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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**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2015
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 821
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE COMMISSION
ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DENISE
ANTOLINI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly endorses and supports the Governor's nomination of Ms. Denise Antolini to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission).

The Commission is required under Section 174C-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to select commissioners through an open, competitive process. An independent nominating committee composed of two (2) members selected by the Governor, one (1) by the Senate President and one (1) by the House Speaker solicits candidates typically by placing an ad in the papers across the State, in the monthly bulletin of the Commission, and on the Commission's website. The Nominating Committee reviews the applications, conducts interviews if desired and sends to the Governor the names of at least three individuals for consideration.

The nominees, by law, must have "substantial experience in the area of water resource management." In accordance with the nominating process, Ms. Antolini was selected by the Governor to serve as an interim commissioner starting in October 2014. Since being appointed, Ms. Antolini has attended every scheduled Commission meeting, briefing, and site visit. She has significantly contributed to the Commission's discussions and decisions, focusing on fair process and compliance with the Water Code.

CARTY S. CHANG
INTERIM CHAIRPERSON
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Ms. Antolini graduated from Law School in 1985 (Boalt Hall, U.C. Berkeley) and the Graduate School of Public Policy in 1985 (U.C. Berkeley). Upon graduation, Ms. Antolini clerked for a federal district court judge for two years in the United States District Court in Washington D.C., before beginning her career as a public interest attorney in Seattle in 1988. In 1990, Ms. Antolini moved to Hawaii to practice environmental law.

As a practicing attorney, Ms. Antolini worked on several Water Code cases, including as the lead attorney for community groups in the landmark Waiahole water case. She has also worked on cases related to ground water management area designation, well permits, Native Hawaiian rights, and public trust doctrine issues related to water resources. She later began a career as a teacher at the William S. Richardson School of Law.

The State of Hawaii has and would continue to greatly benefit from the legal and administrative skills Ms. Antolini has brought to the Commission, as well as her years of experience working on environmental law issues. The Department strongly supports and urges the Senate to confirm the appointment of Ms. Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

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Office of Hawaiian Affairs	Office of Hawaiian Affairs	Support	Yes

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GM821

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management, Gubernatorial Nominee DENISE ANTOLINI, for a term to expire 6-30-2015 Senate Committee on Water and Land

April 15, 2015

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** GM821, which would enable Denise Antolini to continue contributing her unparalleled legal background and expertise to the mission of the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM), until June 30, 2015.

CWRM is the primary body tasked with managing and regulating the use of our water resources. Accordingly, CWRM decisions have direct, long-term impacts on Native Hawaiians' priority rights protected under the public trust, as described by the Hawai'i State Constitution, the State Water Code, and applicable case law. CWRM has a fiduciary duty to administer, protect, and preserve these aforementioned rights as part of its public trust responsibilities. Unfortunately, in many of its past major decisions, CWRM does not appear to have had sufficient legal guidance to appropriately consider and enforce the assertions of Native Hawaiians and other users to their water rights. Notably, all of the last five major decisions of CWRM were overturned on appeal, after considerable expense to the state and to those who sought to enforce their rights under the State Water Code and the public trust.¹ OHA believes that if CWRM members possess more complete information regarding the state's trust duties and their legal responsibilities to protect and enforce Native Hawaiian rights, they will be better able to meet their fiduciary obligations without forcing such priority rights holders to seek further legal intervention or relief.

Accordingly, OHA strongly recommends the nomination of Professor and Associate Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law Denise Antolini as a regular member of CWRM. As an interim appointee, Professor Antolini has already brought to CWRM invaluable expertise and insight regarding environmental and Native Hawaiian law relating to land and water use, including the public trust requirements of the state water code.

Professor Antolini's legal career in Hawai'i first began at the local chapter of the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund (now known as Earthjustice), where she worked on seminal cases reaffirming the public trust in water (the Waiāhole case) and defining state and counties' responsibilities to enforce Native Hawaiian rights (the Public Access Shoreline Hawai'i case).

¹ In Re Petition to Amend Interim Instream Flow Standards for Waikamoi, Puohokamoa, Haipuaena, Punalau/Kolea, Honomanu, West Wailuaiki, East Wailuaiki, Kopiliula, Puakaa, Waiohue, Paakea, Kapaula and Hanawi Streams, Intermediate Court of Appeals, Order, No. CAAP-10-0000161 (unpublished opinion, Nov. 30, 2012); In re 'Āao Ground Water Management Area High Level Source Water Use Applications, et al., 128 Hawai'i 228 (2012); In re Kukui Moloka'i, 116 Hawai'i 481 (2007); In re Wai'ola o Moloka'i, 103 Hawai'i 401 (2004); In re Water Use Permit Applications, 94 Hawai'i 97 (2000).

Her early caseload further included issues involving water management area designation, well construction permits, and other specific provisions of the state water code. In addition, she took part in various legal efforts to enforce the Clean Water Act, the Hawai‘i Environmental Impact Statement law, and other laws peripheral but important to CWRM’s public trust responsibilities.

Since her early Hawai‘i career as a litigator, Professor Antolini has continued to develop and maintain an unmatched breadth and depth of knowledge regarding Hawai‘i’s ever-evolving legal landscape of environmental and Native Hawaiian law. As a professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law for nearly two decades, she has developed curricula and taught classes relating to Environmental Law, Advanced Environmental Law, Environmental Litigation, and Ocean Law. Prior to her current tenure as associate dean, she also directed the law school’s Environmental Law Program, which received repeated recognition by the U.S. News and World Report as one of the “Top 25” environmental law programs in the nation.

Professor Antolini has also authored and published over 12 essays and reports relating to Hawai‘i’s environmental laws, including papers specifically discussing Hawai‘i’s public trust doctrine, water rights, climate change, and environmental impact statement laws.

Finally, Professor Antolini’s extensive community involvement and extracurricular public service further indicate her passion for and commitment to addressing issues affecting our local communities and natural environment. Her wealth of experience in community work also demonstrates her familiarity with Hawai‘i’s unique cultural, social, and political dynamics, which can only aid her in her role as caretaker of our most precious natural resource.

For these reasons, OHA is confident that Professor Antolini will be an invaluable asset to CWRM as it carries out its increasingly important kuleana as “Ke Kahuwai Pono.”

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM 821. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Alice P. Hewett	Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments: Sending on behalf of Alice Hewett, who does not have email.

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KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

April 14, 2015

To: Sen. Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
And Members, Committee on Water & Land

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

Re: Support for Denise Antolini, G.M. 821 – CWRM Appointment

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Committee Members:

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports the appointment of Denise Antolini to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management, and urges your confirmation of her appointment.

We are puzzled, however, as to why this appointment would end on June 30, 2015? Was this a typographical error on someone's part? It's certainly no joke, and we are hopeful that the appointment is actually for a longer period of time.

Denise Antolini is among our state's foremost and most respected advocates for Hawai'i's people, our lands and water resources. For many years, she has been the voice of reason in our community, offering responsible analysis and solutions to numerous problems that have confronted us on matters regarding natural and cultural resources.

Our civic club – one of the largest among nearly 70 Hawaiian civic clubs – has great aloha for Ms. Antolini, and urge both the Administration and the Senate to ensure that her continued service with our state water commission extends beyond June 30 of this year.

We urge your committee to approve G.M. 821 and, if possible, seek out the administration for an accounting of why the appointment is for only two months.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o.

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. One of the largest of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs, its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Lehuakona Isaacs Jr	Ahahui Malama i ka Lokahi	Support	No

Comments: SUPPORT ANTOLINI! Denise is a Professor and Associate Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law. Prior to joining the law school, Professor Antolini worked for Earthjustice (previously Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund). She is one of the leading authorities on environmental law in the state. She worked as a litigator on legal cases reaffirming the public trust in water and defining state and counties' responsibilities to enforce Native Hawaiian rights. She has an unparalleled depth of understanding of Hawai'i's environmental laws and the various legal responsibilities relating to the protection of Hawai'i's resources that will benefit the resource and the people. Conservation Council for Hawai'i and I join the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, organizations across the state, and hundreds of concerned citizens in supporting Professor Antolini for a full 4-year term, however, the Governor nominated William Balfour, Jr. for the 4-year term instead. We hope the Governor will consider Professor Antolini for a full term on the CWRM if the opportunity presents itself. One could not ask for a more qualified candidate to serve on this important commission! She is dedicated, hard-working, fair, and committed to excellence in everything she does. In what way has Balfour demonstrated his understanding and commitment to the Hawaii Constitution, to the Public Doctrine when making decisions related to water? He hasn't. Reject Balfour.

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Edward Clement	Hawaiian Islands Land Trust	Support	No

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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS
LAND TRUST

April 14, 2015

Senate Committee on Water and Land
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96814

Re: Testimony in Support of Denise Antolini to Serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management

Aloha Honorable Chair Thielen and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

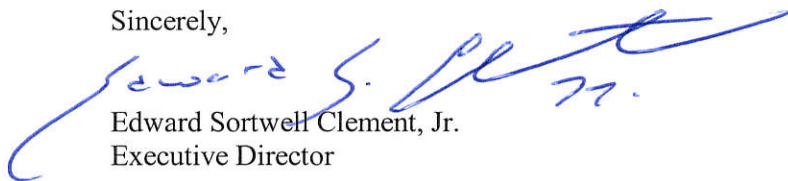
On behalf of the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, I enthusiastically submit this testimony in support of the nomination of Denise Antolini to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management until June 30, 2015. We are excited for Ms. Antolini, our communities and the incredible lands, waters and other natural resources which make Hawai'i so special and keep it a desirable place to live, work and visit – crucial underpinnings of our economy here.

The Hawaiian Islands Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 2011 out of the merger of four local land trusts, and it is the first and only nationally accredited local land trust in Hawai'i. Our mission is to protect the lands that will sustain us for current and future generations. Hawaiian Islands Land Trust has conserved over 17,500 acres to date, via perpetual Conservation Easements and Fee Simple Ownership, on a number of properties with various conservation values important to residents and visitors alike. We conserve lands that secure Hawai'i's long-term well-being, lands with scenic views, agricultural resources, wildlife habitats, water resource areas, cultural and historical sites, and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Ms. Antolini is a Professor and Associate Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law. Prior to joining the law school, she worked for Earthjustice (previously Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund). She is one of the leading authorities on environmental law in the state. She worked as a litigator on legal cases reaffirming the public trust in water and defining state and counties' responsibilities to enforce Native Hawaiian rights. She has an unparalleled depth of understanding of Hawai'i's environmental laws and the various legal responsibilities relating to the protection of Hawai'i's resources for the people.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony in support of Denise Antolini for the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Sincerely,



Edward Sortwell Clement, Jr.
Executive Director

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	UH Biology Alumni Association	Support	No

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John Bond	Kanehili Cultural Hui	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Denise is a Professor and Associate Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law. Prior to joining the law school, Professor Antolini worked for Earthjustice (previously Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund). She is one of the leading authorities on environmental law in the state. She worked as a litigator on legal cases reaffirming the public trust in water and defining state and counties' responsibilities to enforce Native Hawaiian rights. She has an unparalleled depth of understanding of Hawai'i's environmental laws and the various legal responsibilities relating to the protection of Hawai'i's resources that will benefit the resource and the people. John Bond Kanehili Cultural Hui

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Lea Hong	The Trust for Public Land	Support	No

Comments: The Trust for Public Land strongly supports the nomination of Professor Denise Antolini to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management (term ending June 30, 2015). Ms. Antolini is one of Hawai'i's leading water law experts, and would make an excellent water commissioner. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.
Lea Hong, Hawaiian Islands State Director

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Leslie Apiu Kuloloio	Aha Moku Advisory Committee	Support	No

Comments: 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
State of Hawaii
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Testimony of
Leslie Kulolio, Chair
Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Before the Senate Committee on WATER AND LAND

Monday, April 15, 2015
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Governor's Message No. 821

**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Denise Antolini, for a term to expire 6-30-15.**

Denise Antolini has long been active in the protection and preservation of Hawai'i's pristine ecosystem and environment. As such, she has been a staunch defender of watersheds, natural areas, and understands how critical the issue of water is to the general public, but particularly to Native Hawaiian communities. She can bridge the gap between Native Hawaiian practitioners and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the department to whom the care and protection of natural and cultural resources are entrusted. Her expertise in and interpretation of Hawaii law and the State Water Code has been instrumental in the protection of Hawai'i's ecosystem and environment.

She is well suited to be a member of the Commission on Water Resource Management and the Aha Moku strongly supports her confirmation.

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Mahealani Cypher	Koolau Foundation	Support	No

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Ko`olau Foundation

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April 14, 2015

Testimony in Support of Denise Antolini, G.M.821

Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
And Members
Senate Committee on Water & Land

Aloha Chair Thielen and Committee Members:

The Ko`olau Foundation offers its strong support for confirmation of Denise Antolini as a member of the State Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM), and asks your approval of G.M. 821.

Ms. Antolini has played a major role in helping to mentor and develop excellent young attorneys through her work with the UH Law School and, through her influence, many clients in Hawai`i will benefit from the important values instilled in these young lawyers.

She has been a constant, reasonable, responsible steward of people and resources, and her help with community advocacy and shaping public policy on natural resource protection has been invaluable to the people of Hawai`i.

We would like to see you amend this Governor's Message – has it ever been done before? – to show the term of this appointment ending four years from now, instead of on June 30, 2015. We are certain the Governor intended to take advantage of Ms. Antolini's public service for longer than two months, and the change you make improves this measure.

With that one amendment, we urge your approval and confirmation of Ms. Antolini's appointment.

Mahalo nui loa.

Handwritten signature of Mahealani Cypher.

MAHEALANI CYPHER
Ko`olau Foundation

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Marjorie Ziegler	Conservation Council for Hawai'i	Support	No

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Testimony Submitted to the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hearing: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 2:45 pm Room 224

In Support of GM 821 Denise Antolini

Aloha, Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports GM 821 and the nomination of Denise Antolini to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management until June 30, 2015. We join the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, organizations across the state, and hundreds of concerned citizens in supporting Professor Antolini for a full 4-year term, however, the Governor nominated William Balfour, Jr. for the seat instead. We hope that Professor Antolini will be considered for a full term if the opportunity presents itself. One could not ask for a more qualified candidate to serve on the CWRM.

Denise is a Professor and Associate Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law. Prior to joining the law school, she worked for Earthjustice (previously Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund). I have known Professor Antolini for 25 years and had the privilege of working with her at Earthjustice. She is dedicated, hard-working, and fair in everything she does.

Professor Antolini is one of the leading authorities on environmental law in the state. She worked as a litigator on legal cases reaffirming the public trust in water and defining state and counties' responsibilities to enforce Native Hawaiian rights. She has an unparalleled depth of understanding of Hawai'i's environmental laws and the various legal responsibilities relating to the protection of Hawai'i's resources that will benefit the resource and the people.

Please support GM 821 and Denise Antolini for the Commission on Water Resource Management. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Ziegler

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

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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 821 Gubernatorial Nominee Denise Antolini
for Confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management
Senate Committee on Water and Land
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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 on O'ahu, Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also support 19 coastal communities seeking to co-manage marine resources in partnership with the State of Hawai'i.

The Nature Conservancy supports the confirmation of Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Denise's expertise and deep knowledge of environmental law and Hawai'i water law will be a valuable resource to the Water Commission and DLNR even in the short time of her appointment.

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Martha Townsend	The Outdoor Circle	Support	Yes

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**TESTIMONY MARTHA TOWNSEND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OUTDOOR CIRCLE**

IN SUPPORT TO GM821

Nomination of Denise Antolini to Commission on Water Resources Management

before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Wednesday April 15, 2015 2:45 PM room 224

Dear Chairwoman Thielen and members of the Senate Water and Land Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of the appointment of Dean Denise Antolini, Esq. to the Commission for Water Resource Management.

On behalf of our members throughout the state, The Outdoor Circle seeks to protect Hawaii's freshwater resources because they are essential to keeping Hawaii clean, green, and beautiful. The Water Commission's mission is "to protect and enhance the water resources of the State of Hawaii through wise and responsible management."

Dean Antolini is exactly what our Water Commission needs. She has extensive experience in water law and policy that will help the Commission accomplish its mission.

Dean Antolini is dynamic, diplomatic, and well-respected among her colleagues. She is a graduate of Princeton and University of California at Berkeley with extensive public interest litigation. As faculty of the William S. Richardson School of Law, Dean Antolini helped establish and build the Environmental Law Program. During her tenure she has been recognized as the school's Outstanding Professor of the Year in 2004–2005, and was awarded the UH Board of Regent's Medal of Excellence in Teaching. She litigated and won seminal cases addressing the public trust doctrine in Hawaii, representing Public Access Shoreline Hawaii and the Windward Partners in the Waiahole water cases. She has written extensively on legal matters related to the public trust doctrine, water rights, and climate change.

We strongly urge this Committee to advise the Senate support this nomination to the Water Commission. We only wish the nomination was for a full term. Dean Antolini will be an invaluable asset to the Commission for the very short term for which she has been appointed.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony and we are available to answer any questions.

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Rene Siracusa	Malama O Puna	Support	No

Comments: We support the nomination of Denise Antolini for the Commission on Water Resource Management. We have been aware of her work and affiliations for many years and feel confident that her credentials and background will prove a major asset to the commission and to their mandate and the aina.

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Stuart Coleman	Surfrider Foundation	Support	No

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To: Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the House Committee on Water & Land (WTL)
Re: Strong Support for GM 821 (Denise Antolini's nomination to the Water Commission)
Hrg: Wed., April 15, 2015 at 2:45pm Room 224

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of GM 821. The Surfrider Foundation rarely gets involved with the Governor's administrative appointments, but we support the current candidate to be the on Commission on Water Resource Management because of her experience and expertise in water use laws. Dean Denise Antolini is well-educated in all aspects of water use laws and would be an excellent member of the Commission, and she would make a far better long-term candidate than William Balfour.

Prof. Denise Antolini has done an excellent job so far an interim Commission member and she is imminently more qualified in water issues. Along with her experience as Dean of the UH Law School, Ms. Antolini has worked with many community groups to fight for more access to and protection of our precious water resources. For her many accomplishments, the Surfrider Foundation's Oahu Chapter gave her its John Kelly Environmental Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Unlike Mr. Balfour's experience exploiting local resources for private corporate benefit, Prof. Antolini will be able to manage natural resources in the public interest. She will represent the general public and not just the special interests of the plantation, big chemical agriculture and land developer private corporate interests. After the whole episode with Carlton Ching's nomination to head up DLNR, I would think the Governor would have learned his lesson and picked a more appropriate candidate than Balfour. I hope the Governor will reconsider and ask Denise Antolini to continue serving on the Commission.

We need a strong community leader like Prof. Antolini to send a signal that powerful corporate influence is NOT more important than the public's interest in conserving our fragile environment. Mahalo for your consideration and leadership on this issue and let me know if you have any questions.

Aloha,
Stuart Coleman
Stuart H. Coleman
Hawaii Coordinator

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Vince Kana`i Dodge	`Ai Pohaku	Support	No

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Aloha kakou Senators,

I am writing in strong support of the appointment to the State Commission on Water Resources of Denise Antolini.

Denise is solidly qualified to be on this very important State Commission. She is a Professor and Associate Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law. Prior to joining the law school, Professor Antolini worked for Earthjustice (previously Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund). She is one of the leading authorities on environmental law in the state. She worked as a litigator on legal cases reaffirming the public trust in water and defining state and counties' responsibilities to enforce Native Hawaiian rights. She has an unparalleled depth of understanding of Hawai'i's environmental laws and the various legal responsibilities relating to the protection of Hawai'i's resources that will benefit the resource and the people.

As residents of the Wai`anae Coast who have been actively protecting and rebuilding our precious natural resources including fresh water we join with the Conservation Council for Hawai'i, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, organizations across the state, and hundreds of concerned citizens in supporting Professor Antolini for a full 4-year term. Plz encourage the Governor to consider Professor Antolini for a full term on the CWRM if the opportunity presents itself. One could not ask for a more qualified candidate to serve on this important commission! Denise is dedicated, hard-working, fair, and committed to excellence in everything she does.

Aloha nui!

Vince Kana`i Dodge, for the `Ai Pohaku `ohana

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Amy Brinker	Individual	Support	No

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Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee members. I vigorously support nomination of Dean Antolini to the Water Commission. She has spent decades teaching about, creating policy and action in relation to the safe and fair distribution of water in our state. While water is needed for Ag. It can't be exploited for chemical agribusinesses at the expense of our fresh water streams. The biota of many of our streams have been completely devastated by the diversion of streams in our islands. We need to focus on the restoration of our streams and watershed. Denise Antolini has proven herself to be supremely knowledgeable and competent is her understanding of the interrelationships that make up the complicated issues involved in water management here in Hawaii. Dean Denise Antolini should remain on the Water Commission. She is perfectly qualified to be on the Water Commission. Indeed our State is fortunate that she is willing to serve in this voluntary position. She is ready to continue taking on responsibilities that are fundamental to the long term viability of our state and the protection of the natural beauty that drives so much of our economy. Please confirm Denise Antolini. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. Angela Huntemer M.Ed. North Shore Resident.

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Ann Bouslog	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the confirmation of Ms. Antolini's term through 6/30/15. I believe she has the best interests of Hawaii at heart and is able to make decisions on complex information in an intelligent, fair and sensible way.

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Ann Gommers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ms. Antolini is just the experienced individual to diligently serve on the Commission for Water Resource Management. Further, I hope the Governor will consider Professor Antolini for a full term on the CWRM. We need her expertise and reasoned approach. Sincerely, Ann Gommers

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Ben Shafer	Individual	Support	No

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Bianca Isaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Denise is a Professor and Associate Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law. Prior to joining the law school, Professor Antolini worked for Earthjustice (previously Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund). She is one of the leading authorities on environmental law in the state. She worked as a litigator on legal cases reaffirming the public trust in water and defining state and counties' responsibilities to enforce Native Hawaiian rights. She has an unparalleled depth of understanding of Hawai'i's environmental laws and the various legal responsibilities relating to the protection of Hawai'i's resources that will benefit the resource and the people. Conservation Council for Hawai'i and I join the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, organizations across the state, and hundreds of concerned citizens in supporting Professor Antolini for a full 4-year term, however, the Governor nominated William Balfour, Jr. for the 4-year term instead. We hope the Governor will consider Professor Antolini for a full term on the CWRM if the opportunity presents itself. One could not ask for a more qualified candidate to serve on this important commission! I have known Denise for 25 years and had the privilege of working with her at Earthjustice. She is dedicated, hard-working, fair, and committed to excellence in everything she does. Mahalo nui loa!

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Brian Emmons	Individual	Support	No

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Carol Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Denise Antolini is one of the most highly qualified and diligent candidates possible for nomination to this Commission. She understands the complexities and intent of the Water Code and its application. She is uniquely qualified to serve on the CWRM. We are fortunate that she is willing to serve the people of Hawaii in this very demanding position. Please support this nomination and consider a full four year term for Denise when an opening occurs.

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Charles Prentiss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Denise for many years since she served on the Environmental Council. She is a very intelligent person with high integrity who will be a hard worker on the commission.

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Choon James	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: SUPPORT: DENISE ANTOLINI, for a term to expire 6-30-2015 for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Professor DENISE ANTOLINI has a long and remarkable record of public service both in her profession and civic life. She is in the best sense of the word, a "true public servant" with a good pure heart and a keen intellect. We're DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED that her term is only for a very short time before it expires on 6-30-15. She would be a great contribution to the discussions and decision-making process at the Commission for Water Resource Management. I have absolute trust that she will deliberate and VOTE for the public good and not cause any irreparable harm to Hawaii's finite resources. Prof. DENISE ANTOLINI is the type of board members that we need more of. Board and Commissions are meant to provide another layer of independent deliberations and knowledge for sound decision-making that benefits the public good. Mahalo! Choon James 808 293 9111
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Christina Aiu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Denise Antolini is one of the leading authorities on environmental law in the state. She worked as a litigator on legal cases reaffirming the public trust in water and defining state and counties' responsibilities to enforce Native Hawaiian rights. She has an unparalleled depth of understanding of Hawai'i's environmental laws and the various legal responsibilities relating to the protection of Hawai'i's resources that will benefit the resource and the people. Please vote in favor of Denise's confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

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Cynthia Frith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the candidacy of Jonathan Likeke Scheuer, PH.D. to the LUC board. His experience and professional background make him eminently qualified for the position.

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Cyril Pahinui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: support of GM 821 and the nomination of Denise Antolini to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management until June 30, 2015. Denise is a Professor and Associate Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law. Prior to joining the law school, Professor Antolini worked for Earthjustice (previously Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund). She is one of the leading authorities on environmental law in the state. She worked as a litigator on legal cases reaffirming the public trust in water and defining state and counties' responsibilities to enforce Native Hawaiian rights. She has an unparalleled depth of understanding of Hawai'i's environmental laws and the various legal responsibilities relating to the protection of Hawai'i's resources that will benefit the resource and the people. Conservation Council for Hawai'i and I join the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, organizations across the state, and hundreds of concerned citizens in supporting Professor Antolini for a full 4-year term, however, the Governor nominated William Balfour, Jr. for the 4-year term instead. We hope the Governor will consider Professor Antolini for a full term on the CWRM if the opportunity presents itself. One could not ask for a more qualified candidate to serve on this important commission! I have known Denise for 25 years and had the privilege of working with her at Earthjustice. She is dedicated, hard-working, fair, and committed to excellence in everything she does. Mahalo nui loa!

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David Duffy	Individual	Support	No

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Dolan Eversole	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Heacock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly recommend passage of GM 821, confirmation of Denise Antolini as a commissioner on the Commission on Water Resources Management (CWRM). Ms. Antolini is exceptionally knowledgeable about water resources management and will do an outstanding job helping to assure decisions by CWRM are fair, legal, balanced and that public trust water resources are conserved for the benefit of public trust and other uses. Please vote yes on GM 821 to confirm Ms. Antolini appointment to the CWRM. Sincerely, Don Heacock 2265 Hulemalu Road Lihue, HI 96766

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Don Mitchell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ms Antolini appear to me a person with considerable strengths -- all of which are appropriate to this position.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Crispin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Submitting testimony in support of Denise Antolini's nomination for CWRM

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Eric G. Crispin

egc@hawaii.rr.com

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 14, 2015

Submitting testimony for consideration of and in support of nomination to the Commission on Water Resource Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, DENISE ANTOLINI for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management for the term to expire in 2015.

The importance of sound management of our precious water resources on an island state cannot be overstated. The Commission on Water Resource Management plays a tremendously important role in ensuring that precious resource remains pure, clean, plentiful, and equitably shared among our various competing interests, for generations to come.

Having worked side-by-side with Denise Antolini during my time at University of Hawaii at Manoa, I can attest to Ms. Antolini's strong work ethic, as well as to her integrity, leadership, and passion for Hawaii's natural resources.

Ms. Antolini's expertise in the area of Environmental Law is unsurpassed. She can bring valuable knowledge to CWRM's decision-making process, in particular those involving complex legal issues.

I have no doubt that if confirmed into the Commission on Water Resource Management, Ms. Antolini would do an exceptional job in her position, all the while defending the best interests of the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Eric G. Crispin
Former Director,
Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gilroy Yorkman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this nominee but due to her outstanding qualifications she should be considered for the term ending in 2019 rather than for such a short term ending in 2015.

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Hannah Kihalani Springer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Hannah Kihalani Springer
72-3403 Mamalahoa Highway
Kailua, Kona, Haawai'i
HI 96740

April 14, 2015

Me ka ha`aha`a,

I am writing in support of Denise Antolini's appointment to the Commission on Water Resources Management.

Denise Antolini, a Professor and Associate Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law, is one of the foremost authorities on environmental law in Hawai'i nei. She has served as a litigator on legal cases which include the reaffirmation of the Public Trust in water and Government's responsibilities to honor Native Hawaiian rights. Her understanding of the Law and the legal responsibilities that the different government jurisdictions have to protect the natural resources of Hawai'i for the benefit of the resources and the citizens, is unparalleled. This understanding and the practical application of it, will reduce the exposure of the Commission to appeals and reversals in court.

While her academic and professional histories fully demonstrate her preparedness for the work that she will do with the COWRM, her personal interests do as well. Her dedication, exemplary work ethic, fairness, thoughtfulness, good cheer, and commitment to excellence in all that she does, are well known to those of us who work with her and enhance her already strong resume.

I support her appointment to the COWRM to serve until June 30, 2015. I recommend and support her for a full four year term as well.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony.

`O au no me ka `oia`i`o,
Hannah Kihalani springer

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Helen Nielsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of the appointment of Denise Antolini for the CWRM. Ms Antolini as proven herself to be an extremely competent, fair and informed member of CWRM and deserves to serve in a full-term capacity for the next 5 years. However, while I am disappointed that this letter of support is not for the 5 year term, I am happy to support her for what she is about to be considered for -- the Interim position that ends in June. Hawaii suffers when we loose great representation on these public boards serving our State. Denise Antolini will be sorely missed. Please support her in this confirmation hearing.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Herman Tuiolosega	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the nomination of Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Ms. Antolini's dedication to environmental matters and work towards ensuring sustainable use of our limited resources demonstrates commitment to protect Hawaii's fragile environment. I therefore respectfully urge your committee to approve the nomination of Ms. Antolini to the CWRM. Thanks you.

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Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Professor and Associate Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law Denise Antolini for the Commission on Water Resource Management for the next four years. Mahalo.

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Jenny Yagodich	Individual	Support	No

Comments: STRONG support for Denise Antolini...and she should have the permanent position.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jerry lam	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i strongly support denise antolini as a member of the water commission.

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Jesse Souki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Starr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Professor Denise Antolini is arguably the most qualified member to ever serve on the Hawaii State Commission on Water Resource Management. Her positive, productive personality combines with an exceptionally deep understanding of our water code, Constitution, and case law, to make her a fantastic assets to CWRM and DLNR. Please support her Advise & Consent for the remainder of her term. It has been an honor, a pleasure and a great learning experience for me to serve with her. Aloha, Jonathan Starr

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Judith Cucco	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support Denise Antolini to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management until June 30, 2015. She has the qualifications to serve in this position.

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Kapua Kawelo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting this testimony in support of Suzanne Case for the department of land and natural resources chair. She has a very solid and extensive background in conserving Hawaii's plants and animals! She is born and raised in Hawaii and has a deep appreciation and understanding for its oceans and mountains. She is the right choice for this job! Please confirm her nomination. I am also submitting testimony in support of Jonathan Likeke Scheuer for the land-use commission. Who has an extensive background and understanding of conservation programs for Hawaii's natural resources. He has a very balanced background which is critical this post. Mahalo Kapua Kawelo

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Karen Shishido	Individual	Support	No

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Kathy Shimata	Individual	Support	No

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Kellen Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Koalani Kaulukukui	Individual	Support	No

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Leslie Segundo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: April 14, 2015 TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION OF DENISE ANTOLINI, GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 821, TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES Honorable Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and honorable Senators: I am testifying in my capacity as a private citizen to declare my strong support of the gubernatorial appointment of Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management. As a personal friend, I have also worked closely with her during her tenure on the Environmental Council many years ago where she spent many volunteer hours each week preparing the Environmental Council for proposed revisions to the administrative rules, despite the Council's infrequent meeting schedule. An articulate communicator and objective listener, she won the respect of her colleagues who elected her as Chairperson of the Environmental Council. I know that Professor Antolini's environmental and legal background and experience have provided her with a most unique skill set that will enhance the work and mission of the Commission. I respectfully urge that you advise and consent to her nomination to this most important position. Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to testify. Leslie Segundo LSEGUNDO3@hawaii.rr.com pi27182818@icloud.com (808) 728-8886

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lucienne de naie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Thielen and WTL Committee members Please support this nomination. Ms Antolini is a very well respected community leader and has contributed to the professionalism of the CWRM and its work since her interim appointment next year. Mahalo for your consideration Lucienne de Naie Huelo, Maui

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Martha Evans	Individual	Support	No

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Mary Begier	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of the Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management. I served on a legislative task force with her on Tort Reform several years ago. Most of the members were attorneys. I was serving to represent HAR per the concurrent resolution. There were very few non attorney members. Ms. Antolini was courteous and generous in making sure the non-attorneys understood items that the attorney members innately understood. Her spirit of professional generosity enabled the task force to move along more efficiently and constructively. I observed this same willingness to listen, learn, share knowledge, say what needed to be said no matter the popularity at the December 9, 2014 CWRM meeting held in Kona while Ms. Antolini was serving as an interim appointee to CWRM. Please confirm her appointment. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Marvin Porter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am supporting the nomination of Denise Antolini to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management. She is one of the leading authorities on environmental law in the state. Given her experience and understanding of the legal responsibilities relating to the protection of Hawai'i's resources, one could not ask for a more qualified candidate. I hope the Governor will consider Professor Antolini for a full term on the CWRM. Please support her nomination. Mahalo, Mary Marvin Porter Island Eyes Video Kea'au, Hawai'i

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Megan Fox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please confirm her. She is one of the leading authorities on environmental law in the state and has an unparalleled depth of understanding of Hawai'i's environmental laws and the various legal responsibilities relating to the protection of Hawai'i's resources that will benefit the resource and the people.

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Testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** for the Nomination of Denise Antolini to Serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management (**GM 821**)

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

I am writing in **strong support** for the nomination of Denise Antolini to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management. Denise is committed to excellence in all she does. It has been a privilege and honor to work with and learn from her both in an educational setting (while I was a student at the William S. Richardson School of Law) and in a professional capacity (during my tenure as an Environmental Law Program legal fellow). Her intimate knowledge of Hawai'i's environmental law and policy landscape is unmatched. Her invaluable expertise, her wealth of experience in community work, and her integral role in shaping natural resource protection in Hawai'i—particularly water resource protection—make her highly qualified to continue serving on the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my strong support.

Respectfully,

Melissa Miyashiro
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Mercy Ritte	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Monique Mironesco	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Denise is a Professor and Associate Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law. Prior to joining the law school, Professor Antolini worked for Earthjustice (previously Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund). She is one of the leading authorities on environmental law in the state. She worked as a litigator on legal cases reaffirming the public trust in water and defining state and counties' responsibilities to enforce Native Hawaiian rights. She has an unparalleled depth of understanding of Hawai'i's environmental laws and the various legal responsibilities relating to the protection of Hawai'i's resources that will benefit the resource and the people. Conservation Council for Hawai'i and I join the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, organizations across the state, and hundreds of concerned citizens in supporting Professor Antolini for a full 4-year term, however, the Governor nominated William Balfour, Jr. for the 4-year term instead. We hope the Governor will consider Professor Antolini for a full term on the CWRM if the opportunity presents itself. One could not ask for a more qualified candidate to serve on this important commission!

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Nathan Yuen	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony in Support of GM821

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, DENISE ANTOLINI, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Dear Senators Laura Thielen and Brickwood Galuteria,

I oppose the support nomination of Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

For the past 18 years I have been hiking to remote parts of the Hawaii to photograph the native plants and animals in the Hawaiian Islands. I have a blog – HawaiianForest.Com which documents some of the rarest and most endangered species in Hawaii.

A review of Professor Denise Antolini's resume reveals that she is eminently qualified to sit on the Commission on Water Resource Management. Her position as a professor at the William S. Richard School of Law and her background in environmental law makes her an outstanding nominee.

The role of the Commission on Water Resource Management is to set policies, protect resources, defines uses, establish priorities while assuring rights and uses, and establish regulatory procedures with the public trust doctrine in mind. Denise Antolini's previous work with the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund on the Waiahole water contest case hearing make her well suited to this role.

What I find troubling is that Denise Antolini is only being nominated for an interim appointment until 6-30-2015 while William Balfour – who has demonstrated an inability to apply the rulings of the Hawaii Supreme Court and is completely ill-suited to sit on the commission -- has been nominated for a four year term through 6-30-2019.

I support the appointment of Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management for a term to expire 6-30-2015. I only hope that William Balfour will be rejected and that Denise Antolini be appointed in his place instead.

Respectfully yours,



Nathan Yuen

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Bunn	Individual	Support	No

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Pamela W. Bunn
41-027 Hilu Street
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April 14, 2015

Senate Committee on Water and Land
State Capital
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Support of GM 821, Nomination of Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management, to be heard on April 15, 2015 at 2:45 p.m., Room 224

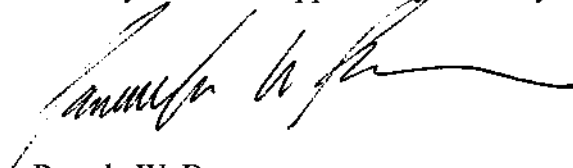
Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Committee Members:

I write in wholehearted support of the nomination of Professor Denise Antolini to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management.

I have known Professor Antolini for more than twenty-five years, and can think of no one more committed or qualified to protect Hawai'i's water resources for the benefit of present and future generations. Professor Antolini has dedicated her career to becoming the preeminent authority on Hawai'i's environmental law, and has litigated several landmark cases under the State Water Code including the *Waiāhole* case. One need only attend a Commission meeting to see that, in the short time she has served on the Commission, Professor Antolini has earned the respect of her fellow Commissioners and the Commission staff through her depth of understanding of the applicable substantive and procedural law, her dedication, and her sense of fairness and practicality.

It is inexplicable to me, and a huge loss to the people of Hawai'i, that Professor Antolini was not nominated for a full four-year term. For the duration of her term, whether it is two months or four years, we can be assured that Hawai'i's public trust water resources are in the best possible hands.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



Pamela W. Bunn

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support Denise Antolini nomination

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Randal Bartlett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Richmond	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the confirmation of Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management, for a term to expire 6-30-2015. Ms. Antolini is highly qualified, knowledgeable with the highest of ethical standards. She understands the key issues and will be a great asset to the people of Hawaii in addressing matters pertaining to the activities and decisions of Commission of Water Resource Management.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roberts Leinau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I submit this testimony in support of GM 821 and the nomination of Denise Antolini to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management until June 30, 2015. Or longer if the opportunity opens up.

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Shaelene Kamakaala	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
shantee brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Denise!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shelley Muneoka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha committee members, I'm writing in strong support of Denise Antolini for the water commission, even beyond Jun 30th. She has tons of experience and expertise in the area of environmental law and would do a good job at protecting Hawai`i's fresh water resources. Mahalo for your time, Shelley Muneoka

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Springer Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the appointment of Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Her resume speaks to her deep knowledge and experience in navigating the legal considerations of the public trust doctrine, water rights, and environmental sustainability. As a professor she has had good reason to face squarely the need for a strong economy to support her program graduates and all residents trying to make a living in Hawaii, and above all knows that the wai (fresh water) is the basis of our waiwai (wealth) in Hawaii. She will provide the best advice and make the most informed decisions with regard to water allocation decisions. Please consider amending her nomination to serve a full four years, ensuring that her strong background and good sense will continue to serve DLNR throughout the governor's term.

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suzanne hammer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Denise Antolini for this position

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tamara Paltin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I stand in strong support of Denise Antolini for the Commission on Water Resource Management. She is knowledgeable of the law which is one of the most important criteria on which to make the decision. Although Governor Ige has appointed William Balfour, Jr, I would like to urge you to support Denise Antolini should the opportunity ever arise to let her serve a four year term. She is the best possible candidate to protect the public trust doctrine and our environmental resources she knows the law and she follows it, I would rather have her on our team than litigating against the State. Please stand for our environment which ultimately is our economy.

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Tammy Lynn Ross	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ted Bohlen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Ms. Antolini for nine years. She would be a great addition to CWRM! She has unparalleled knowledge and expertise in water issues and works well with others, which is critical given the controversies that swirl around water issues. Please confirm her nomination!

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Theresa Menard	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Denise Antolini for this Commission. You could find no one better!

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Thomas Brennon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please confirm Denise Antolini, she is fully qualified and is aware of Hawaii's special relationship to water (Wai a Kane).

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Thorne Abbott	Individual	Support	No

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timothy johns	Individual	Support	No

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**Timothy E. Johns
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The Honorable Laura Thielen, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice=Chair
Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Senate

Re: Testimony IN SUPPORT of the Nomination of DENISE
ANTOLINI, Commission on Water Resource
Management (GM 821)

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

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony IN SUPPORT of the nomination of Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM).

I have known Ms. Antolini for twenty five years, having worked with her both professionally and in connection with numerous community service organizations. I worked with Ms. Antolini closely when she was at the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund and at her current employment at the William S. Richardson School of Law.

Ms. Antolini is one the most knowledgeable individuals in our State regarding Hawaii water law and policy. She has dedicated her career to improving how we manage our precious natural resources. And the State of Hawaii is so much the better for her efforts.

Ms. Antolini may work in the academic world, but she clearly knows how the real world works. She is practical, inclusive, and balanced when confronted with issues. She will make a great addition to CWRM.

I respectfully ask that you support Ms. Antolini's nomination.

Very truly yours,
/s/
Timothy E. Johns

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Toni Withington	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the appointment of Denise Antolini. She has the experience and dedication to our natural resources that we need on the commission. Thanks for your vote.

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Trinette Furtado	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Ursua Retherford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Denise Antolini for thirty years. She is exceptionally qualified to serve on the Commission on Water Resources until June 30th, 2015. Given her past involvements, experiences, and the trust she enjoys in the community, it is regrettable that the Governor did not nominate her for a 4-year term.
Ursula Retherford

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