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#### Testimony of SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

#### Before the Senate Committee on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

#### Wednesday, March 2, 2016 1:15 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 526 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BARBARA KAAUMOANA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2019

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 526, nominating Ms. Barbara "Maka'ala" Ka'aumoana to the Environmental Council for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

Ms. Ka'aumoana has a long history of community and environmental service by serving as the Executive Director of the Hanalei Watershed Hui, as well as in leadership and member roles in various organizations, including the Conservation Council for Hawai'i, Hui Ho'omalu I Ka 'Āina, Hui Maka'āinana o Makana, Hawai'i Community Stewardship Network, Kaua'i Representative on the Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council for Hawai'i, Kua'aina Ulu 'Auamo, Kaua'i Neighbor Island Governor's Advisory Council, Hanalei Community Association, and Kilauea Neighborhood Association, among many other groups. Her extensive community service demonstrates that she will be a knowledgeable and committed member of the Environmental Council.

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#### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

GM 526 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, BARBARA KAAUMOANA, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Justin F. Kollar, Prosecuting Attorney County of Kaua'i

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology March 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 414

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee:

The County of Kaua'i, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, <u>SUPPORTS</u> GM 526 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, BARBARA KAAUMOANA, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

As soon as I became our County's elected Prosecuting Attorney in December, 2012, Makaala contacted me and worked with our Office to establish a community service work program for offenders to do restorative justice work with environmental groups on the north shore of Kaua'i. In the years since then (and indeed for many years before then as well), she has been a strong voice for environmental justice in our community and her vigilance, integrity, and passion would suit all Hawai'i's people well should the Senate vote to confirm her as a member of the Environmental Council.

It has been my honor to work with her over the past several years on our shared initiatives to protect our island home.

Accordingly, we SUPPORT GM 526 and Ms. Kaaumoana's nomination. We request that your Committee recommend CONFIRMATION of this nominee.

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Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this item.



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Testimony of SCOTT GLENN Interim Director

#### before the SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 1:15 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 414

#### in SUPPORT of **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 526** RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF BARBARA KA'AUMOANA TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Senate Committee,

The Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) administers Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343, Environmental Impact Statements (EIS). The purpose of the EIS law is to "establish a system of environmental review which ensures that environmental concerns are given appropriate consideration in decision making along with economic and technical considerations" (HRS §343-1). Additionally, the OEQC serves "the Governor in an advisory capacity on all matters relating to environmental quality control," as directed in HRS §341-3.

The Environmental Council ("Council") is established in HRS §341-3, which also directs membership "to assure a broad and balanced representation of educational, business, and environmentally pertinent disciplines and professions, such as the natural and social sciences, the humanities, architecture, engineering, environmental consulting, public health, and planning; educational and research institutions with environmental competence; agriculture, real estate, visitor industry, construction, media, and voluntary community and environmental groups."

The functions of the Council are to serve as a liaison between the OEQC Director and the general public and to make recommendations concerning ecology and environmental quality. The Council monitors the progress of state, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State's environmental goals and policies. It issues an annual report with recommendations for improvement to the Governor, the Legislature, and the general public (HRS §341-6). Finally, the Council promulgates administrative rules for implementing Chapter 343, HRS (HRS §343-6).

With respect to these functions, duties, and powers, and in consideration of Ms. Ka'aumoana's experience as demonstrated on her resume, OEQC supports the nomination of Ms. Ka'aumoana to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**Conservation Council** for Hawai'i Hawai'i's voice for Kõ Hawaiʻi/leo no nā holoholona lõhiu

Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology

#### Hearing: Wednesday, March 2, 2016 1:15 pm Conference Room 414

In Support of GM 526 Nomination of Barbara Kaaumoana to Serve on the Environmental Council

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committees.

Aloha. Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports GM 526, Governor Ige's nomination of Barbara Kaaumoana to serve on the Environmental Council. Ms. Kaaumoana will serve the people and the State well.

We are encouraged that, upon confirmation of all of the pending Environmental Council nominations before you today, the council will be balanced, fair, and diverse in many respects. The council will also be only three members short.

For many years, the Environmental Council and the Office of Environmental Quality Control struggled with lack of political support, funding, participation, and even meeting spaces. There is important work ahead.

Please support GM 526, the Environmental Council, and the Office of Environmental Quality Control

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely, Mayrie Zizla

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February 24, 2016

The Honorable Glen Wakai, Chair Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216 415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Wakai,

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the confirmation of Ms. Barbara Makaala Kaaumoana to the Environmental Council. I know Ms. Kaaumoana to be very well-informed and current on issues and studies pertaining to the environment, knowledgeable working with government agencies, and dedicated to working in the public interest.

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (HIHWNMS), as a federal program active on the island of Kauai—especially on the north shore where the boundary was established by the State nearly 20 years ago, has had a long and productive relationship with Ms. Kaaumoana. She holds the Conservation seat on the HIHWNMS Advisory Council, and has served in this position admirably.

I would like to assure you and the committee members that, as one of the 15 members of the Environmental Council, Ms. Kaaumoana can provide an informed citizen's perspective to the Council's deliberations and actions meant to enhance the quality of Hawaii's environment. She would be a scrupulous and energetic committee member.

Again, I give my unreserved recommendation for Ms. Kaaumoana's selection to the Council. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Ms. Kaaumoana's suitability for this position, please don't hesitate to contact me at <u>alien.tom@noaa.gov</u> or call me at 808-879-2818 x225.

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# Testimony related to GM 526 in support of BARBARA KAAUMOANA for confirmation to the Environmental Council

DATE: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 TIME: 1:15pm PLACE: Conference Room 414

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair

Aloha Senator Wakai, Senator Slom, and Committee members,

I am writing today in STRONG support of Barbara "Maka'ala" Ka'aumoana who has been nominated by the Governor to serve on the Environmental Council. I have known Maka'ala and worked closely with her for over 25 years. I can assure you that you will not find a more dedicated and knowledgeable (not to mention passionate) individual to serve on the EC than Maka'ala! For decades she has been a champion for the environment and community-based programs that engage the community in stepping forward and taking responsibility for our environmental health and the future of our islands.

One of the strong points that Maka'ala will not waiver on is "process" and ensuring that all projects and proposals comply with Chapter 343 HRS. She has done extensive research over the years so that she has become very informed in this complex area and it has given her a powerful reputation in the community. I fully expect that this reputation will result in some testimony against her nomination but I want to assure you that she has always been impartial and fair in her work and her advocacy for the environment and the community.

Maka'ala is not afraid to roll up her sleeves and do the heavy lifting that is required and I am sure that if confirmed you will find that she is very committed to serving in the Council and will come prepared and be an active member that you can count on.

In closing I STRONGLY urge you to approve Maka'ala for a term on the Environmental Council.

Mahalo a me ke aloha,

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Chipper Wichman, President and CEO, National Tropical Botanical Garden

#### Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment & Technology Regarding Governors Message 526 Appointment of Barbara Kaaumoana to the Environmental Council

Aloha Chair Wakai and Vice Chair Slom:

I am writing in support of the gubernatorial appointment of Barbara Makaala Kaaumoana to the Environmental Council, term to expired June 30, 2019. I have known Mrs. Kaaumoana for more than 30 years through many community efforts and struggles to protect the northshore of Kauai's natural resources and cultural heritage. She has been consistent in working towards long-term and sustainable solutions to enrich our Kauai community, environmentally, socially and economically. This is not an easy task given the diversity of viewpoints in a very vocal and opinionated community.

Mrs. Kaaumoana's rapport with county, state and federal agencies and knowledge of processes has helped to bring additional resources to our community. She will bring an important neighbor island, rural community perspective as a member of the Environmental Council.

Your favorable consideration to this appointment is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Hermina "Mina" Morita P.O. Box 791 Hanalei, Kauai, HI 96714

#### February 29, 2016

Honorable Glen Wakai, Chair Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Wakai and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology,

### I offer this letter in support of the confirmation of Ms. Barbara Maka'ala Ka'aumoana ("Maka'ala") to the Environmental Council (GM 526).

I have known Maka'ala since 2003: I have observed her participation and public testimony at numerous county and state meetings; she and I have worked together on various community groups; and I am president of the Board of Directors of the Hanalei Watershed Hui, for which Maka'ala is the Executive Director.

Maka'ala has led and managed the Hanalei Watershed Hui almost since its inception. Through Maka'ala's efforts, the Hui has established a reputation as *the* credible source for science-based information and environmental policy related to the Hanalei watershed, river, reefs, and ocean waters. This reputation was achieved through the sponsorship of high-quality environmental research projects with a number of federal and state agencies, and through advocating credible, balanced policies based on that research. Under Maka'ala's leadership, the Hui has sponsored cesspool replacement programs, trail remediations, environmental learning programs for the community and keiki, and the local DLNR-sanctioned Makai Watch program. She has done all of this with dedication and integrity, and at considerable personal cost, often working *pro bono* during the Hui's lean years, and incurring the unwarranted hostility of the few who disagree with the Hui's mission.

Based on my experiences, some of which have been outlined above, I believe that Maka'ala has all of the qualities that are needed to make her an excellent member of the Environmental Council.

Members of the Environmental Council need to be knowledgeable on environmental matters
 and concerns.

Maka'ala is well-informed on the wide variety of environmental issues that are of importance to Hawaii and Kauai. More importantly, her positions are intelligent and fact-based, as corroborated by her work and ongoing relationships with scientists, hydrologists and many government agencies.

- <u>Members of the Environmental Council need to be sensitive to community concerns.</u> Maka'ala has been an effective participant in a large number of local community groups, in which she often assumes leadership roles. In doing so, she has always shown respect for cultural sensitivities. And she has demonstrated a commitment to community management of issues and solutions where reasonably possible.
- Members of the Environmental Council need to deliberate based on science and facts, not opinion or hear-say.

Although she is not a scientist herself, my experience has been that she reaches conclusions, after considering input that is based on facts and principles, that are fair and defensible.

 Members of the Environmental Council need to have a track record of working hard, following through, and meeting commitments.
 Based on my knowledge of Maka'ala's work in community groups and at the Hanalei Watershed Hui, she brings energy and creativity to dealing with problems, poses credible solutions that are accepted by most, and then follows through with implementation. In doing this, she listens to input, considers the information, and once a decision has been made, works collaboratively to move the ball forward, not allowing efforts to be sidelined or misdirected by misinformation. (I would be surprised if Maka'ala's effectiveness as a community and environmental advocate - for example, in cleaning up Hanalei bay and the Hanalei river, and fighting for compliance with state and county regulations - does not provoke some opposition to her candidacy for the Environmental Council!)

## Members of the Environmental Council must have integrity and be dedicated to the public interest.

I have no reservations whatsoever regarding Maka'ala's personal integrity. She can not be bought. I have never seen personal interest or gain factor into her advocacy of a public position. Equally important, Maka'ala is strongly committed to the integrity of public processes and to ensuring that issues are discussed and communicated with stakeholders prior to decision-making.

• <u>Members of the Environmental Council need to be able to work effectively with both</u> government and the community.

Maka'ala has served well on the Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council, and the Governor's Neighbor Island Advisory Council; she has worked well with federal and state agencies in overseeing any number of contracts; she has worked constructively with scientists, hydrologists and many government agencies to bring many environmental projects to fruition; and she is a respected member in a large number of community groups.

• Members of the Environmental Council need to have the strength of character to stand up for what is right.

My observation is that, after having listened to input and made a balanced decision, Maka'ala is unafraid to take responsibility for that decision. Where others fear to be in the line of fire, she stands firm. (Indeed, there are many in the community who, fearing the repercussions of reporting violations of ordinances and protocols to the county, call her instead.) She is tolerant of differing opinions, but not willing to allow disinformation to continue unchallenged. She is straightforward (which a few might misperceive as disrespectful) and assertive, but not aggressive or disrespectful. For all of this, she has become the target of a few would-be scientists/charlatans and a few people whose tactic is to attack the messenger rather than quarrel with the message; but Maka'ala continues to accept those attacks with coolheadedness and patience. She stands out as a role model who has proven that a person who is committed to community can make a difference.

In conclusion: I have no doubt that Kauai, Hawaii and the Environmental Council would be very well-served by Barbara Maka'ala Ka'aumoana's participation on the Council. I offer my recommendation with confidence and based on substance, including my direct knowledge of her background, knowledge base, achievements, experience and character.

If you have any questions related to Maka'ala's suitability for membership on the Environmental Council, or if you desire concrete examples to justify any of the statements above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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#### **GM526**

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Puanani Rogers	Ho`okipa Network - Kauai and Aha Moku Kauai	Oppose	No

Comments: Barbara was on the SAC for the Humpback Whale Sanc for years and NEVER once called a meeting on Kauai, and yet traveled freely throughout Hawaii on NOAA's funding to promote the NOAA Sanctuary agenda Statewide. She actually undermined local meetings where she felt that the Federal agenda and her own plans for Kauai were not supported. She is NOT a practitioner. She has driven off all the scientists who have tried to work with her. She strongly supports the Federal agenda of excluding access using sanctuaries, monuments, and no-fishing areas. She pushed to have Haena and Pilaa and Niihau all be part of the expanded Sanctuary, and has since stated on her radio program that the loss of the Federal Sanctuary expansion would be bad for Hawaii. She is not active in our own island moku system, yet she felt it was OK for her to go to KONA to support the fishing ban there. Not her moku. Not her business. She has done little to help the taro farmers prevent nene from eating their plants. She is not a fisher or a hunter. She would be a DISASTER for us.

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Mauna Kea Trask	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Distinguished Members of the Economic Development, Environment, and Technology Committee. My name is Mauna Kea Trask and I support the nomination of Ms. Kaaumoana to serve on the Environmental Council. To advocate for the environment means to be a thorn in someone's side and with much aloha I can truly say that Ms. Kaaumoana does both. She is an "aunty" that I respect and although I do not agree with her all the time I do believe that she is a kupuna who cares for the environment and for the culture and people of Hawaii in ngeneral and Kauai in particular. I understand that there has been some opposition testimony to her appointment and I believe that such testimony should not be held against her but instead illustrate that she is a fine pick for the position. Anyone who truly has conviction for the environment will offend some. The only "problem" that I can say that she has is that she is sophisticated and is not swayed by the winds of politics but remains steadfast and forever watchful for those that cannot speak for themselves. Mahalo for your time and I trust you will make a wise decision. Aloha.

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Laura McIntyre	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 526 I, Laura Leialoha Phillips McIntyre, B.A., M.U.R.P, AICP, current Program Manager of the Hawaii Department of Health, Environmental Planning Office, personally testify in strong support of Barbara Kaaumoana. Barbara Kaaumoana has an excellent academic background and a wealth of relevant and diverse professional experience. I have full confidence that she will be an invaluable asset to the Environmental Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

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KOALANI KAULUKUKUI	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators Slom and Wakai and members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology, I submit this testimony in strong support of the Governor's nomination of my friend Mrs. Barbara Maka'ala Ka'aumoana's to the OEQC's Environmental Council. Mrs. Ka'aumoana is a good friend of mine and I will also disclose serves on the board of an organization I work for. She has been of good service and counsel to the work of this organization and has been a loyal and supportive friend and respected elder to my staff and the many communities we serve. Mrs. Ka'aumoana's background as former nurse and teacher and now advocate for her community and environment speaks to her compassion and passion for her community and place. I believe her perspective will serve our state well on the Environmental Council and help our state achieve the optimum quality of environment called for in its mission. I also believe her current community work and network of people statewide she has nurtured will also serve the council's purpose as a liaison tremendously. Since I first got to know Maka'ala I have witnessed her continued development and improvement in her understanding the differences in the roles of an advocate and a fiduciary with aplomb. I have seen her ask hard questions of herself and the very work in which she believes. This requires a spirit of openness that any kind of deliberative body needs when considering a higher kuleana like that given the OEQC. It is because of this also that I believe she will bring a balanced perspective and sentiment to the council. Aloha nui. Kevin Chang

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Laura McIntyre	e Individual	Support	No

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Wayne Tanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo nui for your support of this nomination!

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