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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

April 17, 2015
2:45 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 750
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SUZANNE CASE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-
2018

Chairperson Thielen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 750, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, gubernatorial nominee, Suzanne Case, for a term to expire December 31, 2018. The Department would like to express its strong support for Ms. Case's nomination.

Ms. Case has extensive experience in the area of conservation, with 28 years of experience with The Nature Conservancy that has culminated in the position of Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii since 2001. Under her direction as Executive Director, she oversaw 76 staff and an operating budget of \$11 million, while working to preserve our natural resources across the State. Additionally, she has an appreciation for the Hawaiian culture as evident in the co-creation of "Ke Ho'olono Nei" and a free education DVD of Hawaiian songs, chants, and stories.

Ms. Case has been the recipient of numerous awards, recognizing her various accomplishments. Most recently, she has been given the *Ho'okele* Non-Profit Leadership Award from the Hawai'i Community Foundation \$ W. A. Gerbode Foundation. She has previously been recognized as a Distinguished Friend in 2012 and received the *Hui Māla* Award in 2009 from the Garden Club of Honolulu.



Ms. Case has the managerial experience and the conservation mindset that will make her a tremendous asset and an excellent leader as the Chairperson for the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Steve Montgomery	Sierra Club	Support	Yes

Comments: TESTIMONY in SUPPORT of GM 750: Suzanne Case 17 April, 2015
Senator Thielen and Members of the Committee on Water and Land, I am Steven Lee Montgomery, a volunteer for Sierra Club and urge your approval of Suzanne Case as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We commend Governor Ige for choosing an extremely well qualified candidate with superb experience and demonstrated real estate legal skills, which will serve the public well. Suzanne Case has a well proven ability to care for land and perform innovative resource management due to having worked on these issues for 30 years with the Nature Conservancy using science-based, on-the-ground, collaborative approaches to forest and marine conservation throughout these Islands. She helped create watershed partnerships to improve forest management and began new networks with local communities working to restore near-shore marine resources. She has overseen the unique Palmyra Atoll nature preserve and research station, an acclaimed collaboration of The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Senators, please vote yes to confirm this new phase of Suzanne Case productive career in caring for natural resources. Mahalo, Steven Lee Montgomery, Ph. D. Sierra Club 94-610 Palai Street, Waipahu, Hawai'i 96797-4535 USA cell 808-342-6244 PO Box 2577, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96803 | 808-538-6616 | hawaii.chapter@sierraclub.org | sierraclubhawaii.com

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Aloha,

I am submitting this letter in strong support of Suzanne Case to serve as the Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Ms. Case has dedicated much of her professional and personal life toward protecting Hawaii's natural resources. The Nature Conservancy, the organization that she has served for many years, shares a similar mission statement with that of the DLNR. During her tenure, the TNC has and continues to support the establishment of viable community partnerships with the DLNR to enhance the management and protection of Hawaii's environment; has and continues to encourage collaboration with the DLNR to examine, evaluate and work toward solutions to mitigate challenges of mutual interest and concern; has and continues to support the DLNR on legislative proposals intended to improve operational capacity and efficiency. While Ms. Case will be faced with the daunting challenge of managing a large Department, that is chronically underfunded, yet mandated to protect vast areas of land and marine environments, containing Hawaii's natural, cultural and historic resources, I firmly believe that she has the experience and commitment that qualifies her for an opportunity to move the DLNR forward. Mahalo - Randy Awo

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Testimony from the Island of Molokai in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the Gubernatorial Nominee, **SUZANNE CASE**, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Hearing: April 17, 2015, 2:45 pm, Room 224

Reasons for my opposition:

1. No Neutral Element:

Molokai Nature Conservancy' sheer size and power of presence is already a threat on our island. With her being the chairman overseeing public land, she definitely would heighten tensions.

2. Harsh Island Policy:

On and around 2007 , there was a massive protest of Molokai food gatherers and community members on Honolulu's ward street, near the Blasidell center due to Case 's direction to hire the million dollars New Zealand's professional Pro Hunt for pig and goat extermination on Molokai.

Pro Hunt is known to use overly aggressive tactics in its comprehensive animal eradication (for example: tracking, tagging, harassing, and eradicating animals while disrupting the peace of their habitats with noisy corporate helicopters). Such brutality violates The Nature Conservancy's values of coexistence and diversity of life on Earth. Offers of skill community members to participate in habitats control is always rejected.

It generated unnecessary and depressing statewide media coverage, and food gatherers are being black listed.

3. Militant and Absolute Management Style:

Many people would agree that any organization's manager handling of a community's members is a keen reflection of its organization's upper manager's style. Many of our community members cannot carry on a civil conversation with her Molokai director without being insulted and intimidated with his rude behavior. Nature Conservancy has a track record of closed-door policy on Molokai and is supported by Ms. Case who is not publicly approachable herself.

4. She has great potential and capability to tear the Molokai lifestyle apart.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Strong Support of Governor’s Message No. 750 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZANNE CASE, for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

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The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. One of LURF’s missions is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii’s significant natural and cultural resources and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in **support for Governor’s Message No. 750 (GM 750), and the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Suzanne Case** to the to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

LURF’s Position. LURF strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Case, based on, amongst other things, the following:

- **Experience with Natural Resource and Conservation Issues and Management.** During her twenty-eight 28 years with the Nature Conservancy, Ms. Case has worked on a regular basis on conserving and managing Hawai’i’s forests, oceans and other natural resources. Under her leadership, and with her personal involvement, the Nature Conservancy has supported the development of public-private Watershed Partnerships throughout the State; supported many communities around Hawai’i who are working to restore their near-shore fisheries through community-based co-management with the department of Land and Natural Resources; supported development of Island Invasive Species Committees and the statewide Hawai’i Invasive Species Committee; and supported the growth of the broad-based Hawai’i conservation community from a few dozen professionals in the late 1980s to thousands of private, government, community and student participants in the Hawai’i Conservation Alliance.

- **Extensive Legal Experience and Expertise Relating to Natural Resources and Conservation Issues.** Over the past twenty-eight years, Ms. Case has developed considerable legal experience and expertise in the areas of natural resources, conservation and stewardship, in her various past capacities as the lead attorney for The Nature Conservancy for land protection and stewardship projects in Hawai'i, California, Idaho, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming; and establishment of conservation programs in Palau, Pohnpei, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, and China, as well as Palmyra Atoll; and as the Hawai'i State Director for The Nature Conservancy, including responsibility over issues and programs involving forest conservation, forest science, marine conservation, marine science, external affairs/government relations, and land protection.
- **Collaborative, Inclusive, Consensus-Driven and Respectful Approach.** Ms. Case has stated that the principal approach of the Nature Conservancy is not confrontational, but based on the principles that most all viewpoints and goals are legitimate and that most times a solution can be found that accommodates most viewpoints. Ms. Case has further stated that her goal is to keep open lines of dialogue with all stakeholders and that her practice has always been to have an open door policy, which invites, asks and welcomes anyone with issues, comments or questions relevant to natural resources and conservations to talk story with her and the Nature Conservancy staff. Ms. Case believes that good dialogue and respectful exchange in an atmosphere that allows all to have a voice will enhance the more formal processes our democracy provides to ensure we select the best paths forward based on sound information within the mandate of an organization.
- **Experience in Establishing and Implementing Successful Consensus-Driven and Solution-Oriented Natural Resource and Conservation Programs.** During her years with the Nature Conservancy, Ms. Case, the Nature Conservancy Board and staff have successfully demonstrated the ability to implement programs based on consensus and solutions, by forging a number of conservation and management arrangements in which diverse groups such as landowners, all levels of government, businesses and diverse community groups were interested stakeholders and full participants. A couple of examples are as follows:

Nearshore fisheries. The Nature Conservancy is working with communities who have asked for help to implement community-based marine management, much like the *konohiki* system. All of the parties want to increase the supply of fish and to seek ways to restore our Hawai'i fisheries for sustainable use. Ms. Case and the Nature Conservancy believe it is possible to have both excellent, responsible management to maintain and return abundance to our fisheries, and to establish and maintain more opportunities to access sustainable fisheries throughout Hawai'i for both recreational and subsistence use.

Healthy native forests. The Nature Conservancy has forged collaborations and taken steps to enhance hunter access to appropriate hunting areas by opening newly-fenced areas first to community hunters, hiring community hunters for its control efforts, installing step-over gates to enable easy access for hunters on foot to enter fenced units, and including one-way traps along fence lines to allow destructive invasive animals to exit the sensitive fenced areas and not re-enter.

Conclusion. Ms. Case has extensive experience and knowledge and legal background relating to natural resource conservation and management. She also has experience working with diverse groups with competing interests and has been successful in working with those parties, and her Nature Conservancy Board and staff, to implement natural resource conservation and management programs; and Ms. Case understands the legal issues relating to the public trust and the value and importance of conservation and management of Hawai'i's natural resources. LURF believes that the State of Hawaii will be well served by Ms. Case as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

For the reasons stated above, LURF is **in support of the confirmation of Ms. Case**, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration of **GM 750**.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this measure.