRONMENTALIST WHEN THEY GROW UP. YOU SEE I AM ON A MISSION. WE NEED MORE ENVIRONMENTALISTS THAT HAVE GROWN UP HERE IN HAWAI`I.**

**UNDER MY LEADERSHIP WE STARTED THE IDEA OF AHA MOKU COUNCILS AND THE AHUPUA`A CONCEPT. WE THOUGHT THAT WE THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THE "KEIKI O KA`AINA WOULD HELP OUR STATE TO HAVE BETTER CONTROL ON OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. WE WROTE RESOLUTIONS HOSTED PUWALU BRINGING OUR KUPUNA, MAKUA AND OPIO TOGETHER TO MAKE HAWAI`I A BETTER PLACE. ENVIRONMENTALISTS WERE BUSY TRYING TO EDUCATE OUR STATE THAT THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI`I SHOULD NOT EAT FISH BUT JUST LOOK AT THEM. CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT? WE WERE ALWAYS TAUGHT THAT THE STREAMS, RIVERS AND THE OCEAN IS OUR REFRIGERATOR. AS YOU WILL HEAR FROM CARLETON CHING, EVEN HE GREW UP FISHING FOR `OPAE AND O`OPU IN THE RIVER BEHIND KAIMUKI HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE WENT TO SCHOOL. IRONICALLY, I ALSO GREW UP NEXT TO THAT SAME STREAM WHERE I ALSO CAUGHT `OPAE AND O`OPU AND ATE THEM FOR LUNCH ON THE WEEKENDS. THE STREAM WAS OUR PLAYGROUND WHERE WE ALSO MADE LITTLE BOATS AND SAILED THEM DOWN TO THE ALA WAI CANAL. SADLY ENOUGH OUR KEIKI TODAY ARE NOT ABLE TO DO THAT BECAUSE THAT SAME STREAM AND OTHERS LIKE THE ALA WAI CANAL ARE POLLUTED. WITH THIS AHA MOKU COUNCILS AND AHUPUA`A CONCEPT OUR THOUGHTS WERE TO BRING BACK THE OLD HAWAI`I FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME SO THEY MAY ENJOY THE LIFESTYLE WE HAD. WE GOT TOGETHER WITH FISHERMAN AND STARTED A FISHING FESTIVAL TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS WHO WERE TRYING TO STOP FISHING IN HAWAI`I. CAN YOU IMAGINE LIVING ON AN ISLAND AND NOT BEING ABLE TO FISH? ONLY PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT BORN AND RAISED HERE WOULD THINK OF**

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**THAT. OUR PAST DLNR AGREED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND THAT'S WHY THEY ALL LIKED HIM. THAT'S WHY THEY TURNED THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS INTO A MONUMENT. THE FIRST FISHING FESTIVAL THAT WAS PUT ON ATTRACTED 16,000 PEOPLE, THE FOLLOWING YEAR THERE WERE 18,000 PEOPLE AND IT CONTINUED TO GROW. YOU SEE OUR LOCAL PEOPLE WERE FINALLY GETTING THE MESSAGE AND PAYING ATTENTION. THEN WE CAME TO THE LEGISLATURE OUR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS STARTED TO LISTEN TO US. WE WERE ABLE TO FINALLY GET A BILL FOR AN ACT 288 PASSED AND ACT 212 IN 2007 PASSED. OUR OWN DLNR SPOKE AGAINST THESE LEGISLATIONS. GOVERNOR LINGLE AND GOVERNOR ABERCROMBIE SIGNED THESE BILLS HOWEVER NEVER APPROPRIATED THE FUNDING FOR THESE BILLS. HOWEVER THEY DID GIVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE A DESK IN THE DLNR AND THE FUNDING FOR THAT SALARY CAME OUT OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS. IN MY OPINION THAT IS NOT RIGHT. WE, THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI'I PAY TAXES THAT KULEANA SHOULD COME OUT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I AFTER ALL IT BENEFITS EVERYONE LIVING HERE. THE HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS CONTINUE EVERY YEAR TO COME TO THIS LEGISLATURE TO ASK FOR THAT FUNDING AND IT HAS STILL NOT BEEN APPROPRIATED. AT LEAST HAWAIIANS ARE NOT JUST SITTING BACK COMPLAINING AND NOT GETTING INVOLVED, WE ARE ACTUALLY TRYING TO HELP, TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO MAKE THIS PLACE CALLED HAWAI'I A BETTER PLACE AND ARE DOING IT ON OUR OWN DIME. IN AUGUST 2006, THE HO`OHANO HANO I NA KUPUNA PUWALU SERIES BEGAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL PRACTITIONERS WHO WERE VERSED IN FARMING AND FISHING, OCEAN AND LAND AHUPUA`A METHODS GATHERED TO DISCUSS AND BRING FORTH THE WISDOM OF THE KUPUNA AND ANCESTORS. IT WAS A GATHERING OF EMPIRICAL KNOWLEDGE HANDED DOWN FROM GENERATIONS ON TRADITIONAL FISHING, AGRICULTURE, STREAMS, FISHPONDS, AND LAND USE METHODOLOGY BASED ON THE AHUPUA`A SYSTEM. WE HAD FOUR OF THESE PUWALU.**

**REPRESENTATIVES FROM FORTY-THREE REGIONS (MOKU) IN THE STATE AND OVER ONE HUNDRED AHUPUA`A HAWAIIAN CULTURAL PRACTITIONERS, INCLUDING KUPUNA AND THE ACKNOWLEDGED TRADITIONAL EXPERTS, JOINED TOGETHER TO COME FORTH WITH THEIR MANA`O AND CONCERNS. THE CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST PUWALU CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A RESOLUTION CALLING ON NATIVE HAWAIIANS TO BEGIN A PROCESS TO UPHOLD AND CONTINUE HAWAIIAN TRADITIONAL LAND AND OCEAN PRACTICES. HERE WE ARE TEN YEARS LATER AND WE ARE STILL DOING THE WORK CONSTANTLY AND METHODICALLY TRYING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND NOT EVEN GETTING THE APPRECIATION THAT THESE BILLS HAVE ASKED FOR. BECAUSE THIS IS A HAWAIIAN CONCEPT THE EASIEST SOLUTION IS THAT THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS SHOULD FUND THIS. THAT IS VERY IRRESPONSIBLE OF THE LEADERS IN THIS LEGISLATURE TO NOT DO THE RIGHT THING AND FUND THIS. WE, THE COMMUNITY AND THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO HELP YOU.**

**ANOTHER CONCERN COMING UP IS MAUNA ALA. WE THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI'I WILL BE WATCHING THIS VERY CLOSELY. THROUGH THE YEARS, DLNR REALLY NEVER TOOK PROPER CARE OF THIS VERY SACRED PLACE. THIS IS THE ONLY SOVEREIGN PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT WE HAVE HERE IN HAWAI'I. IT WAS IN SUCH POOR CONDITION THAT THE HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS WITH KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS**

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**AND THE CHARLES REED BISHOP FOUNDATION HAD TO STEP IN, RAISE MONEY TO BRING HONOR BACK TO THIS SACRED PLACE AND RESTORE THE DIGNITY OF THE PLACE WHERE OUR ALI`I NOW LAY.**

**CARLETON CHING IS READY TO TAKE ON THIS HUGE ENDEAVOR. HE DEFINITELY IS THE RIGHT PERSON AND CHOICE FOR THIS JOB. HE IS A GREAT LISTENER AND A MAN WHO CARES. HE WILL BE ABLE TO GATHER OUR PEOPLE AND BRING THEM TOGETHER. HE WILL BE ABLE TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHERS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. HE WILL ENHANCE, PROTECT, CONSERVE AND MANAGE HAWAI`I'S UNIQUE AND LIMITED NATURAL, CULTURAL, HISTORICAL RESOURCES HELD IN PUBLIC TRUST FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI`I NEI JUST LIKE MR. BILL PATY DID. PLEASE CONFIRM CARLETON CHING HE IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR HAWAI`I.**

**MAHALO FOR GIVING ME THE CHANCE TO TESTIFY.**

**Antoinette Lee  
President  
Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club  
P. O. Box 66  
Aiea, HI 96701  
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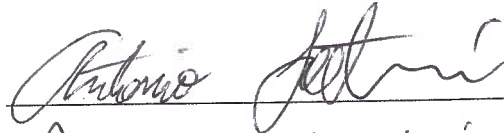
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Signature:



Print Name:

Antonio Toetua

City of Residence:

Palolo

Date:

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**From:** [Anuheia Borengasser](#)  
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I support Kekoa Kaluhiwa's nomination by Governor Ige as the First Deputy of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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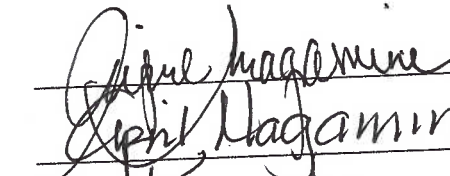
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Signature:



Print Name:

April Magamine

City of Residence:

Kaneohe

Date:

3/25/15

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Signature:

Arlene M. Souza

Print Name:

ARLENE M. SOUZA

City of Residence:

Hanalei

Date:

March 23, 2015

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Signature:

*Ashley Heig*

Print Name:

Ashley Heig

City of Residence:

Kaipuohi HI 96744

Date:

3/24/2015

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**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 7:45:59 PM

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Aloha

I support Kekoa Kaluhiwa's nomination for First Deputy for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo

Ashley Ono

808-352-8809

1322 Hele St.

Kailua, HI 96734

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Signature:

Audrey C. Niau

Print Name:

AUDREY C. NIAU

City of Residence:

Honolulu, HI 96814

Date:

3/23/15

Audrey Hidano  
1620 Hau Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
March 25, 2015

Testimony to the COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
Friday, March 27, 2015  
2:45 PM  
State Capitol - Conference Room 224

Re: GM 515: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEKOA KALUHIWA, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the Committee:

My name is Audrey Hidano and I am in support of Governor Ige's appointment of Kekoa Kaluhiwa to serve as Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Mr. Kaluhiwa is a young man worthy of consideration for this position as his background is in Hawaiian cultural practices and I know he has a love for our ohana and our aina which will lead him to helping others, our environment and the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration to this Governor's Message.

Sent via e-mail: [WTLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:WTLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov) and Fax: 587-7240

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Signature:

August C. Erlandiz

Print Name:

AUGUST C. ERLANDIZ

City of Residence:

45-523 NAKULUHI ST, KANEHOHE, HI 96741

Date:

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Submitted on: 3/24/2015

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments: I strongly support Kekoa Kaluhiwa's confirmation as the deputy director of DLNR.

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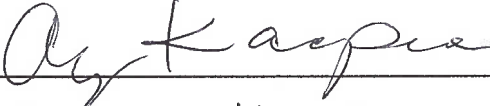
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Signature:   
Print Name: Azure Kaopua  
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Date: 3/22/15

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B. Whiteman

Print Name:

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City of Residence:

Ewa Beach

Date:

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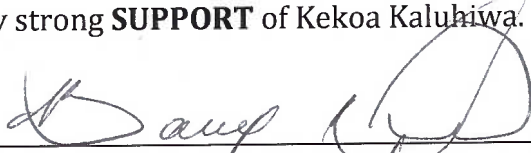
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Signature:

  
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Print Name:

Barry Niau  
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Honolulu  
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Date:

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Print Name:

Beauty Ann L. Low

City of Residence:

Waiancee, HI

Date:

March 22, 2015

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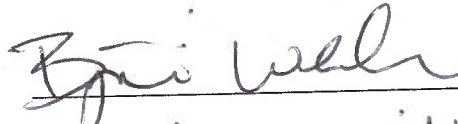
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Print Name:

Benjamin Wilhelm

City of Residence:

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Signature:

*Bernadine Kaluhiwa*

Print Name:

*Bernadine Akiona Kaluhiwa* #5  
9/19/73

City of Residence:

*Kaneohe*

Date:

*3/24/2015*

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Signature:

Bertram L. Crowder

Print Name:

BERTRAM L. CROWDER

City of Residence:

KANEHOE

Date:

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Bretton L. Crowder Jr.

Print Name:

BRETTON L. CROWDER JR.

City of Residence:

KANEHOE

Date:

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Signature:

Betty K. Arakaki

Print Name:

Betty K. Arakaki

City of Residence:

Kaneohe

Date:

3/25/15

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**Subject:** I support Kekoa Kaluhiwa"s nomination  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:53:56 PM

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I support Kekoa Kaluhiwa's nomination

Deadline is 2:45 PM this Thursday, March 26, 2015

Aloha,  
Billie Lueder

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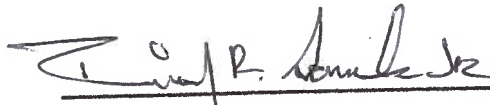
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Signature:



Print Name:

BILLY R SAMUELS JR.

City of Residence:

WAIANAЕ HI

Date:

03-24-2015

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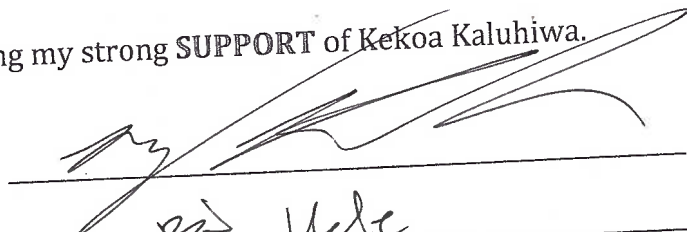
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Print Name:

Bobby Lee

City of Residence:

Waianae

Date:

3-22-15

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Signature:



Print Name:

Brandon Rice

City of Residence:

Waigani

Date:

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Print Name:

Brandon Paraon

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Waimanalo

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BRIAN MCCABE

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B Churchill

Print Name:

Britt Churchill

City of Residence:

Kaneohe

Date:

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Print Name:

Brock Whittington

City of Residence:

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City of Residence: Kaneohe  
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BRYAN K. AMORA

City of Residence:

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Signature:

Brysha Marie K Brown

Print Name:

Brysha-Marie K Brown

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Date:

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Submitted on: 3/24/2015

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CALLY L ADAMS DDS	Individual	Support	No

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Cally L. Adams, DDS  
1325 South Kihei Road, Suite 108  
Kihei, HI 96753

March 24, 2015

Subject Line: GM515 - Kekoa Kaluhiwa, Deputy Director, DLNR

Hearing Date/Time: March 27, 2015 2:45PM

Testifier position: SUPPORT

Dear Chair Laura Thielen and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

Aloha, I am Dr. Cally Adams and I am writing to ask you to confirm the nomination of Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa for Deputy Director of the Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR).

I have had the distinct pleasure of knowing Mr. Kaluhiwa for almost eight years. During that time, he has been more than the ideal civil servant and family man. In order to attain his highest achievement and everyone's deepest respect, he has demonstrated outstanding leadership and maintained a clear sense of purpose to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture.

Mr. Kaluhiwa was born and raised in Kaneohe. He is an avid outdoorsman who comes from a long lineage of respected watermen and women. His passion in caring for our natural resources comes from his childhood experiences of paddling and fishing in Kaneohe Bay.

Mr. Kaluhiwa previously served as a volunteer hunter education instructor with Hawaii DLNR because of his strong belief in promoting safe and ethical outdoor experiences. Additionally, his compelling educational background lends well to working within Hawaii's DLNR. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Hawaii with an emphasis in Environmental Planning and Management Theory. Also, he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in Society & Justice from the University of Washington, and is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools. Furthermore, he worked for U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka for almost twelve years, served as Director of External Affairs for First Wind Energy and currently owns Kuano'o Communications. Lastly, he is a multi Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winning musician who supports our cultural heritage.

On March 27, 2015, I strongly urge you to support his confirmation. His appointment is imperative to me not only because we have the opportunity to place an excellent public steward in this important position, but as a native Hawaiian, he will enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources. It is also important to the DLNR, both how it operates and how it is perceived to operate, that individuals who have worked hard, played by the rules, and are qualified receive a fair chance. Mr. Kaluhiwa has done everything it takes to be qualified for the position as Deputy Director of the DLNR. He deserves your vote.

I hope I can count on you to support Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa. He is supported by a wide array of individuals and organizations. I will be watching and will report back to my community how you vote.

Sincerely,

Cally L. Adams, DDS

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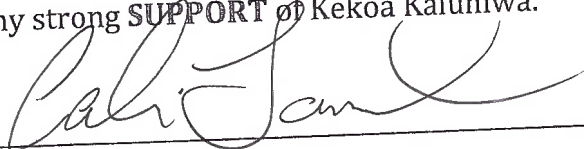
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Signature:

  
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Print Name:

Calvin Taumua  
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City of Residence:

WaiManalo  
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3-25-15  
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Signature: Carl Hopkins  
Print Name: Carl Hopkins  
City of Residence: Kaneohe Hi 96744  
Date: 3-22-2015

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Signature:

Carl K. Okuma

Print Name:

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Honolulu

Date:

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Signature:

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CARLETON FERREIRA

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KANEEOHE, HI

Date:

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**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015 3:32:25 AM

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**GM515**

Submitted on: 3/25/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 27, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carlton York	Individual	Oppose	No

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Signature:

Carmen P. Lien

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**From:** [Carol Ann Solien](#)  
**To:** [WTLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** GM515 /KEKOA KALUHIWA DEPUTY DIRECTOR DLNR  
**Date:** Sunday, March 22, 2015 10:01:55 PM

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Dear Chair Laura Thielen and Committee Members of Water and Land ( Hearing : March 27,2015 @2.45pm)

I fully support Kekoa Kaluhiwa for Deputy Director DLNR.

Kekoa is well qualified academically . His Master's Degree in Public Administration with emphasis on Environmental Planning and Management Theory from UH Manoa has given him a good foundation .

With almost 12 years working for Senator Daniel Akaka , he has helped resolve many issues between Hawaii's residents and the Federal government ...building his understanding of effective governance .

As part of the Na Hoku award winning musical group , Holunape, Kekoa has the cultural and spiritual sensitivity so important to the nuances of DLNR work.

He is fully aware of his kuleana to his family and community to malama the aina , a valuable commodity we need in our State Government .

Kekoa Kaluhiwa has my support and full faith in his ability to be exemplary as the next Deputy Director DLNR .

Sincerely,  
Carol Ann Solien  
ph. 808-325 6388

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Carol Lum Kihano

Print Name:

CAROL Lum Kihano

City of Residence:

Kaneohe, Honolulu, HI

Date:

3-23-2015

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Signature:



Print Name:

Caroline Hayashi

City of Residence:

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Date:

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Signature:

  
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Print Name:

Caroline Julian-Freitas  
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City of Residence:

Honolulu  
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Date:

3.25.15  
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**From:** [Carolyn H. Unser](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015 9:18:29 PM  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this in support of the nomination for Kekoa Kaluhiwa for the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I believe that Kekoa is well suited for this position. He has the capacity to serve as a role model for employees within the Department and would contribute a positive direction for important management decisions. Kekoa's past employment and personal lifestyle lends itself to a proven track record of respectful relationships, compassion towards community, and confidence that stands up to challenges. Kekoa will insert himself as a leader when necessary but will stay out of the way for others to progress. He is a team player that the DLNR needs now.

I had the privilege to work closely with Kekoa for a few months during my transition into his Community Outreach Position with First Wind (acquired by SunEdison). I have inherited the foundation of his community presence and respect he gained for the company on both O'ahu and Maui. Kekoa's genuine character allowed for constructive community engagement and acceptance during the development process. One example of Kekoa's dedication to the community was during First Wind's proposal to expand the Kahuku Wind Project which the community objected strongly to; Kekoa alerted top management that this would not be in the best interest of the community and was not the right direction. The company respected Kekoa's feedback and did not pursue further development in this area. The community continues to respect First Wind for this action and development projects in other areas have been able to continue. This type of leadership is needed in the DLNR where decisions effecting progress down the line are of paramount importance.

Not only does Kekoa's personality lend itself to a successful Deputy, his inherent understanding of the environment is a perfect match. Kekoa understands the environmental assessment processes, data collection and research, and vital timelines needed for development. Growing up in Hawai'i, as a hunter and fisherman, he is in-tune with natural resources and the importance in protecting coastal areas and marine life. In conclusion, the DLNR would be lucky to have Kekoa serving as their Deputy.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Unser  
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**From:** [Cedric Duarte](#)  
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**Subject:** Support of Kekoa Kaluhiwa - DLNR  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:18:57 AM

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Aloha,

I am writing this email today in support of Kekoa Kaluhiwa's nomination for 1st deputy of the Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you,

Cedric

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**Cedric Reko Duarte**

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Signature:



Print Name:

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Charla Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, my name is Charla Jones and work as a Domestic Violence Advocate for a non profit agency here in Hawaii. I would like to submit my support for the approval of Kekoa Kaluhiwa as Deputy Director of DLNR. I have worked with Kekoa at the Ko'olauPoko Hawaiian Civic Club and also have had many interactions with him on a personal level between mutual family and friends. Chair Laura Thielen and Members of the Committee on Water and Land, please consider Kekoa Kaluhiwa for this position. I have seen only integrity, humility, hard work and respect for Hawaii's culture and land as well as our kupuna from Kekoa. I feel he would be an excellent choice for Deputy Director of DLNR. Respectfully submitted, Charla Jones.

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Signature:



Print Name:

Charlee Kaonohi

City of Residence:

Waimanalo

Date:

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Signature: Charlene H. Ah Nee

Print Name: Charlene H. Ah Nee

City of Residence: Honolulu

Date: 3/26/2015

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3/25/2015

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Signature:

Charles B. Strohlin

Print Name:

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City of Residence:

Ewa Beach

Date:

3/24/15

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**I believe in Kekoa, and ask that you confirm him to and give him a chance to prove himself qualified as the next Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.**

**Mahalo for considering my STRONG SUPPORT for Kekoa Kaluhiwa.**

**Charles K. Kapua  
Cell Phone: (808) 479-3263  
Pearl City, Hawai`i  
March 25, 2015**

**CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR  
CARLETON CHING AS THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
TESTIMONY OF ANTOINETTE LEE, PRESIDENT  
PEARL HARBOR HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB  
IN SUPPORT**

**ALOHA, KAKAHIKA CHAIR LAURA H. THIELEN, VICE CHAIR BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA AND THE COMMITTEE ON LAND AND WATER. MY NAME IS ANTOINETTE LEE, I AM A GRADUATE OF KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS, WAS BORN AND RAISED ON THE ISLAND OF OAHU. MY `OHANA IS FROM MAUI AND MY HUSBAND'S `OHANA IS FROM THE ISLAND OF MOLOKA'I. I AM A RETIRED CIVILIAN CIVIL SERVANT THAT WORKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NAVY FOR 41 YEARS IN THE FIELD OF INTELLIGENCE. I AM NOW A KUPUNA IN THE CLASSROOM EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AT MANANA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHERE I HAVE BEEN TEACHING FOR THE LAST 8 YEARS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CHILDREN'S LIVES FOR A CHANGE. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PEARL HARBOR HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB WHERE I HAVE BEEN A CHARTER MEMBER FOR THE PAST 51 YEARS. THE PEARL HARBOR HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB RESPECTFULLY URGES YOU TO SUPPORT AND CONFIRM CARLETON CHING TO BECOME THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. OUR CLUB HAS A TOTAL OF 164 IN OUR MEMBERSHIP. I AM ALSO A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS WHICH IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF ALMOST 5,000 MEMBERS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW ABOUT MY BACKGROUND BECAUSE THEN YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY I AM HERE TODAY ON PERSONAL LEAVE TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF MR. CARLETON CHING.**

**I MET CARLETON A LITTLE OVER A MONTH AGO WHEN I WAS INVITED TO ATTEND A TALK STORY, MEET AND GREET THE CANDIDATE APPLYING FOR THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES ALONG WITH FRIENDS THAT I SIT ON OTHER BOARDS WITH. AS SOON AS I MET CARLETON HE REMINDED ME OF A MAN WHO WAS THE DLNR 1984-1992 THAT MADE A GREAT FOOTPRINT IN OUR STATE. A MAN OF STATURE, WHO FILLED UP A ROOM WHEN HE WALKED IN IT. A MAN WHO WAS BORN IN HAWAI'I, A KEIKI O KA`AINA, GRADUATE OF PUNAHOU WHERE HE WAS THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT SERVED IN THE MILITARY FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOM. IN THE MILITARY FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOM. A MAN WHO LOVED HAWAI'I, LEARNED OUR HAWAIIAN VALUES AND LIVED THEM EVERY DAY OF HIS LIFE. A MAN WHO WAS LOVED BY THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, WHO WAS RESPECTED BY SMALL BUSINESSES, BIG BUSINESSES, THE KEIKI O KA`AINA AND WHO HAD A DEEP RESPECT FOR OUR LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. HIS NAME WAS MR. BILL PATY. THIS MAN BROUGHT LEADERSHIP, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO THE**

TABLE. HE WAS HONEST, TRANSPARENT AND WITH HIS BACKGROUND IN THE FEDERAL, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR, LIKE CARLETON IS BRINGING, I INSTANTLY KNEW THAT CARLETON CHING, ALSO A HAWAIIAN WOULD BE ABLE TO FILL HIS SHOES. YOU SEE, MR. BILL PATY'S SHOES IN MY OPINION  
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HAS NEVER REALLY BEEN FILLED. CARLETON CHING IS THE MAN FOR THE JOB. HE IS WHAT OUR STATE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR. YOU SEE, CARLETON CHING UNDERSTANDS DIFFERENT CHOICES IN HOW TO APPROACH THE DLNR MISSION, AND HIS CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY IS SUCH THAT HE IS COLLABORATIVE AND IS WILLING TO LISTEN TO ALL PARTIES BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION THAT WILL BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE FUTURE OF HAWAI`I. HE WILL BE ABLE TO PARTNER WITH BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO ENHANCE, PROTECT, CONSERVE AND MANAGE HAWAI`I'S VITAL RESOURCES BECAUSE HE IS FROM HERE AND WANTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CHILDREN, OUR MO`OPUNA AND THE FUTURE OF HAWAI`I.

WHILE I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS, WE PASSED A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TRADITIONAL FISHING IN THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS TO MAKE THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS A SANCTUARY. THE ENVIRONMENTALIST OF THIS STATE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF GOVERNOR LINDA LINGLE DECIDED TO USE OUR RESOLUTION AND TOOK IT TO CONGRESS TO TURN THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS INTO A MONUMENT. CLEARLY NOT WHAT THE HAWAIIANS WANTED. THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS USED OUR RESOLUTION AGAINST US. I VERY QUICKLY LEARNED ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENTALIST AND HOW MANY OF THEM HERE IN HAWAI`I ARE NOT EVEN FROM HERE. A FACT THAT MOST PEOPLE HERE IN HAWAI`I DON'T REALIZE. THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I AM A KUPUNA IN THE CLASSROOM TEACHING 450 CHILDREN A WEEK. I WANT TO PLANT THE IDEA OF HOPEFULLY HAVING SOME OF THEM THINK ABOUT BECOMING AN ENVIRONMENTALIST WHEN THEY GROW UP. YOU SEE I AM ON A MISSION. WE NEED MORE ENVIRONMENTALISTS THAT HAVE GROWN UP HERE IN HAWAI`I.

UNDER MY LEADERSHIP WE STARTED THE IDEA OF AHA MOKU COUNCILS AND THE AHUPUA`A CONCEPT. WE THOUGHT THAT WE THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THE "KEIKI O KA`AINA WOULD HELP OUR STATE TO HAVE BETTER CONTROL ON OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. WE WROTE RESOLUTIONS HOSTED PUWALU BRINGING OUR KUPUNA, MAKUA AND OPIO TOGETHER TO MAKE HAWAI`I A BETTER PLACE. ENVIRONMENTALISTS WERE BUSY TRYING TO EDUCATE OUR STATE THAT THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI`I SHOULD NOT EAT FISH BUT JUST LOOK AT THEM. CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT? WE WERE ALWAYS TAUGHT THAT THE STREAMS, RIVERS AND THE OCEAN IS OUR REFRIGERATOR. AS YOU WILL HEAR FROM CARLETON CHING, EVEN HE GREW UP FISHING FOR `OPAE AND O`OPU IN THE RIVER BEHIND KAIMUKI HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE WENT TO SCHOOL. IRONICALLY, I ALSO GREW UP NEXT TO THAT SAME STREAM WHERE I ALSO CAUGHT `OPAE AND O`OPU AND ATE THEM FOR LUNCH ON THE WEEKENDS. THE STREAM WAS OUR PLAYGROUND WHERE WE ALSO MADE LITTLE BOATS AND SAILED THEM DOWN TO THE ALA WAI CANAL. SADLY ENOUGH OUR KEIKI TODAY ARE NOT ABLE TO DO THAT BECAUSE THAT SAME STREAM AND OTHERS LIKE THE ALA WAI CANAL ARE POLLUTED. WITH THIS AHA MOKU COUNCILS AND AHUPUA`A CONCEPT OUR THOUGHTS WERE TO BRING BACK THE OLD HAWAI`I FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME SO THEY MAY ENJOY THE LIFESTYLE WE HAD. WE GOT TOGETHER WITH FISHERMAN AND

STARTED A FISHING FESTIVAL TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS WHO WERE TRYING TO STOP FISHING IN HAWAI'I. CAN YOU IMAGINE LIVING ON AN ISLAND AND NOT BEING ABLE TO FISH? ONLY PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT BORN AND RAISED HERE WOULD THINK OF

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THAT. OUR PAST DLNR AGREED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND THAT'S WHY THEY ALL LIKED HIM. THAT'S WHY THEY TURNED THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS INTO A MONUMENT. THE FIRST FISHING FESTIVAL THAT WAS PUT ON ATTRACTED 16,000 PEOPLE, THE FOLLOWING YEAR THERE WERE 18,000 PEOPLE AND IT CONTINUED TO GROW. YOU SEE OUR LOCAL PEOPLE WERE FINALLY GETTING THE MESSAGE AND PAYING ATTENTION. THEN WE CAME TO THE LEGISLATURE OUR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS STARTED TO LISTEN TO US. WE WERE ABLE TO FINALLY GET A BILL FOR AN ACT 288 PASSED AND ACT 212 IN 2007 PASSED. OUR OWN DLNR SPOKE AGAINST THESE LEGISLATIONS. GOVERNOR LINGLE AND GOVERNOR ABERCROMBIE SIGNED THESE BILLS HOWEVER NEVER APPROPRIATED THE FUNDING FOR THESE BILLS. HOWEVER THEY DID GIVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE A DESK IN THE DLNR AND THE FUNDING FOR THAT SALARY CAME OUT OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS. IN MY OPINION THAT IS NOT RIGHT. WE, THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI'I PAY TAXES THAT KULEANA SHOULD COME OUT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I AFTER ALL IT BENEFITS EVERYONE LIVING HERE. THE HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS CONTINUE EVERY YEAR TO COME TO THIS LEGISLATURE TO ASK FOR THAT FUNDING AND IT HAS STILL NOT BEEN APPROPRIATED. AT LEAST HAWAIIANS ARE NOT JUST SITTING BACK COMPLAINING AND NOT GETTING INVOLVED, WE ARE ACTUALLY TRYING TO HELP, TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO MAKE THIS PLACE CALLED HAWAI'I A BETTER PLACE AND ARE DOING IT ON OUR OWN DIME. IN AUGUST 2006, THE HO`OHANO HANO I NA KUPUNA PUWALU SERIES BEGAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL PRACTITIONERS WHO WERE VERSED IN FARMING AND FISHING, OCEAN AND LAND AHUPUA`A METHODS GATHERED TO DISCUSS AND BRING FORTH THE WISDOM OF THE KUPUNA AND ANCESTORS. IT WAS A GATHERING OF EMPIRICAL KNOWLEDGE HANDED DOWN FROM GENERATIONS ON TRADITIONAL FISHING, AGRICULTURE, STREAMS, FISHPONDS, AND LAND USE METHODOLOGY BASED ON THE AHUPUA`A SYSTEM. WE HAD FOUR OF THESE PUWALU.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM FORTY-THREE REGIONS (MOKU) IN THE STATE AND OVER ONE HUNDRED AHUPUA`A HAWAIIAN CULTURAL PRACTITIONERS, INCLUDING KUPUNA AND THE ACKNOWLEDGED TRADITIONAL EXPERTS, JOINED TOGETHER TO COME FORTH WITH THEIR MANA`O AND CONCERNS. THE CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST PUWALU CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A RESOLUTION CALLING ON NATIVE HAWAIIANS TO BEGIN A PROCESS TO UPHOLD AND CONTINUE HAWAIIAN TRADITIONAL LAND AND OCEAN PRACTICES. HERE WE ARE TEN YEARS LATER AND WE ARE STILL DOING THE WORK CONSTANTLY AND METHODICALLY TRYING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND NOT EVEN GETTING THE APPRECIATION THAT THESE BILLS HAVE ASKED FOR. BECAUSE THIS IS A HAWAIIAN CONCEPT THE EASIEST SOLUTION IS THAT THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS SHOULD FUND THIS. THAT IS VERY IRRESPONSIBLE OF THE LEADERS IN THIS LEGISLATURE TO NOT DO THE RIGHT THING AND FUND THIS. WE, THE COMMUNITY AND THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO HELP YOU.

ANOTHER CONCERN COMING UP IS MAUNA ALA. WE THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI'I WILL BE WATCHING THIS VERY CLOSELY. THROUGH THE YEARS, DLNR REALLY NEVER TOOK PROPER CARE OF THIS VERY

**SACRED PLACE. THIS IS THE ONLY SOVEREIGN PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT WE HAVE HERE IN HAWAI`I. IT WAS IN SUCH POOR CONDITION THAT THE HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS WITH KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS**

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**AND THE CHARLES REED BISHOP FOUNDATION HAD TO STEP IN, RAISE MONEY TO BRING HONOR BACK TO THIS SACRED PLACE AND RESTORE THE DIGNITY OF THE PLACE WHERE OUR ALI`I NOW LAY.**

**CARLETON CHING IS READY TO TAKE ON THIS HUGE ENDEAVOR. HE DEFINITELY IS THE RIGHT PERSON AND CHOICE FOR THIS JOB. HE IS A GREAT LISTENER AND A MAN WHO CARES. HE WILL BE ABLE TO GATHER OUR PEOPLE AND BRING THEM TOGETHER. HE WILL BE ABLE TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHERS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. HE WILL ENHANCE, PROTECT, CONSERVE AND MANAGE HAWAI`I'S UNIQUE AND LIMITED NATURAL, CULTURAL, HISTORICAL RESOURCES HELD IN PUBLIC TRUST FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI`I NEI JUST LIKE MR. BILL PATY DID. PLEASE CONFIRM CARLETON CHING HE IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR HAWAI`I.**

**MAHALO FOR GIVING ME THE CHANCE TO TESTIFY.**

**Antoinette Lee  
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Signature:



Print Name:

Charles Keama

City of Residence:

Kaunohi

Date:

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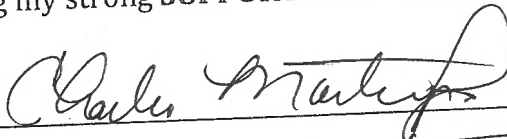
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Signature:

  
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Print Name:

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City of Residence:

Mililani  
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Date:

3-25-15  
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**From:** [Charmain Wong](#)  
**To:** [WTLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Kekoa Kaluhiwa  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 3:06:19 PM

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I support Gov. Ige's nomination of Kekoa Kaluhiwa as Director of DLNR!  
Aloha,  
Charmain Wong

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Signature:



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Print Name:

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To: Chair Laura Thielen and Members of the Committee on Water and Land

In reference to Hearing on March 27, 2015 @ 245 PM, I am in SUPPORT of Kekoa Kaluhiwa as Deputy Director of DLNR

Aloha  
Cheryl Kaluhiwa

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Date: 23 mar 15

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Signature:

  
Chris Ann Aliconar

Print Name:

Chris Ann Aliconar

City of Residence:

Waianae

Date:

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Signature: Chriselda Lopes  
Print Name: Chriselda Lopes  
City of Residence: Kaneohe  
Date: 3/24/15

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Signature:

Christmas N. Kahawaiolaa

Print Name:

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City of Residence:

Waimanalo,

Date:

March 24, 2015

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City of Residence: WAIKAPUHU HI  
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Print Name:

Clarence Yamamoto

City of Residence:

Kaunohi

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Cory Kim

Print Name:

CORY KI'AAA

City of Residence:

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Print Name:

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*Crystal Finay*

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Print Name:

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RE: Hearing Date/Time: March 27, 2015 2:45PM

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Mahalo

Cynthia Taomae

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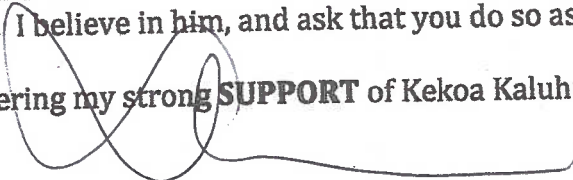
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Print Name:

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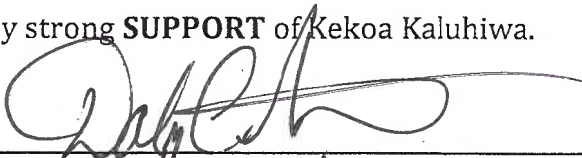
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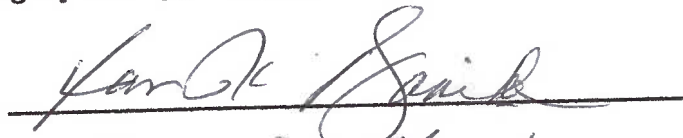
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Print Name:

Damien Kaaihue

City of Residence:

Waianae

Date:

23 March 2013

**From:** [Daniel Reed](#)  
**To:** [WTLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I support Kekoa Kaluhiwa"s nomination  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 11:16:40 AM

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Aloha,

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Respectfully,  
Dan Reed

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Daniel K Smith

Print Name:

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Hakipuni

Date:

3-27-15

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**To:** [WTLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** GM515-Kekoa Kaluhiwa, Deputy Director, DLNR  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:01:16 PM

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Hearing Date: March 27, 2015

Time: 2:45pm

Addressed to Laura Thielen and members of the committee on Water and Land.

I, Daniel Makaena write this letter in support of Kekoa Kaluhiwa for Deputy Director, DLNR.

Having the opportunity to become deputy director is a job not lightly taken. Kekoa has established himself into his community, peers, family and friends. Being an avid community driven person I know Kekoa will always put his culture, ohana and the people of Hawaii first.

Mahalo,  
Daniel Makaena

**From:** [Danielle Akiona](#)  
**To:** [WTLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I support Kekoa Kaluhiwa"s nomination  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 12:00:38 PM

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Signature:



Print Name:

Danielle P. Akiona

City of Residence:

Kahe'ohē

Date:

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Submitted on: 3/26/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 27, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daphne Tong-Pave	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Daphne Tong-Pave  
87-113 Liliana Street  
Waianae, Hawaii 96792

Friday, March 27, 2015

Re: Support for confirmation of KEKOA KALUHIWA as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

My name is Daphne Tong-Pave and I am a resident of Waianae, Hawaii. I am writing in strong support of Kekoa Kaluhiwa's nomination to serve as the State of Hawaii Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Kekoa's diverse professional background and experiences, passion for caring for our natural resources, and commitment to Hawaii and the Hawaiian culture make him an ideal candidate for the position.

I have known Kekoa for nearly ten years through our work with former U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka. Kekoa's tireless work ethic, strong commitment to community, and genuinely kind personality have not only allowed him to excel at his professional endeavors, but moreover, has given him the ability to truly help people. Kekoa was dedicated to assisting individuals who had problems with governmental agencies and he spent countless time and energy to resolve these cases on behalf of Senator Akaka. He shared Senator Akaka's passion for service and, in addition to casework, represented Senator Akaka at events around the state and assisted with advancing Senator Akaka's legislative agenda. Kekoa's humble and warm personality made him a fitting representative of Senator Akaka, and I have no doubt that these attributes will allow Kekoa to continue to help the people of Hawaii.

Kekoa grew up in a large family who taught the values of aloha and malama aina. It is evident that this particularly value has had a lasting impact on Kekoa as he sought an education and career that has allowed him to protect and care for our natural resources. Further, his experiences as a volunteer and instructor with DLNR, Director of External Affairs for First Wind Energy, and owner of Kuanoo Communities, which all in some way involved caring for Hawaii's natural resources and culture, will bring a unique and advantageous perspective to the Deputy Director position at DLNR.

In addition to his work experiences and love of the land, Kekoa also has an infallible passion for the Hawaiian culture. As an award winning musician, he has used his talent to perpetuate the culture throughout the state, nation, and abroad.

In closing, I strongly urge the Committee to favorably confirm Kekoa Kaluhiwa as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony.

Respectfully,  
Daphne Tong-Pave

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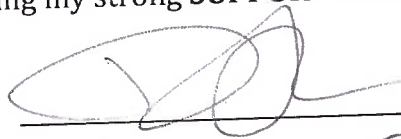
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City of Residence:

Honolulu

Date:

3-23-15

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City of Residence: Honolulu  
Date: 3/25/2015

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**Date:** Monday, March 23, 2015 10:04:40 PM

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**GM515**

Submitted on: 3/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 27, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dave Kisor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Did the ad state no experience necessary? Doesn't the governor know any qualified applicants? This maneuver was predicted prior to Ching's removal. Your problem stems from many government watchers who would like to see it work for us instead of pillaging and plundering business interests.

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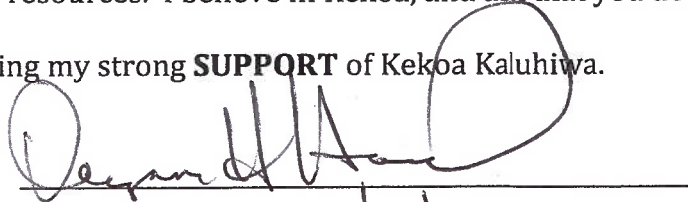
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Signature:



Print Name:

Dayeganne H Howard

City of Residence:

Kaunawaia,

Date:

3-26-15

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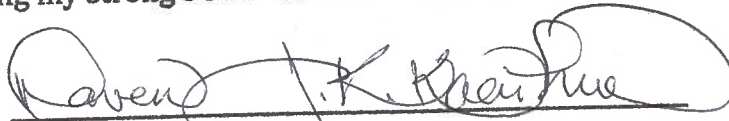
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Print Name:

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Print Name:

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City of Residence:

Kamehaha

Date:

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David W. Low

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DAVID W LOW

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89-1149 Pihai'ōlewa St. Wai'anāne Hi'

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Date:

3-2-15

**From:** [danelalani](#)  
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**Subject:** I support Kekoa Kaluhiwa  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 11:24:01 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam,  
I support Kekoa Kaluhiwa's nomination for the First Deputy of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Very respectfully,  
Dawn A. Lleces

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dawn Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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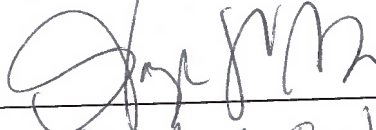
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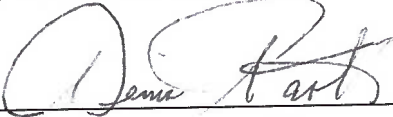
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Date:

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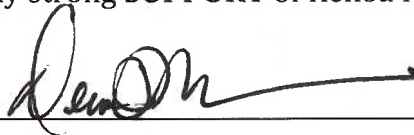
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Date:

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Dennis E. Naauao Jr.

Print Name:

Dennis E. Naauao Jr.

City of Residence:

87-118 Maliona st.

Date:

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Print Name:

Derrick K Espinosa

City of Residence:

Kailua

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City of Residence:

Kaneohe  
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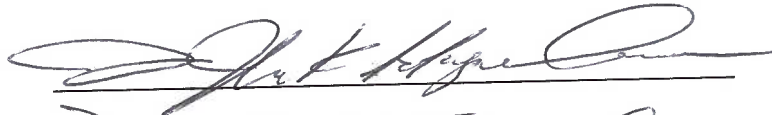
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Dino - John K. Tokepa-Guerrero

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Date:

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Donald Iu

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DONALD L YH

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Donald M Masaki

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Donald M MASAKI

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March 24, '15

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donna Aki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear: Chair; Laura Thielen & members of the committee on water & land, I support (GM515) Kekoa Kaluhiwa for Director of the DLNR, he is a well rounded young man with so much aloha for our people & land. He will be a great asset to this department because of his endeavors that he has already accomplished so please consider his nomination. Mahalo Donna Aki

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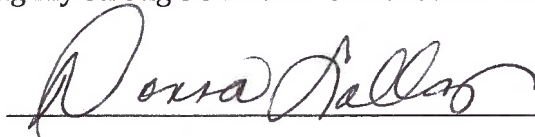
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DONNA DALLAS

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Print Name:

Donovan Lewis

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Kaimuki

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Signature:                     Dora A. Sato                    

Print Name:                     Dora A. Sato                    

City of Residence:                     Honolulu                    

Date:                     03/26/15

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Signature:

Doreen B Park

Print Name:

Doreen B. Park

City of Residence:

Waiialua

Date:

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DOROTHY ELLES

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Doug Cole	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I have gotten to know Kekoa through his work for former Senator Akaka as well as his work in the private sector. Among other things, I find him to be respectful, intelligent, hard working, and effective. Best of all, he is always willing to partner with others to achieve shared objectives. I think he genuinely cares for Hawaii's natural resources, is an effective leader, and will do a great job as Deputy Director of DLNR. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony. Doug Cole, as an individual.

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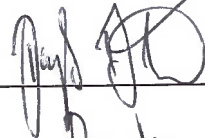
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Signature:



Print Name:

Douglas Barbiro

City of Residence:

Kaneohe

Date:

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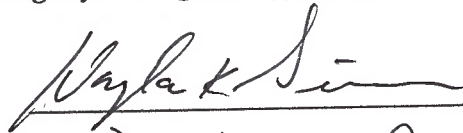
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Mahalo for considering my strong **SUPPORT** of Kekoa Kaluhiwa.

Signature:



Print Name:

Douglas K. Simmons

City of Residence:

Wai'anae

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Testimony

of Douglas Won

In regards : GM515 CONFIRMATION  
OF KEKOA KALUHIWA DEPUTY DIRECTOR DLNR

Before the Hawaii State  
Senate - COMMITTEE on WATER and LAND

On  
March 27, 2015

Dear Chair Laura Thielen and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

I am writing to **SUPPORT** the nomination of Kekoa Kaluhiwa for the Deputy Directors position at DLNR.

I am the Vice President/Area Manager for Sause Bros. Inc., a local tug and barge business operating in Hawaii since 1984. Based on Kekoa's educational background, work history, and demonstrated awareness of the unique cultural and environmental challenges we face in Hawaii makes Kekoa a perfect fit for the position. We have worked with Kekoa in our maritime industry group (Hawaii Harbors User Group) and found him to be very knowledgeable of our issues. He is well respected and would be asset to DLNR. We hope your committee supports his nomination for the position of Deputy Director, DLNR.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Aloha, Douglas Won

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Dustin K. Howlen

Print Name:

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City of Residence:

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Dustin Tallefsen

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City of Residence:

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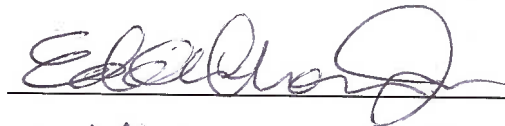
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Print Name:

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## **Ahu kupanaha ia Hawai'i 'imi loa**

Aloha and Good Afternoon, Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee.

My name is Edmund "Fred" Hyun, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony as an individual in **strong support** of **Kekoa Kaluhiwa** for the position of Deputy Director, Department of Land & Natural Resources.

I opened with a quote from the mid 1800s by a noted native historian, catholic educated & also a descendant of Kamehameha.  
( *Zepherin Kepelino Kahoalii Keauokalani aka Z or Kepelino*), translated

***Pursuing new knowledge brings bountiful rewards.***

I was happy to hear of Kekoa's nomination by Governor Ige. Although I was familiar with him as a talented and accomplished musician, it pleased me or should I say brought admiration learning of Kekoa's involvement in the areas of self reliance, sustainable energy, conservation and community. These are professional but very personal commitments to Ka Pae 'Aina o Hawaii.

Kekoa is more than just a "local boy" raised in Kaneohe. What he has accomplished in 16 years, is more than people accomplish in a lifetime. He is one of our leaders in Hawaii's sustainability. His experience in grassroots community outreach, Hawaii clean energy initiatives, his ability to interact with policy makers at all levels of government as well as his dedication to protecting and preserving is beyond commendable. All this is evidenced in his career works and community involvement. He lives and breathes the concept of *Malama Aina*. To me, he is

approaching that level we call Kahu or Kahuna Aina. Its true stewardship.

This commitment is also reflected by his philosophy and musicality.

As an aside, Kekoa may have forgotten a promise to the ladies of Halau Mohala Ilima, “Mai ho pohopoho, hiki no makou!” (Don’t worry we can do it!). That CALL was a commitment performed with HUMILITY and CONFIDENCE, at the Merry Monarch that aroused the dancers and audiences across the islands (Hana Hou, Hana Hou, Hana Hou. . . ).

Blue Planet, referred to Kekoa and First Wind as a “ . . . *true community partner and has taken meaningful steps to mitigate impact on wildlife and the environment.*”

Kekoa will be diligent and continue to persevere serving with honor and distinction.

All things being said, I look forward to having an experienced, dedicated and committed individual assume the position of Deputy Director whose roots are embedded here, is passionate about the place he lives, who embraces our culture and seeks to protect and preserve our precious resources.

Reflecting on my earlier quote I conclude with,

***“ . . . how we tie in our values as a people, how we use today’s technology with the values we’ve grown up with,”***

Kekoa 2/1/2011

**Mahalo!!!**

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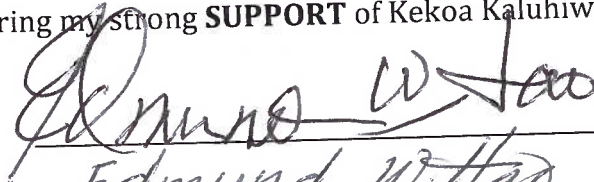
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Signature:



Print Name:

Edmund W. Ho

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Print Name:

EDWARD J SOUZA

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Date:

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Signature:



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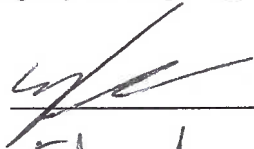
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**Mahalo for considering my strong SUPPORT of Kekoa Kaluhiwa.**

**Signature:**

Edwin H. Hiraki

**Print Name:**

EDWIN H. HIRAKI

**City of Residence:**

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**Date:**

MARCH 25, 2015

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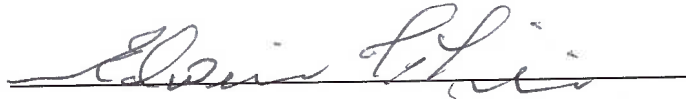
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**Subject:** GM515 Kekoa Kaluhiwa  
**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2015 11:08:42 PM

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Dear Laura Thielen and Members of the Committee on Water and Land

I would like to let you know that I enthusiastically support Kekoa Kaluhiwa for the position of Deputy Director of the DLNR. His background and passion make this position a perfect fit for him and for Hawaii.

Mahalo  
Elaine Arakaki

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Elaine E. Fujisaka

Print Name:

Elaine E Fujisaka

City of Residence:

Kaneohe

Date:

3/27/2015

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Signature:   
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City of Residence: Pearl City  
Date: 3/24/15

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Signature:

ELDEN KO

Print Name:

ELDEN KO

City of Residence:

KAPOLEI

Date:

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Signature: Elijah Pestano - Baughn  
Print Name: Elijah Pestano - Baughn  
City of Residence: Kaneohe  
Date: 3/24

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Print Name: Elissa Halualani-Hee-Armijo  
City of Residence: Hauula  
Date: 3/26/15

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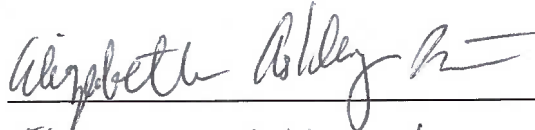
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Print Name:

Elizabeth Ashley Niau

City of Residence:

Honolulu, HI

Date:

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Elizabeth D. Ragrazola

Print Name:

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City of Residence:

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Date:

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Signature: Elizabeth Rathburn

Print Name: Elizabeth Rathburn

City of Residence: Honolulu, HI. 96826

Date: 3-24-15

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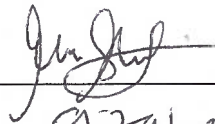
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Print Name:

Elizabeth Stanley

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Hanalei

Date:

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Signature:

Elizabeth Trombetta

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46-112 Ohala Place, Kaneohe,

Date:

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Ellen Kuu'lei Kama

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Date:

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**GM515**

Submitted on: 3/26/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 27, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elmer Kaai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in strong support for Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa, as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Kaluhiwa as a wealth of management and administrative experience that will the department well. I've known Mr. Kaluhiwa for a number of years, both personally and professionally, and found that "down-to-earth" approach is one of his greatest assets. I encourage the committee to support Mr. Kaluhiwa as the deputy for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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**To:** Honorable Chair Laura Thielen  
Members of the Committee on Water and Land  
**Hearing:** [March 27, 2015 at 2:45 pm](#)

Aloha and thank you for allowing us a venue to express our support of Kekoa Kaluhiwa who we have known and respected for over twenty years.

The DLNR is a unique state board and must be led by a visionary, knowledgeable leader who fully understands and embraces the mission of the department. He must be a respected leader in the community who will enable collaboration across all of the DNLR divisions and expand partnerships that will give the local communities more say over how natural resources are managed where they live.

We earnestly believe that Kekoa Kaluhiwa would be an unequalled choice to lead this division.

Kekoa is an avid outdoorsman and comes from a well respected family of watermen/women and his passion for caring for the natural resources of our aina comes from his childhood of canoe paddling and fishing in Kane'ohe Bay. He is also a multi Na Hoku Hanohano Award winning musician who generously supports our cultural heritage.

In his commitment to his lifelong beliefs of promoting safe and ethical outdoor experiences, he has served as a volunteer Hunter Educational Instructor for the DNLR, on the Kane'ohe Neighborhood Board and with the non-profit Kualoa-He'eia Ecumenical Youth (Key) Project. Kekoa truly believes that there is no greater kuleana than to malama our natural, cultural and historic resources for our children and generations to follow.

We truly understand that while knowledge may be power, Kekoa possesses the crucial skills to effectively communicate the knowledge to all types of audiences from the outdoorsmen/women, cultural associations, lawmakers, landowners and even developers. His experience as the owner of Kuano'o Communications and in public relations would be an invaluable asset in spear-heading a move to more open communications with the public.

Because of his deep conviction to preserve the aina, we are convinced and encouraged that he will always err on the side of nature if no common ground can be found.

We earnestly and without equivocation support his nomination as Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Respectfully,  
Me ka mahalo nui

Eric and Susan Hiyoto  
95-214 Makaikai Place  
Mililani, Hawaii. 96789

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Print Name:

Eric Kaeka

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Signature:



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Erin L. Meneses

City of Residence:

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Date:

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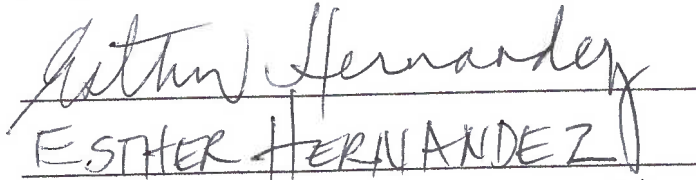
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Signature:



Print Name:

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3-22-15

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Chair Thielen and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

I write in support of Kekoa Kaluhiwa to be the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Kekoa for nearly 20 years when I worked for Senator Daniel Akaka in Washington, D.C., and Kekoa was interning while still a college student. What struck me about Kekoa was his demeanor, character, and humility. He was the type of person I wished there were more of in the world: down to earth, kind, committed to community and Hawaii, and always eager to learn how he can enhance his personal, educational, and professional knowledge to help others.

As a former First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources from 2012-2014, I believe that Kekoa would be an excellent Deputy at DLNR. Given the vast diversity and complexity of issues: land, natural resources, nearshore waters, hunting, Native Hawaiians, historic preservation, economic development, harbors, invasive species, watersheds, coral reefs, etc., Kekoa's personal and professional experience would be an asset to DLNR as he serves to advance its mission. Experienced on how state and federal government works, as well as how to work with industry and communities in Hawaii, he will be an effective and strong advocate for DLNR.

I am confident that Kekoa is up to the kuleana and task and urge committee members to support his nomination.

Respectfully,

Esther Puakela Kia'aina

**From:** [Gene & Marie Fujii](#)  
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To: Chair Laura Thielen and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

I support Kekoa Kaluhiwa to be the Deputy Director of the DLNR. I believe he has excellent experiences and qualifications to address Hawaii's land and natural resource issues.

Eugene I. Fujiii  
916 15th Ave.  
Honolulu, HI 96816

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Signature: Eva Marie Basso  
Print Name: Eva Marie Basso  
City of Residence: Kaneohe  
Date: 3/25/15

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Signature:

*Faith Kaneshiro*

Print Name:

Faith Kaneshiro

City of Residence:

Honolulu

Date:

March 24, 2015

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By Farrah-Marie Gomes

Re: GM515 - Kekoa Kaluhiwa, Deputy Director, DLNR

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Kekoa Kaluhiwa's appointment as Deputy Director for the State of Hawai'i's Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

My name is Farrah-Marie Gomes. I am a resident of Kamuela on Hawai'i Island. I have known Kekoa for more than 20 years, since we were high school classmates at Kamehameha Schools Kapalama.

From our high school days, Kekoa has always been a leader. He was our co-ed song contest leader and our class president, then our Student Body Government president in our senior year. We recently celebrated our 20-year class reunion and Kekoa remains actively involved in keeping our classmates connected. Kekoa leads by example, always trying to exemplify the core values that are so important to him.

One of those most important values includes 'ohana and the concept that family is forever in the sense that our time here on earth is temporary so what we do with our time while we are here is really what's important. The concept of 'ohana involves honoring the legacy of our ancestors and perpetuating what they left for us, while simultaneously taking care of and preparing to pass on what we can to the next generation. This place we call home, from the mountain to the sea and all of the space that surrounds us, is our responsibility to take care of. Kekoa has always taken this kuleana seriously. As a father, he is now passing on these values to his young children.

Kekoa holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in Society & Justice from the University of Washington and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Hawai'i with an emphasis in Environmental Planning and Management Theory. This educational background provides Kekoa with the foundation necessary for understanding the theoretical perspectives and governmental policies and procedures associated with land and natural resource management. His education from the Kamehameha Schools and his upbringing in a large Native Hawaiian family provides Kekoa with the cultural sensitivity and cultural competence that will allow him to be an effective steward of our resources.

Kekoa has a nice balance of private and public sector work experience. This, coupled with Kekoa's open-mindedness and his willingness to work with others for multiple and mutual benefits, will provide him with the advantage of being able to see opportunities for partnerships and collaborations. The State of Hawaii is in need of more educated, experienced and competent leaders like Kekoa. I believe Kekoa is the right person with the right values at the right time for our State's next Deputy Director for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

For all of the reasons stated above, I strongly encourage the Committee to approve Kekoa Kaluhiwa as Deputy Director for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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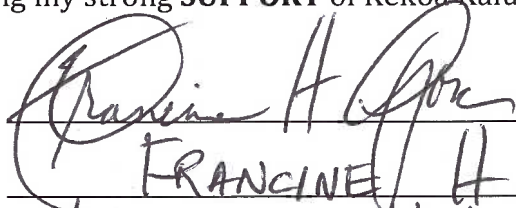
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