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Statement of
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Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Tuesday, August 29, 2017
2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of

GM28
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
LINDA ESTES,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021.

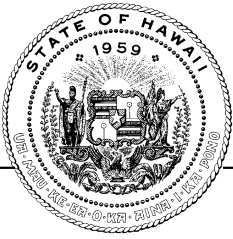
Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism respectfully requests that this Committee favorably consider the re-appointment of Linda Estes to serve as commissioner for a term to expire on June 30, 2021. Ms. Estes has filled the Kauai Island seat on the Commission since 2015.

Ms. Estes is well known for her concern with the workings of government. She has always been active in promoting her community's interests and those of the State as whole. She has shown the ability to bring a measure of practicality to Commission discussions and a balancing of public policy issues.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Ms. Estes' re-appointment as the Kauai Island Commissioner on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Tuesday, August 29, 2017
State Capitol, Conference Room 224
in consideration of

Governor's Message (GM) 28

Chair Rhodes, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

I strongly support Governor David Y. Ige's nomination of Ms. Linda Estes to serve as a member of the Land Use Commission.

Currently serving on the Land Use Commission, Ms. Estes has demonstrated competency on a number of land use or land use-related issues, which oftentimes intersects with matters before the Land Use Commission. The experience that Ms. Estes possesses, that as a former Vice President of the Koloa Community Association, and member of the YWCA executive board, brings an added dimension to the work of the Commission.

Ms. Estes has continued to demonstrate the highest level of leadership, and I have the utmost faith that she will continue to demonstrate her high level of leadership and collaboration in matters before the Land Use Commission. I respectfully encourage the Committee to advise and consent to the nomination of Ms. Estes as a member of the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 28.

DAVID Y. IGE
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Before the
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Tuesday August 29, 2017
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for a term to expire 06-30-2021

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Water and Land:

My name is Daniel Orodenker, and I am the Executive Officer of the Land Use Commission (LUC). I am here to respectfully request that this Committee favorably consider the re-appointment of Linda Estes to serve as commissioner for a term to expire on June 30, 2021. Ms. Estes has filled the Kaua'i Island seat on the Commission since 2015.

Ms. Estes is well known for her dedication and participation on behalf of the community on Kaua'i. She has always been well prepared and focused on key issues in matters before the Commission. Her unique experience lends a practicality to Commission discussions and has led to a balancing of concerns with public policy issues and the need for affordable housing. She has been an outstanding and well respected member of the Commission and valuable to its decision making and operation.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Ms. Estes' re-appointment as the Kaua'i Commissioner on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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August 28, 2017

TESTIMONY OF MEL RAPOZO
COUNCIL CHAIR, KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Tuesday, August 29, 2017
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 224

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of GM28, Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Linda Estes to the Land Use Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2021. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as Council Chair of the Kaua'i County Council.

Linda Estes has and continues to share her knowledge and expertise with the Kaua'i community on volunteer boards such as the Kōloa Community Association and the YWCA. Both of these organizations are very active and strive to create a better environment for our island residents and visitors.

Ms. Estes has served on the Land Use Commission since 2015, and I believe she will continue to be an asset to the Commission and serve the State of Hawai'i well.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly support the reappointment of Linda Estes to the Land Use Commission. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Office of the County Clerk at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

MEL RAPOZO
Council Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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cc: Linda Estes (Via E-Mail: lestes14@yahoo.com)

August 28, 2017

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

RE: GM26, Support for the Nomination of Linda Estes to the Land Use Commission (LUC)

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

My name is Jonathan Likeke Scheuer. I am a member and Vice Chair of the LUC, but offer this testimony in personal capacity. It has been my great pleasure to serve with Ms. Estes since her appointment to the LUC in 2015.

Linda has been a critical participant in the work of the Commission since joining. She combines her kindness and common sense with a sharp intellect in a way that helps the LUC fulfill our complex and sometimes contentious duties. Kaua'i and Hawai'i are very well served by her work on the LUC.

I **strongly** encourage you to recommend the Senate Advise and Consent to this nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration of my mana`o.

Jonathan Likeke Scheuer, Ph.D.

From: [Bernie Sakoda](#)
To: [WTL Testimony](#)
Subject: GM28
Date: Monday, August 28, 2017 1:13:55 PM

Aloha Senator Rhoads and members of the Water and land Committee:

It is my pleasure to testify on behalf of Kaua`i resident LINDA ESTES' nomination to a second term on the Land Use Commission. Ms. Estes is passionate about Land Use issues and she believes in making sound decisions for the overall benefit of our State. I have always admired her honesty and candor.

A few highlights of Ms. Estes resume reflects her MS degree in Public Administration from University of New Mexico; Work Experience as Associate Director of Athletics at UNM; Mayoral appointment for Albuquerque Landmark and Urban Planning commission and much more, is commendable.

Linda is highly respected in our community for her fearless support and love for our Aina. Her reappointment as a contributing member of the LUC will make us the beneficiaries of her dedication and willingness to serve. I totally respect this woman and am proud to be her friend.

Mahalo,

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August 29, 2017

To: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

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From: Benjamin A. Kudo
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RE: GM28 – Consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ESTES - **SUPPORT**.
Hearing date: Tuesday, August 29, 2017
Hearing time: 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 224

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and the support of your Committee members on the appointment of Ms. Linda Estes to the State Land Use Commission (“Commission”). She will carry out her responsibilities well and add to the Commission’s knowledge and capabilities.

Based on the foregoing, I recommend with no reservation your favorable consideration of Ms. Linda Estes for the aforementioned position.

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

Very truly yours,

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The following are my answers to the questions submitted by Senator Rhodes:

1. The primary role of the LUC is to insure that areas of state concern are addressed and considered in the land use decision making process. The LUC establishes district boundaries for the entire state, acts on petitions for boundary changes submitted by private land owners, developers, and state and county agencies. It also acts on special use permits within agricultural and rural districts.

2. The role of a member of the LUC is to be knowledgeable of the issues, read the material presented, listen carefully to the testimony of the petitioners and the public, and then make a fair and unbiased decision.

3. I did not apply to be a member of the LUC.

I have followed the issues of land use since I moved to Kauai seventeen years ago. I believe that the 1961 Land Use Law was very progressive legislation and I am interested in continuing to be a part of the process of preserving, protecting and making the best use of Hawaii's lands.

I am also a strong believer in public service and serving on the LUC affords me the opportunity to make a contribution to the state.

4. I have had two years experience as a member of the LUC. I have a master's degree in public administration and many years of experience as an administrator at a large public university. In addition, I have served on many state and municipal boards and commissions as well as those of volunteer organizations.

I am presently the LUC representative from Kauai and should be knowledgeable of issues that come before the LUC involving Kauai.

5. I have attended almost every meeting, read hundreds of pages of documents, and listened to countless hours of testimony before the LUC. I believe that I have been informed, fair, and unbiased in the land use decision making process. I hope to continue in that manner if I am confirmed.

6. The LUC has an excellent staff which keeps us informed on all of the issues in a timely manner. In the future, we may need to address how to make sure that petitioners abide by the conditions imposed by the LUC.

7. I have had no conflicts of interest.

8. I have nothing more to add.

Linda Estes

