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Carty S. Chang	DLNR	Support	Yes

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**Testimony of
CARTY CHANG
Interim Chairperson**

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

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

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 542
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEITH K.
DOWNING, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2017.**

Governor's Message 542 submits the Governor's nomination of Keith K. Downing for an At-Large seat on the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board). The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this nomination.

Mr. Downing is a prize winning big-wave surfer and canoe paddler. He has been surfing since the age of five (5) and is the son of big-wave pioneer George Downing. Mr. Downing has designed logos for surf industry giants Quicksilver and O'Neill. Mr. Downing and his sister own and operate Downing Hawaii, Hawaii's oldest surf shop.

Mr. Downing is a member of the Surfing Education Association which is dedicated to the preservation of Hawaii's oceans, coral reefs, waves and beaches. Mr. Downing's knowledge of ocean recreation and ocean protection, combined with his knowledge of ocean based business will be a welcome addition to the Board.

The Department strongly supports Mr. Downing's nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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Leslie Apiu Kuloloio	Aha Moku Advisory Committee	Support	No

Comments: AMAC Executive Director Leimana DaMate will be available to answer questions if needed. Mahalo

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**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
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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
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Governor's Message No. 542

**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Keith K. Downing, for a term to expire 6-30-17.**

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. 542 on the appointment of Mr. Keith "Keoni" Downing to serve on the Board of Land and Natural Resources for a term to expire on June 30, 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 and 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.

Mr. Downing is a Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner. He is considered an expert as a big wave surfer in Hawaii. To become an expert in such a practice, Mr. Downing has the necessary expertise and traditional knowledge of ocean and land resources. He can bring experience and knowledge of ocean currents, reef formations, marine resource issues and how these issues are vitally connected to the land.

Mr. Downing belongs to an old and well-known kama'aina family who is strongly committed to the conservation of natural and cultural resources. Additionally, in owning a successful and thriving business, Mr. Downing's expertise in sound management and business practices will allow him to be a fair and strong member of the BLNR.

The majority of the AMAC supports the nomination of Keith Downing and asks that this Committee approve this confirmation.

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Marjorie Ziegler	Conservation Council for Hawai'i	Support	No

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**Conservation Council
for Hawai'i**

Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



Testimony Submitted to the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hearing: Friday, March 27, 2015 2:45 pm, Room 224

In Support of GM 542

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH K. DOWNING, for a term to expire 6-30-2017

Aloha, Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports GM 542 and the nomination of Keith K. Downing to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Mr. Downing's love for the ocean, his upbringing, and his experience running a family business dependent on a clean and diverse marine environment will serve the board, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the people well.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Ziegler

Conservation Council for Hawai'i is a nonprofit, environmental membership organization dedicated to protecting native Hawaiian plants, animals, and ecosystems for future generations.

Established in 1950 and based in Honolulu, CCH is one of the largest and most effective wildlife organizations in Hawai'i with more than 5,000 members and supporters, including concerned citizens, educators, scientists, government agencies, and elected officials.

Through research, education, service, organizing, and legal advocacy, CCH works to stop the destruction of native wildlife and wild places in Hawai'i.

Since 1973, CCH has served as the Hawai'i state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.

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March 23, 2015

The Honorable Laura Thielen
Chairperson Senate Committee on Water and Land
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Consideration and Confirmation of the Nomination of Keith K. Downing
At-Large Board of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Senator Thielen,

I have the honor to submit my written testimony in support of Keith K. Downing as a member of the At- Large Board of Land and Natural Resources now before you for your consideration and confirmation.

Through the many years that I have known Mr. Downing I have always found him to be of strong moral character. I have had on many occasions had the opportunity to discuss the many issues pertaining to the use and sustainable care of our limited natural resources. In the course of those discussions I have always found his to be a voice of reason in how our limited resources should be properly used for their best and most sustainable uses.

I strongly support Mr. Downing for this position and applaud Governor Ige for his insight into his making this nomination. Confirming Mr. Downing to this position will be a great benefit to the State of Hawai'i. His will be a voice of reason to the many issues that will come before the Board. I urge this body to confirm Mr. Downing to the At-Large Board of Land and Natural Resources. Thank you for your taking the time to consider this testimony.

Very truly yours,



RICHARD D. GRONNA

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and Members of the Committee on Water and
Land

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FROM: Wayne K. Kekina

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DATE: March 24, 2015

RE: Testimony in Support of Keith Keone Downing
Meeting: March 27, 2015 at 2:45 p.m.

TRANSMITTED HEREWITH:

Transmitted is Wayne K. Kekina's Testimony in Support of Keith Keone Downing.

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March 24, 2015

The Honorable Senator Laura H. Thielen
Chairwoman, Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM542 – Keith K. Downing

Date: Friday, March 27, 2015
Time: 2:45 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 224

Dear Senator Thielen and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

I am writing in support of Keith Keone Downing as Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Keone his entire adult life as his father George Downing and I have been friends for many years.

Keone was born and raised on Oahu, the son of a big-wave pioneer, George Downing. Keone has been an avid waterman his entire life. He won the Junior Division of the Makaha International Surf Contest in 1968 and 1969 and the Quicksilver in memory of Eddie Aikau in 1970. He is also one of the most decorated outrigger canoe paddlers – paddling in five winning teams in the Molokai to Oahu between 1980 and 1988.

Following his graduation from Kamehameha Schools in 1971, he attended the California College of Arts and Crafts where he majored in commercial art and he went on to design logos for surf industry giants Quicksilver and O'Neil. He and his sister currently operate the oldest surfboard shop in Hawaii which was founded in 1948 by his father.

Keone has a deep and abiding appreciation of our marine and land resources. Since 1973, Keone has been an active member of Surfing Education Association and Save our Surf which are dedicated to the preservation of Hawaii's ocean resources, coral reefs and beaches.

Keone's deep roots in Hawaii, his business experience and his respect for and familiarity of our marine resources make him an outstanding candidate for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Aloha,


Wayne K. Kekina

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GM542

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Marie Kirk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii is a unique and special place. Our Hawaiian islands, surrounded by the Pacific ocean, contain a diversity of environments and eco-systems precious on every island. And in our islands; mauka to makai, our natural, cultural and historic resources need to be preserved and protected for Hawaii's people today and for our island's future generations. The role the State Dept. of Land and Natural Resources plays is crucial in the management and protection of the priceless resources that belong to the people of Hawaii. The Board of DLNR is the vehicle that guides and supports the laws, rules and mission of DLNR for the people of Hawaii. I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Keone Downing to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Keone Downing has a long history of being engaged with community on numerous issues that affect our land and ocean resources. I have worked with Keone Downing on numerous community issues and have always been impressed by his thoroughness of research on issues, his ability to understand the role DLNR and the rules they have that play into a situation, his grasp of how to engage community in a positive way on an issue and Keone's coming to a place to fully understand the issue and how it can be fairly and rightfully resolved. Keone Downing also brings to the BLNR his amazing and vast knowledge of the ocean and ocean related issues that will greatly enhance the BLNR's understanding of ocean connected matters that come to the board. As a member, and one of the leaders of Save Our Surf, which is one of the most respected community organizations in Hawaii, Keone has spent many years being involved and engaged with ocean communities statewide. There is great aloha and respect for Keone on every island for the kokua he and Save Our Surf have brought to ocean issues affecting communities. I believe Keone Downing is an amazing choice for the Board of Land and Natural Resources and I strongly support his nomination. Mahalo, Ann Marie Kirk Maunaloa, Oahu

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Please disregard my previous email, I made an error after I read it my support is for Keith K. Downing see below

Dear Senator Thielen,

I'm writing in support for Keith K. Downing for DLNR Deputy Director. I have known Keith for over 50 years, we grew up together. He is an outstanding citizen, not afraid to stand up for the right thing. His commitment to Hawaii, the land and sea is the main reason I support him. His knowledge of the environment comes from being part of it. Keith is outside everyday and has a feel for what needs to be done. A great family man, and son who is a small business owner and understands how to work with people. On top of all this Keith is a great teacher. I think he would be an excellent choice for the position of Deputy Director of DLNR, you need someone who understands the environment and the impact growth has on it

Respectfully Submitted

Aloha,

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Caz Ross	Individual	Support	No

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 542

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

BY

CARSWELL J. ROSS, JR. Ret.

Friday, March 27, 2015

Good afternoon Chair Laura Thielen, Vice Chair Brickwood Galuteria, and members of the Committee on Water and Land. I am providing testimony in **support** of Mr. Keith "Keone" Downing. I have known Keone for more than thirty years. Our children were kids together and visited Hawaii's beaches, zoo and parks for recreation and fun. I know him as a waterman and avid sportsman. I have seen him participate in surfing events as a participant, judge, and coordinator. I have stopped by his family store and discussed fashion and design. I knew that he shaped surf boards and has a keen eye for fashion and jewelry.

I have come to understand that he views Hawaii's oceans and land through the same eye as a designer. He sees the perfection in how the system works, how the sea embraces the land and how they together have given life to its people.

This is the same view that he will bring to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. The view of an artist and waterman, who hears the ocean speak, he hears the whispers of the land and for us to assure our stewardship of these important and limited resources.

These are the reasons why I ask this committee to appoint Keone as At-Large member of the Board. Thank you for the opportunity to testify **in support** of Keone Downing.

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Evelyn J. Black	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To Whom it May Concern, I am submitting this in lieu of live testimony in support of the confirmation of gubernatorial DLNR Board Member nominee Keith Keone Downing as I am currently away on business. I am a lifelong resident of the State of Hawaii, retired Maritime attorney, former City & County deputy prosecutor and former police officer with the Honolulu Police Department. I have known Mr. Downing for over 40 years. Mr Downing has successfully run his family business for a number of years. He is an expert waterman who deeply cares for our aina. Mr. Downing was a part of Save our Surf that helped preserve numerous surf sites around the islands. He has the knowledge, experience and temperment to serve well on the DLNR Board and should be confirmed. Thank you for your consideration
Aloha, Evie Black

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Glenn Shiroma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in support for KEITH K. DOWNING for BLNR land board member.

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Honorable Senator Laura Thielen,
Chairperson of the Water and Land Committee,
Hawaii State Legislature Subject: GM542

3/23/15

Dear Senator Thielen and Members of the Committee,

I am writing a letter on behalf of Mr. Keone Downing who has been nominated as a potential Board Member for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Keone for the past 40 years. He is a world class surfer. 40 years ago, his father, Mr. George Downing taught me surf lessons as a teenager in Waikiki through the YMCA.

Keone has always had a passion for the ocean. When we coached our daughters' soccer team together, Keone would be the "ocean dad" at our potlucks and end of the year parties which were always held on the beach. Keone has surfed around the world. He still teaches surfing and stand up paddling. He has been a passionate protector of our island waters, as has his legendary father, for his entire life. He is a member of the Outrigger Canoe Club where he has paddled. He has a strong innate sense of protecting the aina. He has supported our biennial 1000 Tree Giveaway in Manoa Valley.

Keone is a board member of non-profit organization, Save Our Surf! His father was its founder. The organization has devoted itself for 4 decades to protecting our beaches, especially the surfing spots. They have defended Waikiki as they have defended Kewalo's. They value these community beaches as if the beaches were their own private beaches.

Keone strongly supports beach access and Save Our Surf is carefully watching two issues right now --- protecting the beach and the beach access at Kewalo's and protecting the surfing spots at Waikiki from the adverse effects of sand replenishment, extracting sand from the ocean and building walls and groins to please the tourists. They respect mother nature.

Keone has spent his entire life on the beach. His son and daughter celebrate the ocean as he does. It is a part their DNA! Keone's small business is a water sports business. He is conscientious, diligent and bright. He is easy to talk to and easy to get along with. He is humble and quiet speaking.

It is a privilege for me to write a letter of support for Mr. Keone Downing. I recommend him highly to protect all of Hawaii's environment. Hawaii will be very fortunate to have him serve on the Board of Natural Resources! Please feel free to call on me if you have further questions.

With warm regards,

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Richard Gronna	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Mr. Downing for this position. I urge the committee to confirm his nomination.

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Stanley H. Roehrig	Individual	Support	Yes

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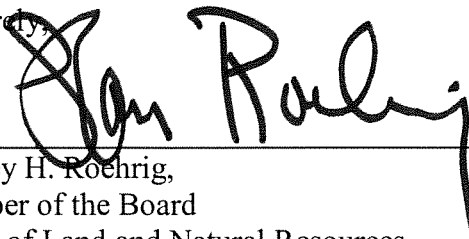
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RE: KEITH "KEONE" DOWNING
Board Member / Board of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Chairperson Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Committee Members:

My name is Stanley H. Roehrig. I have known Keith "Keone" Downing and his father George Downing for many years. George was our paddling coach in Waikiki when I was a teenager back in the 1950s. Keone is a superb Hawaiian waterman. He won the Eddie Aikau surf contest at Waimea Bay. He is also a well recognized paddler and member of the Hawaii ocean-going community for many years. From my experience, if George and Keone don't understand the issues at Waikiki Beach and along the North Shore as they relate to erosion and future restoration, nobody does. He will be a key member of our Land Board team, providing invaluable guidance regarding the tough issues that lie ahead of the State of Hawaii due to accelerating global warming. The legislature is grappling with that very subject matter this session. The global warming problem is going to be complicated and take a number of years for the State of Hawaii to properly address this matter. The Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Legislature, the Administration and the private sector have to work together in this effort. I am confident that if Keone is confirmed he will provide valuable leadership for all of us.

Sincerely,



Stanley H. Roehrig,
Member of the Board
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Comments: I would like to wholeheartedly support Keith K. Downing as a member on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have known him for over 30 years and during that time have been his coach at the Outrigger Canoe Club for several years, and with him been able to win the Molokai canoe race 4 times. He has an excellent work ethic and will bring that same enthusiasm and leadership to his position on the BLNR. He has long been an advocate for preserving the land, while at the same time balancing that with the needs of the people for development. We need more people like that on this Board.

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Aloha Senator Thielen,
Please find attached my support for Keone Downing's appointment to the BLNR.
Mahalo,
Ulalia

March 26, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: GM542 - Keone Downing; BLNR

Aloha mai kāua,

I am pleased to offer my support for Keone Downing's appointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. His intimate knowledge of the ocean and his commitment to ocean conservation will be important additions to the deliberations of the Board. I respectfully request the support of the Senate Committee on Water and Land in confirming the appointment of Keone Downing as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Na'u me ka mahalo,
Ulalia Woodside

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To Whom it may Concern,

Please admit the attached letter into written testimony on behalf Keith K. Downing for nomination to the Board of DLNR.

The confirmation hearing for GM 542, Keith K. Downing, will be held on Friday, March 27, 2015, at 2:45pm, in conference room 224, by the Committee on Water and Land.

Thank you,

Walter Guild

Walter F. Guild

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Regarding: Written testimony on behalf of the nomination for the confirmation hearing for GM 542, Keith K. Downing, to be held on Friday, March 27, 2015, at 2:45pm, in conference room 224, by the Committee on Water and Land.

Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Deputy Chairperson
Nominee.

Dear Committee Members,

March 23, 2015

I have known Mr. Downing for close to fifty years. Mr. Downing has always been a leader in the ocean community and one of the most highly respected ocean athletes and marine conservationist in our community. Mr. Downing has shown his knowledge and sensitivity in all aspects of ocean use including excelling at the highest levels of surfing, canoe surfing, and canoe paddling.

Mr. Downing has demonstrated his concerns and sensitivity through being a leader in reef and ocean bottom issues, and has become know throughout the community as one the foremost authorities in tidal, wind, current, and surf effects on our shoreline.

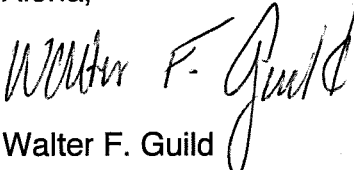
Mr. Downing has repeatedly demonstrated superior judgment in critical situations both in the water and on the shoreline and has assisted young ocean users achieve a greater understanding of the delicate balance between the ocean environment and humans.

Mr. Downing has long been a responsible fisherman and has always shown an appreciation for the needed balance of marine resources and human beings.

I strongly recommend approval of Mr. Keith K. Downing to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,


Walter F. Guild