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**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GARY HOOSER FOR DIRECTOR
OF THE OEQC**

March 3, 2011,

TO: Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair, and Senator Kalani English, Vice Chair,
and members of the
Energy and Environment Committee, State of Hawai`i
In Room 228 at 14:45.

FROM: Michael M. Kliks, PhD., President, Hawai`i Beekeepers' Association;
Chair, Sierra Club O`ahu Group Conservation and Land Use and Agriculture
Committees. Tel: 988-7203.

Aloha na hooa: on behalf of myself, the Board and members of the Hawai`i Beekeepers' Association, it is my pleasure and duty to offer strong supporting testimony to encourage the ENE committee to approve the appointment of Gary Hooser as Director of the OEQC. I have known Senator Hooser for many years in many capacities, always working as an advocate for the people of Hawai`i discussing, and making difficult decisions on very complex, long term land use and environmental planning issues. I know him as a dedicated public servant who is deeply committed to the concepts of being a *kahu pono* of our public trust land and water assets.

Gary is a visionary and progressive force, and a team worker, who will bring to the table a very wide range of experience and the analytic skills needed for making rational decisions on complex matters, such as those that routinely come before the OEQC in implementing Chapter 343, based on the best scientific and social information available. Please approve Gary Hooser as Director of the OEQC. MMK

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Testimony for ENE 3/3/2011 2:45:00 PM GM524

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ms. Choon James
Organization: Country Talk Story
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Comments:
Aloha!

I support Gary Hooser as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. GM 524 (for a term to expire 6/30/11) and GM 526 (for a term to expire 6/30/15)

I hope that Mr. Hooser as Director of the OEQC will provide a paradigm shift to this office. I'm not placing an overall judgment on its operations per se.

However, my personal experience with the OEQC has been a frightening one for me. As an example, I attach an expert witness on the FEA for the Hauula Fire Station Relocation project.

The city grossly violated the statutes and laws and yet this FEA was approved through the system.

I read through this Environment Assessment for the Hauula Fire Station Relocation and was totally floored that such a document that will change the lives of affected citizens and the business opportunities would be so sloppily done and ACCEPTED! It even said statement like : XXX attempted to locate the owners of the subject property to conduct an interview, but was unable to reach them by telephone. (I attest that nobody left a message on my phone. I'm very accessible.) Or. professional questions were asked concerned environment questions like environment threats, laws, violations to a weed-wacker who happened to be on the site. There was also no impact of noise on the fire sirens on families who live 25 feet from proposed site. Also the most affected families who live within 25 feet of this proposed project did not know a thing about this. There was no information hearing to the community or neighborhood board. No alternative analysis was done. The list of non-compliance and violations goes on and on.

The current procedure of EIS and EA is very public UNfriendly. Ordinary citizens do not know where to look or even know the importance of such a document.

The gravity of timeliness of EIS and EA are unknown to ordinary people and yet they are legally binding.

The fact that these consultants are paid by the city, state or developers is a huge inherent conflict of interest. Which consultant is going to bit the hands that feed them?

There is no quality control or oversight. There is a status quo approval across the board.

Problems may be identified but these problems are conveniently and carefully mitigated on paper just as easily.

In my opinion, this system is broken and needs to be re-examined and re-vamped.

It is my sincere hope that Mr. Hooser will work hard to provide a more transparent, friendly and professional process for the public whose lives are undeniably changed by projects around them. In the name of transparency and due process, the OEQC must do something to this process. I hope Mr. Hooser will make this his top priority.

Mahalo,

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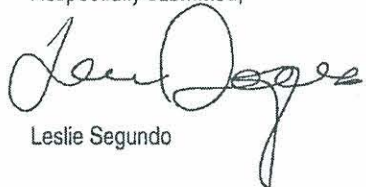
Dear Chairperson Gabbard and Honorable Members of the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection:

I wish to submit testimony, as a private citizen who works as an environmental professional, in strong support of GM 524 and GM 526, Regular Session of 2011, the gubernatorial nominations of Gary L. Hooser, to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

As an environmental professional with twenty-year membership in the American Chemical Society, Division of Environmental Chemistry, I am confident that Mr. Hooser's experience as a businessman, a lawmaker (especially with his recent experience as the Senator from Kauai and his advocacy of compliance with environmental impact statement law in the Super Ferry case) will serve the State well in his nomination to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

I respectfully recommend that the Committee advise the Senate to consent on the gubernatorial nominations of Mr. Hooser as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Segundo

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GM 524 and GM 526

aloha - I fully support the appointment of Gary Hooser for the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

I have known Gary for 20 years and have known him to be nothing but fair, honest and one who thinks about every issue. He has very few knee jerk reactions to situations, he thinks deeply about the results to both sides and how things may play out in the future.

He has been a strong environmentalist but always looking at both sides of issues and how everyone might be affected.

I know Gary Hooser will take his position seriously and with skill and fairness.

Sincerely,

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Testimony for ENE 3/3/2011 2:45:00 PM GM526



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Comments:

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Ref. GM 526 Confirmation of former Sen. Gary Hooser to a Governatorial Appointment (Environtal).

We support Sen. Gary Hooser's appointment. Recommend advise and consent.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit written testimoy.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,

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The Sky Okaha (ca. 2009)
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p.s. Sen. Clayton Hee: Great Senate Floor speech this afternnon. I heard it all from the Gallery. I am yet, gratitified that Gov. Neil Abercrombie is not losing yet another appointment.