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April 13, 2026

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
via email: senlee@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: GM 637; Calvin Young Nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Senator Lee and the members of WLA,

I am writing to support the Governor's nomination for me to fill the vacancy of an at-large seat on the Board of Land and Natural Resources and to respond to Senator Chris Lee's letter of April 10, 2026.

1. *Why do you wish to serve as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources?*

Response: The Department of Land and Natural Resources is tasked to responsibly manage the precious lands and resources of Hawaii. The members of BLNR decide diverse and complex issues, decisions that are vital to enhance and conserve these unique and limited resources for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations of residents and visitors of Hawaii. I believe these decisions should be made by individuals who are fair, open-minded and thoughtful. I submit that I possess those characteristics and will be a strong participant by always being prepared to make the hard choices.

2. *What is your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources?*

Response: Each board member must make the effort to familiarize themselves with the items on the agenda by timely reviewing the item, the materials presented in support and against the item and conducting study and research of related sources, including outreach to Department staff and the community, so that board member can render a decision that is prudent and reasonable. Concurrent with being prepared is the obligation to attend each meeting. Also, I believe that each board member should exhibit

professionalism and respect for fellow board members, to DLNR staff and to the members of the public.

3. *Based on your understanding of the role and responsibilities of this position, please explain why you believe you are qualified to serve. Include a brief description of the skills, experience, expertise, or knowledge you would bring to the Board and how they would inform your decision making.*

Response: I am a lifelong resident of Hawaii. I am immensely proud to have lived my life in the most beautiful place on Earth. As I look back, the constant factor influencing my daily life was having caring mentors who supported and nurtured me.

I grew up on the windward side of Oahu in Kailua. I was raised by my paternal grandparents, Edward and Becky Young. Our household didn't have much; no car in the garage, but I always had clean clothes to wear and a warm meal.

My paternal grandparents taught me to do everything to the best of my ability, to take and use only what I needed, and to respect and honor the land and our neighbors. They believed that each generation is obligated to be "better" than their forebears and becoming better started with a good education.

I entered the Kamehameha Schools in the 7th grade. After high school, I attended the University of Hawaii graduating with a degree in finance. I gained admission to the William S. Richardson School of Law and received my Juris Doctor degree in 1982.

Two wonderful judges took me on as their law clerk, the Honorable Philip T. Chun and the Honorable Wendell K. Huddy. During those two years, I observed and watched up close how the '*rule of law*' played out in the real world in our trial courts.

During my legal career, I had the opportunity to work with members of the legal profession who I regard as leaders and role models. Attorneys like Ronald Libkuman, James Ventura and Sidney Ayabe invited me to join their law firm in 1984. I practiced law with this firm for 32 years. In 2016, I joined Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel and worked with another group of high-quality attorneys. When Governor Green nominated me to fill a vacancy on BLNR last summer, I withdrew from the firm and gave up my law license.

To me, being a member of the legal profession imposed societal responsibilities and obligations on myself and those I interacted with. There were duties I owed to my clients and to our community. While I strived to achieve an outcome acceptable to my clients, I likewise tried to be fair, objective and reasonable.

One obligation I considered to be paramount was 'giving back'. I have tried to be a productive member of our community during my entire adult life. I have regularly donated blood for the past 49 years. I coached Little League baseball and now officiate tackle and flag football. I served on many legal committees and entities including the Hawaii State Bar Association, the Hawaii State Bar Foundation and the Disciplinary Board of the Hawaii Supreme Court.

My life experiences have taught me to be considerate, respectful, thoughtful and informed. I believe these qualities will enable me to be a productive and contributing member of BLNR.

4. *If confirmed, what goals or priorities would you hope to accomplish during your term of service?*

Response: My priority, if confirmed, will be to come fully prepared to participate at each Board meeting and to make the decision I believe in my heart to be in the best interests of Hawaii's people. I do not have any specific goals or priorities. I will endeavor to uphold the responsibility delegated to BLNR to protect and preserve Hawaii's land and natural resources.

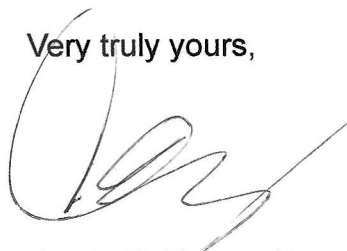
5. *Do you believe there is anything that could reasonably be perceived by the public as creating a conflict of interest or otherwise raise questions regarding your character, judgment, or ability to serve impartially on the Board of Land and Natural Resources? If so, please explain.*

Response: No, I do not believe there is anything that creates an actual conflict of interest. I do recognize that some people may believe some relationship or matter during my legal career may raise a question. During my 44 years as a member of the Hawaii Bar, I never handled any matter and did not represent any client who had any relationship with something involving BLNR. I have never represented BLNR as one of my clients. I will disclose any relationship I may have with a party or issue that comes before BLNR and will recuse and step back if I believe a conflict exists.

In summary, I believe I am qualified to serve and be a member of BLNR. My background is one of service, responsible action and commitment to helping our community thrive and prosper. I respectfully ask that you support my candidacy and vote to confirm my nomination.

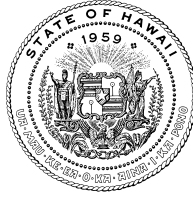
Mahalo for your kind consideration of my submission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Calvin E. Young', written in a cursive style.

Calvin E. Young, Esq. (retired)

cc: Senator Lorraine Inouye
Senator Stanley Chang
Senator Samantha DeCorte
Senator Rachele Lamosao



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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

Testimony of
Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the
Senate Committee Water, Land, Culture and the Arts

Wednesday, April 15, 2026
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224 and Videoconference

In consideration of
Governor's Message No. 637

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture, and the Arts:

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Governor's Message No. 637, the appointment of Calvin Young to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for a term to expire on June 30, 2029.

Calvin Young is a partner at Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel with decades of litigation experience. He is a past President of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA). He is also a past President of the Hawaii State Bar Foundation. Calvin served six years as a member of the Disciplinary Board of the Hawaii Supreme Court, ten years as a member of the Hawaii Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism and ten years as Chair of the HSBA Professional Responsibility Committee. Calvin recently served as Chair of the HSBA Nominating Committee.

A graduate of Kamehameha Schools and the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, he is also a member of the American Bar Association and the Native Hawaiian Bar Association. Calvin has extensive litigation experience in multiple areas of substantive law, including professional errors and omissions, product liability, commercial litigation, aviation and mass tort/ personal injury litigation.

I am confident that Mr. Young's experience and record of service demonstrate his qualifications for this appointment, and I am pleased to offer my full support for his nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Testimony of the Governor

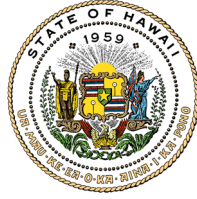
G.M. No. 637

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MANAGEMENT
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES
ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
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LAND
STATE PARKS

Testimony of
RYAN K.P. KANAKA'OLE
Acting Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Wednesday, April 15, 2026
1:00PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 637
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
CALVIN YOUNG
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2029

Governor's Message 637 submits for consideration and confirmation Calvin Young, to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this nomination.**

With more than 40 years of litigation experience in the state of Hawai'i, Mr. Young has conducted trials in both State and Federal Courts. He served as the 2014 President of the Hawai'i State Bar Association and as the 2019 President of Hawai'i State Bar Foundation. His Hawaiian roots, integrity, and knowledge of state law support a strong commitment to place and protecting the unique natural and cultural resources that Hawai'i offers. Mr. Young is a partner at Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel where his practice concentrates in the areas of legal, professional, and products liability. Awards and honors for his service to the public in these areas include the Hawai'i State Bar Association 'Ikena Award and selection to the Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Super Lawyers list from 2008-2012 and 2015-2025.

Mr. Young is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Native Hawaiian Bar Association. His valuable leadership and collaboration skills, along with his cultural connection, will greatly benefit the Board.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Calvin Young.



April 15, 2026

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts

RE: IN STRONG SUPPORT for GM637, Nomination of Calvin Young to the Board of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

Calvin Young is a longtime friend, and I wholeheartedly endorse his nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

In my time knowing Calvin, I have always found him to be a man of high integrity and a tireless professional. As he enters this new role, he is committed to bringing an open-minded and reasoned perspective to the multifaceted issues addressed by the BLNR.

His extensive legal career, including over forty years of litigation experience, has prepared him to thoughtfully navigate complicated concerns and make fair decisions. Furthermore, as an alumnus of Kamehameha Schools and the William S. Richardson School of Law, and a member of the Native Hawaiian Bar Association, he is deeply connected to the values and community of Hawai'i.

I strongly believe Calvin Young is the right person to serve on the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of his nomination.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Coppa
President

Daniel M. Akiu Jr.
Group IQ
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April 13, 2026

The Honorable Josh Green
Governor of Hawai'i

RE: Calvin Young, GM 637, Letter of Recommendation for the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR)

Dear Governor Green,

I am writing to strongly recommend that the Hawaii State Senate confirm Calvin Young, whom I have known for over 50 years. I know of his exceptional dedication to responsible land use and his commitment to balance economic development needs with environmental stewardship.

After a legal career consisting of over forty years of litigation successfully representing clients involving complicated and problematic concerns, Calvin will bring an open-minded and fair mindset to BLNR. He strived during his entire life, from middle school at Kamehameha Schools Kapalama, to a part-time employee at Sea Life Park, to pay for his college tuition and help support his grandparents. He has maintained the highest standards of professionalism demanded by our society, and his desire to work hard is what ensures his commitments.

BLNR addresses multifaceted and complex issues, which I believe should be vetted and reviewed by individuals, like Calvin, who have a broad perspective and understanding of business, residents, cultural issues, community involvement, and environmental experiences.

He is a collaborative leader, capable of mediating complex land use issues while ensuring public participation. I am confident that his expertise would be a tremendous asset to your administration and will directly support your goals for the State of Hawai'i residents and businesses.

Calvin Young has my highest recommendation for this position. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Akiu Jr.

Daniel M. Akiu Jr.
CEO & President
Group IQ

Chairman
Native Hawaiian Innovation Center
A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization



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April 13, 2026

VIA Hawai'i State Legislature Website

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Letter In Support Of Confirmation Of Gubernatorial Nominee,
Calvin E. Young, To Board Of Land & Natural Resources

Dear President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

This letter is written in support of your confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Calvin E. Young, to the Board of Land & Natural Resources for a term expiring on June 30, 2029.

After having graduated from the William S. Richardson School of Law in 1982 and after having been admitted to the Hawai'i Bar in that same year, Calvin's forty-three (43) year legal career and related professional activities are set forth in his curriculum vitae, a true and complete copy of which is attached hereto for your reference convenience as Exhibit A.

Calvin joined the Goodsill law firm as a Partner in September, 2016 (while the undersigned was then serving as its Managing Partner) and brought his dedication, integrity, excellence, work ethic, and business acumen to each and every aspect of his contributions to the firm. During his nine (9) year tenure with Goodsill, Calvin served on the firm's Executive Committee, chaired its Professional Responsibility Committee and lead several Ad Hoc Committees which were formed to address specific issues. In addition to having been a trusted advisor to and a fierce advocate for his clients, Calvin mentored junior litigation attorneys and helped to shape the culture and to further the reputation of the firm in our community. Calvin retired from Goodsill and the practice of law in September, 2025.

Calvin's legal and professional background and his life experiences and perspectives make him uniquely qualified and well suited to serve the Board of Land & Natural Resources. Calvin's approach to each and every multifaceted and complex matter that is brought before the Board of Land & Natural Resources for consideration will be open but fair minded and will be critically analyzed and evaluated in light of the then existing legal and regulatory framework and policies. For all of the foregoing reasons, the

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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President, and Members of the Senate
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undersigned wholeheartedly supports your confirmation of Calvin E. Young to serve the Board of Land & Natural Resources.

Should your Water, Land, Culture and the Arts Committee have any questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

GOODSILL ANDERSON QUINN & STIFEL

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Peter T. Kashiwa

**CALVIN E.
YOUNG**



PRACTICE AREAS
Litigation and Disputes
Aviation Litigation
Class Actions
Insurance Litigation
Products Liability
Professional Liability

EDUCATION
William S. Richardson School of
Law, University of Hawai'i, J.D.,
1982
University of Hawai'i, B.B.A.
(Finance), 1979
Kamehameha Schools,
1974

ASSOCIATIONS
American Bar Association
Hawai'i State Bar Association
Native Hawaiian Bar
Association

AWARDS/HONORS
Martindale-Hubbell
AV Preeminent
Best Lawyers
Lawyer of the Year in 2024
Products Liability Defense
Super Lawyers

Calvin E. Young is a partner at Goodsill. His practice concentrates in the areas of legal professional liability, aviation, complex litigation claims and products liability. Calvin has over 40 years of legal experience and has conducted trials in Hawaii's State and Federal Courts.

Calvin majored in Finance at the University of Hawai'i and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1979. He attended the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i where he participated in the National Moot Court Competition in both 1980 and 1981. Calvin was also a member of the William S. Richardson School of Law Moot Court Board. He received his Juris Doctor degree in 1982 and was admitted to the Hawai'i Bar that same year.

Calvin served as a law clerk for the Honorable Philip T. Chun, First Judicial Circuit, State of Hawai'i, and then for the Honorable Wendell K. Huddy, also of the First Judicial Circuit. Following his clerkships, Calvin worked with Ayabe Chong Nishimoto Sia & Nakamura, becoming a senior partner in that firm. Calvin joined Goodsill in 2016.

Calvin served as the 2014 President of the Hawai'i State Bar Association and as the 2019 President of Hawai'i State Bar Foundation.

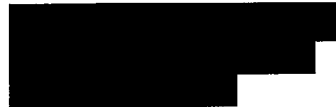
Calvin received the Hawai'i State Bar Association 2012 'Ikena Award for outstanding service to the public toward legal education. Also in 2012, he was the William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association Alumnus of the Year.

Calvin served as a member of the Disciplinary Board of the Hawai'i State Supreme Court from 1995 to 2001. He served as a member of the Hawai'i Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism from 2005 to 2015. From 2001 to 2011, Calvin served as the Chair of the HSBA Professional Responsibility Committee and oversaw the mandatory Professionalism Program presented to every new member of the Hawaii Bar.

Calvin officiates youth and High School tackle and flag football games and is a member of the Oahu Football Officials Association. Calvin is a frequent Hawaii Blood Bank donor with close to 250 whole blood donations.



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DATE: April 14, 2026

TO: Senator Chris Lee
Chair, Committee on Water, Land, Culture & The Arts

Senator Lorraine Inouye
Vice Chair, Committee on Water, Land, Culture & The Arts

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **GM 637 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CALVIN YOUNG, for a term to expire 6-30-2029.**

Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room: 224

Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Culture & The Arts:

I write in strong support of the nomination of Mr. Calvin Young to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). Mr. Young brings a depth of legal experience and judgment developed over decades of practice in Hawai'i, where he handled complex litigation matters for many years.

Throughout his career, Mr. Young has demonstrated a disciplined, thoughtful approach to decision-making. His work has required him to assess detailed factual records, apply and interpret the law, and carefully analyze and evaluate competing positions. This type of experience will translate well to the work of the BLNR, where decisions often involve competing positions and require an objective perspective and analysis under statutory and regulatory frameworks.

In addition to his professional work, Mr. Young has been strongly committed to integrity and public service through his leadership within Hawai'i's legal community, including as Hawaii State Bar Association President. His involvement in promoting professionalism and ethical standards reflects respect for process and accountability.

The BLNR is routinely called upon to make complex decisions involving land use and resource management that carry significant public impact. These decisions require sound judgment, respect for process, and the ability to weigh competing considerations in a fair and balanced manner.

In my personal experience with Mr. Young, I believe he brings these qualities, and for these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to support and confirm his appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
THE NOMINATION OF

CALVIN YOUNG

Board of Land & Natural Resources
Expiration Date: June 30, 2029

GOV. MSG. NO 637

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I respectfully submit this testimony IN STRONG SUPPORT of the nomination of **CALVIN YOUNG to the** Board of Land & Natural Resources of the State of Hawaii.

I have personally known Calvin for over 60 years, since first meeting him in 1st Grade at Kainalu Elementary School, in Kailua, Oahu. We all grew up in very modest circumstances in the Coconut Grove neighborhood, before Kailua became an overpriced enclave where locals can no longer afford to live.

In those days, the Pali Tunnels had just been built and Kailua was a mixed neighborhood of working class families sprinkled with Marine Corp families from the nearby Kaneohe Marine Corp Air Station. Everyone lived together and got along, because in those days the "content of a person's character" meant more than anything else.

You probably already know about Calvin's education and professional experience. He is a graduate of the Kamhemeha Schhols, Class of 1974. He was educated in the University of Hawaii System, starting at Kapiolani Community College when it was located nest to McKinley High School and ultimately receiving his law decree from the University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law.

Calvin is a self-made person. No one gave him a silver spoon or a trust fund. He sent himself through college and law school, working at many jobs. Nobody paid for his schooling or his education.

Calvin is no stranger to hard work.

Before he recently retired, Calvin was a partner with two major law firms in Honolulu, Hawaii: first with the firm originally known as Libkuman Ventura Moon and Ayabe (founded by the late Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon) and later with the large Honolulu law firm, Goodsill Anderson.

Calvin's litigation speciality was defense of professional negligence. His fellow attorneys recognized his legal knowledge, skills and leadership by electing him President of the Hawaii Bar Association.

The Board of Land and Natural Resources will benefit from Calvin's legal background and litigation experience. As an attorney who served eight years on the State Land Use Commission, I know that Calvin's foundation in law will guide im in helping the Board make decisions consistent and in full compliance with the statutes passed by the Hawaii Legislature.

As I mentioned before, Calvin is my longtime childhood friend. I have seen him during happy times and I have also seen him during unimaginable tragedy. It is during these times that a person's character is revealed.

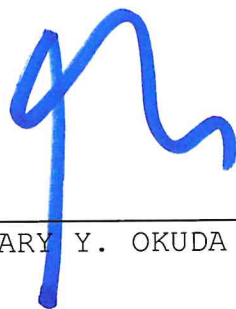
When Calvin's three daughters were very young, his first wife (and his young daughters' mother) Leila was diagnosed with what was terminal cancer. Remote work at that time was not common.

But Calvin stopped his lucrative practice of law, and spent endless months on the mainland with Leila, for treatment that required them to live continuously on the mainland. It was quite a sacrifice for Calvin professionally and financially.

At that time, a Family Court Judge who also knew Calvin told me during a courtroom break how she was so impressed with Calvin's commitment: the judge said that she had witnessed many spouses running away from their spouse when the faced with a serious illness.

That is the kind of person who is Calvin Young. A smart person of integrity and commitment. He will bring the same character and skills in service to this community we all love, as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources of the State of Hawaii. He will leave our Hawaii better than when he received it.

Respectfully submitted,



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GARY Y. OKUDA

GM-637

Submitted on: 4/10/2026 5:42:37 PM

Testimony for WLA on 4/15/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen Ono	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators, I support the nominating of Calvin Young to the BLNR. His expertise and knowledge is a great asset to the Board in their future decision making to protect the natural resources of Hawaii.

GM-637

Submitted on: 4/11/2026 10:04:33 PM

Testimony for WLA on 4/15/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doreen Canto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support

GM-637

Submitted on: 4/12/2026 6:18:32 PM

Testimony for WLA on 4/15/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dale Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Calvin Young's long and vast experience as a Civil Litigator uniquely equips him to evaluate varying and competing viewpoints and assertions. His ability to make decisions dispassionately and with the public interest foremost in mind is a pre-requisite for the important Board of Land and Natural Resources. He is deserving of the highest of recommendations and mine will most certainly be just one of many. The State of Hawaii will be fortunate to have Calvin Young at its service.

April 13, 2026

Members of the Water, Land and Arts Committee
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM637 – Support of Calvin Young

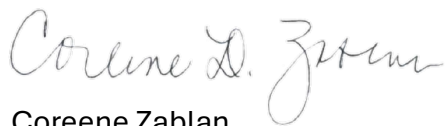
Dear Members of the water, Land and Arts Committee,

I am pleased to write in support of the confirmation of Mr. Calvin Young to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Mr. Young for over 55 years and am confident that he will be an excellent addition to the Board.

His career as an attorney has been filled with many contributions of community service and his professionalism is based on integrity and honesty. I know that he will make the right decisions necessary to make sure that Hawaii's natural resources are protected along with tempered development.

A commitment to do the right thing has always been Mr. Young's mantra in life as well as in business. Please vote to confirm his nomination.

With warm Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Coreene D. Zablan".

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GM-637

Submitted on: 4/13/2026 10:21:55 AM

Testimony for WLA on 4/15/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dale Nishikawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write this in support of Calvin Young's nomination to the DLNR Board.

I have known Calvin for over 35 years, both personally and professionally. Professionally, he has represented my real estate firm in the few cases we have had. I found Calvin to be knowledgeable and articulate with the ability to quickly understand what was usually a complex situation. Calvin was then able to communicate with all parties in a respectful and professional manner that maximized the benefits from the outcome while minimizing time and energy spent. He was not a "I win/ You lose" kind of attorney. These traits will serve the Board well.

Calvin was also very committed to the legal profession and served in many capacities involving education, maintaining ethics, the disciplinary council, and leadership roles.

On a personal basis, Calvin and I have been workout partners for 35 years and see each other three to four times a week. You get to know a person well seeing them so often. Calvin is disciplined, consistent, and caring. Doing what's right and making sure people are taken care of are cornerstones of his character. He is objective, not judgemental, and open to new and different ideas. If he doesn't know, he asks. If he does know, he'll share his thoughts. As with his professional traits above, his personal traits will also serve the Board well.

I recommend Calvin to you without reservation. DLNR will benefit from having him on the Board.

Respectfully,

Dale Nishikawa

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April 13, 2026

Senate Water, Land, Culture and the Arts Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
Submitted via Online Testimony Portal

Re: GM637 - Testimony in Support of Nominee Calvin E. Young for the Board of
Land and Natural Resources

Dear Honorable Members of the Committee;

I write to support Governor Josh Green, M.D.'s nomination of Calvin E. Young to serve as a member of the Board of Land & Natural Resources.

It was my distinct privilege and honor to work both for and with Mr. Young as an associate and a partner at the local law firm Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, LLP from 2016 until 2025. Mr. Young has been a father figure to me, both professionally and personally; he set unimpeachable example of what it means to be a legal professional, a leader, and a teacher for young attorneys. Mr. Young retired from the practice of law to honor Governor Green's request that he serve on the BLNR and, although I miss working with him every day, my personal loss is the State of Hawaii's great gain.

For the purpose of GM637 (Mr. Young's nomination), I want to highlight three aspects of Mr. Young's personality and experience that make him an ideal candidate to serve on the BLNR: Mr. Young's integrity; Mr. Young's commitment to service; and Mr. Young's selfless work ethic.

Mr. Young's dedicated a good portion of his career to educating and promoting the Hawai'i Rules of Professional Conduct (the "HRPC"), which are a set of rules and an ethical framework that govern the practice of law in Hawai'i. His word is good as gold, and it is not an exaggeration to say Mr. Young is among the most respected scholars and practitioners of the HRPC in the State. Anecdotally, I was once pulled aside by opposing counsel during a heated deposition who, upon learning that I worked with Calvin Young, encouraged me to learn everything I could from him. That level of professional respect is not unique; the fact that Mr. Young served as President of the Hawai'i State Bar Association evidences the legal community's deep trust and appreciation for his integrity, perspective, and guidance. Mr. Young helped countless attorneys, both as clients and colleagues, practice law at the highest ethical and professional standards and I have no doubt that he will apply and follow the rules applicable to the BLNR just as closely.

Mr. Young also leads by example with his dedication to community service. Mr. Young was a leader at both of the law firms he worked at. That is no easy feat while maintaining a book of business. Even as he practiced law at the highest and most complex levels, and even as he raised three daughters, Mr. Young also prioritized giving back to the community; from volunteering as a referee for high school football, to serving as a course marshal at golf tournaments, to honoring his community at cultural events, and to being one of the most prolific and regular blood donors in the State, Mr. Young always finds time to support the people and the community in Hawai'i. Serving on BLNR is yet another example of Mr. Young doing whatever he can to give back to this great State.

Finally, few people work harder than Calvin Young. For context, I started my professional career working on the East Coast and billing more than 2,500 hours a year. Several of my colleagues billed more than that on a regular basis. Calvin Young stands out among those who I've worked with as tenacity manifest; I like to think that I am strong willed, but Calvin Young's tireless work ethic both humbled and inspired me. Mr. Young starts his days early and typically has been at his desk hours before most people get out of bed. Mr. Young not only consumes information, but he filters it, processes it, and distills it down to its concentrated and relevant basics. I miss working with him on cases, as he could carve up what first appears to be an insurmountable task into a series of attainable milestones. And, as I try and grow as a leader and mentor in my own right, I often channel the lessons and strategies Mr. Young taught me. I have no doubt that he will fully dedicate himself to serving on the BLNR, and I pity the petitioner who seeks to circumvent Hawai'i law or disregard the BLNR's authority on his watch.

As I mentioned before, it was my great honor to work with Calvin Young. I still remember the deep pride I felt when he introduced me as his law partner for the first time. Mr. Young's decades as a lawyer make him more than capable of understanding and applying the statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to the BLNR's mission and work. There are few people in the world that I trust as much as Calvin Young; I have no doubt that he will put in the work, educate himself about matters before BLNR, and fairly and correctly apply the law.

I support Governor Green's nomination and the approval of GM637.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Hoftiezer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David J. Hoftiezer

GM-637

Submitted on: 4/13/2026 3:48:05 PM

Testimony for WLA on 4/15/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Curt Otaguro	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully ask that you and your committee members support the nomination of Mr. Calvin Young to serve as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Mr. Young for over three decades both personally and professionally. He is an individual with character, integrity, and commitment to his profession as a practicing attorney. His work ethic and dedication to serve our community has been one of his attributes that I've witnessed over the years. As a member of BLNR, Mr. Young's legal experience and professional skills will benefit the Department and State by applying his years of work in aviation, legal liability, litigation at both State and Federal Courts.

Mr. Young balances his professional career by officiating youth and high school football and coaching and mentoring our next generation of leaders. I appreciate the committee's consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my support of Mr. Calvin Young.

Curt Otaguro

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Submitted on: 4/13/2026 8:15:56 PM

Testimony for WLA on 4/15/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Katie Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm writing in support of Calvin Young's confirmation into the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I believe he will be a great asset to the board bringing his decades of legal knowledge as a litigator attorney, and provide new and fresh perspective as a member from the community. As a lifelong advocate for protecting Hawaii's natural resources, this opportunity to serve Hawaii in this capacity will also fulfill a longtime dream and endeavor. Please support Mr. Young's confirmation. Mahalo!

To: The Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts

Regarding: GM 637 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CALVIN YOUNG

Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

Position: STRONGLY SUPPORT

Testimony: To Chair Chang and Members of the Committee:

My name is Amanda Breese, and I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the confirmation of my father, Calvin Young, to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

The Committee will see a career of legal excellence on paper, but my sisters and I have seen that excellence in practice for decades. We all had the privilege of working at Ayabe Chong Nishimoto Sia & Nakamura, the firm where our father served as a leader and Managing Partner for nearly 30 years. We watched him maintain the trust of the same clients for decades – a rare feat that speaks to his unwavering consistency and value as a leader.

In our family, he is the undisputed "voice of reason." Whether we are navigating personal hurdles or complex professional challenges, he is the sounding board we turn to for balanced, thoughtful advice. His integrity is so deeply trusted that he continues to manage the family affairs for our late mother's side of the family, and he was the natural choice to deliver the eulogy for our grandfather, who passed away in 2022 at the age of 101. He is the glue that holds our family and its history together.

His connection to Hawaii's land is not theoretical – it is deeply personal. Growing up in Waimanalo, he instilled in us a sense of stewardship for the 'āina. I have vivid memories of our family regularly volunteering for beach clean-ups at Bellows and throughout Waimanalo. Because we spent so much of our lives enjoying the beauty of Kailua beach, he made sure we understood that giving back to the land was a responsibility, not an option.

Perhaps the greatest evidence of his character is the standard he set for his children. My older sister is a litigation attorney, my young sister is a commercial project manager, and I serve as a project coordinator for a commercial painting company. Our careers all demand high levels of integrity, public trust, and leadership—values that were intentionally instilled in us by our father.

The BLNR requires a member who is fair, deeply rooted in the community, and possesses a long-term vision. My father is that person. I respectfully urge the Committee to confirm Calvin Young.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Amanda Breese
Troy, Michigan

GM-637

Submitted on: 4/14/2026 7:50:06 AM

Testimony for WLA on 4/15/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Gruebner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support Calvin Young for his nomination to he Board of Land and Natural Resources. I can personally vouch for Mr. Young's character and I fully support his nomination.

I am an attorney in good standing in the State of Hawaii and I have practiced law coninuously in Hawaii for over 30 years. I am currently a partner in the law firm Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, one of Hawaii's oldest and most respected law firms. I have never been the subject of any complaint or disciplinary proceeding, and I am honored to have been named in Honolulu Magazine's Best Lawyers for the past 3 years.

I have known Mr. Young for over 30 years. I had the pleasure of particiapping in a 7 month complex products liability trial from June, 1994 to January, 1995 with Mr. Young. Our clients were co-defendants in the case, and we worked side by side in the Kona courthouse. I consider Mr. Young to be a colleague and friend, and I had the privildge of being a law partner with Mr. Young at the Ayabe Chong Nishimoto Sia & Nakamura firm from 2005 to 2016, and again at the Goodsill firm from 2016 to 2025.

Mr. Young is and always has been a skilled litigator who was well respected by his peers in the Hawaii legal community. In fact, he was elected by his fellow attorneys to be President of the Hawaii State Bar. More importantly, for purposes of this nomination, Mr. Young's integrity and moral character are second to none. While working with Mr. Young, I personally witnessed partners and associates consulting with Mr. Young on any matter that involved ethics or professionalism. He was universally considered the authority on matters of ethics and professional responsibility. Mr. Young was at all times honest, professional and trustworthy and he was well respected by clients, attorneys and staff. Mr. Young most certainly has the requisite character to serve on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I unequivocally support the nomination of Mr. Calvin Young. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require any additional information from me.

Thank you for your time.

David A. Gruebner



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April 13, 2026

To: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts

From: Benjamin A. Kudo
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999 Bishop Street, Suite 1400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM- 637 – Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, CALVIN YOUNG - **SUPPORT**.
Hearing date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Hearing time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and the support of your Committee members on the appointment of Mr. Calvin Young to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii.

I have known Mr. Young for over 15 years. We are good personal friends and have practiced law during the same period of our lives. Mr. Young has always committed himself to being a fine litigator but has also involved himself with community activities. On the weekends, Mr. Young participates as a referee for local high school football games and has also served as a volunteer for several golf course tournaments outside of this State, as well as locally.

Mr. Young is a person of high integrity, compassion and intelligence and has the capability to meet the challenges of this position. Mr. Young will faithfully carry out his responsibilities as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and will be a good addition to it.

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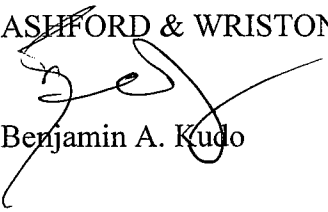
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Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts
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Based on the foregoing, I strongly recommend with no reservation your favorable consideration of Mr. Calvin Young for the aforementioned position. He is a person who will prove to be worthy of your support and the public trust.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully urge your Committee's support to confirm his nomination.

Very truly yours,

ASHFORD & WRISTON



Benjamin A. Kudo

GM-637

Submitted on: 4/14/2026 9:21:25 AM

Testimony for WLA on 4/15/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sidney K. Ayabe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of Calvin E. Young on his nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I am well acquainted with Mr. Young having worked with him for many years at the firm of Ayabe, Chong, Nishimoto, Sia & Nakamura. I recall interviewing him for the associate position at the firm. He joined the firm and was one of the senior partners where he concentrated in the areas of products liability, aviation and legal malpractice. I am knowledgeable about his skillsets in the law having worked closely with him in the aviation and legal malpractice area. He exhibited a command of the law and was dedicated and committed in representing clients. His writings were well reasoned and sound. He was a true advocate for his respective clients, but remained professional in dealing with opposing counsel. I recall many times over when we were in the office on Saturdays and Sundays prepping for a trial. He was certainly a tireless worker. He has been recognized for his legal talents in AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, Best Lawyers, Lawyer of the Year in 2024 and Super Lawyers. Although his caseload at the firm demanded much time and effort from him, he was always mindful of his philosophy of giving back to the community. In 2012, he received the Hawaii State Bar Association 2012 'Ikena Award for outstanding service to the public toward legal education. In that same year, he was the William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association Alumnus of the Year. Like myself, he served as the 2014 President of the Hawai'i State Bar Association. Under his guidance, the Hawai'i State Bar Foundation was established with he becoming its president in 2019. He, also, served as a member of the Disciplinary Board of the Hawai'i State Supreme Court. I can continue with further accolades, but what I have said more than reflects the character, commitment, dedication and integrity of Mr. Young. I understand that the Board of Land and Natural Resources addresses multifaceted and complex issues. Given the background which I have shared above about Mr. Young, I truly believe that he will provide valuable insights and perspectives to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Our community will be blessed and well served to have someone like Mr. Young appointed to the Board of Land and Natural Resource. Thank you for allowing me to provide comments about Mr. Young. If there are any questions, I can be reached at 808 258-3724. Sincerely, Sidney K. Ayabe

GM-637

Submitted on: 4/14/2026 10:29:33 AM

Testimony for WLA on 4/15/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Peña	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe that Calvin Young is very qualified for this position. He is citizen of great stature, fair, and open, and I know will be able to make proper decisions, based on facts, for the good of all people here in Hawai'i.

April 14, 2026

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts
Hawai'i State Senate
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Lee and Vice Chair Inouye,

Please accept this letter in strong support of my father, Calvin E. Young, for his nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources ("BLNR").

As Mr. Young's eldest daughter and a practicing attorney, I have had the unique opportunity to witness my father's character both as a parent and as a distinguished litigator. Throughout his forty-year career, my father has modeled the highest levels of diligence and respect toward the court, his clients, and his peers. He mentored dozens of attorneys and law students throughout his legal career. In practice, my father is known for his thoughtful approach to argument and legal issues. One of the teaching points he always emphasized is considering each potential argument and giving attention to even the most minute details, as either could change the direction of a case at any point. His experience in navigating unique and challenging facts and his thoughtful consideration of all issues will serve the BLNR well with every agenda item, request, and measure presented.

In my own legal practice, I frequently encounter many peers who hold my father in the highest regard. My father always instilled in me the importance of integrity and professionalism, whether in the office, in the courtroom, or in the community. Even if he disagreed with a position or a decision, he remains respectful, courteous, and cordial to those on the opposite side. If confirmed, I am confident he will uphold the public trust, honor precedent, and maintain a collaborative, respectful relationship with fellow BLNR members, staff, and the general public.

Beyond his professional accolades, my father raised my sisters and me to value fairness, community, and environmental stewardship. My father taught us that as Kānaka Maoli, it is our duty to care for the environment and for Hawai'i. His commitment to Hawai'i is deep-rooted, and I have no doubt that he will assist the BLNR in making balanced, insightful decisions that protect the best interests of our State for generations to come.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Calvin E. Young to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sara M.K.Y. Hayden

Sara M.K.Y. Hayden, Esq.

Calvin Young - GM 637 Nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources

My name is Milton Higa. As a private citizen, I am submitting written testimony based on my extensive experience collaborating with various Boards and Commissions in the State of Hawaii. I have served as an executive employee appointed by both the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission and the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

This is testimony in support of Calvin Young's nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Calvin for over 20 years. He is a man of outstanding character and personal integrity. His professional credentials and experiences alone make him an exceptionally well qualified candidate for the seat on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Numerous individuals can attest to his widely acknowledged credentials.

In my testimony regarding Calvin Young's nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, I wish to highlight several key character traits that are directly related to his decision-making abilities. Specifically, I have observed that Calvin consistently demonstrates careful deliberation when faced with important choices. He thoughtfully considers all aspects of a situation before reaching a conclusion, ensuring that his decisions are well-informed.

Additionally, Calvin exhibits decisiveness in his actions. Once he has evaluated the available information, he is able to make prompt and clear decisions. This quality allows him to lead with confidence and provide direction when it is most needed.

Finally, Calvin's steadfastness stands out as an essential trait in his decision-making process. After making a commitment, he remains firm in his convictions and follows through on his decisions, even in the face of challenges. This reliability makes him a trustworthy member of any team and a strong candidate for the Board.

After retiring from law, he has become a youth and high school football referee—a challenging role few seniors would take. His ability to handle criticism and make tough decisions will serve him well as a board member,.

Calvin Young was born, raised, educated, and built his career in Hawaii. He is truly keiki o ka 'āina. Now, at this stage of his life's journey, he has decided to give back by sharing his knowledge and experience through public service. His valuable perspectives make him a worthy nominee for the Board of Land and Natural Resources. We greatly appreciate your support in confirming his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

Milton Higa

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Riley W. Smith, P.E.

Hawaii Island Member - BLNR

April 14, 2026

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813



Via email: senlee@capitol.hawaii.gov

**Re: Strong Support of Calvin Young – GM637
Board of Land and Natural Resources**

I have known Mr. Young, as a fellow Land Board Member, for slightly less than a year (July 2025). Although we attended the same high school, we were a few years apart and our paths rarely crossed. However, during our time together on BLNR, he has impressed me as someone who is very knowledgeable of both land, contract law and lease disposition matters. He is very well versed in current events, as well as having a firm grasp on past legal situations and outcomes. He is very detail oriented, remembers specific circumstances and how they may relate to the matters we are discussing during our meetings.

He shows up for our meetings very well prepared. He can grasp complex matters and reduce them to simple principles, fact patterns. He uses few words when he speaks, but his thoughts are very concise and transparent. During our many Executive Sessions, he can interpret the various legal opinions shared by both the Attorney General and our Chair and distill them into very easy to understand concepts.

For these reasons I wholeheartedly support Calvin Young to be approved by this Committee!

Mahalo for your consideration. Very truly yours,

Riley W. Smith, P.E.

Cc: Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Member
Senator Rachele Lamosao, Member
Senator, Samantha DeCorte, Member

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Testimony for WLA on 4/15/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sherry Broder	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chaiman Lee and Committee Members, I give the highest recommendation possible for Calvin Young. He is brilliant, knowledgeable about the laws, committed to improving out community and protecting the lands of Hawaii Nei, and passionate about the rule of law. I know he will serve with honor and distinction.