



GM 785

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Koa Kaulukukui
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment**

March 27, 2012

2:50 p.m.

Room 225

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** the nomination of Koa Kaulukukui to the Environmental Council.

Ms. Kaulukukui has devoted her life to fulfilling her kuleana to protect and manage our state's invaluable natural and cultural resources.

Ms. Kaulukukui studied at the University of Hawai'i's Environmental Center and earned a Juris Doctorate and a Certificate in Environmental Law from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i. She has also 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.

She currently works as a land management specialist with OHA, and in her previous position as an OHA Policy Advocate, she conducted numerous compliance reviews of Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 343 Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements.

Ms. Kaulukukui also donates her time to serve on the boards of two local non-profit organizations dedicated to the natural and cultural resources of Hawai'i, and she sits on the state Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee.

In closing, Ms. Kaulukukui's education, training and professional and volunteer experiences make her an ideal fit for the Environmental Council. Therefore, OHA urges the committee to PASS GM 785. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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