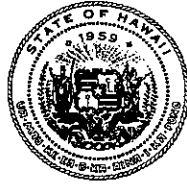


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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Environmental Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee**

**GM 470, Robert T. Inouye
For a Term to Expire 6-30-2008**

**GM 471, Robert T. Inouye
For a Term to Expire 6-30-2012**

**Testimony of Katherine Puana Kealoha
Interim Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control**

**Thursday, April 3, 2008, 2:45 p.m.
Room 414**

1 The Department of Health strongly supports the appointment of Mr. Robert Inouye. His
2 background in engineering and environmental coordinator for the Pacific Missile Range on
3 Kauai will help the Council's efforts to educate the public about environmental and cultural
4 issues in Hawaii.

5 Members of the Council represent education, business, and environmental disciplines and
6 professions such as the natural and social sciences, the humanities, architecture, engineering,
7 public health, planning, agriculture, real estate, visitor industry, construction, media, and
8 community and environmental groups.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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March 20, 2008

The Honorable Ron Menor
 Hawaii Senate
 Hawaii State Capital, Room 208
 415 South Beretania Street
 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Menor:

Subj: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION - GM NUMBER 471

I am writing to strongly recommend Mr. Robert Inouye to serve on the State's Environmental Council. He is very intelligent, technically competent, easy to work with, dependable and responsible. Bob served as our Environmental Engineer at the Pacific Missile Range Facility for 15 years. Although physically remote from our staff at Pearl Harbor, he was our eyes and ears in the field, completed difficult assignments and coordinated technical assistance from Pearl Harbor when needed. We at Pearl Harbor fully respected his judgment, advice and recommendations.

As the former Environmental Business Line Manager and now Business Officer for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, I can think of no better person to serve on the State's Environmental Council. I highly recommend his appointment.

Please feel free to contact me at 472-1417 if I can further support Bob's confirmation.

Sincerely,

L. G. WONG
 Business Officer

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March 27, 2008

The Honorable Ron Menor, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and the Environment
State Capitol, Rm 208
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Governor's Message No. 471
Nomination of Robert Inouye to the Environmental Council

Dear Chair Menor and Members:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Robert Inouye to the Environmental Council. I have known Mr. Inouye for over twenty-five years. I know him to be conscientious, highly trained and experienced in the running of sugar mills and bagasse burning plants and in the conducting of environmental reviews and development of environmental impact statements.

While Mr. Inouye is a substantially more conservative than I am on issues of the environment, I believe he will do his homework and look at the issues with an open mind, keeping the highest good of the community at the focus of his decision-making.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,

JoAnn A. Yukimura



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Via Email: senmenor@capitol.hawaii.gov

March 24, 2008

Senator Ron Menor
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 208
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Nomination to State Environmental Council, GM number 471
Mr. Robert Inouye

I support Mr. Robert Inouye for nomination to the Environmental Council, GM number 471. I have known Mr. Robert Inouye for 45 years. During this time I have known Mr. Inouye to be very honest and fair. Professional he is very conscientious in making decisions and very capable.

Also working at the Navy's Pacific Missile Range Facility as an Environmental Coordinator for 15 years should make him well qualified to be a State Environmental Council Member. I am sure Mr. Inouye will be fair in his judgement and make the right decision in protecting the environment. With Mr. Inouye's knowledge and experience he would be an excellent choice to be on the State Environmental Council.

Thank you for your committee's consideration in recommending Mr. Robert Inouye for approval as a State Environmental Council Member.

Donald Okahara
President
Okahara and Associates, Inc.

Date: Wednesday March 26, 2008

To: Senator Ron Menor, Chairman
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

From: John C. "Skip" Hance

Subject: Nomination of Robert T. Inouye
to State Environmental Council

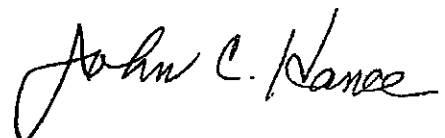
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I recommend that you and your committee forward the nomination of Robert T. Inouye to the full Senate with a recommendation for confirmation. His work experience over more that 40 years makes him particularly well qualified in the areas of energy and the environment.

I personally worked closely with Bob during the 5 years from 1982 to 1987 when he held the position of Factory Superintendent at Lihue Plantation Co. and I was first President and Manager of Lihue Plantation Company and later Senior Vice President of Amfac Sugar Company. During this period Bob led efforts which were successful in reducing waste water discharge from the factory by 50%. This greatly improved the environment while also significantly increasing sugar yields from lower elevation cane fields. He also managed Lihue's power generation system which provided a substantial portion of Kauai's electrical energy requirements.

Should you so desire, I would be happy to discuss any questions you and your committee might have regarding this matter. I can best be reached by phone at (808)-885-4826.

Sincerely,



March 19, 2008

Senator Ron Menor
Hawaii State Capital, Room 208
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Governor's Message Number 471, Nomination to Environmental Council

Dear Senator Menor:

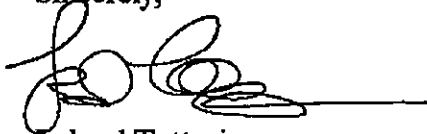
My name is Leland Tottori, and I served as the Public Works Officer for the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kekaha, Hawaii.

This letter serves as a recommendation to support the Governor's nomination of Mr. Robert Inouye to the State Environmental Council. As the former Public Works Officer, I worked with and supervised Mr. Robert Inouye for 15 years at the Pacific Missile Range Facility. As the Range Environmental Officer, he was tasked to ensure that the Navy and other Department of Defense Agencies, contractors, tenants, and range customers were in compliance with the numerous National, Department of Defense, Navy and State environmental laws and regulations.

Mr. Inouye worked independently with little supervision and was very competent in performing the tasks and duties assigned to him. His educational training, professional experience, wealth of knowledge on the subject matter and work ethic makes him an excellent choice as an Environmental Council member. He worked well with his fellow associates and respected their opinions and suggestions. He is open and able to adjust to change, and implemented many new ideas to improve operations. He is very reliable, and if appointed, Mr. Inouye will be a great asset to the State Environmental Council.

Please contact me if you have any further questions regarding this matter at (808) 335-4636.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leland Tottori', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Leland Tottori

Captain Robert J. Connelly, U.S. Navy (RET)
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March 20, 2008

Senator Ron Menor
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 208
415 South Beretania St
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GOVERNOR LINGLE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL NOMINATION ICO MR.
ROBERT T. INOUE (REF: GM #471 MESSAGE)

Dear Senator Menor:

I am writing you to offer, for the kind consideration of the Chair and members of the State Senate Committee on Energy and Environment, my input and strongest possible, unqualified recommendation for selection of Mr. Robert T. Inouye to a position on the Governor's Environmental Council. In every respect a standout citizen, experienced engineer, and committed environmental expert, Bob Inouye is a singularly impressive individual and richly deserving of the committee's strongest consideration for this important and prestigious position.

Although presently retired from active military service and employed in industry, while serving in the U.S. Navy as the Commanding Officer of the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), I had the distinct pleasure of working closely with Bob on multiple issues related to base operations and oversight of the PMRF's comprehensive environmental program. In a word, Bob is "sensational."

Bob possesses a breadth of experience in multiple disciplines that undoubtedly will be of great value to the Council. A degreed chemical engineer, his varied experience includes substantive work in Hawaii's sugar industry, fossil fuel and alternative power generation, waste water system design and repair. As well, he is intimately familiar with emerging technologies to include refuse derived fuels (e.g., bgasse).

At PMRF, Bob was my "go to" leader when it came to environmental issues. He was the Navy's expert on Kauai in consequence management, environmental compliance, and management of precious natural and cultural resources. Under his direction, PMRF established an impressive record of flawless environmental compliance and garnered the trust of the local community as acknowledged, trusted stewards of the environment and the areas known for their significant cultural importance.

Notably, Bob was much more than just PMRF's lead environmental coordinator. Bob's depth and breadth of experience allowed him to bring much more to the decision-making process at the facility than solely providing solutions to

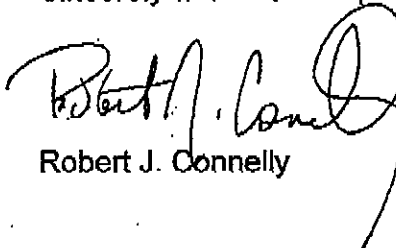
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environmental challenges. I relied heavily on his insights and ability to discern the essence of a complex topic across a broad spectrum of operational and management issues. He routinely brought new, well-researched, and innovative ideas forward for leadership consideration.

Bob epitomizes those qualities we seek in the leaders that serve us at the State level—exceptional ethics, strong moral character, discipline, humility, intellectual capacity, and the “Spirit of Aloha.” Collectively, these qualities enable Bob and those that work with him to succeed where others falter. I humbly request that you give him your most favorable consideration and confirm his nomination to the Environmental Council. Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely and With Deepest Respect,



Robert J. Connelly

March 24, 2008

The Honorable Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 208
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Menor and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

**Recommendation of Mr. Robert Inouye for the Position of
A Councilor on the Environmental Council**

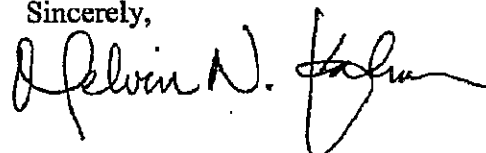
I take great pleasure in offering my strongest support for the appointment of Mr. Robert Inouye, as a member of the Environmental Council. Mr. Inouye and I have known each other professionally for the past 15 years. From the early 1990s, I had the pleasure of working with him on many environmental planning projects for the Navy. Mr. Inouye consistently demonstrated the attributes of an excellent environmental project leader, a proficient communicator to the highest levels of command and respected within the Kauai Community, and a man of integrity.

As the lead Environmental Planner for Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai, Bob had a wealth of experience and knowledge about both Federal and State environmental compliance regulations that will be invaluable to the Environmental Council, especially in light of major environmental initiatives potentially on the horizon. Although his national and statewide experience may be limited, his planning and engineering background and his management skills are generally applicable and he will be able to readily adapt. I believe that his Federal environmental planning experience will improve and invigorate the way that the State manages its environmental projects. And it is my sincere hope that he strengthens the integrity of the State's environmental review process.

From personal experience, I have found Mr. Inouye to be a truly even-tempered guy who treats people with respect. He is a straight-shooter and a team player who gets things done.

I sincerely believe that Mr. Inouye will whole-heartily and competently support and actively participate in the Environmental Council proceedings and work with the Council to improve the State of Hawaii environmental programs and proceedings. I respectfully urge you to confirm his appointment.

Sincerely,



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From: Sen. Ron Menor
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 2:30 PM
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From: Bernie Sakoda [mailto:sakoda@hawaiiink.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 1:29 PM
To: testimony
Cc: Sen. Ron Menor; Sen. Gary Hooser
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Dear Senators Menor and Hooser:

As Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment, I respectfully ask for your consideration in confirming the nomination by the Governor of ROBERT T. INOUYE for a position on the Environmental Council, GM # 471. I have known Mr. Inouye for many years as a gentleman in every sense of the word. Our sons were in the Boy Scout program together and it was always a pleasure to participate in scouting activities with his family. This humble giant of a man is also very conscientious in his commitment to other community activities on the island.

I believe his attached resume speaks to his qualifications for the position that the Governor is nominating him for. His extensive background on environmental issues will allow him to be a contributing member to the Environmental Council.

I am honored to write on his behalf. Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Aloha,

Bernie Sakoda

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Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

March 18, 2008

Robert Inouye

Environmental Council

Chair Ron Menor, members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment, thank you for this opportunity to present my background and qualifications for your consideration for confirmation to the Environmental Council.

I was born and raised on Oahu. I graduated from Kaimuki High School and Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering.

I worked at various sugar factories on Maui and Kauai. My work experiences included sugar production and power generation utilizing renewable fuel.

I was then employed in environmental engineering management concerning NEPA, cultural and natural resources issues.

A position on the Environmental Council would give me the opportunity to address a diverse range of ecological and environmental quality issues facing our State today and in the future. Although our State's land area is small compared to the rest of the nation, we possess a disproportionate number of threatened and endangered species found nowhere else, except in Hawaii. We must recognize that our resources are limited and that our environment is very fragile and we must do everything in our power to protect and sustain these resources before they are lost forever.

Our greatest challenge we face today is how do we grow our economy and protect and sustain our limited ecological resources and fragile environment.

If offered the opportunity to become a member of the Environmental Council, I can contribute greatly in addressing and resolving the issues that may be presented. My education, character traits, professional experience and personality give me the requirements to achieve success. I humbly ask your support of my nomination to the Environmental Council. Thank you.