

GM 788



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March 27, 2012  
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
GM788

Testimony in Support of GM788 nomination of Glenn Teves to the Environmental Council

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

Mr. Teves extensive experience in agriculture both as a farmer and as the County Extension Agent for the UH College of Tropical Agriculture make him a valuable addition to the Environmental Council. He has published numerous works focused on local agricultural practices, has direct hands-on knowledge and experience working with the land and is a well-known and widely recognized authority in many areas concerning agricultural, land use and community issues. In addition, Mr. Teves has a wide and proven history serving on a variety of Boards, Commissions and Community organizations.

It is clear that the Environmental Council and the State of Hawaii will benefit greatly from the active involvement of Mr. Teves and I support his nomination without reservation and urge the Committee to vote in support of his confirmation.



*Hawaii's Thousand Friends*

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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senator Kalani English, Vice Chair

GM 788  
Glenn Teves

Committee Chair and Members:

Hawaii's Thousand Friends supports the nomination of Glenn Teves to the Environmental Council.

Glenn comes from a long history of farmers on O`ahu and now lives on Moloka`i where he farms apple bananas, taro and assorted fruits and vegetables.

As a county extension agent he teaches agricultural practices that help farmers and the community to produce more food while protecting the soil, water and environment.

Glenn's extensive farming background brings a missing perspective to the Environmental Council and we urge your support of his nomination.



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THE HAWAII LAND RESTORATION INSTITUTE

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Tuesday, 27 March 2012, 2:50PM  
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21 March 2012

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair English and Committee Members;

E kūpaku ka 'āina – the Hawai'i Land Restoration Institute (EKKA) is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is *bringing severely degraded lands back to places of ecological health and abundance*. We are dedicated to fostering an economy of abundance through the critical business of land restoration and the art of traditional cultural practice. We do so by assisting agencies, organizations, landowners and communities to develop practical skills and affordable strategies for degraded lands and native ecosystems recovery and agriculture fit to the land...because if the 'āina is not well, neither are we. EKKA has been a federally recognized nonprofit since 2004.

Our organization is currently fiscal sponsor for the Taro Security and Purity Task Force, a body created by Act 211 of the 2008 Hawai'i State Legislature to guide research, projects, and support for taro and taro farmers in the state. As such, EKKA has had the pleasure of working with Mr. Teves, both as Acting Chair and Vice Chair of the task force. His familiarity with land use and development issues in the state; his expertise in agriculture and understanding of the issues and government agencies that effect the task force and its decision-making have been extremely valuable. Glenn has proven a fair, well-informed and efficient Chair.

As Project Coordinator for EKKA, a Conservation Planner, and taro farmer, I have also known Mr. Teves for many years through his work as an Extension Agent for UH CTAHR County Extension Services and through the many advisory groups he is involved in. His knowledge of the conditions and needs of each county is based on 30 years of experience working closely with communities, organizations and agencies professionally and personally. He has been an expert witness in agriculture and community development contested case hearings. Over the past 20 years, Glenn has assisted in bringing millions of dollars of USDA, HUD and LRD funding to Moloka'i for rural development.

In his professional capacity, Glenn has served on numerous advisory boards and committees that intersect with the goals of the Environmental Council, including most recently as a member of the Maui County and Moloka'i General Plan Advisory Committees, DWS Moloka'i Advisory Water Board, DLNR-CWRM Moloka'i Water Working Group, DHHL Regional Plan Working Group, USDA Farm Service Agency County Committee, Community-Based Economic Development State Advisory Committee, Queen Lili'uokalani Childrens Center Moloka'i Unit Advisory Board, as a Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Initiative

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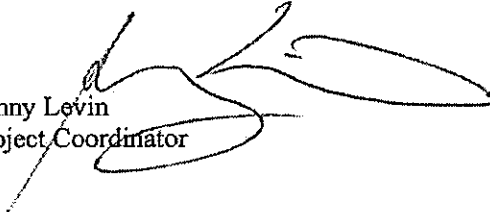
Coordinator, and as Chair of the Hawai'i Rural Development Council Board of Directors.

In 2000, Glenn was awarded the Individual PRISM (Providing Resolution with Integrity for a Sustainable Moloka'i) Award for Environmental Excellence. It is clear from his record and his personal involvement in his community that Glenn is dedicated to a better and balanced future for Moloka'i and the state.

The Environmental Council serves as a liaison between the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control and the public on matters concerning ecology and environmental quality. Its membership is, by statute, appointed to bring a broad and balanced representation of disciplines and competence to the Chapter 343 process and to maintaining environmental quality in Hawai'i. The Council would be well-served with the appointment of Mr. Teves to its membership.

I am honored to provide a letter of reference for Glenn Teves. You may call me should you have any questions at 285-3947.

Respectfully,

  
Penny Levin  
Project Coordinator

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Conference room: 225  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports the appointment of Glenn Teves to the Environmental Council. He will serve the State well. Mahalo nui loa.

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Submitted on: 3/24/2012

Comments:

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Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Testimony in Support of Glenn Teves for the Environmental Council

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Testifier position: Support  
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Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Glenn Teves Confirmation Support: This is a testimony of recommendation and support for Glenn Teves to be confirmed for the Hawai'i Environmental Council. Glenn is a tireless supporter of environmental issues both on Molokai and across the state. He currently is part of the Hawai'i State Team working to renew seed work across the State with farmers and gardeners on ALL islands. He is an excellent resource for all agricultural information and is extremely knowledgeable about the environment. The state will be indeed fortunate to have Mr. Teves in this capacity.

Aloha,

Nancy Redfeather -The Kohala Center  
Hawai'i Island  
Hawai'i Public Seed Initiative  
[www.kohalacenter.org/publicseedinitiative/about.html](http://www.kohalacenter.org/publicseedinitiative/about.html)

# Karen M. Holt

Post Office Box 354 # Kaunakakai, Hawai'i 96748

March 22, 2012

## COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

State Capitol

415 S. Beretania St.

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of Glenn Teves for Confirmation to the Environmental Council

Aloha Kaua Legislators,

This letter is submitted in support of gubernatorial nominee Glenn Teves to serve as a member of the Environmental Council.

Glenn is one of the state's premier experts on water and agriculture. He acquired his extensive knowledge on these subjects both academically and in hands-on experience with real world problems. And he puts his knowledge to good use. For example, he is currently teaching young Hawaiian Homesteaders how to grow marketable crops on their DHHL lands. And he is also a popular columnist in the local paper, educating its readers about subjects from drought to taro cultivation to "victory" gardens.

In practice, Glenn has dedicated his life, both professionally and as a volunteer, to advocating for good stewardship of Hawai'i's natural resources. He would be an excellent addition to the Environmental Council, and I strongly support his confirmation.

Mahalo,

*Karen M. Holt*

Karen M. Holt



Personal Testimony  
Submitted March 22, 2012

**TO:**

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

**FROM:**

Matt Yamashita  
231 Kahinani Pl  
Kaunakakai, HI 96748

**RE:** GM 788 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN TEVES, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Aloha...

I strongly SUPPORT Glenn Teves for the Environmental Council. I am a 34-year old Molokai resident, a business owner, a father, a husband, and an active community member. Molokai has always been my home.

I have known Glenn Teves for as long as I can remember. He is and always has been a respected community leader and a powerful voice for the environment and Hawaii's natural resources. His knowledge of the natural world is truly impressive, but he is also a dedicated practitioner of the things he speaks of. I have heard him speak at many community and government forums and can testify that he is a passionate problem solver and an individual who always does thorough research on the topics he addresses.

He will be a very strong resource and valuable addition to the Environmental Council and I urge you to confirm his position.

Mahalo...



Matt Yamashita

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Conference room: 225

Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Wynnie Hee

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Yes, we need a sincere protector of our environment like Glenn Teves on the Environmental Council.

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Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Robyn Pfahl  
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Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT for Glenn Teves to be appointed to the Environmental Council

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Testifier position: Support  
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Submitted by: Evern Williams  
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Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Mr Teves truly has our aina and our people's best interests in mind. They highly deserve your endorsement.

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Testifier position: Support  
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Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

I support Glenn Teves.

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Conference room: 225  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kevin Chang  
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Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

Though I have only worked with Mr. Teves a little I have admired the ike (knowledge) energy and enthusiasm that he puts into supporting our local farmers. He understand the need to restore our biolcultural heritage as a matter of conservation and agriculture and I believe he will serve Hawai'i in a righteous way.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

Glenn Teves is Molokai Islands finest example of leadership abilities,superior knowledge and years of hands on experience in enviromental concerns....a resume that he lives everyday a keiki o kaaina, a konohiki ,46yrs of my 69yrs I have known glenn...have always been impressed by his fine example...mahalo kimo mcpherson

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Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Benton Pang  
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Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

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Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Shirley Swinney

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Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

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Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Bianca Isaki  
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Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

Glenn I. Teves  
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Senator Mike Gabbard  
Chair, Committee on Energy and the Environment

Aloha Senator Gabbard,

Below are responses to questions you have forwarded to me in advance of my confirmation hearing for the Environmental Council.

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

*I believe my skill sets can be of benefit to the Council. As a 'keiki o ka aina, I have a special appreciation for this place I call home. Descended from a family of ranchers, I learned at an early age the importance managing land and animals, namely cattle, horses, and poultry. As a graduate of public schools, Kamehameha Schools, and UH Manoa, I chose to stay in Hawaii for my education and this was the most important decision I could make. I was fortunate to work under great mentors, Beatrice Krauss, James Gilbert, and Jack Beardsley. Through them, I was able to gain a special understanding of Hawaii, from the perspective of ethnobotany, entomology, the Hawaiian environment, plant pathology, and plant breeding. I have been employed by the UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources as a County Extension Agent with the Cooperative Extension Service on the island of Molokai for 30 years now. Living on Molokai for the last 30 years, I appreciate clean air which has been compromised on Oahu. As a Hawaiian Homes farmer, I manage land and the environment around my farm in order to grow Apple Bananas and taro. Understanding causes and effects in the environment, and managing soil are responsibilities I take seriously in order to preserve these lands for my children. We have a responsibility to the next generation to leave this place in a better condition than how we found it.*

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

*My first responsibility is to gain a deep understanding of Act 343 Relating to Environmental Impact Statements and all documents or reviews pertaining to this Act. My second responsibility will be to review Environmental Impact Statements and Environmental Assessments, and also to determine which ones are required for a specific project. If a deeper review is required, an EIS would be conducted.*

- (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 understand the native environment and was part of a team that conducted a Resource and Basic Inventory of Haleakala National Park, including all organisms that reside there. I have been involved in review of the Molokai and Maui County community plans. I was selected to serve on the Molokai Water Working Group appointed by the Chair of Department of Land and Natural Resources. I'm approached by many on the island for advice on water issues due to my expertise in water. As a farmer and rancher, I have a deep understanding of the environment and ways to manage it. I understand the ahupua'a system of land management which was critical to the survival of Hawaiians prior to arrival of Cook and others. I have been involved in Hawaiian fishpond research on Molokai and understand the role of fishponds in the ahupua'a system.*
- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?  
*I hope to be diligent in my duties, to be fair in decision making, and to put an honest effort in reviewing projects forwarded to this council.*
- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Environmental Council?  
*I spend a lot of time weighing the issue, I do my research, and seek advice from experts if need be. If someone brings up a point I may have overlooked, I'm willing to take it into consideration even it means abandoning my former stand on the issue. Strong background in water management, and land management. Strong background in soils. I'm willing to balance environmental issues with the public good. The key in question in decision making is, "Did you do your 'due diligence?' Once to complete your work, its out of your hands. You should be able to look back and say, "I did the best job that I could." No regrets.*
- (6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Environmental Council?  
*I was an expert witness in the Waiahole contested Case hearing and was one of the few witnesses who made it through two rounds of cross-examination by twenty-five attorneys! I was asked to step down because there was no one to oppose my testimony. I spent a lot of time and deliberation writing my testimony, and it paid off when no one could counter or question it. Doing a comprehensive job requires time and commitment, and I'm willing to go the mile.*
- (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 don't foresee any conflicts, but if you're not sure, the best is to disclose you relationship with a project.