

TESTIMONY
GM 341

Senator Hee

During my past five years on the Land Use Commission I have heard scores of Developers and Land owners with their consultants & their expert witnesses put on very convincing details why certain properties should be used for other purposes. I have also heard the public's testimony, many pleading both ways on the given petition. The various Counties and our Office of Planning present their opinions on the task before us. Does all of the round pegs and square blocks fit in the right size holes? Will this project ruin our potential to grow our food in the future? Do we have enough educational facilities & resources to handle the increase population? Can these projects help us with our traffic situation on all of the islands? The commissioners must weigh all of the testimony in public to render a fair decision and order, keeping in mind that the law set by the Legislature is not violated and that this change is in the best interest of the public, now and for the generations to come.

As this State moves from Plantation type agricultural use to feed stock agriculture we must first determine how much the prime ag lands will we need to feed our population today and in the future. Twenty five years ago the State data book determined that 5000 acres of ag land was sufficient to supply food for the entire population at that time. Time has changed and so has our population. Today we must ensure that each island can support its growth in population because of the high cost of shipping and potential of being isolated.

My past experience on the Maui County Planning Commission and the Land Use Commission has been very rewarding. I feel that I can continue as a commissioner contribute my time in making Hawaii a better place to live.

Mahalo for giving me the opportunity to serve the people of Hawaii.

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March 24,, 2010

Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
March 31, 2010
3:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of
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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
RANSON A.K. PILTZ

To the Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair, and the Honorable Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs.

My name is Dan Davidson, and I am the Executive Officer of the Land Use Commission ("LUC"), and on behalf of the LUC, I am here to respectfully request that this Committee favorably consider the nomination of Ransom Piltz to serve as Commissioner for an additional four-year term ending on June 30, 2014.

His record as a businessman is impressive. Randy Piltz ran his own electrical contracting companies on the island of Maui and served other Maui companies for the past 33 years. In addition, he has been active in various business organizations including the Maui Contractors Association (Board Member and President), the Construction Industry Legislative Organization (Board Member). Mr. Piltz also has been committed to improving the land use process on Maui. From 2000 to 2005, he was a member of the Maui County Planning Commission, including serving as Chair from March 2004 until April 2005.

Serving on the LUC requires a tremendous commitment in terms of time and priorities, more so than most other boards and commissions, and Mr. Piltz has already demonstrated commitment to fulfilling his responsibilities as a Commissioner. Currently Randy serves as Chair of the Commission, which illustrates the level of respect and support he enjoys from his fellow Commissioners. Chair Piltz also does an excellent job of running the sometimes contentious Commission meetings with fairness, dignity, and a sense of humor.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Piltz's nomination to serve on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before this Committee.



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FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014.

Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water,
Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs.

As the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism,
to which the Land Use Commission is administratively attached, I offer my strong support
for the reappointment of Ransom Piltz to the Land Use Commission ("Commission").

By way of background, Randy Piltz is businessman who has run his own electrical
contracting companies on the island of Maui as well as working with other companies for the
past 33 years. Mr. Piltz is able to bring the perspective of a successful businessman to the
workings of the Land Use Commission. In addition, he has been active in various business
organizations including the Maui Contractors Association (Board Member and President), the
Construction Industry Legislative Organization (Board Member). Mr. Piltz also has been

committed to improving the land use process on Maui. From 2000 to 2005, he was a member of the Maui County Planning Commission, including serving as Chair from March 2004 until April 2005.

Mr. Piltz currently serves as Chair of the Land Use Commission and presides over the sometimes contentious and controversial proceedings with fairness and dignity.

Mr. Piltz was previously twice confirmed by the Senate to serve on the Commission, most recently for a term that ends on June 30, 2010. On behalf of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, I thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Piltz's confirmation to the Land Use Commission.

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Re: GM341; Confirmation of Ransom Piltz as a State LUC Member

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I support the confirmation of Ransom Piltz for reappointment as a State Land Use Commission member.

I have worked with Mr. Piltz on the Commission during the last 2 ½ years, and most recently with him sitting as the Commission Chair. In my experience, Mr. Piltz brings a no nonsense, pragmatic approach to the Commission's work. He invariably is able to identify important technical issues and ask pointed questions on those issues at hearings. I can say, without reservation, that Mr. Piltz's work on the Commission has been invaluable.

I hope you will agree with me, as I believe my fellow commissioners would support, that Mr. Piltz is an asset to the Commission and confirm his reappointment. Thank you for your consideration of my written testimony.

Aloha,

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