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**Senate Committee on Energy and Environment**

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

**GM 472 – ROBERT A. KING**  
**For a Term to Expire 6-30-2012**

**GM 473 – WADE L. LORD**  
**For a Term to Expire 6-30-2011**

**GM 474 - CHRISTOPHER B. STEELE**  
**For a Term to Expire 6-30-2011**

**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 appointments of Mr. Robert King, Mr.  
2 Wade Lord, and Mr. Christopher Steele to the Environmental Council.

3           Mr. King has served on the Council for over three years and served as Chairman for the  
4 last six months. He is a member of the Annual Report and Rules Committees. He represents  
5 engineering interests and is from Maui.

6           Mr. Lord has served on the Council as an interim member for the last six months  
7 representing Real Estate interests and is from Kauai. During this time, Mr. Lord has been  
8 involved with the Legislation and Education/Cultural Committees.

1 Mr. Steele has served on the Council as an interim member for the last six months,  
2 represents environmental compliance, and is from Oahu. During this time, he has been involved  
3 with the Exemption List Committee.

4 All of their combined experience will help the Council's efforts to educate the public  
5 about environmental and cultural issues in Hawaii.

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

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Consideration and Confirmation to the Environmental Council  
Robert King**

Chair Menor and Vice Chair Hooser and members of the committee. I **support** Robert King's nomination to the Environmental Council. Mr. King has served on the council for the last four years and is presently the Chair.

During his term on the council, he has been active on the exemption, rules and legislative subcommittee. As president and founder of Pacific Biodiesel on Maui and Oahu, he has been expanded his company into other states.

He is respected in the recycling and business community. I heartily recommend him to the committee and know he will continue to be valued member of the council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Genevieve Salmonson

**testimony**

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**From:** Efzwick@aol.com  
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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Robert A. King-Reappointment to Enviornmental Council- Energy and Enviornment Comm

Chair Menor, Members of the Senate Energy and Enviornment Committee:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Robert A. King. I have known Bob since I moved to Maui, three years ago. We have served as Directors and Officers of the Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance, a Maui based non-profit that is working to support sustainable renewable biofuels. This organization is receiving international recognition for its efforts.

In addition to his many commitments on behalf of Pacific Biodiesel, his primary business, Bob always finds time for volunteer work on behalf of non-profits, as well as State and local Commissions.

The State of Hawaii is most fortunate to have a gentlemen with Bob's qualifications and energy serve on the Enviornmental Council.

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Testimony submitted to the Senate  
Energy and Environment Committee  
Hearing on April 3, 2008  
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GM 472 Environmental Council Confirmation of Robert King

Chair Menor, Members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee:

Thank you for scheduling this confirmation hearing and considering my nomination for another term on the Environmental Council. I respectfully submit the following testimony for consideration during my confirmation hearing.

### **Current Service**

I am the current Chair of the Environmental Council and a member of the Annual Report Committee and Administrative Rules Committee. During my first term on the Council, with the Rules Committee I assisted with a complete revision of HRS 343 sections 200 and 201 (waiting for public hearing). On the Annual Report Committee I worked with David Bylund to bring more relevant and clearly presented information to the Annual Report. As a Council we held meetings on the Ala Wai Canal road improvements, Turtle Bay Resort, Hawaii Superferry, Kukui Gardens acquisition, and many other projects.

### **Background**

I was born in Oregon, went to high school in Northern California and college at California State University Chico with a major in Agricultural. In 1979 I moved to Maui and soon started a marine repair business. By the mid-80's I became the Cummins dealer for Maui County responsible for Marine and Power Generation sales and service. In 1996 I started Pacific Biodiesel Inc. on Maui and built one of the first biodiesel plants in the US and Pacific Rim. As president of Pacific Biodiesel, I oversee our operations in Hawaii, Oregon and Texas, as well as construction in the US and Asia. I am a founding member of the Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance and the Hawaii Ag Alliance.

### **Goals for the Environmental Council**

The Council is at a transition point. Many realize that Chapter 343 is in need of overhaul to make our environmental protection real, transparent, and functional. The EC must update the Administrative Rules to keep current with new laws as well as incorporate useful ideas from the studies being conducted by UH and others. These changes should be made carefully as well as expeditiously. These changes may be systemic. Those of us on the Council will need to help guide the process, and take on additional responsibilities should they be deemed appropriate by the legislature.

I would be pleased to continue my work on the Environmental Council for one more term. I feel my contribution to the Council has been useful during my first term. With the experience gained to this point, I hope to contribute more to the Council during the next term. Thank you for your time and support.