

TESTIMONY
GM533

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian
Affairs
April 3, 2009
Arlene Buchholz
Natural Area Reserves Commission

Chair Hee, members of the senate committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, thank you for the opportunity to present background information about myself for your consideration of my confirmation as a hiker representative member of the Natural Area Reserves System (NARS) Commission.

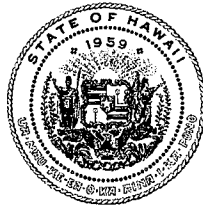
I grew up in New Mexico spending time outdoors riding horses and hiking and enjoyed learning about animals and plants. I went to school at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. I attended veterinary school at Oregon State University and graduated with a doctorate in veterinary medicine. After graduation, I moved to Hawaii and began work at a small animal veterinary clinic and have worked with the Department of Agriculture and Department of Health. I started hiking with the Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy and other conservation groups on weekends and became enchanted with the beautiful landscapes, native plants, animals and birds. I have been a hike and service trip leader and member of the outings committee with Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter for 16 years and a volunteer program and Christmas bird count coordinator and board member with Hawaii Audubon Society for 10 years. Some of my interests include native birds, the Hawaiian hoary bat, native plants and habitats, wildlife disease and invasive species prevention and control.

I have been fortunate to visit several of the unique Natural Area reserves including Ka'ena point, Ka'ala, Pahole, Manuka, Laupahoehoe and Pu'u Maka'ala and many other wildlife refuges, state and national parks throughout Hawaii as a service project participant or hiker. It has been especially rewarding to see the restoration of Ka'ena point with native coastal plants and increasing populations of nesting Laysan albatross, Wedge-tailed shearwaters and monk seals.

I feel that public outreach, community involvement, volunteer service projects and hikes are important programs to increase the awareness and appreciation of the public and visitors for the rare flora and fauna of Hawaii and the Hawaii NARS. I think that increasing public awareness will help to expand funding and support for the NARS in the future.

I would like to serve as a hiker representative on the NARS commission. My education and experience in Hawaii conservation provide me with the background to contribute as a member of the NARS commission. I would like to ask for your support in my nomination and would be honored to help protect and preserve the Hawaii Natural Area Reserves system as a member of the NARS commission. Thank you for your consideration.

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, April 3, 2009
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 533 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE NATURAL AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE ARLENE BUCHHOLZ, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE
6-30-2013**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message (GM) 533 to appoint Dr. Arlene Elise Buchholz to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission for a for a term to expire 6-30-2013. Per the requirements of Section 195-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Dr. Buchholz, will be filling the position as a representative of the hiking community.

The responsibilities of the Natural Area Reserves System Commission include advising the Board of Land and Natural Resource and the Governor on matters that have to do with the protection and enhancement of native ecosystems in as unmodified a condition as possible, to review, consider and make recommendations for strengthening the Natural Area Reserves System, as well as to review and recommend management plans, policies, and permitted uses within the Natural Area Reserves System.

Dr. Buchholz is a Veterinary Medical Officer III with the Disease Investigation Branch of the Department of Health; she earned a Masters of Public Health from the University of Hawai'i and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Oregon State University.

In addition to her professional interests and affiliations, Dr. Buchholz has been a member of the Outings Committee with Sierra Club O'ahu Group for 12 years, Hawai'i Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count Coordinator for 12 years and Board Member and Program Coordinator with Hawai'i Audubon Society for 8 years. She is a resident of O'ahu, an active member of several hiking groups, and over the past 16 years, she has worked on or led a number of service trips and conducted hikes in many of the Natural Area Reserves including Ka'ena Point, Ka'ala, Pahole, Manuka, Laupahoehoe, and Pu'u Maka'ala.

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The Department supports G.M. 533 on the appointment of Dr. Arlene Buchholz to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission and looks forward to working with her in the future.

Statement of
GWEN SINCLAIR

Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Friday, April 3, 2009
2:45 p.m.

In consideration of
Governor's Message 533
Nomination of Arlene Buchholz to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Tokuda, and members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land,
Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs:

I am pleased to provide testimony as a private citizen in **strong support** of the
confirmation of Dr. Arlene Buchholz to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission
(NARSC).

I have known and worked with Dr. Buchholz as a Sierra Club volunteer since 1993. She
has demonstrated a strong commitment to the preservation of natural areas in Hawai'i
through her volunteer work both with the Sierra Club and the Hawai'i Audubon Society.
I currently serve with Dr. Buchholz on the Outings Committee of the Oahu Group, Sierra
Club, where we conduct an outings program to introduce participants to environmental
issues in the state.

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In addition to her environmental volunteer work, Dr. Buchholz brings to the NARSC extensive expertise in animal and human epidemiology. She also possesses substantial knowledge of the native flora and fauna of Hawai'i and the complex environmental issues that pose threats to our Natural Area Reserves. Through her work experience with the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, she has demonstrated an ability to work with individuals and groups from a broad cross-section of society. This experience will be a great benefit to the NARSC, which must consider the needs of a variety of constituencies in its recommendations.

I urge the Committee to support Dr. Buchholz's nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

From: johnsonw002@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2009 8:26 AM
To: Trina Ishii
Subject: NARS Comm Rec

April 1, 2009

Dear Senator Clayton Hee,

I enthusiastically support the appointment of Arlene Buchholz to the NARS Commission. I have worked with Dr. Buchholz on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Audubon Society since 2001 and I am continually impressed with her dedication to the preservation and enjoyment of Hawaii's natural resources.

Arlene Buchholz has managed, and participated in, the Audubon Christmas Bird Counts in the Hawaiian Islands since 1997. Her input and experience with this program is invaluable to its success. She is also responsible for coordinating regular educational presentations for the Hawaii Audubon Society, and certainly doesn't mind getting her hands dirty when there's a service trip opportunity or a job to be done outdoors.

Arlene is a wise listener and has numerous friends and acquaintances in the local conservation community, the scientific community, and the hiking community. She enjoys sharing ideas and information about the natural world and relishes opportunities to enhance Hawaii's native habitat protection. I highly recommend the confirmation of Arlene Buccholz as a representative to the Natural Area Reserve System Commission.

Sincerely,

Wendy Johnson

First Vice President, Board of Directors Hawaii Audubon Society

From: Reese Liggett [rliggett@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2009 5:07 PM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: Testimony for April 3, 2:45 WTL Hearing

Testimony for

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

I hereby provide testimony in support of Nominee, ARLENE BUCHHOLZ for consideration and confirmation to the Natural Area Reserve System Commission, Gubernatorial, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

I have known Ms. Buchholz for approximately 20 years and have always found her to be honest, businesslike, sincere in whatever endeavor and intellectually deep.

I have known her as fellow hiker and hike leader and as an outings program committee member and as a fully supportive person who takes on responsibilities and sees them through to fruition. And I have known her as a leader in hiking programs and at the Hawaii Audubon Chapter.

I am a 23 year resident of Honolulu, a hiker and outings program leader, a youth soccer coach, a Girl Scout coleader, a Rotarian, a colonel USAF retired, and a state licensed commercial real estate agent.

I give my strongest support and recommendation for membership for Arlene Buchholz on the Natural Area Reserve System Commission.

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Testimony in support of Governor's Message 533 Gubernatorial Nominee, Arlene Buchholz, for the Natural Area Reserve System Commission

Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice-Chair

Friday, April 3, 2009

Senator Hee and Senator Tokuda and members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs.

I am Annette Kaohelaulii, a former member of the Natural Area Reserve System Commission. I served two terms on the NARS Commission from 1993 to 2001. I am testifying today in favor of Governor's Message 533, to confirm Arlene Buchholz to the Natural Area Reserve System Commission. Arlene Buchholz is an excellent choice to fill the position on the NARS Commission representing the hiking community on the commission.

From my own NARSC experience, a scientific background is extremely helpful in order to understand some of the material discussed during the commission meetings or the written material presented beforehand. This nominee has an excellent background for the position. Ms. Buchholz has a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Degree from Oregon State University as well as a Masters Degree in Public Health from the University of Hawaii-Manoa. She has worked for both the Rabies Animal Quarantine and Veterinary Laboratory in Halawa for the Department of Agriculture. She has also worked for the Livestock Disease Control unit of Department of Agriculture. Her current position is for the Disease Outbreak Control Unit at the Department of Health.

I know Arlene Buchholz through her numerous volunteer activities in the environmental community. She is a Director of the Hawaii Audubon Society Board and Secretary of the Caledonian Society. She is an active outings leader for the Sierra Club, Oahu Group, which includes leading the more difficult hikes on Oahu and putting together three day holiday weekend service trips for various agencies around the state. She is also a volunteer veterinarian for Hawaii Humane Society.

I urge you to confirm this nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

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