

GM 591

Koke'e State Park Advisory Council

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, **CHARLES WICHMAN, JR.**, for a term to expire 6-30-2016

Charles “Chipper” Wichman, Jr.
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March 5, 2013

Senator Malama Solomon, Ph.D.
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land

Subject: GM 591 – Nomination of Charles “Chipper” Wichman to Serve on the Kōke’e State Park Advisory Council

Dear Senator Solomon,

Mahalo for your letter of 27 February 2013 requesting information related to my conformation on the **Kōke’e State Park Advisory Council**. The following are my responses to the seven questions posed in your letter. I would like to note that both personally and professionally I am known primarily as “Chipper” which is a name given to me in my youth and which has stayed with me through my professional life.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions related to these responses.

Q 1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Kōke’e State Park Advisory Council?

As a resident of Kaua’i I care deeply about what happens at Kōke’e. I was brought up by my kupuna to respect the ‘āina and believe that it is our personal kuleana to mālama our forests and ocean and *wahi pana* like Kōke’e. As a result, I have made my professional career one that allows me to fulfill this responsibility. For the past 37 years I have worked for the National Tropical Botanical Garden (headquartered on Kaua’i) and for the past 10 years I have held the position of Director and CEO.

Furthermore, I served as a KSPAC member from 2009-2012 and found it a rewarding experience. As a member of the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) that was assigned the job of developing suggested revisions to the draft Master Plan for Waimea and Koke’e State Parks, I invested over two-years in meetings outside of the KSPAC meetings developing the document that is currently being reviewed by the Division of State Parks. In this respect, I would like to complete this work that I began but was not able to finish during my first term on the Council.

Q 2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Kōke’e State Park Advisory Council?

Having served on the KSPAC for three years I am fully aware of our responsibilities to not only fulfill the mandate of Act 223 of the 2008 Legislature but also the Sunshine Laws of the State. To be more explicit, pursuant to Act 223, SLH 2008, the Council was established to:

1. Review and assist the State in revising and updating the Kōke’e and Waimea Canyon State Parks Master Plan;
2. Advise and assist in the management of the Kōke’e recreation residence leases;
3. Enhance community education and cultural awareness of Kōke’e and Waimea Canyon State Parks;
4. Participate in the preservation and protection of the area’s natural and cultural resources; and
5. Advise and assist in the implementation of the Master Plan recommendations.

I want to be clear to the Senate Committee on Water and Land who is considering my nomination that I take very seriously the responsibility to follow established State policy governing the state park system. I have worked for the past three years as a Council member because I feel strongly that The Master Plan for Waimea and Kōke’e State Parks should reflect, in fact fully embody, the principles adopted by the State Legislature and embodied in the laws of the State of Hawai`i. The primary principles governing the Department of Land and Natural Resources with respect to State Parks are set forth in Hawai`i Revised Statutes Section 184-6, which mandate that:

“DLNR preserve the parks in the state park system in their natural condition so far as may be consistent with their use and safety, and improve them in such a manner as to retain to a maximum extent their natural scenic, historic and wildlife values for the use and enjoyment of the public.”

Furthermore, the DLNR has adopted these hierarchical principles of governance of public lands, not specific to State Parks:

1. First priority is preservation of natural and cultural resources found in the Parks.
2. Second priority is to provide recreational opportunities for the public that do not negatively impact the resources being preserved in the Parks.
3. Third priority is to allow appropriate commercial activities that do not negatively impact the resources being preserved above or the public recreational opportunities.

Unfortunately the Draft Master Plan that the KSPAC received from the DLNR in 2009 did not meet these important guiding principles nor did it meet the mandate of Section 184-6 HRS. I would like to complete the work we have labored over these past three years and bring the Master Plan into compliance the overwhelming public opinion and these important guidelines.

Q 3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Kōke’e State Park Advisory 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 Kōke’e State Park Advisory Council.

I believe that my nearly four decades of hands-on conservation work has given me the experience and knowledge needed to assist the Council in fulfilling its mandate under Act 223, SLH 2008. Furthermore, as the CEO of a nonprofit with an \$8 million annual operating budget I have an understanding of what it takes to operate a park. I also have a deep understanding of the importance of protecting cultural resources as well as natural resources.

Regarding my skills, experience and knowledge that will aid in my role on the Council the following are a few highlights that are relevant. Please refer to my attached bio for more details.

- I have worked for the past 37 years at the NTBG including being the director of two of their five gardens before being appointed the Director and CEO of the whole organization in 2005. This has developed in me key leaderships and management skills.
- Along with my wife Hau’oli, I created the award winning Limahuli Garden and Preserve which garnered a prestigious award in 1997 for The Best Natural Botanical Garden in America from the American Horticultural Society. In 2007, the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) awarded me the prestigious Koa Award for the long-term commitment to perpetuating the natural and culture resources of Hawai’i
- In 1999, as the Director of Kahanu Garden in Hana, I oversaw the restoration of Pi’ilanihale Heiau, the largest, and one of the most sacred, cultural site in Hawai’i. That same year, the State Legislature passed a concurrent resolution honoring this achievement. Subsequently, I developed a kupuna council to help develop what became and award winning Master Plan for this sacred site.
- Since 2008 I have been the Chair of the Kauai Watershed Alliance which is a private public partnership that stresses the importance of active watershed management and targets Kauai’s high elevation rain forests as the top priority for protection. We are

currently partnering with the DLNR to implement the Rain Follows the Forest program on Kaua’i.

Q 4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I love Kōke’e, and want to see it protected and preserved for future generations. My primary goal is to see the State adopt a revised Master Plan that is in compliance with State guiding principles and laws and which reflects that hundreds of hours of testimony given passionately by the public at numerous public meetings related to the development of the Master Plan. I also want to move beyond the Master Plan revisions and to see the Council become a resource for the State in implementing the full mandate of the KSPAC as outlined in Act 223.

Q 5. Name three qualities that best describe you and would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Kōke’e State Park Advisory Council?

Three qualities that best describe me and make me stand out are: 1) he kupa o ka ‘āina (a sprout of this land), 2) a respected and passionate leader, and 3) an expert on bio-cultural conservation. These qualities will benefit the Council by helping us to reach agreement on key issues and make informed decisions based on accurate information.

Q 6. Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Kōke’e State Park Advisory Council?

One experience that makes me stand out is the development of the award winning Master Plan for Kahanu Garden. Kahanu Garden is a 120 acre garden that is part of the NTBG. The land was given to us by the Kahanu family from Hana, Maui. It contains Pi’ilanihale Heiau which is considered the largest ancient stone structure in all of Polynesia. As the Director of Kahanu Garden I oversaw the restoration of Pi’ilanihale and then undertook the development of a master plan so that this sacred site would be preserved in perpetuity as a living cultural site. This was an extensive process that utilized world experts in from the UK, Australia and the Getty Conservation Institute in the USA. Since this heiau has state-wide significance I developed a process to select noted Native Hawaiian practitioners to participate in developing the master plan. We held an aha (conference) on Maui which we called Ho’i Hou I Ka Iwi Kuamo’o A Pi’ilani (“return to the backbone of Pi’ilani” a poetic reference to the responsibility of caring for the legacy of Pi’ilani. It was attended by over 30 respected Hawaiian leaders who at the conclusion of the conference elected four of their peers to work with my international team and local consultants in developing the master plan for Kahanu Garden. For the next four years we held numerous meetings with the larger community and Hawaiian groups, developed interpretive programs, infrastructure needs, and conceptual plans and maps. In 2004 we retained PBR

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Hawaii as our consultant to pull together all of our work into a comprehensive Master Plan for Kahanu Garden which subsequently won an award from the American Society of Landscape Architects.

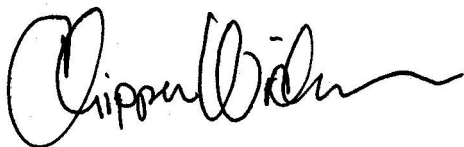
I mention this experience as believe that it will benefit the Kōke’e State Park Advisory Council especially as it relates to the process the Council is now going through in revising the Draft Master Plan for Waimea and Koke’e State Parks.

Q 7. Can you foresee any possible conflict of interest that could arise during your service on the Kōke’e State Park Advisory Council? How would you overcome any possible conflict of interest?

I do not foresee any possible conflict of interest arising from my service on the Council – I work for a nonprofit organization that has no direct dealings with the State of Hawaii. If an unexpected conflict does arise in the future I will immediately disclose my conflict and recuse myself from the discussions and decisions relating to that conflict.

In closing I appreciate the confidence of our Governor in nominating me to serve a second term and the consideration of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

Me ka ha’ a ha’ a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chipper Wichman", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Charles “Chipper” Wichman



**Chipper Wichman, Chief Executive Officer and Director
National Tropical Botanical Garden, United States**

Charles “Chipper” Wichman is the National Tropical Botanical Garden's Director and Chief Executive Officer. He began work at the NTBG in 1976 where he worked with well-known botanists to conduct botanical surveys of Limahuli valley and the Nā Pali coast where he discovered new species of plants and helped to pioneer methods of rappelling down cliffs to hand pollinate species threatened with extinction.

Over the past 37 years, Chipper has held various leadership positions at the NTBG including being director of two of their five gardens before being appointed the Acting Director in 2003. In 2005, Chipper was appointed as the Director and CEO.

Some of Chipper's many accomplishments include the creation of the award winning Limahuli Garden and Preserve which garnered a prestigious award in 1997 for *The Best Natural Botanical Garden* in America from the American Horticultural Society. In 1999, Chipper and his wife Hau'oli, who has been his Executive Assistant for the past 25 years, were honored by the State Legislature for the restoration of Pi'ilanihale Heiau, the largest and one of the most sacred cultural site in Hawai'i - subsequently they developed an award winning site management plan for this sacred site.

Since 2003, under Chipper's leadership, the NTBG has developed a new mission statement, successfully implemented a new five-year strategic plan. In 2007, the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) awarded Chipper and Limahuli the prestigious Koa Award for the long-term commitment to perpetuating the natural and culture resources of Hawai'i and that same year the Garden Club of America awarded him a Horticulture Commendation Acknowledgment award for his dedication to the NTBG.

In 2008, Chipper was elected as the Chair of the Kauai Watershed Alliance and has continued in that capacity for the past five years. The Alliance is a private public partnership that stresses the importance of active watershed management and targets Kauai's high elevation rain forests as the top priority for protection.

In 2008 Chipper also successfully completed a \$15 million capital campaign to build a new 21,000 square foot LEED Gold botanical research center which was the first LEED certified green building built on Kaua'i. In 2009, Chipper was appointed to the Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Park Advisory Council. He has served in that capacity since then and is currently being nominated by the Governor to serve through 2016.

In September 2012, Chipper lead a delegation of 40 people from Hawaii to the IUNC World Conservation Congress to Hawaii in Jeju, Korea with the goal of garnering support to bring the 2016 WCC to Hawaii in 2016. Looking beyond Hawaii, Chipper is now working on creating a World Center for Tropical Botany at The Kampong (NTBG's garden in south Florida), and launch a multi-national biodiversity assessment project in the Solomon Islands.

Chipper and Hau'oli have two adult children - their son Imipono is a landscape architect and their daughter Mikioi is enrolled in a masters degree program in education.

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Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Thursday, March 7, 2013
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 591
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
KŌKE'E STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
CHARLES R. WICHMAN, JR. FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is in support of Governor's Message 591, on the nomination of Charles R. Wichman, Jr., "Chipper" as he is known to his friends and colleagues, to the Kōke'e State Park Advisory Council, for a term to expire 6-30-13

Since 2005, Mr. Wichman has served as Director and Chief Executive Officer for the National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG) in Kalāheo, Kaua'i. Prior to that, he was Director of Limahuli Garden and Preserve of the NTBG, having worked his way up through the organization, where he began as Apprentice Gardener in their Horticulture Training Program.

His career in natural resource conservation, and in particular native plant restoration is marked with numerous accomplishments and awards. He utilizes his extensive knowledge and experience not only for scientific purposes, but to educate other individuals and organizations in plant conservation and resource protection. He is highly skilled in community building and organizing, working with Hawaiian communities to help them learn about and understand how to care for the fragile resources in the places where they live. A recipient of many grants for environmental education programs and native plant and forest conservation and restoration, he is a true philanthropist.

Mr. Wichman's contributions to the Kōke'e State Park Advisory Council will be significant and will assist the Division of State Parks with implementing the recommendations of the Master Plan for Kōke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks. The Department urges this Committee to recommend that the full Senate confirm his appointment.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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March 5, 2013

The Honorable Malama Solomon
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
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Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Charles Wichman, Jr.
Koke'e State Park Advisory Council

Dear Senator Solomon:

I am informed that Charles Wichman, Jr. has been nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie for a position on the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council. I am in strong support of Mr. Wichman's nomination and I am sure he will do an exemplary job as a member of the council if approved by your committee.

It is my firm belief that if confirmed, Mr. Wichman will become a valuable asset to the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council with his extensive years of experience and leadership with the National Tropical Botanical Garden.

Thank you for your time and consideration and if there are any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Sincerely,

RONALD D. KOUCHI
Senator – 8th Senatorial District

cc: Charles Wichman, Jr.



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COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
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March 5, 2013

Testimony in SUPPORT of Gubernatorial Nominees:

Charles Wichman, Jr.-GM 591
Kathryn Cassel-GM 592
Wayne Souza- GM 593

Koke'e State Park Advisory Council

Chair Solomon, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing:

It is with great pride that I submit my support for confirmation of all of the Kaua'i nominees to serve as members of the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council.

As a former member of the Kauai County Council, I have had the privilege of working with these individuals who possess vast knowledge of our treasured Koke'e and their deep passion to preserve the legacy of our native rain forest. Each individual offers unique contributions to the mix of the advisory council that their synergy will have a lasting impact for generations to experience the wonders of Koke'e.

My family and I are so grateful and appreciative of the many, many individuals that keep Koke'e in its pristine state for all to enjoy. These gubernatorial nominees are the backbone of this network who serve in many capacities usually not in the public view. It is time to recognize their work as they continue to contribute their talents and skills for our mountain forest.

I ask for your favorable consideration for confirmation of these individuals to serve on the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council.

Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, 14th District
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Honorable Senate and House Members of Water & Land Committee:

I am delighted to support GM 591, for the reappointment of Charles "Chipper" Wichman to the Kokee Advisory Board.

Chipper, who is renown as the Director and CEO of the National Tropical Botanical Gardens, has served tirelessly and effectively on this board for the last three years in assuring that one of our most precious natural resources, the Kokee State Park, is managed and maintained prudently.

We should all be so fortunate as to have a person of this caliber--of his knowledge, wisdom, integrity and heart--to serve on this most important issue of assuring the protection and preservation of our precious Kokee State Parks system.

Mahalo, Roy.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom H. Shigemoto	Kauai Watershed Alliance	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Senator Malama Solomon Chair, Committee on Water and Land My name is Tom Shigemoto and I am testifying in strong support of Mr. Charles (more commonly known as Chipper) Wichman to the Kokee Advisory Council. I have know Chipper for more than 20 years. I first met him when he was the Director of the Limahuli Gardens located on the North Shore of Kauai. His credentials are outlined in his bio, which I'm sure you have a copy of, so i don't have to elaborate on how qualified he is for what he is expected to do. You have to be impressed by what this gentleman has accomplished and continues to promote for our island. He has dedicated his life to the preservation of our native,indigenous and endangered plants. He is also dedicated to enriching all of our lives through education and promoting protection of our precious natural resources, a huge part of what the Kokee Advisory Council does. Thank you for your kind consideration of this gentleman's talents and abilities. Aloha.

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting GM 591 and the Confirmation of Chipper Wichman
to the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Thursday, March 7, 2013, 1:15PM, Room 225

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life in these islands depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 32,000 acres in 10 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i supports the confirmation of Chipper Wichman to the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council.

Over many years, it has been our privilege and pleasure to work with Chipper on management and protection of the globally unique natural resources not only on the island of Kaua'i but across our island chain. Chipper is an inspiring leader in natural resource management today because he dedicated himself decades ago to truly understanding the connection between these islands' resources, their history and their future, and the people and culture of Hawai'i. He has effectively carried his knowledge, expertise, message and infectious enthusiasm from the field to the highest levels of government and business in Hawai'i, Washington, and abroad, while never losing his focus on home. We at The Nature Conservancy are truly grateful to count Chipper as a friend, a partner, an advisor, and a leader as we carry out our conservation work on Kaua'i and around the State of Hawai'i.

A close to home example of Chipper's leadership, knowledge and respect from businesses and the community is in his leadership role as Chairman of the Kaua'i Watershed Alliance, a focused group of public and private landowners, managing Kauai's precious mauka watersheds, the source of fresh water for all the people of Kaua'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our very strong support for Chipper's confirmation to the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council. We hope you will give his appointment your most enthusiastic recommendation for approval to the full Senate.

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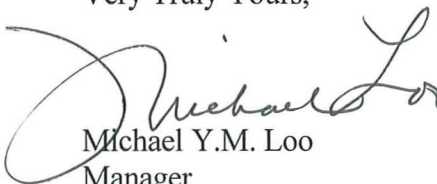
To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Nomination of Chipper Wichman to
Kokee Advisory Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We know Chipper Wichman well and support his nomination to be reappointed to the Kokee Advisory Committee. I have personally known him and his family for more than 20 years and currently serve with him on the Kauai Watershed Alliance. Chipper has the background, heritage, knowledge and experience required to serve this committee. Most important, he also has the spirit and passion to do what is right for Kauai and for Kokee. Please approve his nomination.

Very Truly Yours,



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Thursday, March 7, 2013
1:15 p.m.

TO THE HONORABLE MALAMA SOLOMON, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

GM No. 591 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kokee State Park Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Charles Wichman, Jr., for a term to expire 6/30/2016

I am pleased to offer testimony in support of the nomination of Charles Wichman, Jr. to serve on the Kokee State Park Advisory Council.

I am privileged to serve on the Kauai Watershed Alliance with Mr. Wichman. He is the current Chair and has held that position for the past four years. I have been able to observe first hand his strong leadership skills and deep commitment to the State. He has been instrumental in reaching out to the community, engaging in open discussion, and successfully coordinating projects that benefit Kauai's watersheds.

I am confident that Mr. Wichman will continue to be an involved and strong contributor to the Kokee State Park Advisory Council.

I respectfully request that you confirm Mr. Wichman to the Kokee State Park Advisory Council and thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.

March 5, 2013

Subject: GM591, Nominations of Chipper Wichman to Kokee State Park Advisory Council for term thru 6/30/2016

To whom it may concern:

I support the nomination of Chipper Wichman for his continued service on the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council. I have served on the Save Koke'e Board of Directors and have had numerous opportunities to observe Mr. Wichman's strong advocacy and intelligent mana'o to be invaluable to facilitating community dialogue regarding the important issues facing our State parks and Koke'e in particular. Mr. Wichman, with fellow council members, have worked on the most recent round of the Master Plan revisions over the past 3 years. We need him to continue as a member of the Advisory Council. He serves his community with dignity, integrity, and Aloha in his heart.

Mahalo for your consideration and support of Chipper Wichman's nomination to the Koke'e Advisory Council.

Aloha no,

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Madeline Guyett

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Griffin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE GM591: SUPPORT for confirmation of Charles Wichman Jr. I am writing to express my full and enthusiastic support for Charles Wichman, Jr. to be confirmed to the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council for a term to expire 6-30-16. Chipper holds extraordinary knowledge about our natural environment, knowledge based in true aloha 'aina. He transforms that knowledge into management wisdom with his carefully honed administrative skills. Both are packaged together through his untiring commitment to the jobs he undertakes. There is no one better to fill a position on the Koke`e State Park Advisory Council. Please confirm Charles "Chipper" Wichman's appointment to serve. Sincerely yours, Patricia Griffin

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tommy Noyes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support Mr. ("Chipper") Wichman's continued service on the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council. Chipper's strong advocacy and gentle, intelligent mana`o have been invaluable to the Council's work and to facilitating a community conversation regarding the important issues facing State Parks and Koke`e in particular. Chipper and the other Council members worked on the last round of Master Plan revisions over the past 3 years – park users on Kauai really need him on the council and I applaud his willingness to serve.

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Aloha Senators Solomon and Shimabukuro,

My name is Trae Menard and I am the Director of Forest Conservation for Hawaii Nature Conservancy. I also serve as a Commissioner on the State's Natural Area Reserves System Commission. I would like to express my strong personal support for Chipper Wichman's appointment to the Kokee State Park Advisory Committee. As the coordinator for the Kauai Watershed Alliance (KWA), I have worked closely with Chipper for the past 7 years. As the CEO of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, Chipper has been an influential member of the Alliance and for the past 5 years, a transformative and visionary chair. The KWA has accomplished significant, large-scale watershed conservation projects in some of the most complex and challenging conditions in the state. I attribute much of our success to Chipper's leadership and energy.

When the Alliance embarked on a critical, but controversial invasive plant control project, Chipper led the effort to engage the community and build lasting support. This effort played an integral role in the resulting success of the project, which is now serving as a model for large-scale weed control efforts statewide. More recently, the Alliance completed a series of fences to protect over 6,000 acres of the heart of Kauai's fragile watershed from the ravages of feral pigs and goats. Being the largest fence project area on Kauai, many thought it would draw overwhelming opposition. Chipper's unique combination of scientific, logistical and cultural perspective helped us navigate these complexities and complete the project with strong community support. These are just a couple of examples of Chipper's leadership acumen, which he exhibits every day he's on the job. I feel his most significant contribution to conservation is simply being himself. He sets the highest standard for young conservation leaders, such as myself, and for that I am most grateful.

As a member of the Kokee State Park Advisory Committee I feel Chipper would bring the same valuable combination of perspective and insight that he brings to the KWA. Plus he's an all-around great person to work with.

Thank you

Trae Menard