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.Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Natural Area Reserve System Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBIN NEWBOLD, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Testimony Before the Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing
March 17, 2012

GM 861 - Robin Newbold, Marine Biologist

Re: Nomination to Natural Areas Reserve System Commission

Aloha Chairperson Dela Cruz and members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture. I appreciate this opportunity to introduce myself to you and present background for you to consider in relation to my nomination to the Natural Areas Reserve System Commission.

I have been a long time proponent of natural area reserves as they have proven to be an effective way to preserve natural resources worldwide. I appreciate your commitment to our native forests and the role they play in protecting Hawaii's water resources, our economy and our reefs.

As a marine biologist, SCUBA diver and Maui resident I'm familiar with Ahihi Kinau Natural Area Reserve and though my personal and professional relationship with Dale Bonar I became interested in the NAR system. Because Dale Bonar is completing his final term in June, 2012, he encouraged me to apply to replace him on the Commission to represent marine and watershed issues - and the island of Maui.

I first visited Maui in 1973, and spent twenty years hiking, SCUBA diving and learning about Maui's unique ecosystems. During that time, I was professor of marine biology, oceanography, and interdisciplinary studies at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, CA. I lived on board a boat and actively participated in underwater research in California, Hawaii, Australia, Micronesia and elsewhere in the Pacific.

Upon moving to Maui full time in 1995, I became involved in coral reef research and education. In 2007, with encouragement from DAR's former chair, I co-founded and currently chair the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council, a broad based community group whose goals are to protect and renew our coastal resources by addressing both watershed and reef issues.

Since 2008, I have represented Maui on the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Natural Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council; throughout 2011, I actively participated in their management plan review process as chair of their Water Quality Working Group.

In January, 2012, I was invited to participate in the Hawaii-Palau Learning Exchange in Palau, along with DLNR Chairman William Aila and other conservation minded representatives from the main Hawaiian Islands and Samoa. Conservation of resources in Palau has significantly improved their economy by attracting visitors to their thriving coral reefs; I believe the same can happen in Hawaii.

My personal goals are to contribute my knowledge and experience about the marine ecosystem to the protection of Hawaii's natural resources; to promote scientific research and monitoring; and to increase public awareness through education and public outreach. Because preservation of our native forests, upland areas and watersheds is vital to protecting our marine ecosystems, our culture and our economy I would be honored to serve on Hawaii's Natural Area Reserve System commission.

Thank you for your consideration. My resume is attached for your information.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2012
2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 861
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE NATURAL
AREA RESERVE SYSTEM COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROBIN
NEWBOLD, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message (GM) 861 to appoint Robin Newbold to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission (Commission) for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Pursuant to Section 195-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Ms. Newbold will serve as one of the six members with scientific qualifications and an academic degree.

Ms. Newbold is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and received a Master of Education Degree in Biological Sciences from the University of California, Irvine, and Master of Science Degree in Biological Sciences Specializing in Marine Biology from the University of California, Irvine. Ms. Newbold has had a varied and active career, with an extensive background in marine-oriented field work on other islands in the Pacific, as well as Hawai'i. She has been most actively involved on Maui as Research Assistant on the Coral Reef Research Project; Project S.E. A. Link; Co-Founder, Vice Chair and Chair of the Maui Nui Marine Research Council. Ms. Newbold is very interested in serving on the Commission and brings an important perspective to the Commission with her extensive marine background as well as links to many other marine-oriented organizations. Her membership would benefit the Commission and the Department.

The Department strongly supports GM 861 on the appointment of Robin Newbold to the Natural Area Reserves Commission.

GM 861



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March 29, 2012

Senator Donovan M. DeLa Cruz
Chair
Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing

Dear Senator DeLa Cruz:

I am writing on behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations (NOAA) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries in support of Ms. Robin Newbold's application to the State of Hawaii's Natural Area Reserve System.

Ms. Newbold has worked tirelessly with the various NOAA programs on Maui for the past several years and currently represents all of Maui county on the NOAA sanctuary advisory Council. She has been instrumental in helping NOAA develop proposed water quality guidelines for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary off of Maui, as well as integral in holding community workshops to update the public on various sanctuary and water quality issues that the Maui public is most concerned about. As a public citizen and volunteer Robin has shown leadership in pulling together various sectors of the Maui environmental community and kept them apprised of various issues. She has helped facilitate important meetings with NOAA and Mayor Arakawa's office when necessary. Most recently she was one of a few people (including State of Hawaii DLNR Chairperson William Aila, Jr) who were selected to travel to Palau with the Hawaii Nature Conservancy to better understand Micronesia's marine / environmental programs.

I have no doubt Ms. Newbold will represent Maui County well on the NARS advisory board.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-879-2818 ext 25 or allen.tom@noaa.gov

Sincerely

Allen Tom
Regional Director

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Thursday, March 29th, 2012

State Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Housing
Hawai'i State Legislature

Measure: GM 861 – Testimony in support of gubernatorial nominee Robin Newbold to the Natural Areas Reserve System Commission

Date: April 28, 2011

Honorable Senator Dela Cruz,

I am writing in support of the nomination of gubernatorial nominee Robin Newbold to the Natural Areas Reserve System (NARS) Commission for a term to expire 30 June 2016.

As both a recognized community leader on Maui and highly knowledgeable marine biologist, Ms. Newbold would bring a wealth of experience and a deep understanding to the NARS Commission in regard to the *makai* side of Hawai'i's NARS, particularly in regard to the management of the 'Āhihi-Kīna'u Natural Area Reserve on Maui. As my colleague Dale Bonar is completing his NARS Commission in June 2012, Ms. Newbold would be an ideal choice to replace Dr. Bonar's critical contributions toward and representation of the coastal ecological considerations and marine resource management dimensions within NARS Commission decision-making and policies.

Ms. Newbold would bring a valuable and complementary depth of expertise into the NARS Commission in several critical areas. In particular, she would bring knowledge and understanding regarding coral reef ecology and management, coastal habitat conservation and restoration, endangered marine species protection and management, water quality and land-based sources of pollution impacts on nearshore marine ecosystems, native forest protection, and public education and outreach regarding environmental management.

As a member of the Commission, Ms. Newbold would contribute her outstanding leadership abilities, excellent communication skills, and creative and critical thinking into all discussions and decisions made by the Commission. Along with her passion for the care and maintenance of Hawai'i's natural environment for future generations, Ms. Newbold is deeply civic-minded, with a dedication and passion for community service and the interests of the public.

It is for these reasons that I strongly support the nomination of Robin Newbold to serve on the Natural Areas Reserve System Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony, and for your continued service of leadership within our island home.

Respectfully submitted,



John E. Parks
Owner and Executive Officer,
Marine Management Solutions LLC

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From: Eric Co [eco@castlefoundation.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 8:24 AM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: Ken Nakamoto
Subject: Harold K.L Castle Foundation support of Robin Newbold

Aloha mai,

The purpose of this email is to support Robin Newbold's appointment to Hawaii's Natural Area Reserve System Commission. As a partner and recipient of Harold K.L Castle Foundation funds, Robin has proven herself to be diligent, responsible, thoughtful, and tireless in carrying out her commitments to us toward improving Maui's marine resource management. Based on these experiences with her, I have no doubt of the value and effectiveness she would bring to the Commission.

Mahalo,
Eric Co

Eric Co
Program Officer for Marine Conservation

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~~Dana Wicks~~

From: Sol Kahoohalahala [pili_sol@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 6:15 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Subject: Robin Newbold appointment to NARS Commission

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and committee members,

I am writing in **support** of Robin Newbold's appointment to the Natural Area Reserve System Commission.

As a former legislator involved with Water, Land, Hawaiian Affairs and Environment committees, I know that this is an area that requires knowledge, experience and a committed passion to ensure our natural resources are sustained. Robin has the necessary qualifications to carry on the responsibility of the NARS Commission. I ask for your consideration in her appointment and confirmation.

Mahalo for your time and support.

A hui hou, Sol

Dane Wicker

From: Robin Knox [robin@wqcinc.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 3:55 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Subject: ATTN Chair Water Land and Housing -Nomination of Robin Newbold to NARSC

Aloha Senator Dela Cruz –

I support the selection of Robin Newbold as a member of the NARSC. I have worked with Robin on the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council and the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Sanctuary Advisory Council Water Quality Working Group, and the Southwest Maui Watershed Advisory Group. I believe her connection to these ongoing efforts give her the capacity to enhance NARS management by connecting to information and tools for understanding the relation of land management and land-based pollution to marine water quality and aquatic life.

Her professional background in marine science, her dedication to protection of aquatic resources and her organizational and diplomatic skills will surely be an asset to your management efforts.

Sincerely,

Robin S. Knox

Water Quality Consulting, Inc.

~~Dane Wicke~~

From: Aloha Shell Service [alohashellservice@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 1:09 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Subject: Hawaii's Natural Area Reserve System Commission

Aloha Senator Dela Cruz,

I support Robin Newbold's appointment to Hawaii's Natural Area Reserve System Commission.

Thank you.

Paul Hanada
Maui
808-877-5894

~~Dane Wicke~~

From: Elia.Y.Herman@hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 12:22 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Subject: Support for Robin Newbold's appointment to Hawaii's NARS commission

Aloha Senator Dela Cruz,

I am writing to express my support Robin Newbold's appointment to Hawaii's Natural Area Reserve System Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elia Herman

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Elia. Y. K. Herman  
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~~Dane Wicker~~

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**From:** Robert Richmond [richmond@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2012 10:45 AM  
**To:** Ken Nakamoto  
**Cc:** WLH Testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Robin Newbold's nomination

Dear Chair Dela Cruz

I am writing to express my strong support for Robin Newbold's appointment to Hawaii's Natural Area Reserve System Commission. I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Newbold on marine conservation efforts on Maui, and find her to have sound judgment and a clear understanding of the key issues. I believe she will offer valuable knowledge, experience, fairness and objectivity to the work of the commission.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Tarr, Bradley A SAJ [Bradley.A.Tarr@usace.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2012 10:04 AM  
**To:** WLH Testimony  
**Subject:** Attention: Chair Dela Cruz, Committee on Water, Land, & Housing

Senator Dela Cruz,

I am writing in support of Robin Newbold's appointment to Hawaii's Natural Area Reserve System Commission. Having personally witnessed her undying enthusiasm and commitment toward preserving Maui's sensitive marine resources over the past decade, I strongly endorse Ms. Newbold as an exceptional candidate for this position.

Sincerely,

Brad Tarr  
Senior Biologist  
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Environmental Branch, Planning Division  
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**From:** Jack Kittinger [jkittinger@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2012 9:56 AM  
**To:** WLH Testimony  
**Cc:** Ken Nakamoto  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Robin Newbold's appointment to the Natural Area Reserve System Commission

Dear Senator Dela Cruz and To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to support Robin Newbold's appointment to Hawai'i's Natural Area Reserve System Commission. I have worked closely with Robin on the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, and am familiar with her work with the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council. In my opinion she would be a great resource to the commission, and her expertise and leadership would be a great benefit to the NAR system and beyond. I recommend her without qualification and am honored to support her nomination.

John N. (Jack) Kittinger, PhD  
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Woods Institute for the Environment

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**From:** darkona [darkona@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 02, 2012 3:28 PM  
**To:** WLH Testimony  
**Cc:** Ken Nakamoto  
**Subject:** Newbold NARS nomination

Aloha, As a former two term member of the Hawaii Natural Area Reserves System Commission I strongly support Robin Newbold's nomination to the Commission. As a marine biologist living on Maui Robin is intimately familiar with the Ahihi Kina'u Natural Area Reserve. She also followed the West Hawaii Fisheries Council lead by co-founding and chairing the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council, and she has been a strong advocate for environmental protection from ridge to reef over the past 16 years.

Dr William Walsh

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2012 3:54 PM  
**To:** WLH Testimony  
**Cc:** Thorneabbott@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for GM861 on 4/17/2012 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for WLH 4/17/2012 2:00:00 PM GM861

Conference room: 224  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Thorne Abbott  
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Submitted on: 4/13/2012

Comments:

I strongly endorse Robin Newbold for the Natural Area Reserves System Commission. Robin has academic training and graduate credentials in marine science, which is important in an island-State where all lands and waters are within the coastal zone. Of equal importance is Robin's understanding of the actor's and stakeholders that use lands within, and/or adjacent to, the State's natural area reserves. Having the ability to listen to their concerns and respond with good science will help the Commission make sound decisions. Robin has the aptitude and ability to incorporate a diversity of perspectives into her decisions and recommendations. She has dedicated many years of volunteer service in Maui and has earned the trust and respect of colleagues as a leader in the environmental field. She cares about our aina and seeks to be a good steward of coastal, marine, natural, environmental and heritage resources. I respectfully request the Committee consider her nomination favorably for the benefit of our citizens and generations to come. Mahalo!

**DALE B. BONAR, PH.D.**

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April 14, 2012

**Testimony in Support of Robin Newbold (GM 861) to the Legacy Lands  
Commission**

Committee on Water, Land and Housing Hearing, Wednesday, April 17, 2:00 PM,  
Conference Room 224

Chairman Dela Cruz,, Vice-Chairman Solomon, and Members of the Committee on  
Water and Land:

I enthusiastically support the confirmation of Ms. Robin Newbold to the Natural  
Areas Reserve system Commission. Not only will Ms. Newbold serve as a Maui County  
representative, but she brings extensive expertise in Marine Science to the  
Commission, a valuable addition given the importance of Ahihi Kinau NAR, the only  
marine reserve in the system.

I have known Robin for the last six years in a variety of professional and public  
venues, and have found her to be an exceptionally competent, thoughtful individual who  
brings a great deal of work and wisdom to the efforts in which she is involved. These  
efforts range from serving on the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine  
Sanctuary Advisory Board to Chairing the Maui Nui Marine Resources Council, an  
effective, productive community group dedicated to protection and restoration of marine  
reef systems and of water quality in Maui County.

As a member and Chair of the NARS Commission for the past 8 years, I have  
had the opportunity to work with a wide range of intelligent, engaged, competent people,  
and Robin's qualifications and abilities put her in the top tier of folks I have worked with.  
She will be an excellent addition to the commission.

I give her my highest recommendation.

Respectfully,

Dale B. Bonar, Ph.D.  
Chair, Legacy Land Conservation Commission  
Chair, Natural Areas Reserve System Commission  
Executive Director, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust