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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, STANLEY ROEHRIG, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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

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

**Monday, April 14, 2014
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 704
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
STANLEY ROEHRIG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-18**

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recommends Senate confirmation on the appointment of Stanley Roehrig to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

The Board of Land and Natural Resource is established under Section 171-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and is composed of seven members, one from each of the four land districts, and three at large members. Mr. Roehrig has been nominated to represent Hawaii County. He will replace Rob Pacheco, whose term ends June 2014. Mr. Roehrig's appointment would be effective July 1, 2014 and run through June 30, 2018.

Mr. Roehrig is a graduate of Punahou School, Brown University and the University of Washington School of Law. He also holds a certificate in Hawaiian Language from the University of Hawaii (UH) at Hilo. Mr. Roehrig has extensive public service to Hawaii, including time as a state legislator. He has served on the UH Board of Regents and the State Land Use Commission. He has also served as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Hawaii and as Deputy Hawaii County Attorney for the County of Hawaii.

Mr. Roehrig is a passionate waterman and is a member of the Keaukaha Canoe Club, paddling with the Kupuna Nui crew.

The Department believes that Mr. Roehrig's lifelong experience in Hawaii, his knowledge of Hawaii law, and his passion for Hawaii will be a welcome addition to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of Stanley Roehrig and strongly recommends his confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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LAND
STATE PARKS

April 10, 2014

Honorable Senator Malama Solomon
Chairwoman
Water and Land Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Solomon,

I am writing to you to support the nomination of Stanley H. Roehrig for the position of Board Member to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Roehrig's unparalleled experience as an attorney, a four term Legislator, and a member of the State Land Use Commission makes him uniquely qualified to serve on the Land Board.

Mr. Roehrig is also a respected and generous member of our community. He has done pro bono work on several occasions while representing those in the community that advocate recreational activities and a healthy environment.

I have known Stan Roehrig for many years and I can firmly state that he is the most qualified candidate available for the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,


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From: [Al Inoue](#)
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Subject: Stanley Roehrig - Appointment to the Boar of Land and Natural Resources
Date: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 2:00:18 PM

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing in support of Stanley Roehrig, who is being considered for an appointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

As a resident of Hilo, I have known Mr. Roehrig for over 30 years both personally and in business.

During that time, I have found that Mr. Roehrig to be a very capable, intelligent individual who is sincerely concerned about the future of the people of the County and State of Hawaii. He has volunteered on many non-profit organizations and has helped many individuals who have asked for his help.

He has great communication skills and willingness to commit the time and effort to his work.

I am confident that he will be an asset as a member of the Board, and will serve the Board well.

Thank you for your consideration.

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April 10, 2014

Senator Malama Solomon
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Re: Testimony in Support of Confirmation of Stanley H. Roehrig to the State Board of
Land and Natural Resources

Dear Senator Solomon:

I am writing to support the confirmation of Stanley H. Roehrig to the State Board of Land and Natural Resources. Stan has been a prominent attorney on the Big Island for many decades. He has a well-deserved reputation for being one of the best litigation attorneys in the State. He also has a long and distinguished history of public service, including service in the State House of Representatives, the State Land Use Commission and the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Throughout the time that I've known him, Stan has had a keen interest in the use of land and the ocean in Hawaii and in Hawaiian language culture. He was active with a canoe club in Hilo for many years. He was instrumental in developing an educational program for East Hawaii youngsters in canoe paddling so that they can enjoy the benefits of the sport while learning about teamwork and discipline. Stan and his wife Jan have also been very supportive of a Hawaiian language immersion program in Hilo.

Stan understands the needs of our residents. He is well known to members of the East Hawaii business and agricultural community. He understands the need to support them so that they can better serve our community, through goods and services and by providing good jobs for our residents.

Lastly, Stan takes his public service obligations seriously. He can be counted on to review information that is provided to him so that he will be prepared to do his part on the Board. He is not afraid to ask questions and to speak out on issues even when they prove to be controversial. As shown by his service on other State commissions, he is also able to work with his fellow commissioners in the public interest.

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For these reasons, I ask the Stanley H. Roehrig be confirmed as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Aloha,



Alan M. Okamoto

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cc: Stanley H. Roehrig

April 10, 2014

Letter for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, STANLEY ROEHRIG, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

I write this letter in support of Stan Roehrig for a position on the State Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Stan for over 40 years. We worked together as law partners for almost 30 years. Over that span, Stan demonstrated those qualities that will serve the people of Hawai`i on the State Land Board. Once he takes on a cause, he works relentlessly to understand the issues and look for creative solutions. He does not look at the clock to see what time work is over. He is extremely intelligent. I always sought him out when I became stumped on an issue and he always had an answer, the correct answer. I came to rely on his instincts and judgment. He always had the client's interest at heart in all decision making. He will do the same for the people of Hawai`i. He is a person you want on your side.

His commitment to excellence was made clear when he recently returned to the University of Hawai`i at Hilo to learn the Hawaiian language. He has a grasp of the language to where he can read, write and speak the Hawaiian language. He is critically aware of the long lasting significance of decisions that are made regarding the `aina we call Hawai`i. He also has a business sense. People often underestimate the fact that running a law office is a business. There are employees to consider, taxes and other bills to be paid, planning for both the short term and long term, and financing issues.

Stan has also served the people of Hawaii in other capacities. He was a State Representative, a member of the Land Use Commission and a member of the Board of Regents for the University of Hawai`i.

Stan is truly a dedicated public servant with the necessary skills to assist the Land Board in the coming years. Please consider his nomination in this matter.

Sincerely,

Andy Wilson

April 11, 2014

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice-Chair
Senate Water/Land Committee and
Committee Members
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Support for Stan Roehrig Appointment to the State Board of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Chair Solomon, Vice-Chair Galuteria and Committee Members:

My name is Ashley Kierkiewicz and I write to you in support of Stan Roehrig's appointment to the State Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have come to know Mr. Roehrig over the last couple of years and have grown to admire his passion, commitment and tireless service to the community. His experience as a lawyer, former legislator to the Hawaii State House of Representatives and position on the State Land Use Commission as well as the Board of Regents would be invaluable to BLNR.

Mr. Roehrig has a certificate in the Hawaiian language from the University of Hawaii at Hilo and has extensively studied Hawaii's history and culture; he is also an avid waterman, having surfed and paddled canoe all over Hawaii Island. This knowledge and hands-on experience gives Mr. Roehrig a keen understanding of historical context as well as the environmental challenges and opportunities unique to each area of Hawaii Island, which I'm sure he will keep in mind when conducting board business.

I recently had a conversation with Mr. Roehrig about his appointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources and what serving on the board would mean to him. He told me that Hawaii is at a critical juncture—an increase in population growth, demand for development and limited resources means the policies decided upon by the board are more important than ever; everything done from here on out must foster sustainability and be consistent with local culture, heritage and values. Clearly, Mr. Roehrig has a grip on the need to improve and protect the State's natural resources.

I unreservedly support his appointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have no doubt that, if appointed, he will serve the people of Hawaii with distinction.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Kierkiewicz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ashley Kierkiewicz

April 8, 2014

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Hearing on Governor's Message 704 scheduled for April 14, 2014 at 1:15 a.m Conf. Room 225

Nomination of Stanley Roehrig to the Board of Land and Natural Resources

sent electronically via WTLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Senator Malama Solomon, Chair and members of the committee:

Please allow this letter to express my full and strong support for Mr. Stanley Roehrig to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Stanley for over four decades and he has always been a community leader, dedicated public servant, a gentlemen of impeccable character, unquestioned integrity, extremely hardworking individual, who is concerned about his community. He is family oriented and is someone that many go to for advice and counsel because of his strong family values.

He is always the "go to" person for difficult problems and he takes the time to mentor younger attorneys.

He has an outstanding reputation of being fair and honest. I know that he will be dedicated to his public service and will serve the community interest on this important Board.

I fully support his nomination and urge his confirmation.

Sincerely,

BRIAN J. DE LIMA

From the Desk of
George Yokoyama

**The Honorable Governor
Neil Abercrombie
Governor State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

Dear Governor Abercrombie:


It is with great pleasure that I have the opportunity to recommend Mr. Stan Roehrig for the Department Of Land and Natural Resources Land Board.

I firmly believe that Stan is a man of his word and is creditable among his peers here in Hilo and on Oahu. Stan has been an attorney in Hilo for so many years, I cannot remember when he was not practicing law. Stan takes the time to research issues at hand so that he is able to make appropriate decisions.

In short, I recommend Stan enthusiastically and without reservation. I believe he would be a valuable asset to the DLNR Land Board. I have witnessed Stan being successful in the reapportionment case brought to the Supreme Court. His tact, skills, and knowledge will allow him to be successful in the DLNR Land Board.

Should you have any questions please contact me at 808-961-2681 ext. 107. I look forward to hearing from you.

Aloha,


George Yokoyama

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glenn Shiroma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT (GM704) for STANLEY ROEHRIG to the Board of Land & Natural Resources for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

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April 9, 2014

Senator Malama Solomon, Chairwoman
Water & Land Committee
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, HI

Dear Honorable Senator Solomon.

I am writing this letter in support of **Stanley (Stan) H. Roehrig**, who is being considered as an appointee to the Board of Land & Natural Resources.

I have known Stan for over 40 years. He has proven himself to be an effective leader in his profession as a lawyer and as a legislator, serving in the Hawaii State House of Representatives for eight years.

He is an excellent nominee for the DLNR Board especially since he served on the State Land Use Commission and University of Hawaii Board of Regents; he, therefore understands the workings of the legislature as well as boards and commissions.

Stan has done pro bono work on several occasions representing recreation groups on environmental issues.

Stan was born and raised in Hawaii, is a graduate of Punahou and Brown University. He returned to Hawaii and moved to Hilo to work as a County of Hawaii attorney and later started his law practice. He is an avid runner and is a member of the Keaukaha Canoe Club. Being in the KCC and paddling with the predominantly Hawaiian men, fueled his interest to learn more about the Hawaiian culture and language, so he enrolled in Hawaiian studies at University of Hawaii Hilo and graduated with a Hawaiian language degree.

His understanding of the Hawaiian culture, language and customs will be very helpful as a DLNR board member.

Stan Roehrig is passionate, energetic and does his homework in whatever he does. And, I believe that he does things for the right reasons: defending the small guy and doing what is best for the public.

Having served as former DLNR board member myself (1978-1986), I recognize that Stan has the qualifications of being an effective member of the DLNR, and, I humbly ask that you seriously consider appointing the best qualified and dedicated person for the State Board of Land & Natural Resources, **Stanley H. Roehrig**.

Sincerely yours,

Roland Higashi

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