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HONOLULU, HAWAII

David Y. Ige
Governor

Testimony on GM 515
Confirmation of Kekoa Kaluhiwa
Deputy to the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources

Governor David Y. Ige

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

March 27, 2015

2:45 p.m., Room 224

Chair Theilen, Vice Chair Galuteria and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Kekoa Kaluhiwa as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Kekoa Kaluhiwa has most recently served as principle of Kuano‘o Communications LLC. In this role, he helped clients understand Hawai‘i’s unique culture and the special relationship between the State’s people and the natural environment. He assisted clients in the following areas: understanding the legislative process, bill tracking, testimony preparation, media monitoring, state permitting facilitation and strategic community outreach planning.

Kekoa previously held positions as the director of external affairs for First Wind Energy, executive assistant for U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka, and he worked for Kamehameha Schools in the land assets division. Kaluhiwa earned a Master’s Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Environmental Planning and Management Theory from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. He also received his B.A in Political Science from the University of Washington.

This administration is committed to reshaping the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I’m confident that Kekoa Kaluhiwa will support our employees in the Department of Land and Natural Resources in this effort. Together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawai‘i.

Mahalo for your consideration.

DANIEL K. AKAKA



March 25, 2015

Honorable Laura Thielen, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM515 – KEKOA KALUHIWA, Deputy Director, DLNR

Dear Chairperson Thielen and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

I am writing in strong support of Kekoa Kaluhiwa, Governor Ige's nominee for Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

I have known Kekoa for many years, on a professional as well as personal level. Kekoa worked for me for 12 years. He worked as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office in 1996. I was impressed with Kekoa's initiative, good judgment, and work product during his internship in my office. As a result, in 1999, I offered him a permanent position in my Honolulu office. Kekoa was an Executive Assistant in my office. His duties were multifaceted and often demanded flexibility and a quick grasp of various situations. He assisted constituents with communicating with federal agencies, which included helping constituents be reunited with family, ensuring promptness and responsiveness in requests for data or federal documentation, or resolving delays in the delivery of federal benefits. Kekoa communicated well with others in my office and was a good team player, consistently listening to others to ascertain their needs and assisting them in whatever way he could.

Kekoa served as the Director of External Affairs for First Wind Energy and was the owner of Kuano'o Communications. During his tenure at First Wind Energy, he helped to create clean renewable energy projects that help the environment and decreases our reliance on fossil fuels. As the owner of Kuano'o, he provided government and public relations strategies to promote greater understanding of the unique cultural and environmental challenges in doing business.

I also strongly believe that Kekoa's educational and personal background will be an asset to DLNR. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Hawaii with an emphasis in Environmental Planning and Management Theory. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in Society and Justice from the University of Washington, and is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools. Kekoa is also an avid outdoorsman and comes from a large family of respected watermen and women. His passion for caring for our natural resources comes from his childhood experiences, and believes in promoting safe and ethical outdoor experiences. He also served as a volunteer hunter education instructor with DLNR.

Honorable Laura Thielen, Chair

March 25, 2015

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In summary, Kekoa is a creative, hard-working and highly motivated individual. He is able to communicate well with people from a variety of backgrounds, and has the drive, skill, and compassion to be the Deputy Director of the DLNR. I have no doubt that he will be a great asset to DLNR or any organization.

Aloha pumehana,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel K. Akaka". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DANIEL K. AKAKA

U.S. Senator, Retired

United States Senate

March 26, 2015

Chair Laura Thielen
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM515 - Kekoa Kaluhiwa, Deputy Director, DLNR
Hearing Date/Time: March 27, 2015 2:45PM

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

I am testifying in support of Kekoa Kaluhiwa's nomination and believe that he is highly qualified to serve as deputy director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the State of Hawaii. Mr. Kaluhiwa has shown a deep understanding and commitment to policies to support environmental stewardship. His experience and knowledge will be a valuable asset to the agency.

Mr. Kaluhiwa received a bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Washington. He went on to receive a master's degree in public administration from the University of Hawaii with an emphasis in environmental planning and management theory.

He then spent twelve years serving our state and nation as an aide to U. S. Senator Daniel Akaka. Mr. Kaluhiwa then became the director of external affairs for First Wind Energy, a company that has developed several wind energy projects in Hawaii. During this time, I served as lieutenant governor and worked with Mr. Kaluhiwa to promote Hawaii's Clean Energy Initiative. This initiative put Hawaii on track to achieve the most aggressive renewable portfolio standard in the nation. Currently, Mr. Kaluhiwa is using his knowledge of the environment and of Hawaiian culture as the owner of Kuano'o Communications, which advises clients on cultural and environmental matters.

Mr. Kaluhiwa's experiences make him more than qualified to serve as deputy director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. In particular, his understanding of Hawaii's culture and environment, coupled with his experience in both public service and the private sector, make him an excellent fit for this position. I am proud to support Mr. Kaluhiwa's nomination.

Sincerely,



BRIAN SCHATZ
U.S. Senator

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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
CARTY S. CHANG,
Interim Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

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

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 515
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION THE DEPUTY TO THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEKOA KALUHIWA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE NOON,
DECEMBER 3, 2018.**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports Governor's Message No. 515 on the appointment of Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa to serve as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) for a term to expire on Noon, December 3, 2018.

The Department is responsible for protecting and managing 1.3 million acres of land in Hawaii. This includes most of Hawaii's watersheds, native forests, endangered species, the ocean to limit of state jurisdiction, and historic and cultural resources. The broad scope of the Department's mission requires its leaders to be analytical, good listeners, have excellent people skills, be dedicated to the Department's mission and be willing to be its "face" at any time of the day or night.

Mr. Kaluhiwa was born and raised in Hawaii. A graduate of Kamehameha High School, Mr. Kaluhiwa earned a Bachelor degree in Political Science at the University of Washington and a Master's degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Environmental Planning and Management Theory from the University of Hawaii. Upon graduating, Mr. Kaluhiwa served as a fellow with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, a graduate intern in the Land Assets Division of Kamehameha Schools, congressional staff person for United States Senator Daniel Akaka, Director of External Affairs for First Wind Energy, and a principal at Kuano'o Communications.

Mr. Kaluhiwa has the background to meet the challenges the Department faces. While with Kuano'o and First Wind Energy, Mr. Kaluhiwa had to work with diverse interest groups to come to

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a shared understanding of what a community wanted and how something like a wind farm could help support the State's renewable energy goals. Likewise, the Department hears from many people, often with conflicting views on its many projects. Someone with excellent listening skills and community outreach experience will be able to put those skills to good use at the Department.

Traditionally, the (Land) Deputy of the Department oversees legislative strategy and reviews all testimony written during the legislative session. Mr. Kaluhiwa's background in the Office of Senator Akaka, as well as his legislative experience while working for Kuano'o and First Wind Energy will be an asset to the Department.

Mr. Kaluhiwa also has land management experience gained while serving as a graduate intern at the Kamehameha Schools. He is familiar with the state hunting laws, and he understands the need for ungulate control as part of an effective land management strategy.

In addition to a skillset that matches the job, Mr. Kaluhiwa brings energy and excitement to the job. As a lifelong resident of Kane'ohe and as someone who grew up spearfishing and canoe paddling, he knows firsthand the important relationship of the mountain watersheds to the health of our oceans and everything in-between. As a musician in the Award winning group Holunape, he sings about the beauty of the Hawaiian landscape, our rare and endangered plant and animal life. Without these things there would be no Hawaiian music.

Mr. Kaluhiwa's favorite song is *Ua noho au a kupa*. The second stanza states:

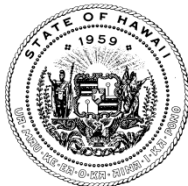
Aia I ka wekiu i ka pua lehua
Ke ona 'ia maila I na manu
Pili 'ia ka makani Waiolohia
Ua la'ahia au me ka Maluakela

The lehua blossom rests in the lofty heights
Encircled by the birds
Touched by the Waiolohia wind
I am set aside by the Maluakele wind for a
special purpose.

Perhaps working at the Department to protect these special places and things worthy of song is Mr. Kaluhiwa's special purpose.

The Department welcomes Mr. Kaluhiwa's diverse professional background and knowledge, as well as a fresh perspective on enhancing, protecting, conserving, and managing Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural, and historic resources.

The Department respectfully requests this Committee's favorable consideration of Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.



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March 27, 2015
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

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.

Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Kekoa Kaluhiwa as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Mr. Kaluhiwa is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and earned his B.A. in political science from the University of Washington. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Environmental Planning and Management Theory from the University of Hawaii. He also served as a Fellow at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and was a graduate intern in the Land Assets Division of Kamehameha Schools.

Mr. Kaluhiwa has worked for U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka and was the Director of External Affairs for First Wind Energy. Most recently he worked for Kuano'o Communications where he helped clients understand the unique cultural and environmental challenges of doing business in Hawaii. To respond to the needs of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group (HHUG), we conducted stakeholder engagements where Mr. Kaluhiwa participated extensively to identify the key issues and solutions and resolve challenges. It was evident from these meetings that he recognizes the need to accomplish our mission of developing a thriving maritime industry in Hawaii through efficient and effective stewardship of resources while protecting the environment based on sound science.

The DOT and DLNR's coordinated approach has been essential to our success in reducing the further introduction of invasive species into the state. The DOT, DLNR, and Mr. Kaluhiwa share the important goal of *malama 'aina*. We look forward to working with him to ensure that we are as unailing as possible under our respective statutory authorities to protect the state's land and natural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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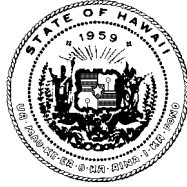
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March 25, 2015

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 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 12-31-2018.**

Hearing: 2:45 PM, Friday, March 27, 2015
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

I am writing **in support** of the confirmation of Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Although I only recently met Kekoa, I have been impressed with his honesty, sincerity, and commitment to serving Hawaii. This includes our islands' lands and natural resources.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) provides empowering programs, services, and benefits to those in our community who are vulnerable with the goals of expanding their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life, and personal dignity. The well-being of our children, families, and *kupuna* is directly connected to the social determinants of health: education, transportation, access to healthcare, housing, job opportunities, and the environment. In other words, open space, clean water and air, healthy lands, and natural resources directly impact our own health. The Department of Land and Natural Resources' efforts are therefore connected to our work at DHS, and we are invested in its success. I hope to work with Kekoa and collaborate across departments.

Thank you for your serious consideration of Kekoa Kaluhiwa as the Deputy to the Chairperson of DLNR. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information.

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

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

March 27, 2015
2:45 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 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**

Chairperson Thielen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 515 that submits 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 on December 3, 2018. The Department supports the confirmation of Kekoa Kaluhiwa.

Mr. Kaluhiwa brings a broad set of experiences working within government and within the private sector. His experience from his time within the office of U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka has allowed him to nurture a network will hopefully lead to greater opportunities for collaboration between the Department of Land and Natural Resources and its federal partners. Furthermore, his time in U.S. Senator Akaka's office helped him understand the importance of communication and working with various communities. These same valuable traits were further honed in community meetings he organized as Director of External Affairs at First Wind Energy, where he needed to listen and respond to the unique concerns of different communities and was ultimately



successful in providing the necessary ground work for the construction of three utility scale wind farms on Oahu and Maui.

Mr. Kaluhiwa's experiences with Kuano'o Communications LLC, the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board, and Kamehameha Schools provided him with an understanding of the unique cultural and environmental challenges that the State faces in working to preserve and protect the land, water, and ecosystems in Hawaii.

If given the opportunity, Mr. Kaluhiwa would serve as an excellent addition to the team at the Department of Land and Natural Resources and as a Deputy to the Chairperson.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

AND BY RODERICK K. BECKER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

STATE OF HAWAII

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 515

March 27, 2015
2:45 P.M.

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND
NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEKOA KALUHIWA

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

We support the confirmation of Kekoa Kaluhiwa to the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We will strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our kupuna, ourselves, and our children.

Mr. Kaluhiwa is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner. Therefore, we support his confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday, March 27, 2015
2:45 P.M.

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

Aloha Chair Thielen and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. The Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa to serve as Deputy Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (“DLNR”).

Mr. Kaluhiwa is a graduate of the University of Washington and received a Master of Education Degree in public administration with an emphasis on environmental planning and management theory from the University of Hawaii. Mr. Kaluhiwa has had a varied and active career which began in government at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He is currently a principal at Kuanoo Communications, where he helps clients understand the unique cultural and environmental challenges of doing business in Hawaii. His previous experiences include Director of External Affairs for First Wind and 11

years with Senator Daniel K. Akaka's Honolulu office as an Executive Assistant where he focused on constituent services and natural resources.

Mr. Kaluhiwa's cultural background, skillset, and experience on the local, state, and federal levels will make him a great asset to the Department. ADC strongly supports Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa's nomination and appointment to serve as the Deputy Director for DLNR.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony of
Leslie Kulolio, Chair
Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Before the Senate Committee on WATER AND LAND

Friday, March 27, 2015
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State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Governor's Message No. 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 12-3-2018.

The Island Po'o of Kahoolawe, Lana'i, O'ahu, Kaua'i and Ni'ihau of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee supports Governor's Message No. 515 on the appointment of Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa to serve as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for a term to expire on December 3, 2015. We were not able to consult with the Po'o of the Islands of Hawaii, Maui and Moloka'i.

The purpose of the AMAC is to advise the Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) on issues related to land and natural resources management through the Aha Moku System, a system of best practices that is based upon the indigenous resource management practices of moku (regional) boundaries which acknowledges the natural contours of land, the specific resources located within those areas, and the methodology necessary to sustain resources and the community.

As the AMAC is attached to DLNR, we work extensively with the BLNR, the many divisions of DLNR and with the Water Commission in bringing specific natural and cultural resource issues sent to us by the many ahupua'a districts throughout the state. The Deputy Director works directly with the AMAC. It is critically important that he be able to understand the nuances of the issues and the differences that are inherent to the autonomous cultural make-up of each island, moku and ahupua'a. After meeting with and conversing extensively with Mr. Kaluhiwa, the majority of the AMAC are confident that he has the necessary demeanor and skill set to competently address the oftentimes complex and challenging issues that are brought to the BLNR and the Department by the general public, including ahupua'a communities. Further, Mr. Kaluhiwa is himself, a cultural practitioner.

We believe that his extensive past experience and expertise in sound management and business practices will benefit the Department and the Aha Moku which is attached to it. This experience includes working with development in the past. Even then, as many of us who worked with him over the years know, he was cognizant and respectful of the environment and particularly with Native Hawaiian cultural and natural resources. We believe he will do well and enhance the position of Deputy Director of DLNR.

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Ko`olau Foundation

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March 23, 2015

TO: Sen. Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair & Members
Committee on Water and Land
Hawai`i State Senate

FROM: Aaron Mahi, President
Ko`olau Foundation

RE: G.M. 515 - Testimony in Support of Kekoa Kaluhiwa
As Deputy Director, Dept. of Land & Natural Resources

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Committee Members:

The Ko`olau Foundation strongly supports the appointment of Kekoa Kaluhiwa to serve as deputy director for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

We have known Kekoa for many years, and consider him to be one of our most upstanding young Hawaiian leaders. His service with Senator Dan Akaka was exceptional, and in the years since his work with the Senator ended, Kekoa has worked to offer advice and guidance to those who've called upon him for help. He has volunteered in many areas, most recently as a member of the Board for the Kahalu`u Ecumenical Youth – or KEY Project, but he also served on the Kane`ohe Neighborhood Board, among others.

He is a cultural practitioner and deeply rooted in the `aina of Ko`olaupoko, where he was born and raised in a large and extended Hawaiian family.

His ability to serve as a deputy in the Department of Land and Natural Resources comes from the preparation he had while serving the people of this state in the office of Senator Akaka. He is knowledgeable about the policies and practices of natural and cultural resources in Hawai`i; we are confident that he will serve our state well.

We urge you to recommend his confirmation to all of your colleagues in the Senate. Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o.

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Aloha,

Please see my testimony attached in regards to GM515 - Kekoa Kaluhiwa, Deputy Director, DLNR

Mahalo nui loa,

Ali Nikkhoo

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Testimony of Ali Nikkhoo

In regards: GM515 - Kekoa Kaluhiwa, Deputy Director, DLNR

Before the Hawaii State Senate – COMMITTEE WATER and LAND

On March 27, 2015 2:45PM

Chair Laura Thielen, Vice Chair Brickwood Caluteria, and Committee Members,

I SUPPORT the CONFIRMATION of KEKOA KALUHIWA as DEPUTY DIRECTOR DLNR.

Kekoa was raised in Kaneohe by a family that instilled a passion of caring for Hawaii's natural resources.

His education, background, and professional experiences will certainly assist him in his role as Deputy Director of DLNR. He is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools, received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in Society & Justice from the University of Washington, and has a Master's Degree in Public administration from the University of Hawaii with an emphasis in Environmental Planning and Management Theory.

For nearly twelve years, Kekoa worked for U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka and helped Hawaii residents with various issues in dealing with the federal government. As Director of External Affairs for First Wind Energy, Kekoa helped to create clean renewable energy projects in order to help the environment and decrease reliance on fossil fuels. As the owner of Kuano'o Communications, Kekoa provided government and public relations strategies to promote greater understanding of the unique cultural and environmental challenges in doing business in Hawai'i.

As Senior Vice President of Horizon Lines, LLC, I have worked very closely with Kekoa over the years and have great admiration for his understanding and awareness of conducting business in Hawai'i. He is committed to ensuring all of Hawaii's natural, cultural and historic resources are protected in order to ensure benefit to the people of Hawaii and future generations to follow and will be a great asset to the Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali Nikkhoo', written over a white background.

Ali Nikkhoo
Senior Vice President and General Manager – Hawaii
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KAKO'O O'IWI

March 25, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice-Chair
Members, Senate Water & Land Committee

Re: G.M. 515 – Supporting Confirmation of Kekoa Kaluhiwa
Deputy Director, Department of Land & Natural Resources

Aloha Esteemed Senators,

On behalf of the board of directors of Kako'o O'iwi, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Kekoa Kaluhiwa. Kekoa is a refreshing breeze within these halls of the state capitol. His presence and awareness of the natural resources and the understanding of our culture will ground him in the past as he helps to shape Hawaii's future resources. With his wide knowledge of mo`olelo and mele, he will help to pull from a wealth of cultural knowledge and bring insight to challenging resource decisions.

Having the experience of growing and being raised in Ko`olaupoko, we feel he has been exposed to the country life style but also understands what it means to walk and live within in our natural resources. Whether he is hunting and fishing we believe Kekoa will be able to understand and support the next chairs decisions in managing our resources for our future.

Of course Kekoa's greatest strength is his demeanor. He embodies the ideals of oluolu and his calming presence and spirit will help to ensure that both sides of the argument will be heard.

Kako'o O'iwi is a Native Hawaiian initiative whose purpose is the perpetuation of the Hawaiian culture and the sustainability of the Hawaiian people. Most of our work is centered upon the restoration of lo`i kalo and farmlands in the He`eia wetlands of Ko`olaupoko.

Mahalo again for your time.

Me kealoha pumehana,

ALICE P. HEWETT

President
Kāko'o O'iwi

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TESTIMONY OF
CAROL J. GRANT
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
SUNEDISION – NORTH AMERICA UTILITY & GLOBAL WIND

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 515
NOMINATION OF KEKOA KALUHIWA
DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

TO: The Honorable Senator Laura Thielen, Chair
The Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of GM 515, the nomination of Kekoa Kaluhiwa as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I've had the pleasure of working with Kekoa Kaluhiwa during the nearly three years he served as First Wind's Director of External Affairs in Hawai'i. In that role, Kekoa led our policy, community engagement, and outreach related to our wind projects on Maui and O'ahu. Prior to coming to First Wind, Kekoa spent 11 years working in the office of The Honorable U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka where he also worked on constituency issues including veterans and social security benefits, immigration and housing.

Kekoa's collaborative style enabled him to bring together community leaders, residents, and project stakeholders in productive conversations. His expertise in working with policymakers and stakeholders combined with his cultural knowledge and extensive experience with constituencies enabled him to be a respected voice in the state's renewable energy industry.

Additionally, I know firsthand that Kekoa has a deep and steadfast commitment to Hawai'i and to improving the lives of the state's residents. As he has demonstrated throughout his career, I am confident that he will bring a dedication to protecting Hawai'i's natural resources, supporting the native Hawaiian culture, and making Hawai'i a better place for future generations.

Kekoa understands the importance of Hawai'i's sustainable future and knows how to effectively communicate its importance with community members, stakeholders, and policymakers. He embodies aloha and integrity and will serve in this position with distinction.

Please support the nomination of Kekoa Kaluhiwa as the next Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Mahalo for your consideration.

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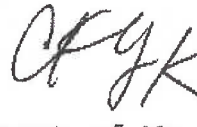
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March 24, 2015

Senate Committee on Water & Land, Hawaii State Legislature

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF GM 515

To: Hon. Laura H. Thielen, Chair &
Hon. Brickwood Galuteria, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Water & Land

From: Charles K.Y. Khim, Attorney at Law 

Re: Governor's Message No. 515, Appointment of Mr.
Kekoa Kaluhiwa to Position of Deputy to the
Chairperson of the State of Hawaii Board of Land
and Natural Resources.

My name is Charles K.Y. Khim, Esq., and I am an attorney who has been licensed to practice, and has actively practiced, law in the State of Hawaii for thirty-five (35) years.

It is my honor and pleasure to present this honorable committee with testimony in favor of the Hawaii State Governor's appointment of Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa to the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the State of Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources ("BLNR"), the executive board which governs the State Department of Land and Natural Resources ("DLNR"); and to humbly request that this honorable committee recommend to the full Senate that it exercise its power under Article V, Section 6 of the Hawaii State Constitution, to advise the governor that his foregoing appointment of Mr. Kaluhiwa is sound, and that it consent to his foregoing appointment of Mr. Kaluhiwa.

I have had the honor and pleasure of knowing Mr. Kaluhiwa for many years - I first met him while consulting with him in his capacity as a legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka, Ret. I then transacted with him in his capacity as an executive in the private sector, most notably as an executive of an alternate energy company.

Through these years of association with Mr. Kaluhiwa, I have come to know that he is quite knowledgeable and capable in the fields of both the federal and state legislative processes.

In addition, I know Mr. Kaluhiwa to be a man of letters; he is a graduate of:

the University of Washington at Seattle (Master's Degree);

the University of Hawaii at Manoa (Bachelors Degree); and

the Kamehameha Schools (High School Degree).

Furthermore, one of Mr. Kaluhiwa's many attributes is that he is well versed in the native Hawaiian culture, tradition and practices. This comes from:

his own family background - he hails from the Windward side on Oahu, where the Native Hawaiian thrives, and grew up Hawaiian style, and most of his family hail from Molokai from a prominent Molokai native Hawaiian family and grew up Hawaiian style, a lifestyle that was imparted upon him;

his education at the Kamehameha Schools; and

his secondary vocation/hobby as a musician in traditional native Hawaiian music, as opposed to modern Hawaiian music. Indeed, Mr. Kaluhiwa is a member of the traditional ethno-cultural native Hawaiian musical group Holunape, and has won several Na Hoku Hanohano music awards in that capacity.

I believe that Mr. Kaluhiwa's knowledge of native Hawaiian cultural practices will be especially helpful in the fulfillment of his duties as Deputy to the BLNR Chairperson, to assist him in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' duty to administer and effectuate the statutory provisions set forth in HRS, Chap. 171, the enabling legislation which created DLNR.

Indeed, HRS, §171-4(c) requires one BLNR member to have expertise in native Hawaiian tradition and customs in order for the BLNR to adequately perform its function of leading the DLNR in its administrative agency functions.

Moreover, HRS, §171-4.5 created the Aha Moku advisory committee to give the BLNR input on native Hawaiian indigenous land and ocean resource management; with this input to be incorporated into, and to a certain extent countervail, the western land and ocean management practices which have historically prevailed at the DLNR, in order to have a balanced approach to the management of the land and ocean area owned by the State of Hawaii.

Furthermore, the Hawaii State Constitution, both in article X, section 5 and in its preamble, provide that the actions of the Hawaii state government shall be governed by the Hawaii State Motto, "ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono" --- "the life of the land is

perpetuated in righteousness".¹ Indeed, the preamble to the Hawaii State Constitution provides, in pertinent part, that:

"We, the people of Hawaii, . . . mindful of our Hawaiian heritage . . . dedicate our efforts to fulfill the philosophy decreed by the Hawaii State motto ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono. We reserve the right to control our destiny [and] to nurture the integrity of our people and culture . . ."

Mr. Kaluhiwa's education and background make him uniquely qualified to fulfill this expressed purpose of the Hawaii State government as provided for in these Hawaii State Constitutional provisions.

Finally, Mr. Kaluhiwa is an athlete. Thus, the foregoing indicates, that Mr. Kaluhiwa is an archetypical example of the traditional Renaissance Man; a person who excels in academics, athletics, native Hawaiian culture, and the fine arts (music).

Recently, there has been criticism of the Governor's appointments *vis-à-vis* the leadership positions for DLNR. The foregoing clearly and dispositively indicates that this criticism certainly does not apply to Mr. Kaluhiwa. To the contrary, the foregoing indicates that Mr. Kaluhiwa is well suited for the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the BLNR, especially in view of the foregoing constitutional and statutory mandates.

Thus, I submit that for the reasons stated above, this honorable committee should recommend to the full Senate that it advise the Governor that his appointment of Mr. Kaluhiwa is well founded. I further submit that this honorable committee recommend to the full Senate that it consent to the Governor's appointment of Mr. Kaluhiwa to the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the BLNR.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in favor of Mr. Kaluhiwa. At the appropriate time, I will be more than glad to answer any questions that this honorable committee may have of me *vis-à-vis* my foregoing testimony.

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¹ This translation is set forth in HRS, §5-9.

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TESTIMONY BY CLYDE T. HAYASHI
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COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

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TESTIMONY ON GM 515

TO THE HONORABLE LAURA H. THIELEN, CHAIR, BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368, and its unionized contractors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** for GM 515, which submits for consideration and confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee, KEKOA KALUHIWA, as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, for a term to expire on 12-03-2018.

Mr. Kaluhiwa previously worked for First Wind Energy, the largest renewable energy provider in Hawaii, as their Director of External Affairs. In this capacity, he assisted with the successful construction of three utility scale wind farms located on Oahu and Maui. These developments, along with other effective and beneficial development strategies, resulted in First Wind receiving the prestigious 2-012 Honua Award from the Blue Planet Foundation, a local non-profit whose mission is to support the use of clean energy.

In addition, Mr. Kaluhiwa has extensive legislative and political experience, having worked for the office of former U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka. As Senator Akaka's



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Executive Assistant, Mr. Kaluhiwa was responsible for all energy and natural resources issues and participated as a member of the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum.

Mr. Kaluhiwa's other work experience and accomplishments include working for the Land Assets Division of Kamehameha Schools and receiving a Fellowship to work for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Environmental Planning and Management Theory from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, as well as a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science with a Minor in Society and Justice from the University of Washington.

Furthermore, Mr. Kaluhiwa volunteers his time as an instructor for the DLNR Hunter Education Program. He is a member of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, and is an accomplished musician and group leader of the Na Hoku Hanohano award winning band, Holunape.

Mr. Kaluhiwa is a man of many talents and accomplishments. I strongly believe KEKOA KALUHIWA will be an excellent Deputy to the Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Throughout his professional career he has shown that he has a vested interest in protecting Hawaii's natural and cultural resources, while supporting clean energy initiatives that benefit society. His legislative experience, along with his professional and academic expertise in land issues and environmental planning will prove to be an asset for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I believe he is more than capable of responsible and proper stewardship of State lands.

For these reasons, I humbly ask for your **SUPPORT** of KEKOA KALUHIWA as Deputy to the Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.



March 24, 2015

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY OF DAWN N.S. CHANG, PRINCIPAL OF KU'IWALU CONSULTING

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 515

GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **KEKOA KALUHIWA**

Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

The Honorable Laura Thielen, Chair and Members of the Committee:

I SUPPORT the nomination of Kekoa Kaluhiwa for appointment as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have personally and professionally known Mr. Kaluhiwa for several years.

Mr. Kaluhiwa is a native Hawaiian whose roots run deep in Windward, O'ahu. He is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and holds degrees from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa as well as the University of Washington. Serving on several Boards, Kekoa has demonstrated a strong commitment to public service. I have seen firsthand the heart, commitment and dedication that he devotes into making sure that everything is done in a pono way. He has had many great mentors which includes serving under Senator Daniel K. Akaka for 11 years as well as his 'ohana who have shown him from a young age the importance of stewarding and perpetuating Hawai'i's rich culture.

Kekoa's experience with native Hawaiian issues, renewable energy, the legislative process, and community affairs has given him a greater understanding and appreciation for many of the issues that are relevant to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. His experience will be an asset to the Department as it faces the challenges of managing and protecting Hawaiian's unique cultural and natural resources in a pono and responsible way that is sensitive to both the cultural and community concerns. His reputation and character are above reproach.

I respectfully ask that Kekoa Kaluhiwa's nomination receive the consent of your committee and be forwarded to the full Senate for confirmation. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on Mr. Kaluhiwa's nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN N.S. CHANG
Principal

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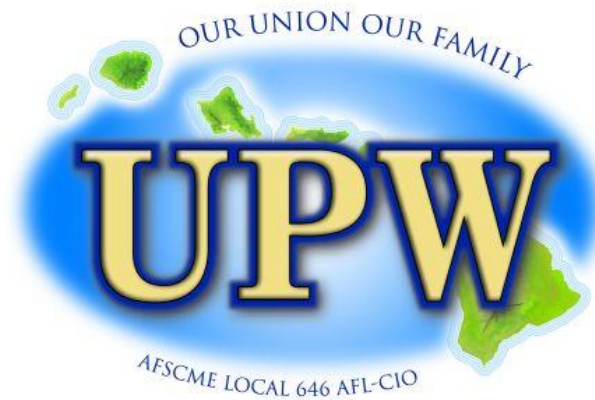
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The Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

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**TESTIMONY ON GM 515 IN SUPPORT OF MR. KEKOA KALUHIWA AS DIRECTOR OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 12,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW supports Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa for the position of Deputy Director of the DLNR. Mr. Kaluhiwa has experience in housing, land asset management, and wind energy. He has said, "from an early age, natural resource management has been my passion". He will bring this passion to the position.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa

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Dean Sensui	Hawaii Goes Fishing	Support	No

Comments: I had the pleasure of meeting Kekoa Kaluhiwa twice and found him to be sincerely concerned and knowledgeable about our fishing and hunting resources. He comes from a family that has a long tradition of being connected to the land and sea. He hunts and fishes, so he appreciates the need to carefully manage the habitats where we harvest our food. I fully support the nomination of Kekoa to the position of Deputy to the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Thank you for your consideration. Dean Sensui, executive producer. Hawai'i Goes Fishing.

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Friday, March 27, 2015
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol - Conference Room 224

RE: Governor's Message 515, Consideration and Confirmation as
the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and
Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEKOA KALUHIWA

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

My name is Gladys Marrone, Chief Executive Officer for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **supports** G.M. 515, for the consideration and confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kekoa Kaluhiwa.

Mr. Kaluhiwa has an extensive and successful career and is committed to serving the residents of the State of Hawaii. He is the principal of Kuano'o Communication LLC, providing government and public relations services. Prior to that, he served as Director of External Affairs for First Wind Energy from Feb 2010 to Dec 2012 and Executive Assistant to U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka from 1999 to 2010. He also has an extensive history of community involvement including:

- Agribusiness Development Corporation, Board Member May-Jul 2014
- Kualoa-Heeia ecumenical Youth (KEY) Project, Board Member 2012-2014
- Kaneohe Neighborhood Board, Board Member 2011-2012
- Policy Advisory Council for Weatherization, Office of Community Services DLIR, State of Hawaii, Member 2010-2012
- Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, Member 2009-present
- Hunter Education Program, DLNR, State of Hawaii, Volunteer Instructor 2007-2011
- Hawaii Academy of Recording Arts, Member 2005-present
- Holunape, Na Hoku Hanohano award winning band, Group Leader 1999-present

We appreciate the opportunity to express our **support** for Kekoa Kaluhiwa as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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Ilona Lopes	William Claude &Maemae Jones Ohana	Support	No

Comments: Sent on behalf of the Jones Ohana, at their request

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To: Sen. Laura Thielen, Chair
Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Members, Water and Land Committee

From: William Claude & Ma'ema'e Jones `Ohana

Re: Testimony in Support of Kekoa Kaluhiwa's Confirmation - G.M. 515

Aloha Senator Thielen and Members of the Senate Water and Land Committee:

The (Jones `ohana) is an extended family that comes primarily from the Ko`olaupoko area of O`ahu. At our latest estimate, we have over 2,000 members whose families come from all over Hawai`i and the continental U.S.

Our `ohana strongly supports the confirmation of Kekoa Kaluhiwa to serve as deputy director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

He is a man of integrity and strong cultural values, and we are confident that he will serve the people of Hawai`i wisely and well as part of the leadership at DLNR.

We urge you to recommend confirmation of his appointment by the full body of the Hawai`i State Senate.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our testimony in support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Claude & Ma'ema'e Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President,
William Claude & Ma'ema'e Jones Ohana

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Kehaulani Lum	Ali`i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

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Testimony in Support of Governor's Message 515
Kekoa Kaluhiwa, Deputy Director for DLNR
Senate Committee on Water and Land
March 27, 2015 2:45PM
State Capitol Room 224

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

I am writing in strong **SUPPORT** of Governor Ige's appointment of Kekoa Kaluhiwa to serve as Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Kekoa has served the residents of Hawai'i in many capacities, from local to national government, from public to private sector, and understands that, "*there is no greater kuleana than to mālama our natural, cultural and historic resources for our children and generations to follow.*"

Kekoa's connection to the `aina and the kai stems from his early experiences canoe paddling and fishing in Kāne'ōhe Bay. He has helped steward the legacy of the Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, to promote the educational advancement of the Native Hawaiian people. He is deeply respected for his efforts to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture and has received awards from the HTA and the Hawaii Academy of Recording Arts for his distinguished work.

Kekoa is held in high esteem by a diverse cross-section of the community and is steadfast in his commitment to helping others and our environment.

He is a servant leader who has prepared since a child for this important role.

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

Mālama pono,

Kehaulani Lum

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Kevin Cockett	Individual	Support	No

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Friday, March 27, 2015, 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224
State Capitol
Re: GM515 – Kekoa Kaluhiwa
Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources**

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

My name is Kevin Cockett. I am a friend and business colleague of Kekoa Kaluhiwa. I want to thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to voice my strong support of Governor Ige's nomination of Kekoa as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources. I've had the good fortune to know Kekoa for several years now and have come to trust and respect his character, integrity and true aloha spirit – core values which no doubt will be important in this role as Deputy at DLNR.

Moreover, in the business arena, I've had the opportunity to work with Kekoa on meaningful community-oriented projects and see these values demonstrated consistently. For example, I worked with him during the summer of 2014 as part of a team of consultants that helped the U.S. Department of the Interior conduct community meetings statewide as it sought input from the Native Hawaiian community to learn how it feels about the possibility of establishing an administrative rule to provide the process for federal recognition of a Native Hawaiian government. I witnessed first-hand Kekoa's interaction with community members, listening and encouraging their participation to help inform the Dept. of Interior's decision making.

Also, as a Native Hawaiian myself, I have great confidence in Kekoa to be a diligent steward of our state's natural resources, especially land. I know he will take this kuleana seriously because he values our native culture, traditions, practices and values for such resources. It's born in him and he has the technical and management skills to complement those values.

Kekoa is the right person at the right time. It gives me great hope to know that someone of his ability, experience and dedication will help lead the state DLNR as Deputy.

In closing I want to again thank the Committee for allowing me this time to submit testimony. I respectfully urge that you approve Kekoa as the state's next DLNR Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Cockett
President – Cockett Communications Inc.

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P. Roy Catalani	Young Brothers, Limited	Support	Yes

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

**THE HONORABLE LAURA H. THIELEN, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, VICE CHAIR**

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 515: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy to the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEKOA KALUHIWA, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Testimony in Strong Support by

**P. Roy Catalani
Vice President, Young Brothers, Limited**

March 27, 2015, 2:45 pm, Conference Room 224

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 515 submitting Governor Ige's nomination of **Kekoa Kaluhiwa as Deputy to the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. Kaluhiwa's nomination.**

As articulated on its website, the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) mission is to "[e]nhance, 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. Kaluhiwa's extensive background in both the public and private sectors aptly prepares him to be a leader, as Deputy to the Chair of the DLNR Board, in that partnership with private communities to preserve Hawai'i's natural, cultural, and historic resources.

Mr. Kaluhiwa holds a master's degree from the University of Hawai'i in public administration, with an emphasis in environmental planning and management theory. Mr. Kaluhiwa went on to become Executive Assistant to U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka for 11 years. In that capacity, he served as a liaison on energy and natural resource matters and as a member of the Hawai'i Energy Policy Forum. He is a community leader, serving as a board member of the Kualoa-He'eia Ecumenical Youth (KEY) Project (whose mission is to promote the cultural, environmental, social, economic, and recreational well-being of the Kualoa-He'eia area) and being a past member of the State's Agribusiness Development Corporation Board and the Kāne'ohe Neighborhood Board. Mr. Kaluhiwa understands the interface between government and private entities. As its Director of External Affairs, he represented First Wind Energy, the largest renewable energy provider in Hawai'i, in government, community, and media relations matters. Most currently as principal of Kuano'o Communications, he assisted private clients in communications and government affairs, including work with the Hawaii Harbors Users Group (HHUG). I have worked with Mr. Kaluhiwa in connection with HHUG and, as a volunteer, on community projects and can personally attest to both his deep commitment to our community as well as his outstanding character, knowledge and work ethic.

We believe this background and these attributes will make Mr. Kaluhiwa a much valued and productive member of the DLNR management team and respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination as Deputy to the Chair of the Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on and support Governor's Message 515.



WAIMEA VALLEY

HI'IPAKA LLC

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

Subject - Kekoa Kaluhiwa, Deputy Director, DLNR

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

I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Kekoa Kaluhiwa's nomination as Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

While working as the Director of External Affairs for First wind Mr. Kaluhiwa kept the Hi`ipaka LLC (Waimea Valley) Executive Director and staff well informed of the wind farm project above Waimea Valley and relayed many of our concerns about the farm to First Wind senior management. During the development of the wind farm he demonstrated a strong concern for the cultural and natural resources of Waimea Valley and facilitated immediate responses and support for a number of our issues and concerns.

On a personal level he demonstrated a strong interest and support of Waimea Valley and its mission to preserve the natural, cultural and human resources of Waimea Valley through stewardship for future generations. He often attended and encouraged others to attend volunteer work days to assist with conservation and restoration projects.

Mr. Kaluhiwa has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Hawai'i with an emphasis in Environmental Planning and Management Theory. He also 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. Mr Kaluhiwa is a very professional individual with a deep knowledge and concern for our cultural and natural resources and is highly recommended for the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Sincerely,

Richard Pezzulo

Richard Pezzulo
Executive Director

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Kohatsu	Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance	Support	No

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Senate Committee on
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Friday, March 27, 2015
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GM 515

The Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance **SUPPORTS GM515** to appoint Kekoa Kaluhiwa to Deputy to the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources.

It is our belief that the DLNR requires someone with a professional history, community relations, and natural resource experience. We feel Mr. Kaluhiwa possesses these skillsets and would be an asset in not only continuing the intent of the department but also in improving areas of weakness.

Please note, Mr. Kaluhiwa also has personal experience with fishing, hunting, and has been a volunteer instructor with the DLNR hunter education program. Volunteering for the hunter education program is not like going out on a weekend to volunteer for many other DLNR duties. It is a very time consuming program and requires a far greater level of commitment. It demonstrates the candidate's willingness to give back to his community more than most and provides first-hand experience with a conservation, safety, and ethics based program.

The DLNR continues to be challenged to adequately support its various divisions. We feel the first step in solving these problems is to approach them with an open mind, effectively collaborate with all stakeholders, produce new solutions, and actively pursue them with conviction and believing in the process. We feel Mr. Kaluhiwa should be afforded the opportunity to serve as Deputy to the Chairperson and continue his ethic on serving the community.

Mahalo,
Ryan Kohatsu
Board Member
Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance
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Shannon Alivado	General Contractors Association of Hawaii	Support	No

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TO: HONORABLE LAURA THIELEN, CHAIR, HONORABLE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, VICE CHAIR SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF GM 515: 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.**

Hearing

DATE: Friday, March 27, 2015
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224

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

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of over hundred five hundred eighty (580) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

GCA supports Governor's Message 515 and the nomination of Kekoa Kaluhiwa to serve as the Deputy Director for the Department of Land and Natural Resources ("Department"). Mr. Kaluhiwa's experience in both the private and public sectors qualifies him to serve as the Department's next Deputy Director. Mr. Kaluhiwa's work within the federal government makes him an ideal candidate given his exposure to state, county and federal governance. His work in serving Hawaii's constituents with regard to federal services will assist in his role of Deputy Director given the relationships and resource building that the Department must forge with various federal agencies. Mr. Kaluhiwa's dedication to community is also evident in his participation in various non-profit organizations and his recognition as a Hoku award winner. Mr. Kaluhiwa will bring a balanced outlook to the Department and be able to present a much needed perspective to deliver on the Department's overall mission, which is among other things, to enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources.

GCA supports Governor's Message 515 and respectfully requests the consent of this Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to share our support.

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Thomas Heberle	Hawaii Pilots Association	Support	No

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday, March 27, 2015

2:45 PM

Conference Room 224

TESTIMONY OF HAWAII PILOTS ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF GM515

Confirmation of Kekoa Kaluhiwa as Deputy to the Chairperson,
Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)

Honorable Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Pilots Association (HPA) supports the confirmation of Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa as Deputy to the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

DLNR is responsible for management of state owned lands, and also responsible for management of the Conservation District. These two areas of responsibility require good leadership in this department. Mr. Kaluhiwa demonstrates the professional qualities that are necessary for this position.

I had the pleasure of working with Kekoa during his time serving as a representative to the Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG). As I got to know him, I learned that Kekoa is a great leader who understands collaboration and is very knowledgeable about public administration. His prior service in government and in the private sector gives him a good understanding of Hawaii's environmental challenges. Kekoa's professional experience also provides him with excellent management and relationship skills.

Therefore, we request your committee's favorable consideration to confirm Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa as Deputy to the Chairperson, DLNR. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Captain Thomas Heberle, President
Hawaii Pilots Association

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Mahealani Cypher	Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	Yes

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KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

March 24, 2015

To: Sen. Laura Thielen, Chair
& Members, Water and Land Committee

From: Alice P. Hewett, President
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Subject: Testimony in Strong Support of Kekoa Kaluhiwa, G.M. 515

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club offers its strong support for the confirmation of Kekoa Kaluhiwa to serve as deputy director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Kekoa is keiki o ka `aina, child of the land, born and raised in a large, extended Hawaiian family from our part of the island, Ko'olaupoko. He is a member of our Hawaiian civic club, and we were so proud to learn that he had been offered this serious kuleana as one of the chief stewards of our cultural and natural resources.

As one of the largest of the Hawaiian civic clubs, we take our work very seriously – to malama our members, their families, and the communities in which we live. We have a history of working to care for both cultural and natural resources in the nine ahupua`a around Kane`ohe bay, and encourage all of our members to teach others to malama `aina and malama i ke kai.

In our view and with our knowledge of Kekoa Kaluhiwa, he is a man of integrity, dedication, and commitment to the preservation and protection of our islands for current and future generations. He has a young family, and is intent on ensuring that our natural and cultural resources are safeguarded for their future and all of ours. He is knowledgeable about managing resources, having learned a great deal in his work with Senator Akaka's office and in his career in the public and private sectors.

We value Kekoa for his honesty and his willingness to offer his talents, skills and heart to help malama ka pae`aina Hawai`i. We believe that your trust in him will be well-rewarded once he has been confirmed and allowed to help lead DLNR into better times ahead.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to present our testimony in support.

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".

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Alice P. Hewett	Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	Yes

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KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

March 24, 2015

To: Rep. Kaniela Ing, Chair / & Members
Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee

From: Alice P. Hewett, President
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Subject: H.C.R. 149 – Health Department Regulations on Burials

Aloha Chair Ing, Vice Chair Lowen and Committee Members;

On behalf of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, we wish to offer our strong support for passage of this concurrent resolution which would call upon the State Department of Health to revise its rules to accommodate and encourage Hawaiian burials.

We have also supported legislation to update the state Penal Code, which would ensure that families would have the option of having their loved ones' remains processed in a Hawaiian way that is also much healthier for our environment.

We are concerned because the current regulations governing burials requires a concrete encasement and hermetically-sealed container for the remains. We do not consider these types of requirements necessary for Hawaiian-style burials, which we call "clean burials", because they are basically skeletal remains. Meeting the current requirements would keep the cost of funerals and burial materials expensive and a burden to bereaved families.

It is important that our traditional and customary practices be reinstated and once again become a method of taking care of our loved ones in a respectful way. In our view, this option would also be open to everyone, not just Hawaiians – and much better for our `aina.

Mahalo for allowing me to present our testimony in support of H.C.R. 149 – please pass this resolution.

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