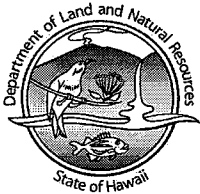


TESTIMONY
GM595

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

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

**Wednesday, April 15, 2009
2:45 P.M.**

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 595 - SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2010
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOHN M. MORGAN**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is pleased to strongly support Governor's Message (GM) 595 on the nomination of John M. Morgan to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Land Board) for a for a term to expire 06-30-2013. If confirmed, Mr. Morgan will serve as the Land Board member representing the 3rd Land District (Oahu).

A graduate of Punahou High School, Mr. Morgan is both the president of Kualoa Ranch Hawaii, Inc. and Kualoa Ranch, Inc. He has been involved in an array of community organizations, including the Board of Directors of the Bishop Museum and the Hawaii Nature Center, the Hawaiian Islands Program Advisory Board of the Trust For Public Lands, the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau, Activities and Attractions Associations of Hawaii, Hawaii Mission Children's Society, and Oahu Cemetery.

The Department notes that Mr. Morgan was a member of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (Council) beginning in October 2000, as the Commercial Boating Representative. Subsequently, in July 2002, he served as the Chairperson of the Council until his term expired in June 2008. The Department found Mr. Morgan to be both open-minded and reasonable in his approach on issues, during his tenure on the Council. The Department is confident that Mr. Morgan will carry over these same traits as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

The Department strongly supports GM 595 on the nomination of John M. Morgan to Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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**TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2009
2:45 P.M.
ROOM 229**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 595
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
JOHN MORGAN,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2013**

Chairperson Hee and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Mr. John Morgan to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR).

Mr. Morgan was born and raised in Hawai'i and is a sixth generation kama'aina. He graduated from Punahou School in 1974 and attended Oregon State University and the University of Hawaii, majoring in economics.

Mr. Morgan is the President of both Kualoa Ranch Hawai'i, Inc. and Kualoa Ranch Inc. Mr. Morgan began his career at Kualoa Ranch in 1973 as a part-time laborer. He worked in various agricultural operations and offices, and in 1981, he was promoted to manager. In 1985, Mr. Morgan started a diversified recreation operation at the ranch which includes tours and activities in agriculture, outdoor recreation, education and Hawaiian culture. Under Mr. Morgan's leadership, Kualoa Ranch has grown into a diversified company, employing approximately 150 people.

Mr. Morgan dedicates valuable time to boards and community service organizations including the Hawaii Visitors & Convention Bureau, Hawaii Trust for Public Land, Activities and Attractions Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Mission Children's Society, and Oahu Cemetery.

Mr. Morgan brings a wealth of practical experience, business acumen and a sincere passion for preserving, protecting and enhancing Hawai'i's natural environment and unique culture. Mr. Morgan would be an invaluable asset to the BLNR discussions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the consideration and confirmation of Mr. John Morgan as a member of the BLNR.

From:
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 4:06 PM
To:
Subject: GM595

Dear Sir

I believe John Morgan is a very good choice for a position on the DLNR Board. He has been involved with the cattle industry and also other industries . This gives him a good background in dealing with DLNR issues. He is both knowledgeable and approachable. I feel that his confirmation is important to all of us.

Brendan Balthazar

Diamond B Ranch

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**THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND'S TESTIMONY
IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 595
NOMINATION OF JOHN MORGAN TO BLNR
Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs
Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 2:45 p.m., Rm. 229
<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony>**

The Trust for Public Land's Hawaiian Islands Program strongly supports the nomination of John Morgan to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Morgan has served on TPL's Hawaiian Islands Advisory Board for several years. He has been a thoughtful and committed supporter of voluntary land conservation in Hawai'i. He has also been a valued member of the Ko'olau Watershed Partnership. As a landowner with a strong conservation ethic, we believe he will bring a fair and balanced approach to the complex land issues that come before the Board of Land and Natural Resources. We urge you to vote in favor of Mr. Morgan's nomination.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify -

Lea Hong
Hawaiian Islands Program Director
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HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

VIA EMAIL: testimony@WTLcapitol.hawaii.gov

To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

From: Kiersten Faulkner *Kiersten Faulkner*
Executive Director, Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Committee Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2009
2:45 pm
Conference Room 229

Subject: **GM 595, Confirmation of John Morgan
to the Board of Land and Natural Resources**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in support of the nomination of John Morgan to a term on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

In Mr. Morgan's position as president of Kualoa Ranch, he has demonstrated leadership in personally preserving part of the natural and cultural heritage of the Islands. Kualoa Ranch, which is designated on the National Register of Historic Places, also demonstrates how thoughtful planning and vision can balance preservation, heritage tourism, economic development and protection of the essential sites of Hawai'i. Mr. Morgan would bring that same sensitivity and skill set in consideration of natural and cultural resource protection across the state in his role as a member of the land board.

Mr. Morgan is also a dedicated community member who has participated in numerous community activities. He has demonstrated an ability to work with a variety of stakeholders and is always respectful and responsive when interacting with members of the public.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF works to preserve Hawai'i's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, environmental sustainability and economic viability of the state.





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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

GM 595

CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**of
John Morgan**

April 15, 2009

Chairman Hee and Members of the Committee:

My name is Stephanie Whalen. I am President and Director of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC). I am testifying today on behalf of the center and our research and support staff.

HARC supports the Consideration and Confirmation of John Morgan to the Hawaii State Board of Land and Natural Resources (GM 595)

I am pleased to support John to be a member of the state's Board of Land and Natural Resources. John's transformation of the Kualoa Ranch to a sustainable ranch where the land is preserved and protected for future generations demonstrates his commitment to Hawaii's resources.

He provides a role model for other land owners on how to manage the environment while sustaining economic viability. The state will be getting a great asset in John's willingness to volunteer his time to assist the state in guiding its resource management policies

HARC strongly urges you to confirm John Morgan's appointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

April 13, 2009

Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Time: 2:45 pm

Place: Conference Room 229

State Capitol

414 South Beretania Street

Re: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN MORGAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2013

Chairman Senator Clayton Hee, Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair and members,

My name is James A. Gomes and I am Operation Manager of Ulupalakua Ranch Inc.. Mr. John Morgan is a lifetime Hawaii resident with extensive experience in land management, land stewardship and business. I strongly support his nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of Mr. John Morgan.

____ Ulupalakua Ranch Inc.

Date April 14, 2009

Organization

April 13, 2009

Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs

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Chairman Senator Clayton Hee, Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair and members,

My name is Jason Moniz and my wife and I are cattle producers who own and operate K.K. Ranch, Inc. on the Big Island. Mr. John Morgan is a lifetime Hawaii resident with extensive experience in agriculture, land management, land stewardship and business. I strongly support his nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of Mr. John Morgan.

JASON D. MONIZ
President, K.K. Ranch, Inc.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

GM 595

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **JOHN MORGAN**, for a term to expire 6-30-2013

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 2:45 pm, Room 229

Chairman Hee and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I am the President of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 130+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **strongly supports** GM 595 nominating John Morgan to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have personally known John for almost 30 years. During that time I have always felt that John was intelligent, well spoken, and very knowledgeable of the issues which affect the agricultural industry, and of the highest integrity. His management of Kualoa Ranch demonstrates his dedication to conservation and to the land itself. Not only is John a good businessman and land steward, he is a nice guy.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in strong support of GM 595 nominating John Morgan to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Maui Cattlemen's Association
P.O. Box 473
Kula, Maui, Hi. 96790

April 13, 2009

Senator Clayton Hee
Hawaii State Capitol

Re: Nomination of John Morgan to the BLNR

Dear Senator Hee,

This letter is in support of John Morgan for the nomination to the BLNR.

John has shown his ability to make good decisions, through his background and experience, along with his judgment and independence. He also has a long association and understanding of the livestock industry. In addition, John has led his company, Kualoa Ranch, to be economically sustainable, while maintaining a high degree of agricultural productivity, actively promoting conservation practices, contributing to the community, and honoring the Hawaiian culture. These are what make him a very good candidate for Oahu board member at BLNR.

Please consider John Morgan for BLNR. Thank you for allowing the public to submit a letter of support for the BLNR position.

Sincerely,

William G. Jacintho
Maui Cattlemen's Association President



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COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Room 229,

April 15, 2009 - 2:45 PM

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chairman Hee and Vice Chair Tokuda:

Subject: GM594, Relating to Confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, John Morgan, for a Term to Expire 6-30-2013, Conference Room X229, April 15, 2009 at 2:45 PM

On behalf of Haleakala Ranch Company, I strongly support the nomination of Mr. John Morgan to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Haleakala Ranch is a family-owned company that has been in the ranching business on Maui for over 100 years. The Company owns approximately 30,000 acres of land on Maui including about 6,500 acres of conservation land and has enjoyed a positive working relationship with the Department of Land and Natural Resources for many years.

We have worked with Mr. Morgan for many years through the Hawaii Cattlemen's Association and our mutual interests in Hawaii's agriculture industry and related land management issues. As President of Kualoa Ranch, Mr. Morgan has been directly involved with the land and natural resource management issues and understands the impact BLNR policy decisions may have on our industry and community. He is highly regarded in the industry and would be an outstanding addition to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Your consideration and approval of Mr. John Morgan to the Board of Land and Natural Resources would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Don Young
President & CEO

McCandless Ranch

April 13, 2009

Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Time: 2:45 pm

Place: Conference Room 229

State Capitol

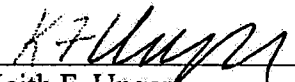
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Re: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN MORGAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2013

Chairman Senator Clayton Hee, Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair and members,

My name is Keith Unger and I am the manager of McCandless Ranch in South Kona. Mr. John Morgan is a lifetime Hawaii resident with extensive experience in land management, land stewardship and business. I strongly support his nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of Mr. John Morgan.


Keith F. Unger

4/13/09
Date

April 14, 2009

Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Hearing on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 2:45 p.m. in Rm. 229.
Governor's Message (GM) 595

Dear Chair Hee and Committee Members:

Re: Confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN MORGAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2013

This is to express my strong support for the nomination of John Morgan as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I cannot think of a person who I could trust more with decisions related to land use and stewardship in Hawaii.

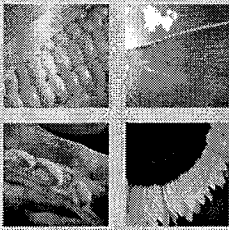
As President of Kualoa Ranch, Inc., John has demonstrated an appreciation for the close connection between a healthy natural environment and a healthy economy and shown that the two do work together. He has diversified activities at the Ranch to make it more financially stable without compromising the quality of the environment and the preservation of open space. Eco-tourism, recreational opportunities, such as horseback riding, locations for the film industry, new agriculture and aquaculture ventures and other activities have all been developed there in a compatible manner. He has provided leadership in making Kualoa Ranch economically successful at a time when other large landowners are selling off their property for housing development to make ends meet.

On a personal note, I have known John and his family all my life. His honesty and integrity is beyond reproach. You can count on John speaking his mind, but I have never heard him speak unfairly of others. He does not jump to conclusions or make decisions without knowing the facts. His respect for respect for Hawaiian values and practices is apparent in all that he does, from working to preserve and revitalize Molii Pond to learning Lua, the Hawaiian martial art. Perhaps most important is that he values what makes Hawaii special, its land and its people.

The Governor chose well in nominating John. I will sleep better at night knowing that he is at the table helping to guide land-use decisions in our State during a very difficult time.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce S. Anderson, Ph.D.



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Testimony By: Alicia Maluafiti

GM 595, John Morgan, BLNR

Senate WTL Committee

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Room 229, 2:45 pm

Position: Strong Support

Chair Hee, and Members of the Senate WTL Committee:

My name is Alicia Maluafiti, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association. The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) is a nonprofit trade association representing the agricultural seed industry in Hawaii. Now the state's largest agricultural commodity, the seed industry contributes to the economic health and diversity of the islands by providing high quality jobs in rural communities, keeping important agricultural lands in agricultural use, and serving as responsible stewards of Hawaii's natural resources.

Your support of John Morgan's confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources is appreciated. John Morgan lives on O'ahu and is President of Kualoa Ranch, Inc., of which lands have been in the Morgan family since it was purchased from King Kamehameha III in 1850. The ranch is Oahu's largest and oldest cattle ranch and the site of its first sugar mill. Kualoa Ranch is quite diversified, with education operations, outdoor recreation, eco-tourism, and diversified agriculture in addition to the cattle ranching operations.

John's commitment to the community is evidenced through serving on the board of directors of the Bishop Museum, the Hawai'i Nature Center, and serving in leadership roles with the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council, the Activities & Attractions Association of Hawaii and the Hawaiian Islands Program Advisory Board of the Trust for Public Land.

We believe his life-long experience and stewardship of Hawaii's land and natural resources uniquely qualifies him for the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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GM 595 – Consideration of John Morgan

Chair Hee & Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation is the largest general agriculture organization in the State of Hawaii with over 1600 members Statewide. We **“Support GM 595”** and respectfully request your support in confirming John Morgan to the Board of Land & Natural Resources.

Mr. Morgan has proven his abilities on many different issues. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and understanding on many issues facing BLNR. We believe that he will support & serve the Board of Land & Natural Resources needs well.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this issue.

Respectfully,

Dean Okimoto
Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation

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