

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3574

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 26 2012

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 900,
901, 902

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 900, 901, and 902, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

G.M. No. 900 THORNE ABBOTT,
for a term to expire 6-30-2015;

G.M. No. 901 JOAN CANFIELD,
for a term to expire 6-30-2016; and

G.M. No. 902 HERBERT RICHARDS, JR.,
for a term to expire 6-30-2015,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees and finds Thorne Abbott, Joan Canfield, and Herbert Richards, Jr. to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission ("Commission").

THORNE ABBOTT

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Thorne Abbott from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Marine Resource Commission, and twenty-nine individuals.



Mr. Abbott is currently an environmental analyst and planner for TEC Inc. in Honolulu. His education background includes a Master of Science in Tropical Environmental Management from James Cook University in Townsville, Australia, and study in Marine Science at the University of Maryland and in Coastal Planning at the University of Hawaii. His experience in coastal planning and familiarity with Hawaii land use laws and regulations will assist the Commission in reviewing and analyzing land acquisition grant proposals.

JOAN CANFIELD

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Joan Canfield from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, University of Hawaii, and one individual.

Ms. Canfield is currently serving on the Commission as a five-year active member. She is an Affiliate Graduate Faculty member for the University of Hawaii Department of Botany and Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology Program and has a Doctorate of Philosophy in Botany from the University of Hawaii. As a scientist, her experience includes twenty years as a professional biologist with positions at The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Geological Survey's Pacific Island Ecosystems Research Center. Her broad knowledge of Hawaii's ecological resources and strong background in endangered species biology and management will continue to be a valuable resource to the Commission.

HERBERT RICHARDS, JR.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Herbert Richards, Jr., from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and Papa Ola Lokahi.

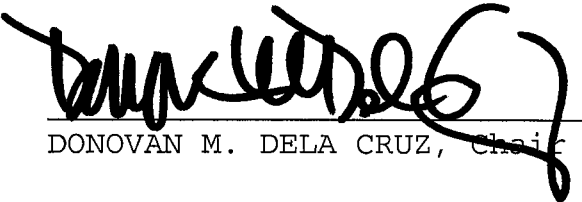
Mr. Richards is a well-respected rancher and is currently serving on the Commission. He has extensive experience serving the State through membership on various boards and commissions, including the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Hawaii County Police Commission, and the Commission on Water Resource Management. Currently, his community activities include participation as the Chairperson of the Farm Services Administration, a board member for the Mauna Kea Soul and Water Conservation District, and Chairperson for 4Ag. With his



extensive background serving the State and local communities, his reappointment will continue to be an asset to the Commission.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, and
Housing,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



Record of Votes
Committee on Water, Land, and Housing
WLH
Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:* 902	Committee Referral: WLH	Date: 4-17-12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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