

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3501

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 22 2014

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 703

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 703, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

G.M. No. 703 MICHAEL BUCK,
for a term to expire 6-30-2018,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Michael Buck to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nominee from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Health, Enterprise Honolulu, The Nature Conservancy, and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to the nominee from one individual.

Mr. Buck holds a Master of Science degree in Forest Resource Conservation and a Certificate in Tropical Agriculture from the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, in Gainesville. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Resources Management, School of Environmental Sciences and Forestry, at the State University of New York, Syracuse, New York.

Mr. Buck is a farmer in Waimanalo, Oahu. He is also the Sustainable Forests Representative for the National Association of



State Foresters. From 1977 to 2004, Mr. Buck served in the Department of Land and Natural Resources as a State Forester and Wildlife Director, Natural Area Reserves Coordinator and Resources Management Forester, and Resource Survey Forester for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife. The nominee played a leadership role in establishing Hawaii's Watershed Partnerships Program and developed management plans and operational capacity for Hawaii's Natural Area Reserves System. Mr. Buck is active in professional organizations dedicated to the preservation of forest and water resources, as well as community organizations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,


MALAMA SOLOMON, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:* GM703	Committee Referral: WTL	Date: 4/14/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SOLOMON, Malama (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	6	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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