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Statement of
DAWN HEGGER-NORDBLOM, Chair
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Monday, March 30 @ 3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224
in consideration of

GM 772
NOMINATING MICHELE LEFEBVRE TO THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and Members of the Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Environment.

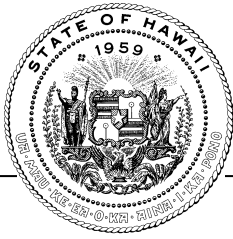
The Environmental Advisory Committee **strongly supports** GM 772 nominating **MICHELE LEFEBVRE**.

Per HRS Chapter 341, the Environmental Advisory Council's mission is to determine an optimum balance between economic development and environmental quality by appointing members representing education, business and environmental professions, including planning professionals.

Ms. Lefebvre has worked in the private sector as a senior environmental specialist and project manager. Ms. Lefebvre's professional experience includes the management, organization, analysis, and writing required for the preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents, and documents pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and Chapter 11-200.1, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (also known as "HEPA"), permits, as well as technical biological documents (e.g., Biological Assessments [BAs], Biological Evaluations [BEs], survey reports, and specialist reports) for a variety of projects on federal, State of Hawai'i, and private lands. Ms. Lefebvre has a PhD in Biology from University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2005 and a BA in Biology from Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, 1999.

Ms. Lefebvre has served on the EAC's Exemptions Committee since 2022, and has served as chair of that committee since April 2024.

The Environmental Advisory Council urges you to advise and consent to the nomination of **MICHELE LEFEBVRE**. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Statement of
MARY ALICE EVANS, Director

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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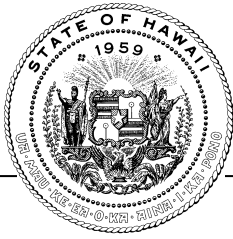
The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **strongly supports** GM
772 nominating Michele Lefebvre to a seat on the Environmental Advisory Council.

Per HRS Chapter 341, the Environmental Advisory Council's (EAC) mission is to
determine an optimum balance between economic development and environmental quality by
appointing members representing education, business and environmental professions, including
environmental science.

Ms. Lefebvre has worked as an Environmental Scientist with broad and deep experience
in the preparation of both NEPA and HEPA documents. She excels in coordinating with various
project stakeholders and in preparing environmental disclosure documents. In addition, she
presently serves an important role as Chairperson of the EAC's Exemption Committee, along
with being a Board Secretary in two community groups.

OPSD believes Michele Lefebvre is very well qualified to be confirmed as a member of
the Environmental Advisory Council for another term. We urge you to advise and consent to the
nomination of Michele Lefebvre.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure



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Statement of
JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
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**NOMINATING MICHELE LEFEBVRE TO THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** GM 772 nominating Michele Lefebvre to a seat on the Environmental Advisory Council.

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Michele Lefebvre is well qualified to be confirmed as a member of the Environmental Advisory Council for another term. We urge you to advise and consent to the nomination of Michele Lefebvre.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

GM-772

Submitted on: 3/28/2026 9:44:43 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ron Terry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing today in strong support of the re-appointment of Michele Lefebvre to the Environmental Advisory Council. I served two terms on this group and am aware of its important role as a link between the public and the government on environmental issues. I have attended several EAC meetings at which Ms. Lefebvre acted in her capacity of Chair of the Exemptions Committee. She is knowledgeable, professional, helpful to agencies and courteous to the public, and has a strong ability to communicate sometimes complicated issues for everyone involved. I also know her as a professional environmental scientist working at the highest levels of her field with extraordinary integrity. She has extensive and considerable experience in environmental and ecological matters throughout the State. Furthermore, she is a hard-working contributor to her community as a volunteer leader in a number of arenas. The citizens of Hawai'i are fortunate that Michele Lefebvre is willing to continue to serve and accept this appointment. Please confirm her to serve on the EAC without delay. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ron Terry

GM-772

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 10:36:56 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jay M. K. Stone	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support GM772 nominating MICHELE LEFEBVRE.

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I urge you to advise and consent to the nomination of MICHELE LEFEBVRE. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

GM-772

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 4:24:13 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Gordon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Through my brief time as an Environmental Advisory Council member, I am quite impressed by Michelle Lefebvre's experience as an environmental specialist. She appears very familiar with the requirements of and preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents, as well as other technical documents

From my observations, Michelle has a significant amount of experience and in-depth understanding of EAC's Exemptions and associated regulatory requirements.

I recommend your approval of Michelle to the Council

Mark Gordom