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**Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023
1:00 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 580
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KĀNE'ŌHE
BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SYLVIA HUSSEY, FOR
A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 580 nominating Dr. Sylvia Hussey to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

Pursuant to Section 200D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council was established to, among other things, facilitate the implementation of the Kāne'ōhe Bay Master Plan as it relates to ocean use activities and advise and make recommendations to the State and the County on matters regarding the use of Kāne'ōhe Bay by the general public, marine research programs, and commercial ocean use activities, including legislative matters. Membership on the Council includes government officials, area neighborhood board members, and individuals representing user groups of the Bay.

Dr. Sylvia Hussey is the current Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), a role she has held since 2019, and the owner of Pueo Consulting, LLC, a business formed to provide a broad range of statewide education and business support services in the areas of administration, management, leadership, and governance. Dr. Hussey has an extensive background in education, finance, and issues facing the Native Hawaiian community. She obtained her Doctor of Education from the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa in 2014 and worked for Kamehameha Schools from 2002-2014, serving as the Vice President of Administration from

2010-2014. The Department welcomes the expertise and perspective that Dr. Hussey will bring to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Dr. Sylvia Hussey to serve on the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council.



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Testimony of the Hawaii State Aha Moku

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IN SUPPORT of GM 581

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, SYLVIA HUSSEY, for a term to expire on 06-30-2027.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports this Gubernatorial Nominee.

Based on her extensive experience in demonstrated leadership and successful management in transactions in conservation, community capacity building, conflict resolution and ecosystem restoration, Aha Moku supports Sylvia Hussey. But more than this, we acknowledge and honor her skills in empowering local communities to steward cultural landscapes.

Further, Ms. Hussey is a native Hawaiian who was raised with the traditional values of her culture. She is respectful to Kupuna which is critically important to Hawaiians. She understands the value of generational knowledge and that each moku and ahupua'a are unique in their natural and cultural resources, particularly Kaneohe Bay that houses the wahi pana of Ahu a Laka.

Thank you for the opportunity to sharing our mana'o with you. We strongly support Sylvia Hussey as a member of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

Respectfully,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mahealani Cypher	Testifying for Ko`olau Foundation	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Ko`olau Foundation strongly supports the appointment of Sylvia Hussey to serve on the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council, representing the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

We urge your committee to advise and consent to her confirmation.

Mahalo for considering our mana`o.

GM-580

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO!!