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CARTY S CHANG	DLNR	SUPPORT
MARJORIE ZIEGLER	CONSERVATION COUNCIL FOR HAWAII	SUPPORT
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**Testimony of
CARTY S. CHANG
Interim Chairperson**

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

**Friday, April 10, 2015
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 705
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE NATURAL
AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARIE
BRUEGMANN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message (GM) 705 to appoint Ms. Marie Bruegmann to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission (Commission) for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Ms. Bruegmann, a resident of O'ahu, has an advanced degree in Botany which satisfies one of the scientific qualifications that six members of the Commission must have, pursuant to Section 195-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Ms. Bruegmann has worked for both private and public agencies and provides a voice for all native plants, not just endangered species, through her years of fieldwork and surveys. Her extensive field experience includes botanical surveys of selected Natural Area Reserves in the 1990's. She has helped guide the Commission as it reviews the Natural Area Partnership Program, as well as other matters that affect our native botanical resources. Ms. Bruegmann, who serves as Vice Chair, is very interested in continuing to serve on the Commission. Although currently employed as a Botanist with United States Fish and Wildlife Service, she does not represent the Service in any official capacity.

The responsibilities of the Commission include advising the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Governor on matters that have to do with the protection and enhancement of native ecosystems in as unmodified a condition as possible; to review, consider, and make recommendations for strengthening the Natural Area Reserves System, as well as to review and

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recommend management plans (for the Natural Area Reserves System as well as the Natural Area Partnership Program), policies, and permitted uses within the Natural Area Reserves System. The Department strongly supports GM 705 on the reappointment of Ms. Marie Bruegmann to the Commission and looks forward to continuing working with her in the future.

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Marjorie Ziegler	Conservation Council for Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports GM 705 and the nomination of Marie Bruegmann to the Natural Area Reserve Commission. Ms. Bruegmann is one of the world's leading authorities on Hawaiian plants and the ecosystems upon which they depend. She has dedicated her life to protecting them for future generations. She will serve the resource and the people well. Please support GM 705. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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Mark Fox	The Nature Conservancy	Support	No

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**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting GM 705 Gubernatorial Nominee Marie Bruegmann
for Confirmation to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Friday, April 10, 2015, 2:45PM, Room 224**

For more than 35 years, The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i has been working closely with government agencies, local businesses, private landowners, non-profit partners, and interested communities across the state to preserve the lands and waters upon which all life in these islands depends. The Conservancy is a private non-profit conservation organization that has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 35,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i, and support 19 coastal communities seeking to co-manage marine resources in partnership with the State of Hawai'i.

The Nature Conservancy supports Marie Bruegmann's appointment to continue on the Natural Area Reserve System Commission (NARSC). Marie's professional experience with the US Fish and Wildlife Service implementing the Federal Endangered Species Act and extensive knowledge of plant conservation priorities and actions in Hawai'i are critical elements to the NARSC's work. She has played an important role on the NARSC advocating for greater emphasis on endangered plant conservation measures and monitoring.

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Randal Bartlett	Individual	Support	No

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Theresa Menard	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the appointment of Marie Bruegmann to the NARS Commission. I have known Marie for 25 years. In fact, she hired me for my first job in Hawaiian conservation as a Botanical Research Assistant for The Nature Conservancy. She was a thoughtful and considerate boss. I am sure she will bring that same thoughtfulness and her impressive knowledge of Hawaiian flora to the NARS Commission.

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