

GM 785



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OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL
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March 27, 2012
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
GM785

Testimony in Support of GM785 nomination of Koalani Kaulukukui to the Environmental Council

As Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control I offer my strong support of Koalani Kaulukukui to serve on the Environmental Council.

Ms Kaulukukui is a graduate of the University of Hawaii William S. Richards School of Law and has a B.A. in Environmental Studies, graduating with distinction. Her work experience including the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Earth Justice and the UH School of Law will bring much needed legal expertise to the discussions and deliberations conducted by the Environmental Council, especially as the EC enters into the long overdue and somewhat tedious rulemaking process.

I have met with and spoke at length with Ms Kaulukukui about the EC, the OEQC and related issues and I am confident that she will be an active and valuable member of the Environmental Council. I offer her my wholehearted support and urge the Committee to vote in the affirmative in support of her confirmation.

Testimony for ENE 3/27/2012 2:50:00 PM GM785

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lea Hong
Organization: Individual
E-mail: lea.hong@tpl.org
Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Committee Members -

The Trust for Public Land strongly supports the Governor's nomination of Koa Kaulukukui to the Environmental Council. The Trust for Public Land has worked with Ms. Kaulukukui in her position at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. She is thoughtful and extremely knowledgeable about Hawai'i's environmental, cultural, and natural resources laws. She will be a tremendous asset to the Environmental Council.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Lea Hong
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The Trust for Public Land
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Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 524-8560

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Don May, Chair
Organization: Earth Corps, Hawaiian Hui
E-mail: earthcorps@earthlink.net
Submitted on: 3/24/2012

Comments:

We support and urge Senate Confirmation of the nomination of Koalani Kaulukukui to the Environmental Council. Koa is well known to us and is well respected for her thorough knowledge of environmental and natural resource issues. Her service on the Environmental Council will be a great asset to all citizens.
Don May, Chair, Earth Corps, Hawaiian Hui, 46-240 Ahui Nani Place, Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Puanani Rogers
Organization: Ho`okipa Network - Kaua`i
E-mail: rangien2010@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/24/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marjorie Ziegler
Organization: Conservation Council for Hawai'i
E-mail: mz@conservehi.org
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports the appointment of Koalani Kaulukukui to the Environmental Council. She will serve the State well. Mahalo nui loa.

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Conference room: 225

Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Kealoha Pisciotta

Organization: Mauna Kea Anaina Hou

E-mail: keomaivg@gmail.com

Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

I submit this testimony in my capacity as President of the Native Hawaiian Organization Mauna Kea Anaina Hou. We support confirmation of Ms. Koalani Kaulukukui and would respectfully request that you confirm Ms. Kaulukukui nomination to the Environmental Council.

I thank you very much for time and consideration, In Aloha I remain, Ms. Kealoha Pisciotta

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Samuel Chesser
Organization: Individual
E-mail: samuel.chesser@ml.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Koalani Kaulukukui would be an excellent and productive member of the Council. She has a law degree, works for OHA as a land management specialist, and is active in citizen organizations dedicated to protecting the Native Hawaiian culture and environment.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Les Welsh
Organization: Individual
E-mail: welshl@nwf.org
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

I am writing to support the nomination of Koalani Kaulukukui to the Environmental Council.

Mahalo

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Makaala Kaumoana
Organization:
E-mail: makaala@hawaiian.net
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

The Hanalei Watershed Hui strongly supports the nomination of Koalani Kaulukukui for membership on the Environmental Council. She has demonstrated knowledge and commitment to the resources of Hawaii nei and will make a major contribution to the work of the Council.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Randal T Bartlett
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rtb808@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:
Aloha kakou:

I support the nomination of Koalani Kaulukukui to the Environmental Council and respectfully ask that you do the same. Koa would be an excellent and productive member of the Council. She has a law degree, works for OHA as land management specialist, and is active in citizen organizations dedicated to protecting the Native Hawaiian culture and environment.

`Ua Mau Ke `Ea O Ka `Aina I Ka Pono!!!

Mahalo nui loa no kou kokua!-)

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kaiwi Nui
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kaiwi_nui@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:
Koa will be an excellent resource for the Environmental Council, bringing very balanced views on how to better approach the preservation and protection of Hawaii's fleeting and fragile resources.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Shaw
Organization: Individual
E-mail: shawdm@alum.urmc.rochester.edu
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Diana Shaw
Organization: Individual
E-mail: shawdm@alum.urmc.rochester.edu
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Yvonne Izu
Organization: Individual
E-mail: yizu@moriharagroup.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

I can attest to Koa's love for, and commitment to the betterment of, Hawaii's lands, resources, and people. Her principled work ethic, her demeanor and endearing personality would truly be an asset to the Environmental Council.

To the Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Senate:

Reference: Koalani Kaulukukui

I am writing this letter in support of Koalani Kaulukukui. Her background cultural upbringing, exhibited skills and related activities make her an excellent choice to be a member of the Environmental Council.

I've known the candidate since she was a child. She has always exhibited a very strong work ethic and values.

Should you have any questions I can be reached at 808-525-7732.

Corbett A.K. Kalama
03/22/12

March 22, 2012

Aloha e Members of the Committee on Energy and Environment,

I am writing today to express my strong support for confirmation of Koalani Kaulukukui to the Environmental Council. I have worked with Koa professionally and personally, and know her to be incredibly insightful, knowledgeable, energetic and hard-working.

I endorse her both as a skilled attorney and as an individual with great vision for the future of Hawai'i, as well as great love and aloha for Hawai'i and its people.

Koa Kaulukukui will be an esteemed addition to the Environmental Council.

Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miwa Tamanaha', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Miwa Tamanaha
Waipahu, HI 96797

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sachi Kaulukukui
Organization: Individual
E-mail: skkaulukukui@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Koalani is an outstanding individual who cares deeply for papa (earth) and aina. She will be excellent on the Environmental Council.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: R. Kinslow
Organization: Individual
E-mail: newsletter@riseup.net
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

I strongly support Koalani Kaulukukui for the Environmental Council. She will serve with malama aina in her heart and wisdom in her mind. Please confirm her nomination. Mahalo nui.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lauren Muneoka
Organization: Individual
E-mail: lauren.muneoka@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

I would like to pledge my sincere support for nominee Koalani Kaulukukui to the Environmental Council!

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David Henkin
Organization: Individual
E-mail: davidlhenkin@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

I strongly support the nomination of Koalani Kaulukukui to serve on the Environmental Council. I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Kaulukukui on a wide range of projects to protect Hawai'i's environment. She has consistently demonstrated her commitment to preserving our unique and fragile resources for future generations. Ms. Kaulukukui's background and depth of knowledge will be invaluable to the Council, and I urge the committee to support her nomination.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jean-Thierry Aleman
Organization: Individual
E-mail: corsicanfire@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Having known Koalani for approximately 10 years, I can truly say that she is a dedicated, hard working woman with passion for the issues. I believe that she will bring these great qualities and many more if given the opportunity to serve our community.

--EMT Jean-Thierry Aleman

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Deborah Deller
Organization: Individual
E-mail: debi808@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Wynnie Hee
Organization: Individual
E-mail: anthuriumz@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Yes, please confirm Koalani Kaulukukui. She will do a good job to care for our environment.

March 22, 2012

David Oglesby

1628 Poki St. #208

Honolulu, HI 96822

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of Koalani Kaulukukui being appointed to the Environmental Council.

Ms. Kaulukukui has spent many years in pursuit of improving our relationship with the environment around us. This is a pursuit that she has not only devoted time and effort to within the state but also through efforts done on the national level. Her work within the government sector and through non-profit organizations makes her insight into the problems and potential solutions of many environmental issues highly valuable to this council. In addition to this, the council would benefit from her legal background and lifelong passion for the environment. I cannot think of anyone better suited and willing to devote the time and effort necessary to ensuring our great state maintains and improves the natural wonders that we are blessed to live around.

In conclusion, I fully support the addition of Ms. Kaulukukui to this council and hope you help the people of the state by appointing her a member.

Sincerely,

David Oglesby

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lida Pigott Bunnry
Organization: Individual
E-mail: makauwahi@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

I serve on the board of Conservation Council for Hawaii with Koa and have found her to be a valuable addition to our organization. Her knowledge and experience will be a great asset to the Environmental Council.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Juanita Hulu
Organization: Individual
E-mail: hulusamjuanita@msn.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Evern E Williams
Organization: Individual
E-mail: evernw@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

KOALANI KAULUKUKUI is an excellent selection and I urge you to approve her nomination. She has demonstrated commitment and fairness and would serve our environment and our people well.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Angela Lopes
Organization: Individual
E-mail: angelakoka@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:
I support Koalani Kaulukukui

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Andrea Jepson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jepsona001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:
I support Koalani Kaulukukui's appointment to the Environmental Council too (GM785). Mahalo nui loa!

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kevin Chang
Organization: Individual
E-mail: changkwaix@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:
Koa's name means warrior, exactly what she is for our environment and its foundation for the quality of life of our island people. She brings with her both the reason and passion to protect our environmental heritage.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James K. Mcpherson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mcpherson.kimo@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:
please put an X next to KOALANIS name as I support this fine person for this position.....kimo mcpherson

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robin Kaye
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rkaye@mdi.net
Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:
Please support Koalani Kaulukukui for the Environmental Council.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Benton Pang
Organization: Individual
E-mail: launahele@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: William G. Liu
Organization: Individual
E-mail: willienormaliu@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:
I William G. Liu, support Koa Kaulukukui, Mahalo!

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shirley Swinney
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sskswinney@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Denise Snyder
Organization: Individual
E-mail: scott101@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

Regarding, Environmental Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, KOALANI KAULUKUKUI, for a term to expire 6-30-2016, I strongly support this nomination.

Denise Snyder
Honolulu, HI
3/23/12

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bianca Isaki
Organization: Individual
E-mail: bisaki@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I am greatly pleased to support Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Koalani Kaulukukui. Ms. Kaulukukui was my supervisor in OHA's Land and Property Management Division and a Board member of several Hawai'i environmental non-profit organizations that I have also associated with.

In my work with her, she has been highly knowledgeable about statewide environmental issues, a very competent policy analyst and legal scholar, and a model community member. The State of Hawai'i has a wonderful opportunity in her potential participation with the Environmental Council.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Bianca Kai Isaki, Ph.D.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sue Kaulukukui
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kai-koa@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

I fully support Koalani Kaulukukui being confirmed as part of the Environment Counsel as I know her to be a responsible, determined and wonderful human being.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Molly Schmidt
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mollyschmidt@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English, and Committee Members,

I strongly support G.M. 785 for the appointment of Koalani Kaulukukui to the Environmental Council. I've admired Koa's insight, work ethic, and integrity since meeting her as a first year law school classmate, and I know that her participation on the Environmental Council will be a benefit to the Council and the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to express support for G.M. 785.

Molly Schmidt

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Environmental Council?

I am blessed to call Hawai'i my home and want to help ensure our precious resources are stewarded in a way that will sustain us today and into the future. I wish to be a part of ensuring a safe and healthy environment for the people of today and for future generations, as my Native Hawaiian ancestors did.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Environmental Council?

The members of the Environmental Council, in conjunction with the Office of Environmental Quality Control and the Environmental Center, are responsible for guiding the State in developing environmental policy within the scope of our state Constitution and laws. It is the responsibility of each member, in shaping these policies, to solicit and incorporate public input and solid data to generate sound advice and recommendations.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Environmental Council, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Environmental Council.

I have devoted my education and career to better position myself to carry out my passion for ensuring the proper use of our resources. I studied through the University of Hawai'i's Environmental Center and obtained a Certificate in Environmental Law at the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law, in addition to earning a Juris Doctor. Putting my education into practice, I have worked with the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, and the non-profit environmental law firm Earthjustice. Currently, I am a land management specialist at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I also donate my time to serve on the boards of two local non-profit organizations dedicated to the natural and cultural resources of Hawai'i, and I sit on the state Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I would like to be a part of strengthening the relationship between the Environmental Council, the Office of Environmental Quality Control, and the Environmental Center. Our legislature had the foresight in 1970 to establish these three organizations to work together, alongside our communities, to develop appropriate environmental policy for Hawai'i. I hope to help carry out this intent and be part of a more active and engaged Environmental Council and encourage increased public participation.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Environmental Council?

Kuleana (responsibility); pa`ahana (diligence); ha`aha`a (humility). I have the responsibility and duty to use the education and opportunities I have been blessed to receive for the benefit our community and environment, and serving as a member of the Environmental Council will help me carry that out. I am committed to be an active member and work diligently to advance environmental policy in Hawai`i, and I will do so with the humility needed to work with the community and people with diverse viewpoints.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Environmental Council?

As a policy advocate at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in 2006, I spent a year reviewing Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements and commenting on the potential effect of projects on Native Hawaiians. I became well-acquainted with the structure and importance of Hawai`i's environmental review process and can use this background to assist the Environmental Council in its important work.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Environmental Council? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I no longer review environmental compliance documents for my employer and do not foresee any other potential conflicts. In the event any conflict or the appearance of conflict arises, I will recuse myself from any discussion and vote.