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**GM816**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Derrickson	State Land Use Commission	Support	Yes

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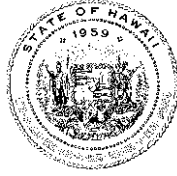
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Statement of  
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Before the  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
April 15, 2015  
2:45 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

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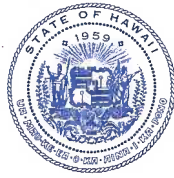
**GM816**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION THE LAND USE**  
**COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,**  
**LINDA ESTES,**  
**for a term to expire 6-30-2017**

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Committee on Water and Land:

The Land Use Commission is in support of Linda Estes' appointment as the Governor's nominee for the Kaua'i seat on the State Land Use Commission.

Linda has a strong community background on Kaua'i. She has been a member various community associations. After 15 years of commitment and devotion to the community on Kaua'i, we anticipate that she will provide the same level of diligence and expertise to her role on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
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April 13, 2015

The Honorable Laura H. Thielen  
Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land

Subject: Letter of Support for Governor's Message No. 816  
Ms. Linda Estes, Nomination to the Land Use Commission  
County of Kaua'i

Dear Chairperson Thielen:

I am writing this letter to express my support for Ms. Linda Estes as a member to the Land Use Commission, Kaua'i County. I have known Ms. Estes for almost 10 years. She is a resident of 'Omao, Kaua'i. She is a very passionate and dedicated member of the Kaua'i community.

I know that she will represent us well on this commission and would appreciate your consideration and confirmation.

Sincerely,

Daynette "Dee" Morikawa  
House of Representatives  
16th District – Ni'ihau, Lehua, Koloa, Waimea

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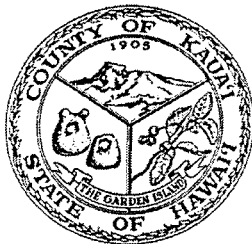
Comments: Attached, please find testimony for Councilmember Kualii of the Kauai County Council in support of GM 816.

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April 14, 2015

**TESTIMONY OF KIPUKAI KUALI'I,  
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON  
GM 816, LAND USE COMMISSION GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE  
LINDA ESTES  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Wednesday, April 15, 2015  
2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 224**

Dear Chair Thielen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of GM 816, Land Use Commission Gubernatorial Nominee Linda Estes. This testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a Councilmember of the Kaua'i County Council.

Linda Estes currently resides in Kōloa, Kaua'i, where she is Vice President of the Kōloa Community Association's Executive Board. Ms. Estes also serves as a member of the YWCA Executive Board, is a Founding Member of the Patsy T. Mink Political Action Committee, and chaired the Kaua'i Democratic Party from 2008 to 2010. Ms. Estes was appointed to several boards by the governor of New Mexico from 1976 through 1994, and also served as a Mayoral Appointee on the Albuquerque Landmark and Urban Planning Commission from 1992 to 1994. Among the awards bestowed upon Ms. Estes are the 1978 State of New Mexico Public Service Award, a 2000 State of New Mexico Outstanding Women Award, and a 2005 to present Albuquerque Community Foundation annual Giraffe Award to individuals who stick their necks out to promote the common good. Ms. Estes' education, work, and community involvement make her an excellent candidate to serve on the Land Use Commission.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly encourage the Senate Committee on Water and Land to support GM 816. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

KIPUKAI KUALI'I  
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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Office of the County Clerk, Council Services Div.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for allowing Chair Rapozo the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of gm 816.

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April 13, 2015

**TESTIMONY OF MEL RAPOZO,  
COUNCIL CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON  
GM 816, LAND USE COMMISSION GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE  
LINDA ESTES  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Wednesday, April 15, 2015  
2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 224**

Dear Chair Thielen and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of GM 816, Land Use Commission Gubernatorial Nominee Linda Estes. This testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as Council Chair of the Kaua'i County Council.

Linda Estes currently resides in Kōloa, Kaua'i, where she is Vice President of the Kōloa Community Association's Executive Board. Ms. Estes also serves as a member of the YWCA Executive Board, is a Founding Member of the Patsy T. Mink Political Action Committee, and chaired the Kaua'i Democratic Party from 2008 to 2010. Ms. Estes was appointed to several boards by the governor of New Mexico from 1976 through 1994, and also served as a Mayoral Appointee on the Albuquerque Landmark and Urban Planning Commission from 1992 to 1994. Among the awards bestowed upon Ms. Estes are the 1978 State of New Mexico Public Service Award, a 2000 State of New Mexico Outstanding Women Award, and a 2005 to present Albuquerque Community Foundation annual Giraffe Award to individuals who stick their necks out to promote the common good. I believe that Ms. Estes possesses the knowledge, experience, and commitment necessary to serve and be a contributing member on the Land Use Commission.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly encourage the Senate Committee on Water and Land to support GM 816. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

MEL RAPOZO  
Council Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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Aloha Senator Thielen and members of the WTL committee,

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of the Governor's nomination of Ms. Linda Estes to serve on the Land Use Commission. Linda chose to retire on our beautiful Kaua'i about 15 years ago. In my experience of getting to know her, I was impressed with how quickly she embraced the beauty of our island and how she appreciates the AINA. Linda will be able to make sound decisions for the overall benefit of our State and our island of Kaua'i.

Linda is highly respected. She is active in community based issues and truly does her research before advocating for what is PONO for our island. I respect the honesty and candor that she can bring to the role as LUC Commissioner. Her fair mindedness in decision making processes will promote the common good to the LUC.

I believe this appointment will make us the beneficiaries of her contribution as a member of the LUC. I applaud our Honorable Governor Ige's choice in nominating my friend, Linda Estes!

Sincerely,

*Bernadette H. Sakoda*

*Executive V.P.*

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**GM816**

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Laura FitzSimmons	Individual	Support	No

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SENATOR LAURA H. THIELEN  
Chair  
Committee on Water and Land

April 12, 2015

Re: Written Testimony in Support of GM 816  
Gubernatorial Nominee LINDA ESTES to the Land Use Commission

Dear Senator Thielen and Members of the Committee:

I first met Linda Estes in 2002, when my husband and I purchased a home in Poipu, Kaua'i County. From the time we met Linda, and continuing through today, she has amazed me with her intelligence, ability to interact honestly with others, and deep commitment to the people and environment of her adopted home, Kaua'i.

Through Linda, I became involved with many issues of community significance involving land use which required a respectful balance between economic development and preservation of Hawaii's precious beauty. She has unlimited energy and intelligence. She is an honorable person, who has earned the respect of those whose families have lived on the Island for generations. She listens and does her homework before reaching decisions, which are predicated solely upon what she believes is truly the best result for the greatest number of people.

I am a real estate lawyer in Nevada, and for twenty years have represented large developers, small communities, and state agencies in negotiations concerning land use issues. I have seen how it sometimes appears, at first, difficult to find a balance between their different goals. Those solutions can oftentimes be found through hard work, cooperation and a willingness to try new approaches. These are all qualities which Linda Estes exemplifies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura FitzSimmons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Laura FitzSimmons

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**Subject:** Committee on Water and Land  
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Aloha Senator Laura H. Thielen,

With regard to nominee Linda Estes, GM816, to the Kaua'i County, Land Use Commission:

I am pleased too provide support for the nomination of Linda Estes to the above named Commission.

Ms. Estes is a valuable member of the Kaua'i community and an asset to the State of Hawaii. She is a strong proponent and practitioner of fairness, intelligence, and rational thinking. She will bring with her to the commission a strong understanding of government, local land use needs and interests, managerial expertise and experience, and an overall confidence in her work on the Commission.

I am unable to testify in person but do want you to know that with her appointment you will have one of the most dedicated and realistic commissioners .

Feel free to contact me if you are in need of any further information.

Sincerely,

Roberta L. Weil, Ph.D.  
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## TESTIMONY

April 10, 2015

Committee on Water and Land  
Conference Room 224, State Capital  
415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu Hawaii

**ATTENTION:** Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair

**RE: APPOINTMENT OF LINDA ESTES**

Dear Senator:

My name is Steven J. Nishimura, a real estate appraiser, consultant, and past Democratic Party Chair for Kauai County. I humbly ask your support of Linda Estes, whose appointment to the Land Use Commission comes before you.

Linda is a retired administrator and dedicates time to help various community organizations with her knowledge and skills. She also spends time on government issues and does her utmost to pursue successful legislation for our communities.

She is an environmentalist, who advocates such causes extensively. Although partisan to that belief, her background provides fairness and compassionate to those in opposition.

Your approval of her nomination strengthens our island's representation to this Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on her behalf and your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Steven J. Nishimura