

TESTIMONY
GM 427

April 5, 2010

To: Members of the Senate Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs Comm.

From: Robert J. Pacheco

Re: GM 427 Nominee to the Board of Land and Natural Resources
Reponses by Robert J. Pacheco to questions posed by Senator Clayton Hee in
preparation for the confirmation hearing GM427.

(1) What do you see as the top three problems that must be resolved by the Land Board? How would you recommend that the Land Board address these problems?

There are many seemingly intractable problems facing the Department. The breadth of responsibility charged to the Department is enormous and diverse. In several instances the Department has conflicting mandates. The biggest problems I believe facing the Department are not resolvable by the Land Board alone. However, to address your question, I believe that three issues deserve the upmost attention and effort. First, I think the Department's greatest challenge is the continued degradation and loss of native ecosystems and species. The native communities of our islands are our most valuable resources and by far the most threatened. Second, the overall poor condition and maintenance of the State's recreational infrastructure such as boating facilities, parks, and trails is really unacceptable. Hawaii nei and the residents of Hawaii deserve world-class facilities. And finally, I would say the management and stewardship of our cultural resources and historic properties really need continued attention . This is especially pressing with the recent notice by the NPS over Hawaii's deficiency with NHPA compliance.

Honestly, I don't have any brilliant solutions to these problems. More funding...yes, it's desperately needed. Could the Department be more efficient, better managed, more effective? Certainly. But how do I as a Land Board member deal with issues of funding priorities, departmental inefficiencies that deal with, in some cases, long-standing personnel issues, and competing values, each valid, over uses of our limited resources. These are very challenging problems. As a Land Board member most of our input into the Department deals with making specific decisions concerning matters brought by staff to be acted upon. One of the frustrations I have as a Board member is the limited amount of time to focus on more long-term problems faced by the Department. One thing I think would be helpful is that the Land Board needs to schedule discussion time during meetings that are not related to decision making agenda items so that there can be more open and free-wheeling discussion about departmental issues. These types of discussions could be focused around issues where board policy could direct departmental change. For example, the Department has the conflicting mandates concerning the protection of native ecosystems and species and the mandate to promote game mammal hunting. I think open Board discussions on issues like this could help develop policy that would help the Department deal more effectively with this inherent conflict.

Also, another way I think the Board could help move issues forward is to create two person teams made up of Board members that attend specific staff meetings concerning

long-standing problems and other identified issues to bring Board perspective to planning and strategy and also to educate Board members in-depth on these issues.

(2) How would you improve the coordination between the Department, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health, and the Department of Transportation with regard to the control and elimination of invasive species?

I believe that Invasive Species are a top-tier threat to the health of Hawaii's ecosystems, economy, and quality of life. I believe the battle against IS should be a fundamental strategic and budgetary priority for the Administration and Legislature. In order for this battle to be successful, coordination of the various State Departments must happen at the highest level. I would create a cabinet level position charged with the inter-departmental mission of preventing, controlling, and eradicating IS. And I would also then charge each department to assign a Deputy Director who reports directly to the Cabinet member and this team of Deputies and Cabinet official work towards the legislative mandates concerning IS. I would also like to add that I believe, even in this time of fiscal crisis, the commitment of the government to properly fund the fight against IS is an essential and prudent investment in our future—one we cannot afford not to do.

(3) What would you recommend to make the Department more efficient? Please give three examples.

One way the Department could improve efficiency is to create more transparency, coordination and alignment of rules, permitting, and management between divisions. This is something the Department, under the current Chair's leadership, has begun to do and needs to continue in that direction. As examples, I can focus on issues at Honokohau Harbor.

Currently, there are three divisions in Kona who need water transport to fulfill their responsibilities: DAR, DOBOR, and DOCARE. Ideally, each division would have their own craft suited for their specific needs each needing either a slip or trailer and dry dock area. Currently, I believe, only DAR has a working vessel. The other divisions either don't have a vessel or they are inoperable. Why couldn't the three divisions work together and create a plan to share one or two boats? The way the department operates now, sharing vessels creates all sorts of issues such as budgeting operational and maintenance expenses. However, these divisions are part of the same family and should operate that way. It would save money for taxpayers, reduce redundancy of capital assets, open up more space at the Harbor for the public, and very likely result in a greater availability of water transport for the State workers.

Another example from Honokohau as to problems created by these separate operating silos among the Divisions is a recent item that came before the Land Board. The State has a tenant leasing acreage in the ocean for an aquaculture operation. This lease is administered by Land Division. The same tenant also has a revocable permit for fast lands for base yard needs and slip permits administered by DOBOR. The tenant for business reasons needed to reassign the lease to a new entity for appropriate and approved reasons. This is an operation that has a long-term lease with the State fulfilling legislative mandates to promote aqua-culture and food sovereignty. To operate this business they need not only the ocean lease but the slips and the fast lands. This is one

company doing business with one Department, however, because of the different Divisions with different rules, processes and personnel, the transfer was handled completely separate resulting in the need for the transfer to happen only after two separate Land Board meetings and a flurry of bureaucratic wrangling. It was a perfect example of unneeded complexity, a waste of time, and added expense to both the State and the Tenant.

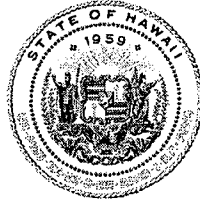
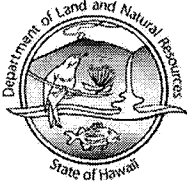
My last example on creating more efficiency within the Department has to do with using the best expertise to accomplish tasks across the Department versus within a Division. Currently there are vacant lands at Honokohau that could be leased or encumbered by revocable permit. There is both a demand for these lands and a need by the State to maximize revenue, however, these lands under DOBOR management still sit vacant. DOBOR's primary function is towards boating and recreation, yet because of the fast lands and the need for facilities they also must administer leases and revocable permits for land use, but this is not their expertise. The Department has a whole Division, Land Division, who's primary charge is the administration of leases on State Lands. This Division is full of professional Land Managers proficient in the execution of land agreements. Certainly, the Department could be more efficient by allowing those who are best at the specific skills or tasks to do those jobs. Land Division should be administering all the leases and RP's for the Department regardless of what Division the land is assigned to.

(4) How much experience, as a private citizen, do you have regarding the enforcement capabilities of the Department? What would you recommend to improve on the capabilities?

I have had several interactions with DOCARE as a private citizen. In most cases, I've found the officers courteous and professional. Once, several years ago, a complaint was made against my company Hawaii Forest & Trail concerning the use of a State trail. The complaint was determined to be baseless and the responding officer was prompt and thorough in his investigation. I've also reported activity I've seen on State Conservation land. One, in recent times, there was illegal rock gathering which was promptly followed up by officers who I believed issued summons. Another, years ago, was to report an open campfire in the Mauna Kea Forest Reserve. This complaint was not acted upon, because the personnel who answered the phone said that they didn't have the staff to "get up there." That was very frustrating.

I hope that the new Civil Penalties process will facilitate the work of DOCARE officers. I also think that the Strategic Plan 2009-2014 for the Division will help it move forward and improve. I know that on Hawaii Island, the large territory each officer needs to cover is challenging. I do believe that more officers are needed on all counties. DOCARE should also have the same technological support similar to County Police Departments. I think it would be interesting to study the feasibility of some strategic partnership with the State Sheriffs Department in helping DOCARE with enforcement. The public is the best guardian of our resources. A single state-wide three-digit number that was heavily publicized (i.e. 911) to report violations would help in the public's ability to report violations and DOCARE to respond in a more timely manner.

LINDA LINGLE
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 7, 2010
2:45 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In Consideration of
GOVERNORS MESSAGE NO. 427 –
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
ROBERT J. PACHECO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014**

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recommends Senate confirmation of the appointment of Robert J. Pacheco to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board). Mr. Pacheco currently represents the Island of Hawaii on the Board, and with his conformation, would represent the Island of Hawaii on the Board for a second term to expire June 30, 2014.

Mr. Pacheco is founder and owner of Hawaii Forest and Trail, which provides nature adventures and outfitting services on the Island of Hawaii. Prior to founding Hawaii Forest and Trail, Mr. Pacheco was a naturalist, and has authored many papers on Hawaii's natural history. Mr. Pacheco currently sits on several boards including the Mauna Kea Management Board, TREE Center, Big Island Visitors Bureau and the Mauna Kea Activities Association.

Since his initial appointment, Mr. Pacheco has brought his an extensive knowledge of the natural resources and their uses across the state, along with his invaluable insight and natural resources acumen to Board deliberations and contributed tremendously to the lively and thoughtful discussions within the Board's purview. His compassion and commitment to protecting our natural resources is without question. His sensitivity to cultural and historical issues coupled with a keen understanding of the recreational and commercial needs of the public has fostered a balanced viewpoint in Board decisions. The Department believes that the people of Hawaii would truly benefit from his continued service as a member of the Board.

LAURA H. THIELEN
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ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

The Department requests your favorable consideration of Robert Pacheco and strongly recommends his confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Judith Fox-Goldstein
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April 5, 2010

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

RE: GM 427 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial
Nominee, ROBERT J. PACHECO, for a term to
expire 6-30-2014.

Dear Committee Members,

I would like to submit my testimony in favor of the confirmation of Robert J. Pacheco for a term to expire on 6-30 -2014.

Consistency, integrity, compassion, knowledge and commitment are all part of what makes Rob Pacheco an outstanding nominee for this appointment to this board.

Rob has the interest of the community and the passion about the preservation of the 'aina at heart. He is open, fair-minded, intelligent and articulate. His reputation precedes him and the community has a high level of trust in his ability to make comprehensive and fair decisions and determination.

His familiarity with the issues at hand are incredibly important to this Board and his knowledge and mana`o should be taken into consideration and you determine the make up of this Board.

His integrity has consistently been demonstrated as he has recused himself from any decisions that may involve his personal or professional life. That's INTEGRITY and he has my respect and the respect of his colleagues and peers.

I look forward to his confirmation and to be continually inspired by this man of integrity and promise.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Fox-Goldstein
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From: Robert D. Triantos [rtriantos@carlsmith.com]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 4:34 PM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: GM 427

I support Robert Pacheco as a nominee for a continued term on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Pacheco is a very capable and knowledgeable person who is invaluable to the Board. He is deliberate and fair and has a very broad and comprehensive knowledge of our natural resources.

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Agenda:
Testamony GM
427

Date Wednesday,
April 7th 2010
TIME: 2:45 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 229 State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street,
Honolulu Hi

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee

I feel strongly that Robert Pacheco, Land Board Committee Board Mamber, should be confirmed for another term on the Land Board. Robert has been a member in good standing and I think that it is important to for him to be confirmed for another four years. In the near future the administration will change bringing in a new Chairperson and I believe it is very important for the department to have continuity through the transition.

Mahalo,

Jack Jeffrey

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From: Doug Arnott [arnottd001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 4:51 PM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: Re GM427 Appointments to Land Board....

To whom it may concern....

This email is in support of a second term for Rob Pacheco to the Land Board.

Rob has a deep passion for what he is doing and an acute sense of the environment.

Despite him being a competitor of ours he is a highly ethical person with whom we have a long experience as Operators of Tours on Mauna Kea.

We recommend him without hesitation....

Aloha...Doug Arnott
Owner Arnott's Lodge & Hiking Adventures
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From: Paul C Banko [pbanko@usgs.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 5:05 PM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: In support of confirmation of Rob Pacheco, GM 427

Aloha - As a private citizen, I wish to support the confirmation of Rob Pacheco for another term on the Land Board.
Mahalo for your consideration of Rob's reappointment.

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From: Bob Hendrickson [bob@panioloadventures.com]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 4:46 PM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: ROB PACHECO GM 427

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Bob Hendrickson and I am the owner of Paniolo Adventures which is a horseback riding operation in North Kohala. I have known Rob ever since I bought Paniolo Adventures over 7 years ago. I have gotten to know Rob over the years and I have always found him to be honest and totally dedicated to preserving the uniqueness and natural wonders of the Big Island. I highly recommend Rob for another term on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Bob Hendrickson
CEO and Owner of Paniolo Adventures
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From: Peter Van Dyke [pvandyke@bishopmuseum.org]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 6:11 PM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: GM 427 April 7, 2010 245p testimony for Rob Pacheco

Aloha

I am writing to support the confirmation of Rob Pacheco to another term as member of the Land Board (GM 427—April 7, 2010, 245pm). Mr. Pacheco is both an excellent naturalist and an successful and capable entrepreneur. He brings a valuable combination of business sense and deep understanding of the environment to the decision making of the Land Board. He is fair and honest and he knows the concerns of Hawaii Island residents very well. He understands the challenges to the people and to the natural resources of the island and of the State as a whole.

I hope that you will vote in favor of confirming Mr. Pacheco to another term on the Land Board.

Thank you

Peter Van Dyke

GM 427
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GM427 Pacheco

To Whom It May Concern:

Rob Pacheco has been a vital member of the Land Board—he is an excellent candidate for another term

Sincerely,

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GM427 Pacheco

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in full support of Rob Pacheco for reappointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Rob is a great resource for the DLNR and his broad understanding of the "outback" of Hawaii is a definite PLUS in his representation of the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for supporting Rob for this reappointment.

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April 6, 2010

The Hon. Clayton Hee
Chairman, Committee on Water, Land
Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
Email: wlttestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: GM 427; Confirmation of Robert J. Pacheco to Board of Land and Natural
Resources

Dear Senator Hee:

The purpose of this letter is to offer my unqualified support for the confirmation of Robert (Rob) Pacheco to a second term as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I work with (often adverse to) the Department of Land and Natural Resources on a wide range of land use-related matters. I am an attorney on the Big Island of Hawaii and represent clients involved in matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Land and Natural Resources statewide. I have appeared before the Board several times a year for the last 20+ years.

I found Rob Pacheco to be a strong, thoughtful, and balanced Board member. He prepares thoroughly, gives his full attention, asks appropriate questions, and proposes creative and well-thought-out solutions to some very difficult problems. Rob is sensitive to environmental and cultural issues and he is polite and considerate to all people who appear before the Board. At the same time, he is willing to make the hard decisions required of a Board member. Some of those decisions have gone against my clients' interests.

Personally, Rob is a good family man and an innovative small business owner. Rob is the right person to be representing the Big Island on the Land Board.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



Randy Vitousek

From: Anna Kaohelaulii [msakaohelaulii@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 8:55 PM
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Subject: Governor's Message 427 Testimony in Support

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

Governor's Message 427
Wednesday, April 7, 2010
2:45 PM
Conference Room 229

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Tokuda and Members of the Committee;

I would like to submit testimony in support of the confirmation of Robert J Pacheco to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Rob Pacheco for over fifteen years and consider him to be an outstanding nominee for a position on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. We share a common interest in promoting ecotourism in the state of Hawaii. I have watched Rob's ecotourism business grow from a small one person operation to become the premier ecotourism model in our state with 25 employees.

I admire his knowledge of Hawaii's natural history and his caring and concern for the natural resources of our state. His passion and devotion for the unique natural history of Hawaii makes him ideally suited for making appropriate decisions for preserving and protecting the lands under the jurisdiction of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. His success in providing a unique offering in the visitor industry is testament to his business skills and his background as a naturalist make him an excellent nominee for the board. He has completed one term and from all indications he is a thoughtful and dedicated board member who makes reasoned inquiries and has a thorough background knowledge of the subject being deliberated. Having experienced board members such as Rob will be an asset especially with a new administration taking office next year.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Robert J Pacheco's confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Annette Kaohelaulii

GM427 Pacheco

Testimony presented Before the
Committee on Land, Water, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs

April 7, 2010
2:45 pm

By
Stephanie Nagata

GM 427 relating to the confirmation of Robert Pacheco to the Board of Land and Natural Resources

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

I am writing to support the confirmation of Robert Pacheco to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. It has been an honor working with Rob, who I have come to know as a forthright and honorable person.

Rob is an active and tireless volunteer giving his time and financial support to numerous community organizations and events on the Island of Hawaii. His vast knowledge and experience with land use, conservation, environmental issues are invaluable in helping members of the community understand environmental and land use issues. His business acumen provides an added perspective in his review of issues brought before the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have observed and admired Rob's willingness to listen and see issues from all perspectives, carefully weigh information, and render objective decisions.

I highly recommend Robert Pacheco's appointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Nagata
Resident, Island of Hawaii

J. B. Friday
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April 6, 2010

Regarding GM 427

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Tokuda, and members of the committee,

I am writing to support the nomination of Robert Pacheco to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I believe Rob has been an effective member of the board in the past. As an ecotourism operator, he understands both the importance of Hawaii's environment and the importance of using our natural resources to support our economy. He is an idealist in terms of loving Hawaii's environment but also a practical person, as shown by his having run a very successful business for years. As a natural resource professional myself I appreciate his point of view. He also does a good job of representing the Big Island and is an active volunteer in our community. I hope he can continue to receive your support.

Sincerely,

J. B. Friday

From: FElevitch@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 6:55 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: GM 427 April 7, 2010 2:45 pm

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

Re: GM 427 April 7, 2010 2:45 pm

Dear Chairpersons:

I am writing in support of the reappointment of Robert J. Pacheco for reappointment on your committee for a term to expire 6-30-2014. Our family has known the Pacheco family in Kona for the past 20 years. We know Rob not only as a loving husband and father, but a person who loves the land and culture of Hawaii. He is a knowledgeable, competent naturalist who has put his skills to work in building, with his wife, Cindy, a nationally acclaimed eco tourism company on the Big Island. With the change of administration next year, Rob is the perfect candidate to provide continuity for the quality of the committee's work.

Franklin R. Elevitch, MD
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From: Keith Unger [kaimiunger@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 7:32 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: GM 427

In regard to Notice of Hearing

Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Time: 2:45 pm

Place: Conference Room 229,
State Capitol,
415 South Beretania Street

re: GM 427 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources Gubernatorial Nominee, Robert Pacheco.

Dear Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair and members,

I strongly recommend Robert Pacheco for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Keith Unger
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From: connie simon [simonsayz@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 7:41 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: GM 427

This is in reference to Rob Pacheco appointment. I've lived in the State for over 22 years. I've known Rob for over 10 years. He is a very intelligent and thoughtful person. His knowledge of the history of the land and his dedication to preserving the land for future generations is highly commendable. As a small business owner myself I've watched them grow there business through dedication and hard work. I know he brings these same qualities to any project or board that he is involved with. Please retain Rob for another 4 years.

Ed Simon

GM427 Pacheco

Subject: Confirmation of Rob Pacheco to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Item GM427
Hearing of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs. April 7, 2010, 2:45 pm

I am submitting this testimony in support of the confirmation of Rob Pacheco to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Pacheco has been a very effective member of the Land Board. He has demonstrated a comprehensive knowledge of the diverse issues that come before the Board. He takes this responsibility very seriously. I strongly support his confirmation.

Robert Shallenberger, Ph.D.
Hawaii Island Conservation Director
The Nature Conservancy

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GM427 Pacheco

To: Clayton Hee
Chairman, Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

From: George H. Robertson
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Subject: Confirmation of Robert J. Pacheco to Board of Land and Natural Resources

Re: Hearing Wednesday, April 7, 2:45 PM, Conference Room 229, State Capitol

I request your favorable consideration of Rob Pacheco in the confirmation process. Rob has been the right choice for the BLNR member representing the Big Island and he should be retained on the board. He has grown a successful business out of his lifelong commitment to conservation and he experiences daily the need for protection of our natural resources and habitats. Rob has served the Big Island and the State of Hawaii with dignity, intelligence, and fairness.

Please share this testimony with your committee members.

Sincerely,

George H. Robertson

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Subject: Testimony for GM427 on 4/7/2010 2:45:00 PM

Testimony for WTL 4/7/2010 2:45:00 PM GM427

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Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

I am in full support of Rob Pacheco being confirmed for another term on the Hawaii Member Land & Natural Resource Board. He is a tremendous asset to the community and his participation and input is vital to the continued success of the Board.

From: Jeannette [jeannette@current-events.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 12:44 PM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: GM427 April 7, 2010 Testimony

State Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee: Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Measure: GM427
Date: April 7, 2010
Time: 2:45 PM

April 6, 2010

Aloha Senator Clayton Hee,

Greetings from Kona!

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Rob Pacheco for the past ten years in the capacity as a board member of PATH (People's Advocacy for Trails Hawaii) and in general as a 23 year resident of Kailua-Kona.

During that period I have known Rob to be an insightful, responsible, creative, hardworking, conscientious individual whose daily contributions to his community are inspiring and infectious. Rob's enthusiasm and passion for Hawaii is apparent in all that he has accomplished professionally and personally.

I would strongly recommend the confirmation of Rob Pacheco for a four year term (6-30-2014) on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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Sincerely,

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Date: April 6, 2010  
To: Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs  
Subject: ITEM GM 427. Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial  
Nominee, ROBERT J. PACHECO, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.  
Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 2:45 PM  
Place: Conference Room 229, State Capitol

Dear Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

I have been a Big Island resident for the past 36 years. I graduated from the University of Hawai'i, went to the mainland for grad school, came back to take an assistant professor position at UH Hilo, and then started a consulting firm in environmental impact assessment. I have followed the Board of Land and Natural Resources for over 20 years as a concerned citizen with a strong environmental bent, as a volunteer on various DLNR projects, and occasionally as an applicant or agent for another applicant for a Board action. I provide this information to give some context to my recommendation concerning the very important duties of the Board. I have had the privilege of serving with Rob Pacheco on the Mauna Kea Management Board, which benefited greatly from his even-handed manner, diligent research and pragmatic judgment. I am very familiar with the diligent and fair job he has done on the Board and I urge you to confirm him again for reappointment.

As a fellow conservationist and enthusiast of Hawai'i's natural environment, Rob will continue to bring a vital depth and breadth of experience, particularly to issues of biological resources. Finally, his experience as a successful businessman gives him balance and a very helpful perspective for dealing with commercial issues and leases.

Sincerely,



Ron Terry

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