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DANIEL BISHOP	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DANIEL MOORE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DANIEL RUBINOFF	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DANIEL TAYLOR	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DANIELLE FROHLICH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DANNY HASHIMOTO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DARLENE TOTH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DARYL MATTHEWS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DAVE KISOR	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DAVID ATCHESON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DAVID DINNER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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DAVID K A LIMA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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DAVID LAFITAGA JR	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DAVID MULINIX	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DAVID ROACH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DAVID SMITH	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
DAVID SUTTON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DEAN ASAHINA	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
DEAN I HAZAMA	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
DEB MADER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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DEBRA KOONOHOKALA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DEBRA MARCH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DENISE KAUFMAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DENISE WOODS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DENNIS CALLAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DENNIS M TYNAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DEPHLIA RACKLEY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DEREK HOFFMANN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DEREK YOU	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DESIREE HOOVER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DIANA NORTHUP	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DIANA SHAW	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DIANE KODAMA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DIANE NEUMAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DIANE PREZA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DIANE SHIGETA	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
DON HEACOCK	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE

DON MITCHELL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DONNA GRABOW	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DONNA SCHREIBER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DONNA STOKES & CISO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DOREEN N ROZEMOND	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
DOROTHY KULIK	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DOROTHY PETRAS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DOUG FETTERLY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DOUGLAS FOX	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DOUGLAS PEARSON	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
DOUGLAS PERRINE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DR CHRISTING T LIPAT DC	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DWAYNA GREEN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DYLAN DANE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
E RAY BURTON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
E YADAO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
EARL KALAWAI	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
EARL STONE JR	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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EDMUND & KRISTI PANG	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
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ELDON CHUN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ELEANOR SNYDER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ELIEL STARBRIGHT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ELIF BEALL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ELIZABETH JENKINS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ELIZABETH KILPATRICK	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ELIZABETH RUSSELL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
EMILY KANDAGAWA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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ERIC TONG	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ERIK KLONINGER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ERIKA SCHNEIDER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ERNEST JEPSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
EUCINE YAMADA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
EVA RAMOS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
EVA SCHEMMEL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
FAYE H REESE BRENNER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
FAYE L WALLACE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
FELICIA COWDEN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
FITHIAN JONES	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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FRANK MARSH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
FRANK WHITMAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
FRANKLIN LIA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
FRANNY BREWER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
FRED SPANJAARD	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
FREDDY VON ESSEN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
FREDERICK REPPUN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
FREDERICK WELLS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GAIL JACKSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GAIL ST.DENIS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GARETH HALE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GARRET FURUKIDO	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
GARRETT K MIYAKE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GARY PASSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GAYLE GOODMAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GEOFFREY SHAW	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GEORGE HOFFBERG	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GEORGE OUTLAW	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GEORGE ROBERTSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GINGER BRAY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GINGER VOLGER	INDIVIDUAL	COMMENTS
GLENN HO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GLENN METZLER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GLENN SHIROMA	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
GLENN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GLORIA & BERNIE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GLORIA PONDELA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GORDON CALUYA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GORDON MCGUIRE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GREGORY RAND	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GREGORY THIELEN	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
GRETCHEN GOULD	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GUY CHANG	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
GWEN HIRAGA	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
HANA MANAG	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
HANNA MOUNCE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
HARMONEE WILLIAMS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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HARRY YOSHIDA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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HAYDEN ATKINS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
HEATHER MCMILLEN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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IHOR BASKO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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IRENE NEWHOUSE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ISADORA SICKING	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JACK WEBER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JACKSON PARKER	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
JACQUELINE KIPPERT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JAMEIL SAEZ	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JAMES CABBAB	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
JAMES CROWE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JAMES G SULLIVAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JAMES KELLEHER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JAMES L JOHNSTON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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JAMES	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JAMIE MOANA KAWAUCHI	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JAMILEE CARTER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JAN MITCHELL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JAN WIZINOWICH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JANA BOGS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JANEE DOMINIQUE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JANET GOODMANSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JANET NELSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JANET PAPPAS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JANETTE SHABLOW	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JANGEE WESTPHAL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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JASON MANGONON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JAVIER MENDEZ-ALVAREZ	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JEANNE P DUNNING	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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JEFF LIND	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JEFF MUNOZ	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JEFF SACHER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JEFF VESCI	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JENNIFER HOMCY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JENNIFER INDELICLAE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JENNIFER NOELANI	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JENNIFER WONG	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JENNY YAGODICH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JERRY FERRO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JERRY MILLER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JESSE SOUKI	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
JESSICA BREADY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JESSICA MIDDLETON.	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JESSICA MIDDLETON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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GM514

Submitted on: 3/7/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana G. Moss	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Any person who thought felt supported the PLCD in anyway dose not belong being in charge of DLNR. This is a Fox in the Hen House situation. A person who worked as a lobbyist for development will not have the best interest of all our aina properly in place. Do not confirm Mr Ching's appointment!

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Subject: *Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM*
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GM514

Submitted on: 2/25/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Atteberry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 .. Nomination of Carlton Ching to DLNR
Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 5:29:20 PM

I, Daniel Bishop, of 47-146 Pulama Rd, Kaneohe, Hawaii, 96744, am in strong opposition of Mr. Carleton Chings nomination or appointment to the DLNR.

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Cc: mdanno808@aol.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM
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GM514

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
daniel moore	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I would like to oppose the governors nomination of a former castle & Cooke lobbyist to the head of the Dlnr.

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Subject: Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM
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GM514

Submitted on: 2/18/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Rubinoff	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Dear Senators,

Please do NOT confirm Carleton Ching to head DLNR. As a developer's lobbyist he is not qualified to head DLNR. This is the equivalent of putting the fox in charge of the hen house. We can do better, and we rely on you, our representatives, to stop travesties like this from happening! DLNR deserves someone who has experience protecting Hawaii's natural resources, not someone whose career has been developing them for private gain. There may be places for Mr Ching in government, but this is not the right one.

Thank you
Dan Rubinoff

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Subject: *Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM*
Date: Sunday, February 22, 2015 10:42:01 AM

GM514

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Taylor	Individual	Oppose	No

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danielle Frohlich	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is unqualified for this position, and has a conflict of interest. Please do not confirm him.

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From: [Danny Hashimoto](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 10:56:27 AM

Aloha,

I am in opposition to the nomination of Carleton Ching to the DLNR for conflict of interest reasons.

Mahalo for acting accordingly!

Aloha,

Danny Hashimoto
Kapa'a, Hawai'i

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
darlene toth	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose confirmation because the candidate is unqualified and has conflicts of interest.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daryl Matthews	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this nomination. The candidate is not qualified and has a major conflict of interest.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/18/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dave Kisor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hiring a developer to protect the aina transcends all manner of reason, sanity and logic and with all his years as a developer, Carlton Ching doesn't strike me as the right person to head the DLNR. If it were up to me, I'd look for someone who had been in an environmentally protective organization, like the Sierra Club.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Atcheson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not feel Mr. Ching's background is one that is best suited to the kind of land stewardship required for long-term sustainability in the islands.

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Subject: Carleton Ching
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 8:39:38 PM
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After perusing Mr Ching's so called qualification and reading a verbatim interview with him about his proposed views about the DLNR position, I can readily see why there is a groundswell of outraged opinion against his nomination. Are we so deaf to the threat that is imminent to our environment here in Hawaii and in the world that we would name a man devoted to trashing the environment to one of most crucial environmental posts? Please. Wake up to your responsibility to the earth and correct this misguided course of action. Do not confirm Carleton Ching for head of DLNR. Mahalo

Aloha
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GM514

Submitted on: 3/9/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David E Johnson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: NO! This man does not belong in this position. Please don't put a fox in the hen house!

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David K. A. Lima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The nomination of Carleton Ching to chair the DLNR is a serious conflict of interest and he also isn't qualified for the position.

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From: [David Ellis](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support of Carlton Ching
Date: Thursday, March 05, 2015 1:13:51 PM

Aloha,

Please accept this as my strong support for Carlton Ching's confirmation as Director of the DLNR.

I support Mr. Ching's nomination for the following reasons:

1. I believe that his willingness to walk away from his high paying corporate career to step into this lower-paying position is a testament to his commitment to a better future for all of us.
2. Having had the opportunity to meet Mr. Ching and Deputy Director nominee Kekoa Kaluhiwa, I walked away convinced that, with Carlton's management skill set and Kekoa's knowledge of our aina, the department will be in very capable hands. They have an opportunity to learn so much from each other.
3. I believe whole-heartedly in Governor Ige and know that this nomination was made only after deliberate and thoughtful consideration. I trust our Governor's judgement.

For these reasons, I humbly ask that you accept this testimony in support of the confirmation of Carlton Ching as Director of the Department Of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo,

David L. Ellis

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Lafitaga Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: make the right choice and do not approve Carlton Ching as head of DLNR. Do not live your life like this. I know you. You love HAWAII now show it.

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GM514

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David Mulinix	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 2:04:56 PM

I oppose the nomination of a person whose interests I believe would be in conflict with the public good. The nomination of Carleton Ching is dishonorable. His record speaks for itself, and the same will be said for anyone who votes for this appointment.

Hawaii deserves elected representatives who represent of the people, not influence peddlers who simply represent the money.

Thank you for considering this point of view.

David Roach
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GM514

Submitted on: 2/28/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I work for DLNR. Everything I hear about Carleton Ching from people who know him is positive. One of the primary comments is that he is a man of great integrity. I met him recently and was favorably impressed. I think he will do a good job as DLNR Chairperson.

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
david sutton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr Ching has conflicts of interest in this position and should not be confirmed. Strongly oppose his confirmation!!!

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From: [Dean Asahina](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Your Support is Needed on GM 514, Confirmation Hearing for Carleton Ching
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 3:49:52 PM

Dear Chair Thielen,

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

We need diverse views when managing the State's natural and cultural resources; the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes most of the policy decisions for the Department with the Divisions and staff implementing those policies. The Chairperson of the DLNR oversees the proceedings of the Board, but only has one of the seven (7) votes on the Board.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dean Asahina
3395 Niolopua Dr
Honolulu, HI 96817

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean I Hazama	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Testimony In Support of CARLETON CHING for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Senators Ihara, Riviere, Ruderman, Shimabukuro and Slom. I am submitting testimony in support of Governor's Ige's nomination of Carleton Ching to head the Department of Land and Natural Resources. As a longtime resident of Mililani Mauka, and Chair of the Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board 35, I have had many opportunities to work with Mr. Ching on issues affecting both our and other communities. While we did not agree on every issue, he has always listened to both sides, handled himself with the utmost integrity and has been straightforward and fair in his dealings with all people. He has shown he is willing to work towards collaboration and finding solutions by active community engagement, relying upon scientific baselines and laws while respecting and honoring our host culture. His experience in asset/facility and land management as well as in land stewardship will serve him well in having to administer to such a large department with huge responsibilities and facing a number of challenges. In summary, Mr. Ching is equally qualified to lead DLNR as have any of the past Department's Directors and I ask this Committee to support his nomination.

I thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Dean I Hazama

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
deb mader	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, My registered voting family STRONGLY OPPOSES Mr. Ching to head DLNR. Although he may be a nice person, he is not qualified for this position. He has demonstrated no understanding of the public trust doctrine, has not been able to answer specific questions about how he will carry out his job, and has a track record of favoring DEVELOPMENT OVER PROTECTION OF RESOURCES. Please OPPOSE this nomination. Mahalo Deborah Mader Kihei, HI

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Attached is my testimony in support of Carleton Ching as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Thank you for your consideration.

Debbie Luning

2825 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96826
February 25, 2015

The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land
State Capitol, Room 231
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 514 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Dear Chair Thielen and Committee Members:

My name is Debbie Luning, and I am testifying in **strong support** of gubernatorial nominee Carleton Ching for the position of Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

I have known Carleton for over 30 years, having first worked with him at the Hawaii Housing Authority, which subsequently became the Housing Finance and Development Corporation. As a team, the HHA/HFDC employees worked hard to provide affordable housing for the residents of the State of Hawaii. As a result of our efforts, thousands of homes were built throughout the state, including affordable homes in the master-planned community of the Villages of Kapolei. I recall working many late hours with my colleagues during those days; not for any additional compensation (there was none), but because we were public servants at heart. We all desired to make a difference for people who could not afford to own or rent a home without some form of government assistance because they were priced out of the market.

The same Carleton Ching whom I knew many years ago – who had a heart for the people of Hawaii – is the same Carleton Ching whose abilities to lead DLNR are being questioned today solely because of his past employment. As one who also works for a residential developer, I take particular issue with these unfair and inaccurate mischaracterizations. Using myself as an example, although I work for a developer, I was born and raised in Whitmore Village which is surrounded by pineapple fields, and I have had a lifelong appreciation for the agricultural industry in Hawaii. My dad was a Dole employee for over 45 years until he retired and my first “real” job was picking pineapples during the summer season.

Nominees should be judged on their credentials and whether they are able to perform the job at hand. Being at the helm of DLNR will not be an easy task. It is a complex department with many moving parts. Certainly, there will be lots to learn. However, I firmly believe that Carleton Ching can and will be a very capable leader. He has the intelligence, heart, and desire to grasp the complexities and sensitive nature of the Department on a steep learning curve. And as a local boy and grandfather, he cares about Hawaii's future. Please vote to support his nomination.

Sincerely,



Debra M. A. Luning

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
debbie	Individual	Oppose	No

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra Koonohiokala Gregory	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please vote against the confirmation of Mr. Ching in this regards.

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From: [Debra March](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: In Opposition of GM514 - Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 10:41:31 AM

Please oppose Mr. Ching to the Director of DLNR. This is very important. Thank you very much!

Debra March
Kauai

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denise Kaufman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this nominee and hope that you will find someone to head the DLNR who has a background in conservation, science and public service.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
denise woods	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is horrid conflict of interest and needs to be stopped immediately.

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis Callan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the nomination of Mr. Ching because of his conflicts of interests and total lack of background or knowledge in natural resources. He is the worst possible choice, the fox guarding the chicken coop. This kind of action by our new governor is so disappointing that it is going to alienate the public further from the political process, reducing voter turnout and general participation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis M. Tynan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am disappointed Mr. Ige would do this to our land and natural resources. Giving the henhouse keys to the fox is a page from the conservative side, not the progressive ethical change I voted for in November.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dephlia Rackley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Conflict of interest! Big shame!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derek Hoffmann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Being a lifelong resident I would like to express my concern regarding the Director of DLNR. Mr. Carleton Ching is NOT the correct person for this very important position. DO NOT appoint Mr. Ching and please search for someone who can be a good protector of the land and ocean. Like Nainoa Thompson or similar but this person will need some better funding to protect our Aina for future generations. Mahalo, Mr. Hoffmann

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derek You	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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From: [Desiree Hoover](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Monday, March 02, 2015 8:43:12 AM

Dear Government of Hawaii,

I COMPLETELY oppose Carleton Ching to work with the DLNR.

It is a CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

As a Castle and Cooke lobbyist, VP for the Land Use Research Foundation (LURF) and Board Member for the Building Industry Association (BIA) he serves in an influential leadership position in the effort to dismantle key elements now in place to protect public trust resources.

His job at many levels over the past decade is/was to influence changes in public policy to increase the profitability of development interests via the diminishment of environmental, health, cultural and public land protections.

As a Board Member of the Building Industry Association (BIA) Mr. Chings fiduciary responsibility is to support the interests of: developers, general contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers, Realtors, architects and financial institutions.

An even more alarming indication of the deep seated bias in support of development and opposed to environmental protections is his role as Vice President at LURF. LURF's mission is to "promote and advance the interests of the development community, particularly in the areas of land use laws and regulations."

Please remember the "Government" is for the people and by the people, not the corporates.

I am so VERY disappointed that I even have to write in this testimony.

Sincerely

Desiree Hoover

A concerned Kauai Resident

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diana Northup	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diana Shaw	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching is not the right person for this position. The mission of DLNR is of protecting our precious resources. Mr. Ching's history is that of developing our precious resources primarily for those of wealth. A leopard does not change spots. Please do not confirm his nomination.

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February 26, 2015

Committee on Water and Land
State Capitol, Hearing Conference Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Testimony Supporting GM514
Hearing date Wednesday March 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
via Capitol website: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony/>

Dear Honorable Chair Senator Laura Thielen:

I am writing in SUPPORT of GM514 which confirms Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Diane Y Kodama

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Neuman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is not qualified for this position.

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Subject: OPPPOSE Carleton Ching nomination
Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 8:29:19 PM

Dear Senate Water and Land Committee,

I oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to be Director of DLNR.

Sincerely,
Diane Preza

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Date: Friday, March 06, 2015 9:46:26 AM
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Attached is a letter in support of Carleton Ching's appointment. Thank you!

March 10, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing: Wednesday, 03-11-15 10:00AM in Conference Room 229.

Re: GM514 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

- Carleton is trustworthy and respectful of others, even when there are disagreements and conflicting opinions;
- Carleton is committed to enhance, protect, conserve, and manage our precious land and natural resources for all of our children, our moopuna, our future, while respecting and honoring our host culture;
- Carleton is willing and able to devote the time and energy to responsibly implement the mission of the Department of Land & Natural Resources.
- Carleton has the experience, skills, management style, desire, and dedication to be an effective steward of Hawaii's unique natural, cultural, and historic resources;
- Carleton's professional background in both private corporate management and State Government provides him with the experience to ably handle the many challenges envisioned as Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources;

Thank you for the opportunity to support Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Diane Shigeta
593 Palawiki Street
Kailua, HI 96734

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Heacock	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Subject: In opposition to GM 514, nomination of Charleton Ching to DLNR Dear Senators: My name is Don Heacock, although I am giving you my personal and professional opinion, I have been the Kauai District Fisheries Biologist for DLNR for the past 33 years, and I am strongly opposed to the selection of Mr. Charleton Ching by Governor Ige to Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Mr. Ching is neither academically trained nor adequately experienced to manage Hawaii's complex natural, cultural and historic resources, which are finite and have been on the decline for decades. Mr. Ching's experience as a lobbyist for one of Hawaii's largest real estate developers, and his position as vice-president of the Land Use Research Foundation (LURF), strongly indicates that he shares LURF's values and mission: "to promote and advance the interests of the development community, particularly in the areas of land use laws and regulations." Additionally, he actively lobbies to decrease or eliminate environmental protection laws to favor developers and development. In contrast, Hawaii's State Constitution mandates DLNR's mission: "to enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei," Considering the conflicting values and missions of LURF and DLNR, it would be foolish to consider a person like Mr. Ching whose experience heavily favors the private sector to oversee and execute the vital mission of DLNR? Ching's appointment to DLNR would be an indefensible risk to our natural, cultural and historic resources and the "precautionary principle" must prevail by choosing someone like Dr. Sam Gon, III, who is academically and experientially trained to manage complex natural and cultural resources. Because Hawaii is the "endangered species capital of the world", with the greatest number of endemic and unique natural resources in the world, and the most endangered ecosystems in the world (like the mesic forest in Koke'e), we need a superior natural resource manager for DLNR. Certainly this should be of major concern to anyone who cares about the long term protection and management of Hawaii's forests, watersheds, rivers and streams, wetlands and ocean resources. Since Polynesian arrival, Hawaii's environmental and cultural uniqueness (its "natural capital") determined its economic success. If we choose poorly and make bad decisions today which negatively impact these resources, we can be sure the economy, culture, environment and Hawaii's people will suffer tomorrow and far into

the future. Please vot no and oppose Carleton Ching's appointment to DLNR.
Sincerely, Donald E. Heacock, PO Box 1323, Lihue, Kauai, HI 96766

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Mitchell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a person born and raised on the Big Island, and someone who has spent much time in the back country (and who also worked for the old "Fish and Game" back in the sixties) I strongly oppose Carleton Ching's nomination as DNLR head. This position, I think, absolutely requires a person with demonstrated abilities to manage land and resources for the greater good, rather than for businesses and developers. And surely some training in the field is required. We don't need unqualified people who surely have conflicts of interest.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/25/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Grabow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest; I oppose the nomination of him to chair the DLNR. Mahalo, Donna Grabow Volcano, Moku o Keawe

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Schreiber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching as Chair of DLNR due to a major conflict of interest.

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Stokes & Ciso Lagmay	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We oppose the nomination of Carlton Ching. He has no aloha or respect for our aina. There is a conflict of interest. Carlton Ching is a developer and does not have any interest in preserving and protecting Hawaii's aina or cultural and natural resources. He is the wrong person for the DLNR position. His nomination is ludicrous!

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To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Carlton Ching DLNR Chairperson
Date: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 3:25:56 PM

I support Carlton Ching as the Chairperson for the DLNR. I believe that Carlton will fulfill the DLNR mission. "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors." (5)

I have known Carlton for over 10 years and know him as an ethical and fair minded person. He has the capabilities and work ethics to manage the DLNR department. Please support Carlton as I know that he will look out for the interests of the state of Hawaii. Although he works for a developer it doesn't not mean that he wants to pave over everything. He will protect the states lands.

Sincerely,
Doreen N. Rozemond
94-1004 Lelehu St.
Waipahu, HI 96797

From: [Dorothy Kulik](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Down with Carleton Ching!
Date: Monday, March 02, 2015 9:09:58 AM

I oppose confirmation of Carleton Ching to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

**Dorothy Kulik
268 Kamalu Rd., # 4
Kapaa, HI 96746**

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Dorothy Petras	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doug Fetterly	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Would you actually put a fox in charge of the hen house? This isn't Washington D.C. I cannot believe Ching has been nominated. We will have to, unfortunately, watch Ige's every step else our land, our culture, our way of life will be overrun by development, an O'ahu concrete jungle. DO NOT SUPPORT Ching's appointment. How could you?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
douglas Fox	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ching is the wrong candidate for this office.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Douglas Pearson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Carleton Ching as Chairperson of DLNR.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Douglas Perrine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: By law, the primary duty of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Director of DLNR are to conserve Hawaii's natural and biological resources. From his resume, it would appear that Mr. Ching has no background in biology and no experience in natural resource conservation management. To the contrary, his experience seems to be largely in the area of land development. Thus he would appear to be entirely unqualified for this position.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Christine T. Lipat D.C.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The protection and conservation of natural resources is important for our quality of life now and for future generations. Although Carleton Ching may be an upstanding person, I question his ability to shift his values and alliances when he has spent the better part of his career eroding those environmental protections. How can he see protection and conservation as valuable assets for a beautiful sustainable Hawai'i rather than as liabilities to a modern overdeveloped Hawai'i? Governor Ige, what will your legacy be?

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dwayna Green	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oahu has been over developed and all of its resources are suffering for it! Traffic is at an all-time high and even if they build that tram it will not alleviate the additional traffic; water is another issue, where will it come from to support all those houses; jobs are scarce and I don't foresee that improving either. We need someone in DLNR'S chair that will start to look at protecting what is left....already several rivers are polluted and even some of our beaches. If tourism is our biggest industry believe me...I have lived in DC for the past 10 years and anyone I've spoken to has said Oahu is not the place they would ever return to for a visit....they site the traffic problem, the homeless people, the crowded beaches and have said that if they wanted to visit a crowded city and pay all that money they wouldn't go to Oahu! Please think about this nomination! Please reconsider and nominate someone who will preserve our aina and protect what little Oahu has left!

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I, Dwayna Kaluapakohana Green, oppose Carlton Chings nomination for DLNR. I oppose it because I feel he does not have the welfare of our aina in mind. Oahu cannot handle anymore developments and his involvement with the Koa Ridge project proves that he is not the right man for the DLNR job.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan Dane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is a conflict of interest plain and simple. There is no way around it.

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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Monday, March 02, 2015 10:01:49 PM

Aloha

I am writing in opposition to the confirmation of Carleton Ching to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). I am a resident of Kalaheo on Kauai.

As it is important to ask your financial advisor if s/he is acting as a fiduciary, meaning putting your financial interest first, you need to consider the business ties of the future Director of the DLNR. As a lobbyist for Castle and Cooke, the VP for the Land Use Research Foundation (LURF) and a former Board Member for the Building Industry Association (BIA), I don't doubt Mr. Ching's ability to represent the views of developers. We need a DLNR Director who will represent the will of the people and who will work to protect our land and natural resources.

The DLNR Director also chairs the Commission on Water Resource Management. Those of us who live on the South Shore of Kauai are very concerned about the potential (probable) negative impact of a proposed industrial dairy on our well and ocean water.

We need a DLNR Director who will work with developers for the people protecting our land and great natural resources, not the other way around.

Mahalo for your consideration.

E. Ray Burton

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
E Yadao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let's at least try to appear as if there is some integrity. Please VOTE NO.

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February 21, 2015

E. Yadao
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GM514

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire
12-31-2018.**

Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

I OPPOSE this nomination.

CARLETON CHING'S business interests and overall direction are in direct conflict with the spirit and intent of Hawaii's laws, the DLNR Mission Statement and the Hawaii State Constitution which are to ***“Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors...”*** The overall mission of the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement is to promote the safe and **responsible** use of Hawaii's natural resources [emphasis added].”

To proceed with this nomination, or any similar nomination that conflicts with the preservation and protection of lands held in trust, will be grounds for impeachment; as the leadership would be declaring their objectives as pro development without reasonable, responsible and precautionary regard for the land and resources of these unique islands. Looking only at monetary profits and pre-arranged deals with potential developers has no place in the good leadership of these islands.

Many people have vested time, studies, laws and structure of how these lands are to be stewarded. Please don't make the mistake of Superferry proponents only to discover plans for wrong uses of the lands will be declared to cause Irreparable Harm.

Sincerely,
E. Yadao

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Earl Kalawai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
earl stone jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I feel strongly that this person is not the man for this job. His interest are not for the people of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edith Kurisaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Thielen and Members of the Senate Water and Land Committee-- I am in support of Carelton Ching's nomination as Chair of the BLNR. We are fortunate that an executive from the business world is willing to serve the public, and he should be given that chance. Edith Kurisaki 5329 Kalaniana'ole Highway Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

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Subject: Committee On Water and Land
Date: Friday, February 20, 2015 1:42:32 PM

DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2015
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol

To: Committee on Water and Land

We are writing this letter in support of Mr. Carleton Ching for the position of Chairperson of the Department of the Land and Natural Resources. My wife and I have known Carleton Ching and his family for the past 8 years. We have always been impressed with Carleton's attributes, namely his integrity and honesty. He is a very positive person and looks at situations objectively and in a fair and professional manner. He has a compassion to "do the right thing," which sets him apart as a leader. He can be counted on to follow-through on his statements.

We believe that Carleton Ching will be an excellent steward to preserve the land and natural resources for the benefit of the people of Hawaii. We highly recommend Carleton Ching without reservation for Chairperson of the Department of the Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Edmund and Kristi Pang

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edmund Dana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Esteemed legislators, I am writing to express my opposition to the nomination of Carleton Ching to chair the DLNR. While I have nothing against Mr. Ching personally, he is unqualified and has a conflict of interest. Thank you for the opportunity for input into your process. Aloha, Edmund Dana P.O. Box 289 Lawai, HI 96765

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eileen Diana Burg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The purpose of the DLNR is to conserve land use. I oppose confirmation of a chair who has not demonstrated any history of protecting the land from development.

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Elaine Heiby	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This candidate has an obvious conflict of interest

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Eldon Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: conflict of interest; not qualified

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Eleanor Snyder	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ching is like hiring the fox to guard the hen house. Please don't do it.

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Eliei Starbright	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is unqualified and has a conflict of interest!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elif Beall	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching does not simply work for one of Hawaii's largest real estate developers but his professional career has to a great extent been focused on actively working to eliminate or weaken regulations intended to protect all that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is supposed to manage and protect. As a Castle & Cooke lobbyist, VP for the Land Use Research Foundation and Board Member for the Building Industry Association he serves in an influential leadership position in the effort to dismantle key elements now in place to protect public trust resources. As a Board Member of the Building Industry Association Mr. Ching's fiduciary responsibility is to support the interests of: developers, general contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers, Realtors, architects and financial institutions. As recently as a few days ago the BIA was publicly advocating for the dismantling of the State Land Use Commission. An even more alarming indication of the deep seated bias in support of development and opposed to environmental protections is his role as Vice President at LURF. LURF's mission is to "promote and advance the interests of the development community, particularly in the areas of land use laws and regulations." There must be many other candidates who are more qualified for this position. Please DO NOT CONFIRM Mr. Ching as head of DLNR. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
elizabeth jenkins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose Carleton Chings appointment to chair DLNR He is not qualified and it is a conflict of interest and disparagement of the people of Hawaii to appoint a developer to watch over our 'Aina!!!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Kilpatrick	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This candidate has a conflict of interest. We need someone who will represent Hawaii's land and natural resources for our children and grandchildren, not for increasing population and tourism.

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Elizabeth Russell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Emily Kandagawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Eric Prado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Protect Hawaii's natural resources. No to Carleton Ching as head of DLNR.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Tong	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land, Please reconsider before you place the future of our remaining natural resources in the hands of the development lobby, led by a man of limited experience in areas of environmental and social justice. Mahalo for your thoughtful deliberation on behalf of our future generations. No to Mr. Ching's appointment to the DLNR Chair.

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February 20, 2015

Dear Senator Committee on Water and Land,

I am writing today in opposition to the appointment of Mr. Carleton Ching to the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. His qualifications to oversee the management of the State's natural resources are completely lacking, and his background in fact suggests that he will work to dismantle the very institutions that remain to safeguard these resources for the benefit of the public trust. Please consider that the appointment of such an individual and the agenda he has explicitly represented to date may result in irreversible detriment to our State's natural capital, with implications for our collective sustainability, resilience to climate change impacts, as well as for the distinctive customary and access rights of Native Hawaiians. I believe the unchecked profiteering off of our remaining natural resources is not only shortsighted as an economic strategy, but stands to widen socio-economic gaps across our island communities while allowing continued exportation of potential land-based revenues to offshore entities.

Respectfully,

Eric Tong

Kāne'ohe, Hawai'i

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
erik kloninger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe the candidate lacks the qualifications for this position.

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erika Schneider	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE Mr. Ching's appointment because I feel he has too much history in development, which is in direct opposition to the purpose of DNLR. We need someone in this position who cares about preserving our land and resources.... and Mr. Ching has shown through his extensive development history that he is not the right person for this position. While there is nothing 'wrong' with being a developer, appointing a developer in charge of our precious Public Lands and Natural Resources is clearly wrong. Mahalo.

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ernest Jepson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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From: [Eunice Yamada](#)
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Subject: Hawaii State Legislature GM514
Date: Sunday, February 22, 2015 10:02:23 PM

This email is directed to the committee that will determine the selection of the chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

You have a hearing to decide this nomination on Wednesday, March 11th 2015 at 10:00am in room 229. I wish to have my testimony regarding measure GM514 read at this hearing. I will not be testifying in person.

I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching for the position of Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. While Mr. Ching has extensive experience in real estate development because of his position as a lobbyist for Castle and Cooke Hawaii, his background in protecting the agriculture and natural resources of Hawaii is limited at best. In fact, his background with Castle and Cooke seems to indicate a conflict of interest with his desired position of Chair of DLNR. Therefore, I oppose his nomination.

Mahalo nui loa for your time.

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eva Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: "I OPPOSE the confirmation of Carleton Ching as DLNR Chair. It is nearly impossible to imagine a worse candidate than Mr. Ching: he has a track record of fighting for unrestricted development and he has shown an astounding ignorance of the major issues that DLNR faces. Governor Ige has made a huge mistake in appointing Mr. Ching; please do not make the same mistake. Listen to the people of Hawaii and DO NOT CONFIRM Carleton Ching."

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eva Schemmel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carelton Ching represents a conflict of interest as a supporter of development at the expense of our local resources. He is not a good choice for this critical position.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Faye H. Reese Brenner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carlton Ching is not qualified and has a conflict of interest. Lets keep the fox out of the hen house.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/24/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Faye L Wallace	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a lobbyist for Castle & Cooke (who is only taking a leave of absence) his career has been dedicated to opposing everything that DLNR stand for. Also as the president and VP of the developer-lobbying group, LURF, whose mission is to remove laws that might curtail development and as an official of the Building Industry Association, Ching has consistently lobbied against the positions that he will be required to defend as DLNR Chair. In recent talk story appearances, it has become clear that Ching, who will serve on the Water Commission by virtue of his DLNR chairmanship, not only doesn't know the public trust law and water hierarchy but doesn't even know it exists! Gov. Ige says he is a good administrator but his only administration experience is supervising a repair/landscaping of four. This is inadequate to oversee a huge state administration.

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Felicia Cowden	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: With all due respect to Mr. Ching's successful history in land development, these connections represent a profound conflict of interest. The DLNR is supposed to protect and conserve our natural environment for the public benefit as well as hold a kuleana for future generations with special consideration toward our traditional Hawaiian heritage. In essence, Carlton Ching's leadership is placing a representative of those to be regulated in the chair seat of imposing and clarifying the regulations. This is wrong.

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Subject: In opposition to GM514 - Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 12:37:33 PM

I cannot support the nomination of Mr. Ching to Direct DLNR, as his allegiance to the developers of real estate in Hawaii is in direct conflict with the interests of the citizens and residents of Hawaii, including myself and my family, who have lived here for more than forty years.

mahalo,
Fithian Jones
resident of Kauai

From: [scotty andersons](#)
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Date: Friday, March 06, 2015 8:21:21 AM
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I have attached my testimony for GM514, WTL Room 229 Wed Mar 11 at 10:00 a.m.

F.M. Scotty Anderson
2435 Aha Aina Place
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To: Senate Committee on Water and Land

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, members Ihara, Riviere, Ruderman, Shimabukuro, Slom

RE: GM514, Mar 11, 10:00 A.M. Room 229

Testimony in support of Carleton Ching for Chairperson Dept. of Land and Natural Resources

I am writing in strong support of Carleton Ching for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I believe a Governor should be given a great deal of leeway regarding appointments of individuals they wish to work with and department heads and cabinet members. While there are obvious reasons to sometimes oppose a nominee, it seems the opposition to Mr. Ching is rooted in the fact that he has worked almost exclusively in the land development industry.

Mr. Ching is a keiki o ka aina, who has a true and deep love for our Hawaiian Islands. I have worked with Mr. Ching for many years on several Boards and committees and have always been impressed with his grasp of the subjects at hand and his preparation and calm delivery on his position. He has always been open to other suggestions and opinions that may differ from his own.

I would never want someone to lead DLNR and try to “pave over paradise”, and if anyone were to attempt that I would be the first to stand in their way.

Let’s look at the projects Castle and Cook has done over the past years....developed Mililani, an All American City, The Renaissance, single family homes in Waipahu, 400 Keawe Street in Kakaako, quality housing projects all, which have provided homes for local families, including possibly yours.

Mr. Ching will do a great job at DNLNR—he will be a solid leader in a state government that can always use more strength. Mr. Ching is not in this for the money. He is in it for the land he loves.

I ask you to support the request of the Governor and approve the appointment of Carlton Ching.

Respectfully submitted

F.M. Scotty Anderson

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/1/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Forest Shomer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Carleton Ching lacks the knowledge, experience, and community ties necessary to the successful operation of DLNR. DLNR needs a leader with a deep understanding of the histories and struggles from which Hawaii's obligation hold natural resources in trust arose, the political courage to enforce this public trust, and the vision to develop a plan to realize these crucial protections. The leadership that is needed today, urgently needs to originate from within the community of those committed to island stewardship. Care and protection of island resources, scarce ones like water and arable soil; sacred sites and their environs; uncompromised public access to shorelines and traditional corridors and paths--these are the qualities needed to protect and a leader must be found who represents and respects these qualities. Carleton Ching is not this leader.

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Foster Ampong	Individual	Oppose	No

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To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 4:46:53 AM

I ask you to please place someone with more respect for the aina and Hawaiian ways than Carleton Ching in the position to head up DLNR. That role is a sacred one which needs someone who's track record unwaveringly demonstrates their ability to honor the natural resources, places, and life forms.

Please do NOT nominate him. One alternative to consider is Vincent Mina from Maui, and there are plenty of others who live their love of hawaii.s natural resources.

Mahalo,

Frances Pitzer

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank Marsh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR because he is unqualified and has very obvious conflicts of interest.

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank Whitman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the Governor's choice of Carleton Ching to lead the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources and ask that the nomination not be confirmed because he has no demonstrated expertise in managing the cultural and natural resources that fall under the department's purview, including but not limited to endangered species, iwi, ceded land, water resources, forests, beaches, coral reefs, fishing and hunting resources, historic sites, and state parks. Mr. Ching "lobbied for developer Castle and Cooke, served as a director on the Building Industry Association of Hawai'i and as vice-President of the Land Use Research Foundation, which according to its website is 'devoted exclusively to promoting the interests of the development community.' Both organizations have consistently lobbied to weaken laws that protect the state's cultural and natural resources."

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Franklin Lia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in opposition of Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR. He is not fully qualified and his appointment would be a conflict of interest to the concerned citizens of the State of Hawaii.

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Franny Brewer	Individual	Oppose	No

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February 21, 2015

RE: GM514

Nomination of Carleton Ching

OPPOSE

Aloha Senators,

As someone who graduated from UH Hilo with a degree in biology, I was privileged to have the opportunity to learn about and subsequently fall in love with Hawaii's native natural environments.

For the last 10 years I have worked hard to protect and conserve our forest, watersheds, and coastal areas in any way I could. For the last 5 years, as a public school teacher, I focused on Hawaii's natural resources and watched many of my students become committed stewards of the environment, engaging in service trips that had them planting koa trees in the Mauna Kea watershed, cutting ginger in Kohala, and collecting mamane seeds to feed captive Palila in Volcano at the Keauhou Bird Conservation Center. There are so many wonderful, smart, generous, caring people working in this state to take care of our natural resources, and I have been so lucky to meet many of them and observe the work of others.

That is what makes Gov. Ige's nominee for chair of the department that is responsible for our public lands so disappointing. Carleton Ching does not have the expertise nor the background that would make him a good candidate for this position. Please do not confirm his appointment. Climate change, drought, and the loss of biodiversity worldwide have not left Hawaii unscathed -this is a critical time for our environment, and we need to be certain that the person in charge is not only fully prepared for the unique challenges, but also fully committed to maintaining those life-support systems that are our public lands.

Thank you for your time.

Franny Kinslow Brewer

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fred Spanjaard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Freddy Von Essen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do what is right and do not make this man the Head of DLNR.
Please restore my faith in our government by representing Us. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frederick Reppun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the confirmation of Carleton Ching to lead the DLNR. Ching is unqualified for the job--he has no experience in natural resource management. Further, his past employment for Castle and Cook and other development interests who have lobbied to weaken natural resource and historic land preservation laws at best biases his perspective on preserving resources in the public trust. At worst it represents a conflict of interest. As one who grew up in Waiahole directly witnessed the work of many diligent public servants and community members to restore streams and slow development of Hawaii's agricultural lands, I know that there are many more qualified candidates out there. Please oppose Carleton Ching's nomination, and choose instead someone who understands the letter and spirit of Hawaii's natural resource protection laws.

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From: [Fred Wells](#)
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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 - Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Monday, March 02, 2015 11:08:38 AM

Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.
Dr. Frederick Wells
Waipouli, Kauai

From: [Gail Jackson](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Committee on Water and Land, GM 514, Wednesday March 11, 2015 at 10:am, not testifying in person, IN
OPPOSITION
Date: Sunday, March 08, 2015 11:07:28 PM

Aloha Senators,

We all have values and a unique perspective on life. Hawaii deserves a Director of the Department of Land and Resources that has demonstrated he/she values preserving the resource and protecting the public trust, not someone whose values encompass promoting increased development and profits while weakening those public trust protections.

Mr. Ching was offered the position and at first declined. But he said he changed his mind while watching his granddaughter play basketball one afternoon in January. "In that moment I got it: I said, so what's my issue with not taking on this challenge? It's for us, it's for all of us, it's for what we live and breathe," he said. "She motivated me."

I do not believe this January "enlightening" can overcome his record of:

- (1) Having the attitude in common with Castle & Cooke, the Land Use Research Foundation and the Building Industry Association that natural resources are there to be transformed into a revenue stream.
- (2) As a Board Member of the BIA, Mr. Chings' fiduciary responsibility is to support the interests of: developers, general contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers, Realtors, architects and financial institutions.
- (3) He was a Vice President of LURF and their mission is "to promote and advance the interests of the development community, particularly in the areas of land use laws and regulations."
- (4) His professional career has to a great extent been focused on actively working to eliminate or weaken regulations intended to protect all that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is supposed to manage and protect.
- (5) His job at many levels over the past decade is/was to influence changes in public policy to increase the profitability of development interests via the diminishment of environmental, health, cultural and public land protections.
- (6) Nothing in his resume is directly related to conservation.

Mr. Ching does not have the experience, background or expertise to lead the DLNR. He lacks experience in conservation and the management of natural resources and doesn't have experience leading a major organization with hundreds of employees. He is not qualified for this job.

The Director of DNLR Department of Land and Natural Resources is one of the state's most important Cabinet positions, given the breadth of the department and its huge land holdings.

The DLNR's mission is to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors."

That mission is often in conflict with the goals of developers.

The DLNR, headed by an executive Board of Land and Natural Resources and chaired by the Director of DLNR, is responsible for managing, administering, and exercising control over public lands, water resources, ocean waters, navigable streams, coastal areas (except commercial harbors), minerals, and all interests therein. The department's jurisdiction encompasses nearly 1.3 million acres of State lands, beaches, and coastal waters as well as 750 miles of coastline (the fourth longest in the country). It includes state parks; historical sites; forests and forest reserves; aquatic life and its sanctuaries; public fishing areas; boating, ocean recreation, and coastal programs; wildlife and its sanctuaries; game management areas; public hunting areas; and natural area reserves. It manages 23,000 acres of inland streams, 3 million acres of near-shore ocean waters, 410,000 acres of coral reef and 2 million acres of conservation land. The DLNR is comprised of 10 divisions and nearly 900 employees.

The Director of DLNR chairs the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Commission on Water Resources Management, and is the chief historic preservation officer. The Director is responsible for ensuring DLNR follows all public hearing and disclosure requirements and satisfies all constitutional requirements under the public trust doctrine. The board has to approve leases of state lands and rules on conservation district use permits, which are needed for projects such as the Mauna Kea telescope on the Big Island to move forward. The board also makes decisions about the management of fisheries and wildlife, fishing restrictions and whether to allow aerial hunting of deer and goats that are harming watersheds. The commission is charged with administering the state water code, which was created by the Legislature in 1987 and established protections for Hawaii's fresh water resources.

The commission has been in the middle of disputes involving large landowners and developers, Native Hawaiians and environmentalists over the allocation of water resources.

If confirmed, Mr. Ching would take the helm of the department at a time when developers have a great deal at stake in the decisions that its board and the water commission make.

Ua mau ke ea o ka 'aina i ka pono.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Mahalo for all your hard work,

Gail W Jackson

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gail St. Denis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching, as a formerly lobbyist for Castle and Cooke, definitely has a conflict of interest. His lack of background and Mr. Ige's refusal to discuss his choice are also highly suspect.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gareth Hale	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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From: [Garret Furukido](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Carleton Ching
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 3:02:06 PM

My family and I support Mr. Carleton Ching as Director of DLNR.

GH Furukido
625A Hunapaa St.
Hon. 96816

From: [Garrett Miyake](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: DLNR - Carleton Ching
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 8:45:53 AM

Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Garrett K. Miyake

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mr Gary Passon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support a developer as head of the DNLR. Specifically I do not support Carleton Ching

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From: [Gayle Goodman](#)
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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Confirmation of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 7:25:38 PM

Aloha Senators,

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Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

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Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Gayle Goodman, Psy.D.
1407 Koko Head ave, Honolulu, HI 96816

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Geoffrey Shaw	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not confirm this spokesperson for urban Oahu developers for a position that is so important to the concerns of rural residents of the outer islands.

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From: [George Outlaw](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: DLNR appointment
Date: Thursday, February 19, 2015 8:07:29 AM

Aloha,

I oppose the nomination of Mr. Ching as the head of DLNR. I have reviewed his previous positions in the 18 February Civil Beat article. He has opposed and worked diligently against many of the Laws designed to protect the public lands and places of Hawaii. He has consistently sided with development interests as has been his profession. There is no indication from the record of his ever weighing in against or influencing development interests in favor of public interests.

It seems clear as a layman that he has and will serve the developers of Hawaii over the interests of the public. Simply because once he has done his job, he will go back to work for those same development interests(his profession) unless he declares he will not work in or consult for any real estate interest in Hawaii subsequent to his holding this position. I think this is highly unlikely....

This is a simple example of putting the fox in charge of the hen house.

Mahalo,

George Outlaw
Honolulu

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George Robertson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Candidate Ching is unqualified for the job as BLNR chairman and DLNR Director. His previous employment as a development lobbyist raises serious doubts as to his commitment to the protection of Hawaii's precious natural resources.

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From: [Ken Bray](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: "In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR"
Date: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 11:37:58 PM

Aloha,

I am writing in opposition of the Governor's DLNR Nomination of Carleton Ching. The Governor needs to choose another nomination, someone who will be an honest steward of our precious aina, and who has Native Hawaiian land management knowledge and experience.

Mahalo,

Ginger Bray

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ginger Vogler	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: 1. Carleton Ching lacks the knowledge, experience, and community ties necessary to the successful operation of DLNR. 2. DLNR needs a leader with a deep understanding of the histories and struggles from which Hawaii's obligation hold natural resources in trust arose, the political courage to enforce this public trust, and the vision to develop a plan to realize these crucial protections. 3. Carleton Ching is not this leader. In recent meetings, Ching failed to identify any vision or plan for DLNR; indicated he did not know what the public trust is; and recited the refrain of "balancing" in reference to competing water users. Hawaii's water code, he then learned, imposes a hierarchies of best uses of water. Ching served on the Building Industry of America's board, which sought to undermine the state Historic Preservation Division's authority over historic properties, a stance that could endangering many Native Hawaiian cultural sites. Ching was president of Land Use Research Foundation (LURF), which lobbied to establish the Public Land Development Corporation (PLDC); weaken environmental impact assessments; and against establishing an Environmental Court.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glenn Ho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is a definite conflict of interest to appoint Carleton Ching to chair the DLNR, but more importantly he lacks the credentials, experience, and knowledge to protect Hawaii's delicate ecosystem, water rights, and natural resources for my children and grandchildren.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glenn Metzler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a biologist living and working in Hawaii for 11 years. I believe Mr. Ching is unqualified and, working primarily as a land developer in his current position, has a conflict of interest for the position of head of DLNR. Given his background I do not believe he fully appreciates and understands the complexity of our natural resources and would be willing to take the steps necessary to protect and preserve them for future generations.

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

Comments: Testimony in strong support for Carleton Ching for Department of Land & Natural Resources Director and the Board of Land & Natural Resources Chairperson. Looking forward for the leadership and management which Mr. Ching will bring to DLNR/BLNR especially to Division of Boat & Ocean Resources.

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Please don't nominate Carleton Ching to DLNR. Mahalo

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

From: [bernie weisgerber](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Cc: [whr220@msn.com](#)
Subject: comment on GM514 Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Sunday, March 08, 2015 9:32:39 AM

TO: Hawaii State Senators
FROM: Resident, Waikoloa Village, Hawaii Island
DATE: March 8, 2015

We respectfully oppose confirmation of Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. This position requires the understanding and support of management actions which protect our fragile environment and natural resources of our islands. Mr. Ching's working career is associated with development corporations, such as Castle and Cooke, Molokai Ranch Resort, Pheasant Ridge Corp, and Tropic Shores Realty.

State organizations whose mission it is to support commercial development would welcome Mr. Ching's participation. However the critical nature of the position of director of DLNR requires an individual who understands and appreciates the reasons for natural and cultural resources protection. The lead position as head of the Department of Land and Natural Resources should have an advocate for natural resource conservation and, if not, who does provide that advocacy and balance within state government?

Thank you for reading and considering our comments.

Gloria & Bernie Weisgerber

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gloria Pondela	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest and we need someone with a track record of protecting our environment be appointed to DLNR!. DLNR is charged with protecting Hawaii's resources including water (Water Commission) and land. They keep developers in check, prevent the draining of aquifers and protect our agricultural land. Putting a developer in charge of DLNR is incompatible with its mission. Ching has no experience in running a state agency nor does he have experience in protecting the environment. In fact he advocates doing away with DLNR's mission and "streamlining" developer permissions.

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordon Caluya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I vehemently oppose the appointing of Carleton Ching to head the DLNR! How can a lobbyist for Special Interest objectively head this department??? This is a RIDICULOUS nomination, and just proves that David Ige is like All the other Corrupt Democrats - looking out for his friends/campaign donors rather than the best interest of the people of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordon McGuire	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Carleton Ching the Developer. The main issues are that he has NO qualifications for the job, and he is a lobbyist for Castle and Cook. He would only be ON LEAVE from C+C if he gets the appointment, so it's not even as if he makes any pretense of permanently cutting ties with them. The conflicts of interest are dumbfounding

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COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
SENATOR LAURA THIELEN, CHAIR
SENATOR BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, VICE CHAIR

RE: Testimony GM 514 Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land
and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING
Hearing Date: MARCH 11, 2015 10:00 AM Conference Room 229

Aloha Senators,

My name is Graydon 'Buddy' Keala and have 30+ years as a Hawaiian Fishpond practitioner. I have worked with more than 30 loko i'a statewide and restored half a dozen including the permit processing and full restoration of several fishponds on Molokai during the same time that Mr. Ching was employed by Molokai Ranch.

While I do not know Mr. Ching personally, I do have issues with these nominees' qualifications. From the standpoint of a cultural practitioner, this nominee experience is too top heavy on the development side of where a DLNR Head should be, especially with regards to our Historic Sites and associated cultural practices.

The Molokai Ranch that the nominee was employed, tried very hard to develop an infrastructure for its new development including 5 new towns, doubling housing and population. Molokai Ranch was supported by then Mayor Lingle, to push past any regulatory or agency barriers until the request for water use for their development came into play. Without the water their dreams would not happen.

With Lingle's support, many of the hurdles for getting water to the Maunaloa development were moving forward. The one aquifer island had water limitation that the Ranch never considered. None the less, Water Use permit priority was 'given' to Molokai Ranch before Hawaiian Homes Lands and the public transfer water lines were made available to the Ranch, a private entity.

In 1997 and 1998 Molokai Ranch was taken to court on these issues and lost. I provided testimony as a loko i'a expert.

- State Water Commission Case no. CCH -M097-1 "Kukui Case" Contested Case Hearing on Water Use Permit application by Molokai Ranch. Provide Testimony as Expert in Hawaiian Fishponds. Native Hawaiian Legal Corp. Nov. 1998
- State Water Commission Case no. CCH -M096-1 "Waiola Case" Contested Case Hearing on Water Use, Well Construction & Pump Installation permit by Molokai Ranch Provide Testimony as Expert in Hawaiian Fishponds. Earth Justice Nov. 1997

I humbly ask that your committee withhold Mr. Carleton Ching's confirmation as DLNR Chairperson.

Respectfully,

Graydon 'Buddy' Keala
PO Box 1428 Kilauea, HI 96754

"Ho'olaulima ku na kupuna Malama no i ka loko i'a E ho'omau i neia waiwai ho'oilina"
"Let us work in the manner of our ancestors, let us preserve the fishpond to continue this part of our heritage"

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To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Opposing Carleton Ching as DNLR head
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 1:06:40 PM

Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Gregory Rand

From: [Gregory Thielen](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Your Support is Needed on GM 514, Confirmation Hearing for Carleton Ching
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 3:19:54 PM

Dear Chair Thielen,

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

We need diverse views when managing the State's natural and cultural resources; the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes most of the policy decisions for the Department with the Divisions and staff implementing those policies. The Chairperson of the DLNR oversees the proceedings of the Board, but only has one of the seven (7) votes on the Board.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Gregory Thielen
63 Kalaka Pl
Kailua, HI 96734

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OPPOSITION TO CARLETON CHING

Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). It sounds as if Mr. Ching is a very able and good man and I would trust the governor on that. Unfortunately it also sounds as if neither the governor nor his nominee, to whom he gave NO guidance are enough aware of how DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands and, indeed the future of our people and our economy, not to mention tourism. Alarminglly, Mr. Ching's resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions. This disqualifies him from this job.

Mr. Ching's volunteerism does indicate that he has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I have long objected to the duality of role of head of DLNR and the state Land Board. That gives this person a double way to get it wrong.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources and also well-serve the people who elected YOU to make the best choices by making it possible for the governor to supply someone else as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Gretchen Gould
Kaneohe

Past Neighborhood Board, co-chair planning committee
past Chair, Kaneohe Bay Regional Council
past assistant, state Senator
much experience w/DLNR and Land Board
Outdoor Circle member, 35 years past legis. chair

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Guy Chang	Individual	Support	Yes

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 514
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
CARLTON CHING
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
EXPIRATION DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2018,

By
Guy L. Chang

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Laura H. Thielen, Chair

Wednesday, March 11, 2015; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Senator Thielen and Members of the Committee:

Good Morning,

I am Guy Chang, Enforcement Officer with DOCARE, with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). I am here today as an individual and not, as a Department representative. I am testifying in strong support of Mr. Carleton Ching's nomination as the Chairperson for the Department. It would be a great honor for Mr. Ching to be confirmed as DLNR's leader.

As the Members of the Committee know, the work of DLNR is critical to ensuring the protection, conserving and managing the limited natural, cultural and historic resources. The role of the DLNR's Chairperson requires oversight and leadership of individuals who bring experience and expertise to the State in the preservation arena.

I have worked as a public servant for the last 30 years and am honored to have the opportunity to work with many reputable leaders in DLNR. What I hold dear to me from these leaders was that we all have a common goal, a calling to protect our 'aina. Carleton Ching possesses this impulse, the strong passion to do this type of work for the people of the State of Hawaii. He has held high-level positions that were accompanied by tremendous responsibility, and familiarized him with some of the very issues and areas of expertise required to successfully execute the critical work of DLNR.

I am confident that Mr. Ching, if confirmed to be the Chairperson for DLNR, will fulfill all responsibilities and challenges with skill, conviction, and determination. I urge the Committee to carefully and expeditiously consider this nomination, and to favorably report his nomination.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify on behalf of this talented and distinguished nominee.

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Gwen Hiraga	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
hana manag	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching unqualified to serve as chairman of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources. Additionally, there is an obvious and seriously detrimental conflict of interest because he is Castle & Cooke executive.

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Please accept my testimony in opposition of the Governor's nomination of Carleton Ching as Director of DLNR.

Mr. Ching is a Vice President of LURF (Land Use Research Foundation), an organization that fought hard to convince the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reduce critical habitat designations and mandated recovery areas. This organization which also represents large private landowners and developers and is in direct conflict with DLNR. LURF has consistently lobbied on bills that are contrary to protecting the public interest and the public trust, including ceded lands, conservation lands, and water resources. LURF and its Executive Director were fined by the Ethics Commission recently for violating state lobbying laws over several years. Mt. Ching's biases are thus not aligned with the DLNR mission and is not an appropriate choice for this position.

Mahalo,
Hanna Mounce

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harmonee Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is a developer - what can he possibly know about protecting our resources? Mr. Ching should not be running DLNR. He is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harmony Bentosino	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He has a conflict of interest/

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Foxes should not be chosen to guard chicken coops.

Lobbyists should not be appointed to regulator positions.

Industry/regulator revolving doors should be nailed shut.

Sincerely,
Harry Guiremand

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Subject: GM514
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I am writing in opposition to the proposed appointment of Carleton Ching as the head of the DLNR. In my view, the appointment of Mr. Ching would be like having the fox watch the hens. He is tied too deeply to developers and would not be the proper person to oversee and protect out aina. I would urge all those on the committee to reject Mr. Ching's appointment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harvest Edmonds	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harvey Arkin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR, he is unqualified and has a conflict of interest. Thank you,

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hayden Atkins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am Opposing Carleton Ching as DLNR Chair because he is unqualified for the position and brings up a conflict of interest. Having a person tied to the Big 5 with control of our DLNR lands is a dangerous slope. He is pro-development and I feel he will not represent the wishes of the people.

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heather mcmillen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Ching is unqualified and has a major conflict of interest. I oppose his nomination for DLNR.

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Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hiipoi Kon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this action!!

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February 22, 2015

Re: GM 514 Oppose Carleton
Ching,

Aloha Mai,

My name is Hiipoi Kon, and I am writing this to urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Neither Mr. Ching nor the Governor's office has provided any objective indication that Mr. Ching has the sense of responsibility and capacity to chair such an important department.

DLNR has a tremendous kuleana to administer and manage our natural and cultural resources, from our fisheries to our streams and aquifers to our watersheds and sacred historic sites. As you know if appointed Mr. Ching would also be the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Chair of the Commission on Water Resource Management and the State's Historic Preservation Officer, making this appointment one of the most important for Native Hawaiians. Maintaining and caring for these resources is one of the most important functions of the state, it is the foundation of our island economy and our very way of life.

Wai: Nothing about Mr. Ching's history reflects that he has the background to manage and administering our freshwater resources for the public, a responsibility more critical now than ever before, with the increasing impacts of climate change, vanishing trade winds and a growing state population we are seeing our water resources decline at even more rapid pace. We don't have time to wait to make critical and hard decisions.

Historic Preservation: The State Historic Preservation Officer bears the enormous responsibility of managing the preservation of Hawai'i's historic structures, places, and iwi kapuna, and ensuring continued federal funding for preservation. We should be trying to find the most qualified candidate to serve. Unfortunately Mr. Ching sits on the Board of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii and the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, both of which have aggressively promoted the dismantling of Hawaii's laws that protect historic sites and iwi. Gutting SHPD would literally end any and all protection of our cultural resources here in Hawai'i.

`Aina: The DLNR manages about 1.3 million acres of lands, mostly "ceded" lands, largely conservation and agricultural lands. They also manage 750 miles of coastline. His past history does not reflect the type of leadership needed to ensure that we think about the needs to maintain

these lands and the abundance of its resources for future generations and for the benefit of the public, not profit.

With such a long tenure of close affiliation with organizations that actively advocate against legal protections for our natural and cultural resources, opportunities for community input into land use decisions, Mr. Ching has, unfortunately, demonstrated a less than respectful perspective towards the laws that strike a balance between the rights and interests of the public, and those of private, for-profit interests.

As a member of the Senate Water and Land Committee, you play a critical and independent role and we hope that you will head the cries of our people and ensure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources Chair has the leadership skills and values necessary to carry out such a monumental responsibility.

Mahalo,

Hiipoi Kon

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
hollis taylor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I adamantly oppose the appointment of Carleton Ching for this position. He is unqualified and as a lobbyist for Castle and Cooke this appointment presents a blatant conflict of interest in his ability serve and lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Thank You- Hollis Taylor

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Holly Duane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I sincerely believe there is conflict of interest in this nomination, and oppose the motion.

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/6/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Holly K. Coleman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: oppose ching's nomination

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To: WTL Committee, Room 229, Mar 11, 2015, 10:00 AM
Date: March 6, 2015
Re: Testimony for GM514

Aloha,

I strongly **OPPOSE GM514**, which will confirm Governor Ige's nomination of Carleton Ching as chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Ching's nomination has been opposed by a significant and vocal component of the community, including Senator Josh Green. With Ching's professional history as a representative of the interests of a private developer, I do not believe he will be an advocate for the protection of Hawai'i's precious natural and cultural resources.

I concur with the joint statement offered by over 20 environmental groups (including the Conservation Council of Hawai'i) urging Ige to withdraw the nomination:

We oppose the governor's choice of Carleton Ching to lead the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources and ask that the nomination be withdrawn because he has no demonstrated expertise in managing the cultural and natural resources that fall under the department's purview, including but not limited to endangered species, 'iwi, ceded lands, water resources, forests, beaches, coral reefs, fishing and hunting resources, historic sites and state parks.

To reiterate, Ching has no professional experience related to the requirements of the position and in fact has irrevocably strong ties to conflicting interests with the mission and vision of the Department. I also believe that significant advances made by the Department under Chair Aila will be reversed during Ching's potential tenure. It is imperative that any individual in this position have a basic understanding of public and trust resources, and it is demonstrably clear that Ching has neither. Furthermore, I believe that Ching will enact policies and procedures that will damage Hawai'i's natural and cultural heritage, as well as the long term sustainability of our islands and resources.

I urge the committee to **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,
Holly K. Coleman

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Submitted on: 2/19/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Howard Kam, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I understand that Mr. Carleton Ching's nomination to Chair DLNR have received considerable attention. However, I believe that the underlying arguments made in opposition are unfounded. As I believe that Mr. Ching's prior experience and knowledge, including leadership skills, would be a tremendous asset to our State in its efforts to best manage, administer and oversee our unique public lands, water resources, ocean waters, navigable streams, coastal areas and related resources in the best interest of our community at-large, our children, their children, their children's children and so forth. I am truly grateful that corporate/community leaders such as Mr. Carleton Ching are willing to make immense personal sacrifices in foregoing their hard earned corporate/community positions to serve our State and its people. Therefore, I fully support Mr. Ching's nomination as Chair of DLNR since his core values are genuine, his leader and collaborative skills are impeccable, his aloha for our aina is pono and he is of this place, first and foremost.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ibbie Alshamma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Nominee has professional conflict of interest with the fair administration of Hawaii's natural resources

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Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 3:53:55 PM

Dear Honorable Legislators,

Please consider someone else to run the DLNR than Mr. Ching. He has "baggage" that seem like many "conflict of interests" by many of the people in Hawaii. We want someone to inspire preservation, restoration and beautification, not development.

I oppose GM514

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ileana Ruelas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: strongly oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to lead the DLNR. He is inexperienced in advocating for the protection of Hawai'i's public lands. In fact, he has demonstrated ongoing commitments to groups that have consistently sought to weaken, undermine, or remove land use and historic preservation rules. Some of these include: Castle & Cooke, Molokai Ranch, SSFM International, Zane Development Group and Tropic Shores Realty. He was also recently a board member at the Land Use Research Foundation (LURF) and Building Industry Association. LURF was a strong supporter of Abercrombie's wildly unsuccessful attempt to build the Public Land Development Corporation (PLDC). How can we trust that given his extensive history of lobbying for the removal of such rules - that now he would be a force that protects them as the head of the DLNR? In short, we cannot. There is too much at stake: 23,000 acres of inland streams, 3 million acres of near-shore ocean waters, 410,000 acres of coral reef and 2 million acres of conservation land, and the people of Hawaii who rely on these precious resources for nourishment, for health, for cultural practice, and for establishing long-term well being. Please oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ilimalani Laronal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposing this because I feel that the Governor will be making a huge mistake appointing a Corporation to be the President of DLNR. When a corporation is the HEAD of this department the concerns and best interest of the State, the people and the land is no longer at their best interest. Rather they would be more interested in gaining property and selling it for profit. If this takes place and he become the President he will have access to property that no one know exist and that corporation will be able to purchase or lease it. I feel that places that are sacred will also be taken over because they have the first opportunity to purchase or lease. I along with others would be very disappointed if he is appointed this position. Mahalo!

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Irene Newhouse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I don't think a career as a developer suits Mr. Ching for this job. If it does, why am I, as a chemist & environmental educator at Hawaii Nature Center, not more suited than he? Protecting Hawaii's natural resources from over-use, development, threats from accidentally imported pests & deliberately imported pests - like those mouflon someone flew over from the Big Island are all issues that people w/out a thorough background in biology, ecology, and conservation issues can't fully understand. I'm sure there's an area of state government Mr. Ching's background is FAR more suited to than DLNR. I'm also sure that there are many experts in Hawaii who are more suited to this job than he is.

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Isadora Sicking	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Isadora Sicking

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RE: GM514 OPPOSE

Aloha,

I am writing to oppose the appointment of Carleton Ching as chair of the DLNR. As a former volunteer for the DLNR through the Makai Watch program I see Ching as a threat to the purpose of the DLNR to protect Hawaii's beauty and natural resources. His conflict of interest makes him unqualified for the job.

Mahalo,

Isadora Sicking

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/20/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jack Weber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE this appointment, thank you.

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From: [Jackson Parker](#)
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Subject: Your Support is Needed on GM 514, Confirmation Hearing for Carleton Ching
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 11:58:29 AM

Dear Chair Thielen,

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

We need diverse views when managing the State's natural and cultural resources; the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes most of the policy decisions for the Department with the Divisions and staff implementing those policies. The Chairperson of the DLNR oversees the proceedings of the Board, but only has one of the seven (7) votes on the Board.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jacqueline kippert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: No foxes in the hen house please! At least look like you care!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jameil saez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Subject: Your Support is Needed on GM 514, Confirmation Hearing for Carleton Ching
Date: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 7:20:00 PM

Dear Chair Thielen,

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

We need diverse views when managing the State's natural and cultural resources; the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes most of the policy decisions for the Department with the Divisions and staff implementing those policies. The Chairperson of the DLNR oversees the proceedings of the Board, but only has one of the seven (7) votes on the Board.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

James Cabbab
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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
james crowe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do not approve Carleton Ching. There are more correctly qualified candidates.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/24/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James G Sullivan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination because Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest. We need to ensure the integrity of the office is kept to the highest standards for the land and people of Hawaii.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Kelleher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this measure due to an overwhelming conflict of interest between Mr. Ching and the DLNR.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James L. Johnston	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Attached is my letter in support of Carleton Ching.

Aloha,
James

March 6, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM514 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING.

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong SUPPORT of Carleton Ching. Given his wide-ranging experience and extensive skills, Carleton Ching would be a capable and qualified Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. He is open-minded and trustworthy—critical skills that will allow him to constructively address the significant issues that come before this department. In addition, Carleton works respectfully and collaboratively with others, even those who may share a differing view. Carleton truly demonstrates the aloha spirit and the people of Hawaii would be well served to have him as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
James Miyashiro
Hawaii Kai

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James O. Kuloloio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My testimony is simple. I oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR because it is a major Conflict of Interest. And the overwhelming opposition by Hawaii's voters and your constituents should be reflected in your vote.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/24/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please help to protect the wild and natural beauty of Hawai'i. Please reconsider the nomination of Mr. Ching. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jamie Moana Kawauchi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I, 'STRONGLY OPPOSE", Carleton Ching's nomination as Department of Land and Natural Resource's Chairman as he is unqualified and has a conflict of interest. Me Ke Aloha Pumehana, Jamie Moana Kawauchi POB 573 Naalehu, HI 96772 (808) 929-9076 (Home) (808) 937-2185 (Cell) jami.kawa@gmail.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jamilee Carter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching as head of Department of Land and Natural Resources. He is under qualified and his work experience/record is a conflict of interest in a position that is supposed to protect our land and natural resources.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan Mltchell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please choose an individual who will protect the 'aina and natural resources - not one who will sell it to the highest bidder.

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Aloha kakou, Senators!

Carlton Ching is a lobbyist for developers & knows absolutely nothing about conservation or the DLNR's goals. That's "Department of LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES" - what God has given and what man should protect as good stewards of the 'aina.

We need a person to head DLNR who will be a steadfast steward for the 'aina, not one who will pave it over. I strongly oppose this nomination by Gov. Ige.

We need our wetlands and open spaces to be protected and preserved. The loss of these precious gems God has given us would be gone forever if allowed to be developed.

We don't need a fox guarding our henhouse. :-(

Please don't confirm Carlton Ching as head of DLNR.

Sincerely and with Aloha,
Jan Mitchell
Kailua

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan Wizinowich	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Jana Bogs	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JaNee Dominique	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ching has a conflict of interest, having been a lobbyist. Has no background in favor of environmental issues

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/3/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Goodmanson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to Charleton Ching heading the DNLR as he has no background qualifying him to the position. Please find someone who has the depth and breadth of experience in order to properly oversee the DNLR.

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Aloha Senators

Please oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to head the DLNR. His extensive record clearly shows that he acts consistently against the interests of Hawaiian lands and the people of Hawaii.

A better candidate would be attorney Robert Harris, who has demonstrated his support to conserve our natural resources.

Sincerely,

Janet Nelsen
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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Pappas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Hawaii State Senate, Of all the government positions in Hawaii where a person is needed who proactively protects the land and natural resources of our state, it is the head of the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). In Hawaii, land is a highly-valued natural resource; and, once it is developed, it is never returned to its original state. People travel thousands of miles just to see our natural beauty. What will happen when it has all been paved over or covered with buildings? Developers already have strong lobbies in our state supporting their position. One of these former lobbyists should not be at the helm of DLNR. I urge you to reject the nomination of Carleton Ching for this position. The Ige administration can and should reconsider their choice, and select instead someone who truly cares that Hawaii remain a unique location of unparalleled beauty.

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NO to appointing an anti-environmentalist to the DLNR who SHOULD be protecting the environment and oceans. Janette Shablow

**If there is peace in your heart, odds are in your favor that you can embody happiness,
joy, love and light! ALOHA!**

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glenie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I've already testified against mr ching's appt, but i'd like to add more. i'm stunned by the information that continues to show how inappropriate this appointment is, including but not limited to his association with BIA and its proven loathing of State historic preservation. Utterly offensive. This entire fiasco has lead me to feel that i made a grave error supporting the governor in his election. Mahalo for denying mr ching's appointment and putting our state and the Democratic party back on track to protecting natural and cultural resources as well as the State's rule of law per its Constitutional mandates. Mahalo, janice palma-glennie kailua-kona

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glenie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, i strongly oppose the nomination of Mr Ching for this position. he is clearly unqualified and has an potentially inherent conflict of interest due to his past employment. the position which he would be appointed to is critical to the well-being of hawai'i, her residents and their quality of life. Going beyond that, the integrity of hawaii's natural resources also determines the health of our state's economy. without clear vision that can balance single-minded economic drivers with more broad understanding of what protection of natural resources means to the state, a person cannot be entrusted to take the leadership necessary for this position. mahalo for helping to overcome this appointment and helping to find and confirm a more qualified individual to chair the DLNR.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice Smolenski	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I don't know the nominee but based on his Background and record I would say he is not the Man for the job. The people of Hawaii would want a person Heading DLNR in charge, Who will do everything and more to protect our natural resources, Not weaken current environmental laws and standards for profit. I am disappointed with Gov IGE choices. I voted for IGE. Please stop this nomination from going forward.

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My testimony is attached. Thanks.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

March 11, 2015, 10:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Room 229

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF **GM 514**, CARLETON CHING TO SERVE AS THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Dear Chair Thielen and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support** of the nomination of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Carleton for over 30 years, having first worked with him at the Hawaii Housing Authority. I believe that he is an excellent choice to be the next Chairperson of DLNR. Carleton is respectful, trustworthy, and collaborative; he is truly a man of integrity. His exceptional communication and management skills will serve him well at DLNR.

We are fortunate that Carleton is willing and capable to serve as the Chairperson. For these reasons, I respectfully request your affirmative approval of his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janice Takahashi', with a stylized, flowing script.

Janice Takahashi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janine Callvert Biaggi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: With all due respect, I strongly OPPOSE the appointment of this man to this position. He does NOT represent the will of the people, and assuredly represents the Biotech Industry and Developers who will further poison our environment and cause further death and disease to our people. Mahalo for protecting Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janine Lynne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this nomination for lack of knowledge and experience and the huge perception of conflict of interest.

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janis Turner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching is not qualified for this position. I am sure he is well qualified for other positions, but he can, without fail, bring pro-development biases to whatever position he holds. Personally, I am opposed to appointing anyone who cannot be objective to this type of position. Thank you for your consideration. Janis Turner

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jason Mangonon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the confirmation of Charleton Ching as DLNR chair. It is nearly impossible to imagine a worse candidate than Mr. Ching: he has a track record for fighting for unrestricted development and has shown an astounding ignorance of the major issues that DLNR faces. Governor Ige has made a huge mistake in appointing Mr. Ching; please do not make the same mistake. Listen to the people of Hawaii and DO NOT CONFIRM CHARLETON CHING. Mahalo nui loa

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching entire career has been working in developing land for private companies. He is ill suited to preserve and protect public property.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeanne P Dunning	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Carlton Ching to DLNR chair. Because of his employment history with Castle and Cooke, a glaring conflict of interest exists with this nomination.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The DLNR's mission is to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors." The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) was established in 1979 to promote and advance the interests of the development community, particularly in the areas of land use laws and regulations. LURF is a statewide, private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. Mr. Ching has absolutely no experience in land conservation, preserving the 38,000 historic sites in Hawai'i, or in protecting Hawaiian burial sites. And last but not least, as an officer of LURF, Mr. Ching is disqualified from the position of Chair of the DLNR because of a undeniable conflict of interest. The Governor should have nominated Mr. Ching to the DHHL Commission. They desperately need his development experience and construction connections to build more homes for Native Hawaiians. What we don't need is for the DLNR to become another PLDC with Mr. Ching at the helm. Mahalo.

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Please support Carleton Ching's nomination for director @ DLNR.

Hopefully his work in the private sector will expedite processing of land court issues that have been backlogged for years.

Sincerely,
J Miyazaki

From: [Jeff](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Monday, March 02, 2015 6:49:49 PM
Importance: High

It appears Mr. Ching does not value the land as the land wishes to be valued. The people sense this and know what is best.

Please do not approve this nomination.

Mahalo,
Jeff C Fishman
PO Box 3574
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Lind	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not confirm Mr Ching to chair the DLNR. He is not qualified for this position and his appointment would be a conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jeff munoz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr Ching may be a good hearted person, however, NOT the person for this all important appointment! Vote NO ...!!! Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Sacher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a member of the Board of the BIA, Carleton Ching is not the person to be the chair of DLNR. Please do not confirm him. Mahalo, Jeff Sacher

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Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff vesci	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Mr. Ching His background makes him unqualified for this position and his current career, at the very least would put into question his decisions. OPPOSE!

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Homcy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I oppose the nomination of CARLETON CHING as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Ching is not qualified for this position, does not have the knowledge and expertise to manage endangered and threatened ecosystems, water systems, and more. Mr. Ching's bias and perspectives are not aligned with the DLNR mission to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors. The nomination of Mr. Ching will likely result in conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest relating to transit oriented development other land development in the state. For example, legislation this session proposes to use public funds, some dedicated to other purposes, to investigate potential land exchanges between the State and private landowners, Dole Food Company and Castle & Cooke, to build a new prison or expand the existing prison in Halawa, use conservation land for agriculture and watershed protection, and possible development by Dole/Castle and Cooke along the rail's path in Kalihi. Many other land exchanges and development projects along rail's path are in the works. DLNR will be expected to handle many of these matters, and it is inappropriate for Mr. Ching to lead the DLNR in these matters. Please oppose the nomination of Mr. Ching to this position as he is not qualified. Aloha for your consideration. Jennifer Homcy

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Indeliclae	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching, because I care about the preservation and responsible management of Hawaii's natural resources and abhor the conflict of interest that Mr. Ching's nomination represents. Please don't facilitate the exploitation of some of the last wild lands on Earth!

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Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Noelani Goodyear-Kaopua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha honorable senators, I oppose the naming of Carleton Ching as chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. THE DLNR has an incredibly important mission to protect and steward our watersheds, historic sites, coastal zones and conservation lands. We need someone with proven experience, and Mr. Ching simply does not have the experience with land and natural resource management. He is not the right person for this job, and I urge you to oppose his confirmation as chair of DLNR. Mahalo for your time.

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Aloha,

Please see attached.

Mahalo,

Jennifer Wong

Email: jwong927@hawaii.edu

TO: HAWAI'I SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
FR: JENNIFER WONG, WAHIAWĀ RESIDENT
RE: GM514

Sunday, March 1, 2015

Honorable Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Senators on the Committee on Water and Land:

I humbly write to you today in opposition of GM514, confirming Carleton Ching as the Chairman of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Confirming Ching as the DLNR Chairman would be a contradiction to the state department and their mission to “enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii’s unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources...”

Ching is a known developer for Castle and Cooke, a company with a history of highly controversial development projects, including Koa Ridge.

I am a life-long Wahiawā resident (S District 22), a rural town whose community members rely on agriculture and its natural resources. Allowing an executive of this powerhouse development corporation will not be in the best interest of the state of Hawai’i as many residents still heavily rely on the resources managed by the DLNR, and many visitors come for the islands’ natural beauty. Confirming Ching has the potential to completely change the purpose of the DLNR and Hawai’i’s natural landscape and resources.

I commend this committee on passing legislation that helps preserve Hawai’i for future generations.

I urge this Hawai’i State Senate Committee on Water and Land – please do not confirm Carleton Ching, Governor David Ige’s nomination, as the new chair of the DLNR.

Me ka ha’aha’a,

Jennifer Wong
Wahiawā resident

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Submitted on: 2/26/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenny Yagodich	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha. I DO NOT support Carlton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Although he seems personable, he is NOT qualified for the job and does NOT have the experience or background necessary to successfully manage Hawai'i's unique and fragile resources. Many of us are frightened by the thought of having someone without ecological, cultural or sustainable natural resource experience in charge. Please DO NOT appoint Carlton Ching as Chairperson.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Ferro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Careton Ching is not qualified for this position. He does not have the experience necessary to adequately fulfill the responsibility. He is chosen only on personal status, personality which is not "the" qualification.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe that it is wrong that Mr. Ching be appointed to the head of DLNR. That position should have no connections with any commercial developers or influences. It is a huge conflict of interest. That DLNR position should be for a person who wants to conserve and protect are few remaining open spaces of land. What ever happened to self sustainability ???????? that is what will ensure a better future. Not malls and tract home developments.If Mr Ching is not removed that just goes to show that nothing has changed and Hawaii government is as corrupt as it has ever been !!!!!!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesse Souki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Amended testimony. Please replace previous submission. Mahalo.

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Testimony on GM514
Confirmation of Carleton Ching
Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Jesse K. Souki, Esq.

Senate Committee on Water and Land
March 11, 2015
10:00 a.m. in Room 229

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Committee Members:

I respectfully request your **support** in confirming the appointment of Carleton Ching as the chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

As the recent former director of the Office of Planning and deputy director of DLNR, I am keenly aware of the challenges the State faces in carrying out its fundamental duty to “conserve and protect Hawaii’s natural beauty and all natural resources” and “promote the development and utilization of these resources,” for current and future generations.¹ The primary constraint on meeting this constitutional mandate is the persistent underfunding of DLNR.

It is unlikely, given budget precedent and current national and State priorities, that DLNR will receive a significant infusion of federal monies or State general funds. Consequently, in order to meet the awesome responsibility of DLNR, funding must come from (i) self-sufficient government enterprises that raise revenue from higher fees that reflect the true cost of the government services provided; or (ii) public-private partnerships that allow DLNR to sustainably develop and utilize land and natural resources to generate revenue for natural resource conservation and protection efforts.

The appointment of Mr. Ching to serve as chairperson of DLNR is a wise and thoughtful move by Governor Ige. Mr. Ching will bring decades of land use and project development skills to DLNR. DLNR already has some of the foremost natural resource thought leaders and managers. They will guide Mr. Ching on where utilization and development of DLNR lands is appropriate, in coordination with affected communities. In particular, of the thousands of acres of land managed by DLNR, a fraction of those lands is within or adjacent to urbanized areas. These lands have poor conservation values, but are underutilized from an economic perspective. These lands could generate rents for DLNR and economic and social benefits for Hawaii’s communities.

Mahalo for your consideration.

¹ Article XI, section 1 of the Hawaii Constitution, provides as follows:

For the benefit of present and future generations, the State and its political subdivisions shall **conserve** and **protect** Hawaii’s natural beauty and all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources, and shall promote the **development** and **utilization** of these resources in a manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of the self-sufficiency of the State.

All public natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people.

(Emphasis added.)

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Jessica Bready	Individual	Oppose	No

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jessica middleton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Conflict of interest! Corrupt! I'll suited! Please do not appoint!

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Aloha,

I voted for Governor Ige and never before have I felt such regret voting for a candidate.

In my opinion, appointing a DEVELOPER AND LOBBYIST to head DLNR is outright criminal!!!! It makes me afraid for the future of our rare and precious ecosystems. DLNR needs to be lead by someone who has conservation and preservation in mind, NOT A DEVELOPER!!!! Please restore my faith in the state government by blocking Carleton Ching! Money doesn't get us anywhere if we don't have our Mother Earth to ensure our survival.

Mahalo for your attention!

Jessica Middleton

Kamuela, Hawaii Island

Sent from my iPhone

Chair Laura Thielen,
Vice-Chair Brickwood Galuteria
And Members of the Water and Land Commission
State Capital
Honolulu, HI 96814

Re: GM514--Letter in Support of the Confirmation of Nominee, **Carleton Ching**, To
Serve As Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Hearing: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 @ 10:00AM, Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

We are writing this letter in strong support of the nomination of Carleton Ching to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We have had the privilege of knowing and working with Carleton for over 10 years.

Having over 30 years of experience in both the private and public sectors, Carleton brings a wealth of knowledge in land matters to serve the people of Hawaii if he is confirmed as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Carleton is sincerely committed to the mission of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and will protect the interest of the people of Hawaii as well as future generations.

Sincerely,



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Cooper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the appointment of any industry lobbyists to governmental offices. This is the cause of so many problems at the National level and we do not need those same types of problems at the Hawaii State level. Please withdraw Carleton Ching's nomination and instead nominate someone who cares for the aina more than they care about private profits.

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March 6, 2015

Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Water and Land
State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Thielen and Committee Members

SUBJECT: GM514 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Carleton Ching as
Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR),
State of Hawaii

This letter is to offer my **SUPPORT** for Mr. Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the
Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii.

From January 2010 to December 2012, I served as the Deputy Director for the
Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) for the City and County of Honolulu.
During this time, I had a few opportunities to meet Mr. Ching as he was coordinating
various permit approvals for Castle and Cook. In addition to the meetings where I
received briefings from Mr. Ching, there was one particular event where both Mr. Ching
and I were making separate presentations before the Hawaii Laborers-Employers
Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET) Informal Group, made up of several
construction industry associations and unions. This is where I saw Mr. Ching's true
character, and is why I strongly support his confirmation as Chairperson for DLNR.

At this Hawaii LECET meeting I was presenting on the City's effort to improve
building permit processing. Mr. Ching was there to give them the status update on the
Koa Ridge development that was in between proceedings at the State Land Use
Commission. After Mr. Ching gave his update to this group, several group members
expressed their frustration with the long and repeated bureaucratic process that Castle
and Cook was being put through to get their land classification action approved. This
could have been an easy opportunity for Mr. Ching to join in with the board members to
grumble about how long his project had been stalled. Instead Mr. Ching defended the
process that Hawaii has when it comes to Land Use Classifications and zoning.

Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
and Committee Members
March 6, 2015
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He said he was a little frustrated, but then proceeded to endorse the land development process at the State and City levels in order for the community's input to be heard and considered. While he did not share some of the people's opinion that opposed the Koa Ridge development, he respected the process that was in place to make informed decisions that affect land development on Oahu.

The Hawaii LECET Informal Group is made up of representatives from the following construction industry associations and unions that have an active interest in major developments like Koa Ridge:

- General Contractors Association
- Building Industry Association of Hawaii
- Carpenters' Union
- Laborers' Union
- Masons' Union
- Operating Engineers' Union
- Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii

In front of this broad construction industry forum, Mr. Ching gave a very objective view of where the Koa Ridge development was and why the scrutiny his project was under was understandable in ensuring Hawaii's limited resources are protected.

As a former government official at both the State and County levels, I'm well aware that the permitting processes in place are geared to make sound decisions after considering all sides of an issue. While people may not always agree with the specific development or initiative, we must respect people's opinions and fairly consider all perspectives so we can protect the land, water and culture of Hawaii. Mr. Ching has demonstrated his high moral standards and values about being fair and respectful to others, traits that will serve him well as the Chairperson of DLNR.

If confirmed as the Chairperson for DLNR, Mr. Carleton Ching will serve the people of Hawaii in an exemplary manner that will inspire the public's trust in government.

Sincerely,


Jiro Sumada