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Statement of
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Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday May 13, 2020
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of

GM670
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
JONATHAN LIKEKE SCHEUER
for a term to expire 06-30-2024

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee on Water and Land:

My name is Dan Orodenker, the Executive Officer of the State Land Use Commission. I am here to respectfully request that this Committee favorably consider the nomination of Jonathan Likeke Scheuer to serve as commissioner for a four-year term to expire on June 30, 2024. Mr. Scheuer has been nominated to fill the position of At-Large Commissioner.

Mr. Scheuer is a well-respected member of the community and has served on several boards or commissions throughout the course of his career. Mr. Scheuer has always been a valued member of the Commission. His insights into public trust doctrine issues and his complete and thorough understanding of the cultural issues facing the Commission and the implications of those decisions on environmental, cultural and water rights issues is unparalleled and invaluable. He has shown himself to be one of the hardest working commissioners the Commission has ever been graced with and, for the past two years has shown tremendous leadership skills as the LUC Chair. He has always shown himself to be fair and open minded. His input is well respected by the other commissioners and his understanding of procedure and decorum have been welcome and extremely valuable. Mr Scheuer is an extremely respected and important member of the Commission.

Personally, I must say that he has enhanced my understanding of the various issues important to the Commission, elevated my concern for openness and fairness, provided significant advice and enhanced my legal and cultural understanding.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Scheuer's nomination to serve as Commissioner on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before this Committee.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII

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LT. GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII



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**TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR., CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
HEARING ON MAY 13, 2020 AT 1:00 PM IN CR 229**

IN SUPPORT OF

GM670

for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **JONATHAN SCHEUER**,
for a term to expire 06-30-2024

May 13, 2020

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

It is with gratitude that we provide this testimony in strong support of Governor Ige's nomination of Jonathan Scheuer to the Land Use Commission (LUC).

Mr. Scheuer has served as the Chair of the LUC since June 2018 and this nomination to continue to serves on the LUC is a testament to his leadership. His academic and professional background reveal his commitment to the sustainability of our natural resources and evidence how well-qualified he is for this appointment.

Mr. Scheuer has worked to develop and implement a Water Policy Plan with the Hawaiian Homes Commission and provided presentations on Hawaiian water rights to homesteaders and the community-at-large. His many presentations and publications attest to his focus to bring the many perspectives on water to interface with a cultural framework. He has been a Lecturer-in-Law at the Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, and co-taught a course on Conservation Transactions. Also, a Lecturer at the Urban and Regional Planning Department, University of Hawaii, he developed and taught a graduate overview of US and Hawaii environmental policy, thus training students with hands-on policy analysis and advocacy.

We commend his dedication, and respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. We thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



GM670

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JONATHAN SCHEUER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024**
Senate Committee on Water and Land

May 13, 2020

1:00 p.m.

Room 229

The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend that the Board of Trustees **SUPPORT** GM670, which nominates Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer to continue his role as a member of the Land Use Commission (LUC).

The LUC is tasked with preserving, protecting, and encouraging the development of land for uses that best serve the public welfare. Central to this kuleana is the responsibility to establish land use district boundaries, act on district boundary amendment petitions, and review special permit applications. The LUC accordingly wields significant influence over land use patterns in our islands, which may have substantial impacts on Native Hawaiians and their ability to continue constitutionally-recognized Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices.¹ The LUC also has the ability to directly prevent or mitigate significant and irreparable harms to Native Hawaiian communities as well as the general public, by denying inappropriate district boundary amendments, and imposing boundary amendment conditions that preserve and protect natural resources and cultural sites essential to Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices.

OHA strongly believes that the nominee and current LUC member, Jonathan Scheuer, possesses the experience and expertise to continue contributing significantly to well-reasoned decision-making by the LUC, including with respect to its responsibilities to Native Hawaiians and the public trust. Dr. Scheuer is a recognized expert in land management, planning, and natural resource and environmental policy, and as a keiki o ka 'āina has dedicated his life to understanding and serving the interests of our diverse island communities. Dr. Scheuer also has substantial professional experience working with the Native Hawaiian community, through his consulting work as a land manager and policy analyst at OHA, and recently as a water policy consultant with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Dr. Scheuer has further served as a member of the O'ahu Island Burial Council and as a member of various non-profit boards, adding to his familiarity with Native Hawaiian communities and nuanced cultural concerns throughout the islands. These experiences and demonstrated expertise have enabled and will continue to enable Dr. Scheuer to serve as a thoughtful, committed, and invaluable member of the LUC as it carries out its critical responsibilities over 'āina and the public trust.

As a LUC member and Chair, Dr. Scheuer has indeed demonstrated his remarkable ability to be a thoughtful and fair advocate for the legal rights and interests of Native Hawaiians, as well as to

¹ HAW. CONST. ART. XII, Sec. 7 (1978).

ensure that the comprehensive interests of the public and the state are reflected and balanced in LUC decision-making. If confirmed, Dr. Scheuer's personal and professional experiences; his expertise in land management, land acquisition, planning, and natural resource management; and his understanding of Native Hawaiians' deep cultural connection with 'āina; will continue to greatly enhance LUC discussions and actions.

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM670. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
State of Hawaii
Post Office Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809**

Testimony of
Leimana DaMate, Executive Director

Before the Senate Committee on
Water and Land

Wednesday, May 13, 2020
1:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In **SUPPORT** of
GM 670, Jonathan Scheuer
Relating to the Land Use Commission

The Hawaii State Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) stands in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, GM Jonathan Scheuer for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, for a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Jonathan Scheuer's experience and expertise in land use law, water development and coordinating outreach is impressive and successful in planning strategy and justified decision-making in the Land Use Commission. His knowledge of climate assessment as it pertains to land use is valuable and brings another perspective to the Land Use Commission that it did not have before. The result of Mr. Scheuer's experience and skill brings a higher element to the Commission itself.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure. We urge you to approve the nomination of Jonathan Scheuer to the Land Use Commission.

Respectfully yours,

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SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

LATE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

May 13, 2020

1:00 PM

Room 229

In SUPPORT of GM670

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee,

On behalf of our 27,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **supports GM670, the confirmation of Jonathan Likeke Scheuer** to the State Land Use Commission for a term to expire 6-30-2024.

In his six years of service to the Commission, Mr. Scheuer has proven to be an effective problem-solver. Mr. Scheuer is balanced and brilliant in his approach to each docket before the Commission, no matter how controversial.

For 60 years, the Land Use Commission (LUC or Commission) has succeed in encouraging proper land uses to protect and preserve Hawai'i's natural resources and foster appropriate and well-planned development throughout the islands. In 1961, the legislature created the LUC in response to "a lack of adequate controls [that] had caused the development of Hawaii's limited and valuable land for short-term gain for the few while resulting in long-term loss to the income and growth potential of our State's economy."¹ This unique agency is critical to protecting open space, agricultural fields, natural resources, native Hawaiian rights, taxpayers' money, the overall quality of life for Hawai'i residents, and the long-term health of our economy.

The LUC is composed of nine members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. One member is appointed from each of the four counties; five members are appointed at-large. The Commissioners are non-paid volunteers who represent a cross-section of the community.

Jonathan has served on the Commission since 2014 and was elected by his peers as the first Vice Chair of the Commission in 2015, and then as Chair in 2018. Born and raised on O'ahu and with a Ph.D. in Environmental Studies from University of California Santa Clara, Jonathan has nearly three decades of experience in public policy and land and water management in the public, non-profit, and private sectors, as well as in sectors serving Native Hawaiian interests.

¹ <https://luc.hawaii.gov/about/history-3/>

We do not always agree with his decision in every matter. But even when we disagree, we have found him to be respectful, thoughtful, and fair in his preferred outcome.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in **support of GM670**.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Townsend", written in a cursive style.

Marti Townsend
Chapter Director



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

May 11, 2020

TO: Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Water & Land

FROM: Mahealani Cypher, Chair
Government Relations Committee
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

RE: GM670 – Support for the Nomination of Jonathan Scheuer
To Serve On the Land Use Commission

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club offers its strong support for Jonathan Scheuer to serve another term on the State Land Use Commission (LUC).

We have known Mr. Scheuer for many years, and have admired his ability to weigh the balance between competing interests to address broad community needs.

We have witnessed how he manages as chair of the commission in his current term and feel he demonstrates fair and responsible leadership skills and is respectful of all views regarding matters before the LUC.

We urge your committee to approve his re-appointment and forward his name to the full Senate for confirmation.

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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KAHEA: the Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance is a non-profit 501(c)3 working to protect the unique natural and cultural resources of the Hawaiian islands. KAHEA translates to English as "the call."

Testimony of KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance in support of GM 670, Nomination of Jonathan Scheuer to the Land Use Commission, before the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Wednesday May 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. (Room 229)

Aloha e Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

On behalf of KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance, I submit this letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Jonathan Scheuer, as a member of the State Land Use Commission.

KAHEA works at the intersection of Hawaiian rights and environmental resource protection, for which appropriate, principled land use in Hawai'i is vital.

Dr. Scheuer's contributions to the Land Use Commission and thus to land use policy and decision-making in Hawai'i has been invaluable. During his tenure over the past six years, the Land Use Commission has shown strong leadership and vision in addressing, for instance, inadequate environmental review of the Olowalu Town, LLC and the Pi'ilani Promenade megamall project, and complex resource capacity and community issues raised by the Pulelehua residential project.

Dr. Scheuer has volunteered to come speak on water resource protection issues at our Environmental Justice Day in Nānākuli. All assembled appreciated his expertise, knowledge, and sensitivity to the very complicated and storied relationship of Wai'anae moku communities. This singular combination a breadth of knowledge of Hawaiian rights and environmental issues that is much needed in Hawaii's decision-makers, and for the Land Use Commission in particular.

Please vote in favor of Dr. Scheuer's confirmation.

Me ke aloha,

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Young Progressives Demanding Action
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May 13, 2020
1:00 PM

TO: Senate Committee on Water & Land (WTL)
RE: Testimony in Support of GM 670

Aloha Chair Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Members of the Senate Committee on Water & Land,

My name is Jun Shin, I am a Sophomore at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and currently serve as the Environmental Justice Action Committee Chair for the Young Progressives Demanding Action (YPDA). YPDA advocates for public policies that reflect the values of young people throughout the State of Hawai'i. One of those values is that our public lands need to be taken care of and held to the highest standard for the benefit of the public. YPDA is in **Support of Governor's Message 670**, the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer for the Land Use Commission (LUC) for a term to expire on 06/30/2004.

Our members have had the opportunity to advocate alongside Mr. Scheuer in his capacity as a private citizen in preserving the District Boundary Amendment authority of the LUC this legislative session. We respect the candor, knowledge, and dedication to the LUC's mission that he showed in his testimony. Knowledge built on educational, professional, and volunteer experience in public trust, Native Hawaiian, and environmental issues. Experience that is very valuable when considering whether petitions to change land designation (Conservation, Agricultural, Rural, Urban) is the best use of our lands and resources. His dedication to the LUC is seen in his effectiveness, as well as his fair and balanced approach on the commission, with his fellow commissioners electing him as Vice Chair in 2015 and later Chair in 2018.

Young Progressives Demanding Action is in **Support** of **GM 670** and want to give our best wishes to Mr. Scheuer. We respectfully ask for you to pass this nomination through your committee to be voted on by the full Senate.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

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GM-670

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 2:03:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glennie	Testifying for Surfrider Foundation Kona Kai Ea chapter	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

I am testifying on behalf of the Surfrider Foundation's Kona Kai Ea chapter. Our group is in strong support of the nomination of Jonathan Scheuer to the State Land Use Commission. Our group, in particular, has seen the benefit of his wisdom and even-handed approach to land use decisions which, in our island state, often, if not always, determine how development will affect the waters of our state. As just one example, Jonathan's support for designation of the Keauhou Aquifer on Hawaii Island is in alignment with the goals of our group.

Jonathan has provided a steady voice for the protection of our shared natural resources, particularly of water and watersheds. His decades-long experience in land use matters, including his previous terms as LUC commissioner and Chairperson, has shown his ability to work with all parties and perspectives on those matters to conclusions that make protection of resources a top priority. His skills and commitment to the values that make our state unique, including his knowledge and respect for Hawaii's indigenous culture, are invaluable to protecting our state as a healthy place to reside as well as a visitor destination. His willingness to use his time in this voluntary capacity -- a position that requires significant time and dedication -- is laudable.

Please use your integrity and wisdom to confirm Jonathan Scheuer as LUC commissioner so that he can continue his good work on the behalf of the people of Hawai'i nei.

Mahalo and sincerely,

Janice Palma-Glennie

for the Surfrider Foundation's Kona Kai Ea chapter



May 12, 2020

Committee on Water and Land
Senator Kaiali‘i Kahele, Chair
Senate

Re: Support for GM670 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, JONATHAN SCHEUER, for a term to expire 06-30-2024

Aloha:

The Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club (PKHCC) **SUPPORTS** the nomination of Dr. Jonathan Scheuer to be confirmed to the state Land Use Commission (LUC). PKHCC was organized to promote the education and social welfare of people of Hawaiian ancestry and objectives include supporting high ethical standards in business, industry, and the professional fields of enterprise. Dr. Scheuer is qualified to serve on the commission, having demonstrated sound business judgement, good moral character, open-mindedness, and critical analytical thinking skills in his dealings with our organization and from his past record on the LUC.

Dr. Scheuer has relevant education and life experience including degrees in Forestry and Environmental Studies and service on the O‘ahu Island Burial Council, the Nature Conservancy, and the Hawai‘i Conservation Alliance. He has demonstrated success in working with diverse groups towards common understanding and direction for advocacy. He has played a significant role in resolving conflicts over water in Nā Wai Ehā on Maui and the Wailua River on Kaua‘i and on land in the protection of Waimea Valley, O‘ahu, Mūole‘a Point, Maui, and Wao Kele O Puna, Hawai‘i Island. We greatly appreciate that he has a heart to steward public trust interests in land and water and has taken a fair and balanced approach to his duties on the Land Use Commission thus far.

Dr. Scheuer would serve Hawai‘i well by continuing to serve on the Land Use Commission, and we support him.

Ke Aloha‘āina,

Anthony Makana Paris
Pelekikena

GM-670

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 11:04:25 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support of GM 670, Nomination of Jonathan Scheuer as a Member, Land Use Commission to be heard on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 229

TO Senate Committee on Water and Land

State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

Please support Jonathan Likeke Scheuer's nomination to the Land Use Commission.

Jonathan is well-informed and insightful, and a master at resolving conflict. He is dedicated to protecting our land and water. His peers chose him for Vice Chair, then Chair. Hawai'i needs him!

Mahalo, Cory Harden, Hilo

GM-670

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 1:33:01 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senate Committee on Water and Land
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

I support Jonathan Likeke Scheuer's nomination to the Land Use Commission. For the past six years, he has shown himself to be an effective member of the Commission. His peers elected him as the first Vice Chair of the Commission in 2015, and as Chair in 2018

I have known Jonathan for almost 2 decades. Jonathan has been a champion and colleague in a collective work to better care for Hawai'i's environment and people and carries with him a deep seated sense of justice for our community as well.

I have also worked with Jonathan who served as my boss at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs where he gained deep understanding of the social, historical, cultural, policy and justice matters concerning land in our home. He has a deep thinking mind, a strong articulate voice and sensitive heart for these matters and in my mind the kind of person who should be serving on our Land Use Commission.

Since leaving OHA he has continued this pathway, and has built a history of experiences that have served our community for the better. Further, he practices the kind of leadership our community needs to encourage in these tumultuous times.

I strongly support your vote in favor of Jonathan's confirmation to the Land Use Commission.

Pupukahi holomua i ho'okanaka

Kevin Chang

GM-670

Submitted on: 5/8/2020 1:56:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tenaiya Brookfield	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

I support Jonathan Scheuer's nomination to the Land Use Commission. I have worked directly with him on various Sierra Club issues and found him to be organized, fair, knowledgeable and most importantly, caring about our natural resources.

Please vote in favor of Jonathan's confirmation to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo,

Tenaiya Brookfield

GM-670

Submitted on: 5/8/2020 4:29:05 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Mather	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

My name is Jen Mather, a resident of West Maui, and I strongly support Jonathan Scheuer's nomination to the Land Use Commission.

Mr. Scheuer is an amazingly adept, experienced member of the LUC and his skill set has demonstrably helped resolve many longstanding conflicts during his tenure as member, Vice Chair, and most recently, Chair of the commission.

Please support the confirmation of Mr. Scheuer to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo,
Jen Mather

GM-670

Submitted on: 5/8/2020 6:15:19 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kecia Joy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

I DO support Jonathan Likeke Scheuer's nomination to the Land Use Commission.

I have known Jonathan for almost 20 years and have been impressed with his professionalism, dedication, and experience in not only standing for the environment but also for the Hawaiian culture.

I support Jonathan's nomination because he has the absolute experience necessary to be an effective member of the Land Use Commission. He has been incredible and integral in resolving long standing conflicts in Hawai'i. This is very important to me! This has included playing a significant role on resolving conflicts over water and as a marine biologist of 30 years, this is also very important to me. He showed excellent leadership in every position he has held and I am especially impressed with his three years serving on the O'ahu Island Burial Council. He is an excellent advocate of public trust interests in land and water, but also has a fair and balanced approach to his duties on the Land Use Commission.

As the first Vice Chair of the Commission in 2015, and as Chair in 2018, he has shown himself to be an effective member of the Commission.

Please, I ask you to vote in favor of Jonathan's confirmation to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo,

Kecia Joy

GM-670

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 11:23:57 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Kaaumoana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I have known this nominee for two decades. We have worked together in community based resource efforts in many communities around Hawaii. Jonanthan is an intelligent, thoughtful and committed professional who enjoys a reputation as a good listener and skilled thinker. His work has facilitated many valuable efforts in Hawaii and he is a respected member of our community.

Mahalo for your support for his nomination. Please confirm him for service on the Land Use Commission.

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JONATHAN SCHEUER FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-60-2024**

I unequivocally support confirmation of Dr Scheuer to another term on the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission. His leadership of this Commission speaks for itself. Dr Scheuer maintains an excellent understanding of the law (even though he is not a licensed attorney), a excellent understanding of Hawaiian culture (even though he is no of Hawaiian ethnicity), and an excellent understanding of fairness and balance of the rights of landowners and developers (even though he is not a developer).

Dr Scheuer by his own thoughts, words and deeds, raises the bar of public service to the height it should be and dare I say, to a standard by which other volunteer public servants are to be compared to. In this era of lacking leadership at the national level, it is refreshing that such leadership, balance and fairness exists at the state level on the Land Use Commission. In a word, Dr Scheuer is genuine and most deserving of another term on the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward H Ayau".

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GM-670

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 10:16:52 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lea Hong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice-Chair Keith-Agran, and Committee Members:

I strongly support Jonathan Likeke Scheuer's nomination to the Land Use Commission in my individual and personal capacity.

I have known Jonathan for over 25 years in both my professional and personal capacities. He has the skills and experience needed for a member of the Land Use Commission. He has been critical to resolving long standing and divisive land and water use conflicts in Hawai'i, including Nā Wai Eha on Maui, the Wailua River on Kaua'i, Waimea Valley on O'ahu, Mā'aloa Point on Maui, and Wao Kele O Puna on Hawai'i Island. He has evidenced excellent leadership skills while serving for three years on the O'ahu Island Burial Council, balancing development interests with the protection of iwi kupuna. He is an articulate advocate of public trust interests in land and water, but has also shown a fair and balanced approach to his duties on the Land Use Commission.

For the past six years, Jonathan has been a valued and effective member of the Land Use Commission. His fellow members elected him as the first Vice Chair of the Commission in 2015, and as Chair in 2018. He has been fair and cordial to all applicants and members of the public testimony in highly charged and emotionally passionate circumstances. The Land Use Commission needs his expertise, and his calm and fair approach in these emotionally charged and difficult times.

Jonathan has my highest recommendation for this position, and I urge the Committee to support his nomination.

Mahalo,

Lea Hong

GM-670

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 2:17:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hope Kallai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

I support Jonathan Likeke Scheuer for the Land Use Commission. He has been a strong asset on this commission for the past 6 years. Please vote in favor of Jonathan's confirmation to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo,

Hope Hamilton Kallai

GM-670

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 2:28:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debbie Lee-Jackson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please vote Jonathan Scheuer to the land commission.

Debbie Lee-Jackson

GM-670

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 4:17:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandee Moniz Ps	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 5/12/2020 10:10:48 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carol lee kamekona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Statement of
LEO R. ASUNCION

before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

1:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of

Governor's Message (GM) 670

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Jonathan Scheuer to serve as a member of the Land Use Commission.

I have known Mr. Scheuer, both professionally and personally for over 10 years, and have had the opportunity to work directly with him during our respective careers. Specifically, during my tenure as the Director of the Office of Planning, I have had the opportunity to appear before the Land Use Commission in a number of dockets during his first term. His diligent work, high level of integrity, breadth of knowledge and experience, and holistic approach are just a few of the key assets that he has and will continue to share with his fellow commissioners.

Mr. Scheuer has gained my trust and respect as someone that will uphold the highest levels of leadership, and there is no question that he will greatly contribute and apply his passion, knowledge and experiences to the work of the Land Use Commission.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to advise and consent to the nomination of Mr. Jonathan Scheuer as a member of the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 670.

GM-670

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 11:35:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Buchanan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mahalo,

Lori Buchanan - Molokai

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Jonathan Scheuer for LUC - Fair, competent, intelligent, dedicated. Need more people in government just like him.

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May 12, 2020

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members

Testimony in support of Jonathan Scheuer's nomination
As a member of the Land Use Commission

Jonathan has the discipline and ability to listen to all sides of an issue, assess the different points of view and make decisions based on the facts and laws.

Jonathan has shown exceptional skill in helping resolve conflicts over critical water and land issues such as Na Wai Eha on Maui, Wailua River on Kaua`i, Waimea Valley on O`ahu, and Wao Kele O Puna, Hawai`i Island.

Jonathan has proven to be an effective leader as chair and vice chair of the Land Use Commission, a position that requires discipline and patience.

Jonathan understands the importance of the Commission and respects the critical role it plays in Hawai`i's land use process.

I urge you to confirm Jonathan to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo,

Donna Wong

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trisha Kehaulani Watson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing with my STRONG SUPPORT for Dr. Jonathan Scheuer to continue his service to the LUC. He has been an outstanding Chair and runs this Commission fairly and effectively.

Mahalo,

Trisha Kehaulani Watson, JD, PhD

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee of Water and Land,

I began my education and career in conservation, and deeply respect the expertise and giving nature of Mr. Jonathan Scheuer, being considered for the Land Use Commission, Governor's Message 670.

I have worked in the area of land use for some years, and as a conservationist. Mr. Scheuer has developed useful expertise over many years, and in a variety of interdisciplinary fields. As we enter the 2020s decade, I suggest that we are in need of well-rounded people more than ever. The state wants for technical expertise yet also buckles under tremendous socio-economic pressure. I think of my advocacy of my fellow Mānoa neighbors with regards to Paradise Park and varied issues, and my work as private-sector land use consultant, shed some insight into the range of the LUC's impact. Humbly, I hope that the Committee will please vote in support because Mr. Scheuer will be instrumental in guiding the state towards wiser land utilization; mahalo.

Sincerely yours,
Dylan P. Armstrong
indiv. capacity.

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Julie Leialoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments: