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ALBERT PEREZ	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ALEXANDER RESS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
AMY BIRCHER	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
ANELA EVANS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
ANTOINETTE LEE	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
AULII DUDOIT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BEVERLY KAKU	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
BRANDON K SILVA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BRANDY BURKE	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
BROOKE GLASER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BROOKS ROWND	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHARLES KAPUA	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
CHRISTIN MATSUSHIGE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHRISTY KALAMA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CLAY RUMBAOA	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
COREY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
COURTNEY BRUCH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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DARLENE FERREIRA	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
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DAVID W RAE	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
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DEAN MINAKAMI	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
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DIANE MARSHALL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DONNA LAY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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ELIZABETH RIEGELS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
EMI MORITA KAIMULOA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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JOHN MYERS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JON MOYER	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
K STOVER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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KAMA KAKAIO	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
KATHLEEN WATSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE

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KELLEY BURG	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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LEILA C TANAKA	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
LEIMOMI DIERKS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
MAHEALANI CYPHER	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
MALIA AKUTAGAWA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
MARGE CALDERON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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NOELANI SUGATA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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PAULINE MACNEIL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
PETER R MILLS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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STEVE NEWMAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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SUZANNE WATANABE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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TONY SYLVESTER	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
TRAVIS DUDOIT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
TROY T FUKUHARA	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
TYLER KAKU	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
WALTER RITTE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
WENDY BENTON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE

From: [Albert Perez](#)
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Aloha Senators,

Hawaii's natural resources are essential to the continued health of our mainstay tourism economy. If these resources are not protected, they will be impossible to replace, Hawaii will lose its uniqueness, and visitors will have less reason to come here. This is an economic issue.

It is also an issue of values. Our land, our waters, and the natural resources found thereupon help to define us. They form the basis for many of our values; indeed, this is expressed in our state motto.

Carleton Ching is reportedly a nice person, but that is not enough for what is one of the most important positions in state government. Mr. Ching's background as a lobbyist for development interests does not qualify him to manage the Department of Land and Natural Resources, whose mission is as follows:

“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.”

We need a DLNR Chair who has a deep understanding of Hawaii’s natural, cultural and historic resources - someone who has demonstrated an enduring commitment to their protection.

Please vote NO on GM 514.

Mahalo,

Albert Perez

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Alexander Ress	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not confirm Carleton Ching to lead the DLNR. He does not have the background to represent the goals of the DLNR and does not have the confidence of the public. He is a bad choice for the position. Mahalo, Alex Ress

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Amy Bircher	Individual	Support	No

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March 10, 2015

Honorable Senator Laura H. Thielen
Chair, Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Governor's Message 514, Nomination of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department
of Land and Natural Resources

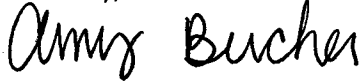
Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

I support the nomination of Carleton Ching to serve as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I was pleased to learn of his nomination because I know that he possesses the vast experience required for a person to be successful in this position and I know that he will do a good job.

I was born and raised in Kona and believe that we need the right people in place to oversee the proper stewardship of our land. Mr. Ching is that person.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Bircher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy A. Bircher

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Anela Evans	Individual	Oppose	No

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Here is a copy of my Testimony. My name is Antoinette Lee. I will be there in the morning to give my Testimony.

Mahalo,

Antoinette Lee

**CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR
CARLETON CHING AS THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

ALOHA, KAKAHIKA CHAIR LAURA H. THIELEN, VICE CHAIR BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA AND THE COMMITTEE ON LAND AND WATER. MY NAME IS ANTOINETTE LEE, I AM A GRADUATE OF KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS, WAS BORN AND RAISED ON THE ISLAND OF OAHU. MY `OHANA IS FROM MAUI AND MY HUSBAND'S `OHANA IS FROM THE ISLAND OF MOLOKA`I. I AM A RETIRED CIVILIAN CIVIL SERVANT THAT WORKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NAVY FOR 41 YEARS IN THE FIELD OF INTELLIGENCE. I AM NOW A KUPUNA IN THE CLASSROOM EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AT MANANA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHERE I HAVE BEEN TEACHING FOR THE LAST 8 YEARS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CHILDREN'S LIVES FOR A CHANGE. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PEARL HARBOR HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB WHERE I HAVE BEEN A CHARTER MEMBER FOR THE PAST 51 YEARS. I AM ALSO A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS WHICH IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF ALMOST 5,000 MEMBERS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW ABOUT MY BACKGROUND BECAUSE THEN YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY I AM HERE TODAY ON PERSONAL LEAVE TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF MR. CARLETON CHING.

I MET CARLETON A LITTLE OVER A MONTH AGO WHEN I WAS INVITED TO ATTEND A TALK STORY, MEET AND GREET THE CANDIDATE APPLYING FOR THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES ALONG WITH FRIENDS THAT I SIT ON OTHER BOARDS WITH. AS SOON AS I MET CARLETON HE REMINDED ME OF A MAN WHO WAS THE DLNR DECADES AGO THAT MADE A GREAT FOOTPRINT IN OUR STATE. A MAN OF STATURE, WHO FILLED UP A ROOM WHEN HE WALKED IN IT. A MAN WHO WAS NOT BORN IN HAWAI`I BUT RETIRED IN HAWAI`I AFTER SERVING IN THE MILITARY FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOM. A MAN WHO LOVED HAWAI`I, LEARNED OUR HAWAIIAN VALUES AND LIVED THEM EVERY DAY OF HIS LIFE. A MAN WHO WAS LOVED BY THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, WHO WAS RESPECTED BY SMALL BUSINESSES, BIG BUSINESSES, THE KEIKI O KA`AINA AND WHO HAD A DEEP RESPECT FOR OUR LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. HIS NAME WAS MR. BILL PATY. THIS MAN BROUGHT LEADERSHIP, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO THE TABLE. HE WAS HONEST, TRANSPARENT AND WITH HIS BACKGROUND IN THE FEDERAL, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR, LIKE CARLETON IS BRINGING, I INSTANTLY KNEW THAT CARLETON CHING WOULD BE ABLE TO FILL HIS SHOES. YOU SEE, MR. BILL PATY'S SHOES IN MY OPINION HAS NEVER REALLY BEEN FILLED. CARLETON CHING IS THE MAN FOR THE JOB. HE IS WHAT OUR STATE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR. YOU SEE, CARLETON CHING UNDERSTANDS DIFFERENT CHOICES IN HOW TO APPROACH THE DLNR MISSION, AND HIS CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY IS SUCH THAT HE IS COLLABORATIVE AND IS WILLING TO LISTEN TO ALL PARTIES BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION THAT WILL BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE FUTURE OF HAWAI`I. HE WILL BE ABLE TO PARTNER WITH BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO ENHANCE, PROTECT, CONSERVE AND MANAGE HAWAI`I'S VITAL RESOURCES BECAUSE HE IS FROM HERE AND WANTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CHILDREN, OUR MO`OPUNA AND THE FUTURE OF HAWAI`I.

WHILE I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS, WE PASSED A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TRADITIONAL FISHING IN THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS TO MAKE THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS A SANCTUARY. THE ENVIRONMENTALIST OF THIS STATE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF GOVERNOR LINDA LINGLE DECIDED TO USE OUR RESOLUTION AND TOOK IT TO CONGRESS TO TURN THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS INTO A MONUMENT. CLEARLY NOT WHAT THE HAWAIIANS WANTED. THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS USED OUR RESOLUTION AGAINST US. I VERY QUICKLY LEARNED ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENTALIST AND HOW MANY OF THEM HERE IN HAWAII ARE NOT EVEN FROM HERE. A FACT THAT MOST PEOPLE HERE IN HAWAII DON'T REALIZE. THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I AM A KUPUNA IN THE CLASSROOM TEACHING 450 CHILDREN A WEEK. I WANT TO PLANT THE IDEA OF HOPEFULLY HAVING SOME OF THEM THINK ABOUT BECOMING AN ENVIRONMENTALIST WHEN THEY GROW UP. YOU SEE I AM ON A MISSION. WE NEED MORE ENVIRONMENTALISTS THAT HAVE GROWN UP HERE IN HAWAII.

UNDER MY LEADERSHIP WE STARTED THE IDEA OF AHA MOKU COUNCILS AND THE AHUPUA'A CONCEPT. WE THOUGHT THAT WE THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THE "KEIKI O KA'AINA WOULD HELP OUR STATE TO HAVE BETTER CONTROL ON OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. WE WROTE RESOLUTIONS HOSTED PUWALU BRINGING OUR KUPUNA, MAKUA AND OPIO TOGETHER TO MAKE HAWAII A BETTER PLACE. ENVIRONMENTALISTS WERE BUSY TRYING TO EDUCATE OUR STATE THAT THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII SHOULD NOT EAT FISH BUT JUST LOOK AT THEM. CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT? WE WERE ALWAYS TAUGHT THAT THE STREAMS, RIVERS AND THE OCEAN IS OUR REFRIGERATOR. AS YOU WILL HEAR FROM CARLETON CHING, EVEN HE GREW UP FISHING FOR 'OPAE AND O'OPU IN THE RIVER BEHIND KAIMUKI HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE WENT TO SCHOOL. IRONICALLY, I ALSO GREW UP NEXT TO THAT SAME STREAM WHERE I ALSO CAUGHT 'OPAE AND O'OPU AND ATE THEM FOR LUNCH ON THE WEEKENDS. THE STREAM WAS OUR PLAYGROUND WHERE WE ALSO MADE LITTLE BOATS AND SAILED THEM DOWN TO THE ALA WAI CANAL. SADLY ENOUGH OUR KEIKI TODAY ARE NOT ABLE TO DO THAT BECAUSE THAT SAME STREAM AND OTHERS LIKE THE ALA WAI CANAL ARE POLLUTED. WITH THIS AHA MOKU COUNCILS AND AHUPUA'A CONCEPT OUR THOUGHTS WERE TO BRING BACK THE OLD HAWAII FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME SO THEY MAY ENJOY THE LIFESTYLE WE HAD. WE GOT TOGETHER WITH FISHERMAN AND STARTED A FISHING FESTIVAL TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS WHO WERE TRYING TO STOP FISHING IN HAWAII. CAN YOU IMAGINE LIVING ON AN ISLAND AND NOT BEING ABLE TO FISH? ONLY PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT BORN AND RAISED HERE WOULD THINK OF THAT. OUR PAST DLNR AGREED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND THAT'S WHY THEY ALL LIKED HIM. THAT'S WHY THEY TURNED THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS INTO A MONUMENT. THE FIRST FISHING FESTIVAL THAT WAS PUT ON ATTRACTED 16,000 PEOPLE, THE FOLLOWING YEAR THERE WERE 18,000 PEOPLE AND IT CONTINUED TO GROW. YOU SEE OUR LOCAL PEOPLE WERE FINALLY GETTING THE MESSAGE AND PAYING ATTENTION. THEN WE CAME TO THE LEGISLATURE OUR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS STARTED TO LISTEN TO US. WE WERE ABLE TO FINALLY GET A BILL FOR AN ACT 288 PASSED AND ACT 212 IN 2007 PASSED. OUR OWN DLNR SPOKE AGAINST THESE LEGISLATIONS. GOVERNOR LINGLE AND GOVERNOR ABERCROMBIE SIGNED THESE BILLS HOWEVER NEVER APPROPRIATED THE FUNDING FOR THESE BILLS. HOWEVER THEY DID GIVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE A DESK IN THE DLNR AND THE FUNDING FOR THAT SALARY CAME OUT OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS. IN MY OPINION THAT IS NOT RIGHT. WE, THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII PAY TAXES THAT KULEANA SHOULD COME OUT

OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I AFTER ALL IT BENEFITS EVERYONE LIVING HERE. THE HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS CONTINUE EVERY YEAR TO COME TO THIS LEGISLATURE TO ASK FOR THAT FUNDING AND IT HAS STILL NOT BEEN APPROPRIATED. AT LEAST HAWAIIANS ARE NOT JUST SITTING BACK COMPLAINING AND NOT GETTING INVOLVED, WE ARE ACTUALLY TRYING TO HELP, TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO MAKE THIS PLACE CALLED HAWAI'I A BETTER PLACE AND ARE DOING IT ON OUR OWN DIME. IN AUGUST 2006, THE HO'OHANO HANO I NA KUPUNA PUWALU SERIES BEGAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL PRACTITIONERS WHO WERE VERSED IN FARMING AND FISHING, OCEAN AND LAND AHUPUA`A METHODS GATHERED TO DISCUSS AND BRING FORTH THE WISDOM OF THE KUPUNA AND ANCESTORS. IT WAS A GATHERING OF EMPIRICAL KNOWLEDGE HANDED DOWN FROM GENERATIONS ON TRADITIONAL FISHING, AGRICULTURE, STREAMS, FISHPONDS, AND LAND USE METHODOLOGY BASED ON THE AHUPUA`A SYSTEM. WE HAD FOUR OF THESE PUWALU.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM FORTY-THREE REGIONS (MOKU) IN THE STATE AND OVER ONE HUNDRED AHUPUA`A HAWAIIAN CULTURAL PRACTITIONERS, INCLUDING KUPUNA AND THE ACKNOWLEDGED TRADITIONAL EXPERTS, JOINED TOGETHER TO COME FORTH WITH THEIR MANA`O AND CONCERNS. THE CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST PUWALU CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A RESOLUTION CALLING ON NATIVE HAWAIIANS TO BEGIN A PROCESS TO UPHOLD AND CONTINUE HAWAIIAN TRADITIONAL LAND AND OCEAN PRACTICES. HERE WE ARE TEN YEARS LATER AND WE ARE STILL DOING THE WORK CONSTANTLY AND METHODICALLY TRYING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND NOT EVEN GETTING THE APPROPRIATION THAT THESE BILLS HAVE ASKED FOR. BECAUSE THIS IS A HAWAIIAN CONCEPT THE EASIEST SOLUTION IS THAT THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS SHOULD FUND THIS. THAT IS VERY IRRESPONSIBLE OF THE LEADERS IN THIS LEGISLATURE TO NOT DO THE RIGHT THING AND FUND THIS. WE, THE COMMUNITY AND THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO HELP YOU.

ANOTHER CONCERN COMING UP IS MAUNA ALA. WE THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI'I WILL BE WATCHING THIS VERY CLOSELY. THROUGH THE YEARS, DLNR REALLY NEVER TOOK PROPER CARE OF THIS VERY SACRED PLACE. THIS IS THE ONLY SOVEREIGN PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT WE HAVE HERE IN HAWAI'I. IT WAS IN SUCH POOR CONDITION THAT THE HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS WITH KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS AND THE CHARLES REED BISHOP FOUNDATION HAD TO STEP IN, RAISE MONEY TO BRING HONOR BACK TO THIS SACRED PLACE AND RESTORE THE DIGNITY OF THE PLACE WHERE OUR ALI'I NOW LAY.

CARLETON CHING IS READY TO TAKE ON THIS HUGE ENDEAVOR. HE DEFINITELY IS THE RIGHT PERSON AND CHOICE FOR THIS JOB. HE IS A GREAT LISTENER AND A MAN WHO CARES. HE WILL BE ABLE TO GATHER OUR PEOPLE AND BRING THEM TOGETHER. HE WILL BE ABLE TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHERS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. HE WILL ENHANCE, PROTECT, CONSERVE AND MANAGE HAWAI'I'S UNIQUE AND LIMITED NATURAL, CULTURAL, HISTORICAL RESOURCES HELD IN PUBLIC TRUST FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI'I NEI JUST LIKE MR. BILL PATY DID. PLEASE CONFIRM CARLETON CHING HE IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR HAWAI'I.

MAHALO FOR GIVING ME THE CHANCE TO TESTIFY.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aulii Dudoit	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly OPPOSE confirmation of 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.

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March 9, 2015

The Honorable Laura Thielen, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
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Subject: Written Testimony in Support of GM 514
 Confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson
 Of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

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

I am writing in support of Carleton Ching's confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Carleton since high school and firmly believe that the various positions he has held throughout his career will enable him to excel in his role as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Beverly Kaku

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Bronson K Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Brandy Burke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please accept my support for Mr. Carleton Ching to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources. His previous experience will help identify areas of concerns and address them appropriately.

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Relating to confirmation hearing for GM 514, Carleton Ching, on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 10:00 am, in conference room 229, by the Committee on Water and Land. I will not be attending in person.

I do not approve of Carleton Ching as being appointed to Head of Hawaii Dept of Land and Natural Resources. I do not believe he has the interests of the preserving the land at his core. I think it is a conflict of interests.

Thank you,

Brooke Glaser
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brooks Rownd	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a person who greatly values our native Hawaiian wilderness and its distinctive flora and fauna, I firmly believe that the person in charge of our DLNR should have extensive experience in the conservation of our native plants, animals and ecology, and be an enthusiastic and effective advocate for the preservation of these precious and imperiled natural resources for the future of our community. These are not the qualifications of the candidate, Carleton Ching, so I must oppose his nomination as Chairperson of the DLNR.

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**CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR
CARLETON CHING AS THE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

("SUPPORT")

ALOHA, KAKAHIKA CHAIR LAURA H. THIELEN AND VICE CHAIR BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA; AND TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAND AND WATER. MY NAME IS CHARLES KAPUA, I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN HAWAI'I AND HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR THE PAST 72 YEARS. I AM A MILITARY VETERAN, RETIRED CITY WORKER AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB MOVEMENT FOR OVER 20 YEARS; AND I AM PURE HAWAIIAN.

CARLETON CHING IS THE RIGHT CHOICE, BECAUSE HE IS "KEIKI 'O KAINA" (A CHILD OF THIS LAND) HE WAS RAISED BY HIS PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS TO RESPECT THE LAND AND THE WATER THAT GAVE LIFE TO ALL OF HAWAI'I. THESE ARE THE TRUE HAWAIIAN VALUES THAT HE BRINGS TO THE THIS POSITION. HE HAS LIVED AND LEARNED THE LIFE OF WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO ALL OF HAWAI'I. CARLETON CHING WAS RAISED IN KAPAHULU AND HAS FISHED AND CAUGHT 'OPAE IN THE SAME STREAMS I FISHED AND CAUGHT 'OPAE AND O'OPU RIGHT BEHIND KAIMUKI HIGH SCHOOL.

HE IS A GRADUATE OF KAIMUKI HIGH SCHOOL, AND BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A BUSINESS DEGREE, HE RETURNED TO HAWAI'I BECAUSE HE FELT HE HAS ALOT TO CONTRIBUTE IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HAWAI'I.

HE HAS THE ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS TO COLLABERATE WITH MANY STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTS, TO MEET THE MISSION AND PURPOSE OF THE DLNR. HE IS COMMITTED TO THIS COMMUNITY AND FOR THE BEST INTEREST FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN, ALL OF OUR MO'OPUNA, AND OUR FUTURE. HAWAII'S PRECIOUS AND LIMITED RESOURCES IS PARAMOUNT TO HONORING AND RESPECTING THE HOST CULTURE.

HIS WORK EXPERIENCE ENHANCES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTICS THAT HE ALREADY POSSESSES; INTEGRITY, HONESTY, OPENESS, COLLABORATION, DEDICATION, AND SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE ATTRIBUTES THAT I KNOW WHAT MAKE'S CARLETON CHING THE RIGHT PERSON FOR DIRECTOR OF DLNR; AND THERE WILL BE MANY MORE.

I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** CARLETON CHING FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES!

MAHALO!

Charles Kapua

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I will testify!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christin Matsushige	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: RE GM514 Measure Title: 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. Report Title: Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources Dear Sirs/Ms, I respectfully, but strongly OPPOSE CARLETON CHING's nomination or consideration for Chairperson of DLNR. Please do not nominate him for this position. Thank you, Christin Matsushige 1000 Bishop St Ste 1200 Honolulu, HI 96813

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
christy Kalama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I urge you to please have some Common sense regarding this issue. A well Hawaii requires a leader with sincere care and understanding of their connection to the land and resources. Hawaii is a gem to be cherished.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clay Rumbaoa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the Governors nomination of Mr. Ching to lead DLNR. Mr. Ching, coupled w/his vast private sector experience, has the management skills, environmental knowledge and common sense judgement to lead this vast organization. Mahalo

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Corey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose Carleton Ching a head of DLNR! He is not the right man for the job. All of his experience from working with Castle & Cooke is in development, the total opposite of what the people of Hawaii need. DLNR should be about resource management. Aloha

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Courtney Bruch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is obvious Carleton Ching is not qualified for this position and has extreme conflicts of interests. His nomination is highly oppose by the majority including me. Please do not appoint him to this position. Mahalo, Courtney Bruch Kula, Maui

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Senator Laura H Thielen, Chairperson
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chairperson
Senate Committee on Water and Land
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: GM 514 – Testimony Supporting Carleton Ching, Gubernatorial Nominee for Chairperson,
Department of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Chairperson Thielen, Vice-Chairperson Galuteria, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

My name is Dar Ariola, and I am an employee of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation. I **strongly support** Gubernatorial Nominee, Carleton Ching to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As a former employee of one of Hawaii's largest private landowners with trust obligations, I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Ching on several occasions during my ten-year employment. In working with Mr. Ching, I found him to be a person of integrity, and of great moral character. Mr. Ching, as an employee of another private landowner with trust obligations, recognized and advocated obligations of fiduciary duty and fiscal responsibility to the trust beneficiaries. While several media reports have questioned Mr. Ching's affiliation with developers, Mr. Ching has made it clear that his decisions would be guided by the Department's mission and the public trust doctrine, and not by private interests.

The Department would be fortunate to benefit from Mr. Ching's diverse professional background, experience, and expertise in serving as a steward of Hawaii's land and natural resources.

Sincerely,
Dar Ariola

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Darlene Ferreira	Individual	Support	Yes

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Darlene S. Ferreira
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Aiea, Hawaii 96701

March 9, 2015

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-ETH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015
COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

RE: **GM 514** Consideration & confirmation as the Chairperson for DLNR
Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING

Please support and confirm Mr. Ching for the position as Chairperson for DLNR. I have watched Carleton become the man he is today over the last 20 years. He is a local guy with a passion for Hawaii. This is his home, and I know he wants to continue to make a difference for future generations.

He can handle the position and with his background is likely to listen to ALL sides and not jump to a superficial solution that many seek. Here is what I consider Carleton Ching's top ten strengths:

- Business Acumen
- Collaboration
- Ability to Listen
- To Seek Resolution
- Fair, Honest, Patient
- Respect for the Host Culture
- Assessment Management
- Land Stewardship Experience at varying scales
- Integrity as a Leader
- Doing what is Right (to be pono)

He is a valuable leader and has been a wonderful mentor for our youth.

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david w rae	Individual	Support	No

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Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

And Members of the Committee,

I am respectfully submitting testimony in support of the confirmation of Mr. CARLETON CHING to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Let me state at the outset, Carleton is a friend and a man I have had the privilege of knowing and working with for the past 30 years.

I know him to be a person of honor, integrity and of deep caring for his home state of Hawaii. I have learned much of good practice from him. He has brought that knowledge and caring to every endeavor I have seen him engage in.

He is a good thinker and understands what motivates people and organizations function.

The criticism of him seems to me to rest on the proposition that "he worked for a developer and he worked on one project I do not like".

This is a good, bright and caring person, well qualified to now work for the Governor and the people of Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted

David W. Rae

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Dawn Burgess	Individual	Support	No

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Dawn Chang	Individual	Support	No

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March 9, 2015

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY OF DAWN N.S. CHANG, PRINCIPAL OF KUIWALU CONSULTING

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 514

GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **CARLETON CHING**

Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources

The Honorable Laura Thielen, Chair and Members of the Committee:

I SUPPORT the nomination of Carleton Ching for appointment as Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have personally known Mr. Ching for several years in a professional capacity.

I believe one of Mr. Ching's strongest assets that he will bring to the Department is his years of experience in both government and his many years working in the private sector. This experience will enable Mr. Ching to understand the limitations of government being able to "do it all" as it cannot, without the cooperation and partnership with the private sector. His experience and network with the private sector will enable him to capitalize on those experiences to leverage critical and necessary partnerships to manage and protect our valuable cultural and natural resources. Thus, making a positive contribution to the Department and State of Hawai'i

Mr. Ching is a native son of Hawai'i. He was born and raised here, comes from generations who have worked for Pearl Harbor Shipyard, and knows the local values of hard work, kuleana and giving back to one's community. In my personal experience working with Mr. Ching, he has been nothing but a person of honesty and integrity.

I respectfully ask that Carleton Ching's nomination receive the consent of your committee and be forwarded to the full Senate for confirmation. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on Mr. Ching's nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN N.S. CHANG
Principal

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Aloha,

Please find my attached testimony in support of the confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you,

Dean Minakami

March 9, 2015

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

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Carleton is a person of integrity and honesty, a person who cares about our community, and a person who can bring together and work collaboratively with persons of diverse backgrounds and views.

When I worked with Carleton at Castle and Cooke, he always emphasized the importance of listening to the concerns of our residents and neighbors, providing community benefits, and of being a responsible community member. Carleton offered a balanced perspective that came from his decades of experience of not just development, but also land management and stewardship.

I know that you have heard from many who are concerned that Carleton's background may not provide a proper perspective to lead the DLNR. However, I ask you to consider the full depth of Carleton's experience, and to consider Carleton for the person that he is. Carleton has over 30 years of experience, several at the executive level, working for State government and private companies across the State. He has overseen not only housing developments, but also renewable energy projects, and natural resource management initiatives. He has experience working on controversial projects, building relationships with individuals and groups of diverse affiliations, and building consensus among persons and groups with opposing views. Most importantly, Carleton is a life-long resident of our State who sincerely cares about the future of our community, and who through his years of experience, has obtained the knowledge and wisdom to effectively lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources. For these reasons, I ask that you confirm Carleton Ching as Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean C. Minakami".

Dean Minakami
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Debbie Millikan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, March 11, 2015

OPPOSE nomination of Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

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

I strongly request that you do not consider Mr. Ching as an appropriate candidate for Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We need to protect our public resources now more than ever. It is vital that we responsibly manage our public lands, water resources, ocean waters, state parks, coastal environments and natural area reserves. Mr. Ching does not have a track record to support protection of our common resources.

Mahalo for allowing me to submit this testimony.

Debbie Millikan, Ph.D.
Sustainability Specialist
'Iolani School

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Deborah Ward	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not confirm Mr Ching as DLNR chair. He is not sufficiently knowledgeable or experienced to manage the state's most precious conservation lands and native habitats. He cannot demonstrate an understanding of basic land use law. He has actively pursued efforts to undermine the principles he would be responsible to uphold if confirmed. Please urge the Governor to submit a suitable candidate for consideration by the Senate. Thank you!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Marshall	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: ALOHA, I am submitting Dr. Seuss's, The Lorax as my testimony in opposition to Chareilton Ching's nomination as Head of the Department of Land and Natural Resources...I have been submitting testimonies for years and am quite FEDUP with your blatant disregard for testimonies submitted by your constituency. So, I remind you of the time when Hawaii had to ask Alaska for trees to build the Hokulea because NO MORE KOA!!!!...maybe you will take a minute to read The Lorax to a child and explain to the child what you did to protect the environment...Will you be the Onceler who appoints "the Super Axe Hacker" or will you give hope to the child and plant that NON GMutatedO SEED? Mahalo nui loa, Diane Marshall THE LORAX ~Dr. Seuss At the far end of town where the Grickle-grass grows and the wind smells slow-and-sour when it blows and no birds ever sing excepting old crows... is the Street of the Lifted Lorax. And deep in the Grickle-grass, some people say, if you look deep enough you can still see, today, where the Lorax once stood just as long as it could before somebody lifted the Lorax away. What was the Lorax? And why was it there? And why was it lifted and taken somewhere from the far end of town where the Grickle-grass grows? The old Once-ler still lives here. Ask him. He knows. You won't see the Once-ler. Don't knock at his door. He stays in his Lerkim on top of his store. He lurks in his Lerkim, cold under the roof, where he makes his own clothes out of miff-muffered moof. And on special dank midnights in August, he peeks out of the shutters and sometimes he speaks and tells how the Lorax was lifted away. He'll tell you, perhaps... if you're willing to pay. On the end of a rope he lets down a tin pail and you have to toss in fifteen cents and a nail and the shell of a great-great-greatgrandfather snail. Then he pulls up the pail, makes a most careful count to see if you've paid him the proper amount. Then he hides what you paid him away in his Snuvv, his secret strange hole in his gruvvulous glove. Then he grunts, "I will call you by Whisper-ma-Phone, for the secrets I tell you are for your ears alone." SLUPP! Down slupps the Whisper-ma-Phone to your ear and the old Once-ler's whispers are not very clear, since they have to come down through a snergelly hose, and he sounds asif he had smallish bees up his nose. "Now I'll tell you,"he says, with his teeth sounding gray, "how the Lorax got lifted and taken away... It all started way back... such a long, long time back... Way back in the days when the grass was still green and the pond was still wet and the clouds were still clean, and the song of the Swomee-Swans rang out in space... one morning, I came to this glorious place. And I

first saw the trees! The Truffula Trees! The bright-colored tufts of the Truffula Trees! Mile after mile in the fresh morning breeze. And, under the trees, I saw Brown Bar-ba-loots frisking about in their Bar-ba-loot suits as they played in the shade and ate Truffula fruits. From the rippulous pond came the comfortable sound of the Humming-Fish humming while splashing around. But those trees! Those trees! Those Truffula Trees! All my life I'd been searching for trees such as these. The touch of their tufts was much softer than silk. And they had the sweet smell of fresh butterfly milk. I felt a great leaping of joy in my heart. I knew just what I'd do! I unloaded my cart. In no time at all, I had built a small shop. Then I chopped down a Truffula Tree with one chop. And with great skillful skill and with great speedy speed, I took the soft tuft, and I knitted a Thneed! The instant I'd finished, I heard a ga-Zump! I looked. I saw something pop out of the stump of the tree I'd chopped down. It was sort of a man. Describe him?... That's hard. I don't know if I can. He was shortish. And oldish. And brownish. And mossy. And he spoke with a voice that was sharpish and bossy. "Mister!" he said with a sawdusty sneeze, "I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees. I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues. And I'm asking you, sir, at the top of my lungs" he was very upset as he shouted and puffed "What's that THING you've made out of my Truffula tuft?" "Look, Lorax," I said. "There's no cause for alarm. I chopped just one tree. I am doing no harm. I'm being quite useful. This thing is a Thneed. A Thneed's a Fine-Something-That-All-People-Need! It's a shirt. It's a sock. It's a glove, It's a hat. But it has other uses. Yes, far beyond that. You can use it for carpets. For pillows! For sheets! Or curtains! Or covers for bicycle seats!" The Lorax said, "Sir! You are crazy with greed. There is no one on earth who would buy that fool Thneed!" But the very next minute I proved he was wrong. For, just at that minute, a chap came along, and he thought the Thneed I had knitted was great. He happily bought it for three ninety-eight I laughed at the Lorax, "You poor stupid guy! You never can tell what some people will buy." "I repeat," cried the Lorax, "I speak for the trees!" "I'm busy," I told him. "Shut up, if you please." I rushed 'cross the room, and in no time at all, built a radio-phone. I put in a quick call. I called all my brothers and uncles and aunts and I said, "Listen here! Here's a wonderful chance for the whole Once-ler Family to get mighty rich! Get over here fast! Take the road to North Nitch. Turn left at Weehawken. Sharp right at South Stitch." And, in no time at all, in the factory I built, the whole Once-ler Family was working full tilt. We were all knitting Thneeds just as busy as bees, to the sound of the chopping of Truffula Trees. Then... Oh! Baby! Oh! How my business did grow! Now, chopping one tree at a time was too slow. So I quickly invented my Super-Axe-Hacker which whacked off four Truffula Trees at one smacker. We were making Thneeds four times as fast as before! And that Lorax?... He didn't show up any more. But the next week he knocked on my new office door. He snapped, "I am the Lorax who speaks for the trees which you seem to be chopping as fast as you please. But I'm also in charge of the Brown Bar-ba-loots who played in the shade in their Bar-ba-loot suits and happily lived, eating Truffula Fruits. "NOW... thanks to your hacking my trees to the ground, there's not enough Truffula Fruit to go 'round. And my poor Bar-ba-loots are all getting the crummies because they have gas, and no food, in their tummies! "They loved living here. But I can't let them stay. They'll have to find food. And I hope that they may. Good luck, boys," he cried. And he sent them away. I, the old Once-ler, felt sad as I watched them all go. BUT... business is business! And business must grow regardless of crummies in tummies, you know. I meant no harm.

I most truly did not. But I had to grow bigger. So bigger I got. I biggered my factory. I biggered my roads. I biggered my wagons. I biggered the loads of the Thneeds I shipped out. I was shipping them forth to the South! To the East! To the West! To the North! I went right on biggering... selling more Thneeds. And I biggered my money, which everyone needs. Then again he came back! I was fixing some pipes when that old-nuisance Lorax came back with more gripes. "I am the Lorax," he coughed and he whiffed. He sneezed and he snuffled. He snarggled. He sniffed. "Once-ler!" he cried with a cruffulous croak. "Once-ler! You're making such smogulous smoke! My poor Swomee-Swans... why, they can't sing a note! No one can sing who has smog in his throat. "And so," said the Lorax, "-please pardon my cough- they cannot live here. So I'm sending them off. "Where will they go?... I don't hopefully know. They may have to fly for a month... or a year... To escape from the smog you've smogged up around here. "What's more," snapped the Lorax. (His dander was up.) "Let me say a few words about Gluppity-Glupp. Your machine chugs on, day and night without stop making Gluppity-Glupp. Also Schloppity-Schlopp. And what do you do with this leftover goo?... I'll show you. You dirty old Once-ler man, you! "You're glumping the pond where the Humming-Fish hummed! No more can they hum, for their gills are all gummed. So I'm sending them off. Oh, their future is dreary. They'll walk on their fins and get woefully weary in search of some water that isn't so smeary." And then I got mad. I got terribly mad. I yelled at the Lorax, "Now listen here, Dad! All you do is yap-yap and say, 'Bad! Bad! Bad! Bad!' Well, I have my rights, sir, and I'm telling you I intend to go on doing just what I do! And, for your information, you Lorax, I'm figgering On biggering and BIGGERING and BIGGERING and BIGGERING, turning MORE Truffula Trees into Thneeds which everyone, EVERYONE, EVERYONE needs!" And at that very moment, we heard a loud whack! From outside in the fields came a sickening smack of an axe on a tree. Then we heard the tree fall. The very last Truffula Tree of them all! No more trees. No more Thneeds. No more work to be done. So, in no time, my uncles and aunts, every one, all waved me good-bye. They jumped into my cars and drove away under the smoke-smuggered stars. Now all that was left 'neath the bad smelling-sky was my big empty factory... the Lorax... and I. The Lorax said nothing. Just gave me a glance... just gave me a very sad, sad backward glance... as he lifted himself by the seat of his pants. And I'll never forget the grim look on his face when he heisted himself and took leave of this place, through a hole in the smog, without leaving a trace. And all that the Lorax left here in this mess was a small pile of rocks, with one word... "UNLESS." Whatever that meant, well, I just couldn't guess. That was long, long ago. But each day since that day I've sat here and worried and worried away. Through the years, while my buildings have fallen apart, I've worried about it with all of my heart. "But now," says the Once-ler, "Now that you're here, the word of the Lorax seems perfectly clear. UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. "SO... Catch!" calls the Once-ler. He lets something fall. "It's a Truffula Seed. It's the last one of all! You're in charge of the last of the Truffula Seeds. And Truffula Trees are what everyone needs. Plant a new Truffula. Treat it with care. Give it clean water. And feed it fresh air. Grow a forest. Protect it from axes that hack. Then the Lorax and all of his friends may come back."

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Donna Lay	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support the nomination or Carleton Ching to be Director of DLNR.

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March 10, 2015

Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chairperson
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chairperson
Hawaii State Legislator
Senate Committee on Water and Land

Subject: Testimony in support of the consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Dear Chairperson Thielen, Vice Chairperson Galuteria, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

I am currently employed as the Administrator for the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR), DLNR, however, I am providing testimony in my individual capacity to support the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

I did not know Mr. Ching until he was nominated to be the Chairperson of DLNR and I subsequently had the opportunity to meet with him on several occasions. My first impressions of Mr. Ching are that he is coming into the position with an open mind and no preset agenda. He indicated that he would manage the Department according to the Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Departments Mission Statement, and have an open mind regarding the myriad of issues that he will face on a daily basis.

I have heard through the media and other sources that people are opposed to the nomination of Mr. Ching because of his development background. To the contrary, I feel that Mr. Ching's business background will be a real asset to the Department. Last year, the Legislature approved the establishment of two new Property Development positions for DOBOR and the Division is actively working to develop fast lands in the State small boat harbors. I feel that Mr. Ching's business background and experience will complement the Divisions goal to build new and improved facilities that will benefit not only Boaters but the general public as well.

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elizabeth riegels	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: hawaii's natural resources are stressed and diminishing - a new director needs to have the background to deal with these issues and to inspire confidence in the public - carleton ching has neither of these qualifications - he is the wrong person for the job! shame on gov. ige!!

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I am submitting testimony in support of Carleton Ching. I have known Carleton for the past 10 years, both as a neighbor and in his role with Castle & Cooke.

Carleton is first and foremost a dedicated and caring community member. We live in an average Kaneohe neighborhood. He has always gone out of his way to be a great neighbor, inviting neighborhood children to play with his grandchildren in the front yard or hosting a holiday celebration.

Carleton is trustworthy, honest, and fair. It is very evident to anyone who knows him that he cares about the future of Hawaii that his children and grandchildren will live in.

I also know him in my capacity as a land use attorney. He is professional and has a wealth of experience, not just from Castle & Cooke, that makes him a perfect steward of Hawaii's lands. Knowing Carleton in several capacities, he has exhibited a great heart, and is exactly the kind of person we need heading DLNR.

I do not plan on submitting oral testimony. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 544-8340.

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Gary Hooser	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I am testifying as an individual in opposition to the appointment of Carleton Ching to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Carleton Ching is no doubt a personable, intelligent and working man. Mr. Ching may be all of that but based on his background, experience and track record he is not an appropriate selection to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and I strongly urge this committee not to confirm his appointment. The question before the Hawaii State Senate is not whether Carleton Ching is a hard working personable individual but is he suited via his background, experience and values to be the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Ching has spent the past decade or more basically working for the other side. I am sure he has worked hard and performed well but in his employment and in his daily life he has been surrounded and immersed in a perspective that views environmental protections as "impediments to development". As someone who served as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control and who has been deeply involved on both the State and County levels in land-use and environmental protection issues, I have seen up close and personal the actions of the organizations in which Mr. Ching has served in a leadership position. Each of us is imbued with a bias, a certain core perspective that we apply to all things in life. Our work, our friends, the books that we read, the letters we write and the statements and judgments we make daily all reflect the bias engrained within us as a result of the experiences and people that have shaped our life. 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 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." LURF touts as some of its major accomplishments: *LURF fought hard to convince the U.S. Fish and Wild Life Service to reduce critical habitat designations and mandated conservation areas. *LURF successfully lobbied to reduce requirements for developer applicant reviews by the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR/SHPD). *LURF successfully lobbied to require the Department of Health (DOH) to delete various protections involving native Hawaii rights, historic preservation, coastal zone management and environmental impact reviews for storm water management permits. *LURF actively opposed the requirement of landowners to provide lateral access along the coast line. And LURF has been extremely active in what has almost become an annual effort to weaken HRS Chapter 343 (EIS Laws), they were core supporters of the Public Lands Development Corporation (PLDC) and numerous other efforts to exempt various development projects from environmental, health, planning and public interest laws now in place. The mission statement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources 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." We all have a bias and a unique perspective on life. Hawaii deserves a Director that is biased toward preserving the resource and protecting the public trust, not someone whose bias is clearly that of promoting increased development and profits while weakening those public trust protections. Over 1,000 individuals from all corners of our State have submitted testimony in opposition and over twenty environmental and cultural organizations are also opposing the nomination of Mr. Ching to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The two primary sources of local news and information, the Honolulu Star Advertiser and Civil Beat have also voiced their opposition loud and clear. I respectfully ask that you please listen to these voices and do not support this appointment.

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Gerald de Heer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Committee on Water and Land Hawaii State Senate March 10, 2015
Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Committee Members: Aloha. I support the confirmation to Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The Hawaii State Senate has the solemn responsibility to confirm Gubernatorial Appointees. This particular nominee has received considerable public attention. When members of the public voice their concerns to the Legislature, all of us benefit. The system is working. Mr. Ching is qualified. His resume is impressive. His understanding of the job is there. Some however, fear that Mr. Ching will not lead the department with the requisite objectivity. Apparently that fear is based on who employed Mr. Ching. Please note in virtually every work situation Mr. Ching demonstrated integrity and thoughtfulness. He will bring that level of professionalism to his new post. We are not served if we presume his love for Hawaii is less than anyone else's. He will do his best for all of us. Mahalo for this opportunity to express my support for Mr. Ching. R/ Gerald de Heer

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Herman Chunn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jacqui Hoover	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Water and Land
10 a.m., Wednesday, 11 March 2015
State Capital, Conference Room 229
Re: GM514
Confirmation Hearing – Carleton Ching, DLNR

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

My name is Jacqui Hoover and while I have the privilege of serving as President of Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference (HLPC) and concurrently as Executive Director of Hawaii Island Economic Development Board, both private, member-based 501(c)3 organizations, I am submitting this testimony as an individual and it does not reflect the opinions of either organization and/or its members either collectively or respectively.

It has been my pleasure to know Mr. Carleton Ching for over a decade and I support his nomination as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

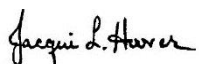
Since his nomination, it appears that focus has been exclusively on Carleton's work with Castle and Cooke, however it is important to note that he is also a husband, father, grandfather, friend, neighbor, and community volunteer who is committed to planned development in large part, to ensure that everything that makes Hawaii the special and unique place it is, will be perpetuated and enhanced for generations to come. He has demonstrated in both his professional and personal life, that he is fully committed to the `aina, his culture, community, environment and conservation and he should not be defined by a single dimension (i.e. his career).

To single out his work in development to the exclusion of all of his other contributions, is offensive, divisive, disingenuous, and unfair. To take such a position allows conversely to suggest that anyone opposing this nomination must believe that the only good development is that of the home/community in which he/she resides – equally offensive, divisive, disingenuous and unfair.

The Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is faced with and must balance diverse and complex resources, needs, and constituency and Carleton Ching is able to bring the business acumen, integrity and personal conviction necessary to do so.

Mahalo for the opportunity to speak in support of this nomination.

Sincerely,



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February 17, 2015

To: Sen. Laura Thielen, Chair / & Members
Committee on Water & Land

From: Jerry Kaluhiwa
Lawai`a – He`eia

Re: Support for Carleton Ching, DLNR Director Appointee

Aloha. My name is Jerry Kaluhiwa and I am speaking in favor of Gov. David Ige's appointment of Carleton Ching to be the chair of the BLNR.

I am presently a member of the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council, an appointed konohiki for the He`eia ahupua`a, chosen by the He`eia kupuna council to oversee projects that are now going on in He`eia and to give progress reports to them. I am a native Hawaiian practitioner and sit on the Aha Moku board for Ko`olaupoko. I am also a consultant for the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology on Moku o Lo`e, Kane`ohe bay. There are many concerns that have come before this board and are ongoing.

I have recently met with Mr. Ching personally, mainly because of all this public speculation, and I have found Mr. Ching to be honest and sincere in his willingness to learn more from all of us and to share his expertise in management for the betterment of our resources in Hawai`i. I believe he should be given this chance to prove his willingness to serve our people and the State of Hawai`i.

Please confirm his nomination.

Mahalo.

From: [John Myers](#)
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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to 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.

Sincerely,

John Myers

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Aloha,
Please see attached letter of testimony in support of the appointment of Carleton Ching as
Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.
Mahalo,
Jon Moyer
Kailua

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's unblemished history and reputation as a fair, responsible, and honest business person gives me comfort that the decisions he makes as Chairperson will be after considering all viewpoints, even those that are sources of conflict.
- 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;
- Carleton has the ability to work collaboratively with diverse individuals and groups to resolve conflicts in a fair and equitable manner;
- 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.

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

Jon Moyer
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

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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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Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 1:21:25 PM

Dear Senators,

As a long-time hiker in Hawaii and member of the Outdoor Circle, I ask that you NOT confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). He is simply not qualified to do the job and has supported organizations inconsistent with the mission and purpose of the DLNR.

We need someone in charge who fully appreciates the uniqueness of our Hawaii environment and will protect it. Once it is gone, it is gone forever!

Please vote against Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of the DLNR.

Thank you.

Kathleen Watson, MBA

TESTIMONY OF KEALI'I LÓPEZ
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND LAND

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

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

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 514,
NOMINATING CARLETON CHING AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

TO THE HONORABLE LAURA H. THIELEN, CHAIR,
THE HONORABLE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I am writing in **support** of the appointment of Carleton Ching to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources ("DLNR").

My name is Keali'i López, and my support for Mr. Carleton Ching is based on my discussions and observations of Mr. Ching over the past several weeks. I was unfamiliar with Mr. Ching prior to the announcement of his nomination, and wanted to get a better understand of who he was. Therefore, I met with and spoke with Mr. Ching on multiple occasions to try and understand his interest in serving as the Chairperson of DLNR, how his experiences would relate to the kuleana of the chair, and hear about his intensions. In these discussions, I found Mr. Ching to have many of the qualities I believe to be critical to effective leadership, and more importantly, vital to public service.

The qualities I observed are:

- Courage – throughout this process, Mr. Ching has demonstrated that he isn't afraid of conflict. This is important when challenging the status quo, when exploring why things are done a certain way, and when protecting natural resources from the pressures of a development economy.

- Openness – since his nomination, Mr. Ching has met with many diverse groups. He was open to being in potentially vulnerable situations in order to hear directly from those who may have concerns about his work experience. In these situations, I have seen Mr. Ching be willing to explore ideas and remain open, even when placed under considerable pressure.
- Honesty – I found Mr. Ching to be genuine and authentic. This is vital for accountability. It is clear and has been clear that accountability will be demanded, and rightfully so, by many here today, by legislators and the DLNR commission. Mr. Ching's openness and honesty will facilitate the transparency required to hold the Chair of DLNR responsible.

Most encouraging in my recent discussions with Mr. Ching, is his steadfast belief that given the opportunity, positive improvements can and will occur at DLNR. Rather than turn away from those that criticize him, he is open to dialogue and interested in shared insights. These qualities will serve him well in carrying out the kuleana of the DLNR chair. However, none of these qualities can be meaningfully applied without what I also see in Mr. Ching, a strong desire to do what is right. The qualities of his character make Carleton, who he is, not the jobs he's held. I believe he can and will *serve the public* well.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 514 in support of Mr. Carleton Ching's nomination to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Respectfully,
Keali'i López
Nānākuli Resident

From: Keith.K.Chun@hawaii.gov
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: GM 514 - Testimony in Support of Carleton Ching, Gubernatorial Nominee for the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 12:42:46 PM

Dear Madam Chairperson Thielen, Vice-Chairperson Galuteria, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

My name is Keith Chun, and I am an employee of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation ("DOBOR").

I am writing in support of the nomination of Mr. Carleton Ching.

I have had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Ching and discuss his goals and visions for the Department, and in particular, DOBOR. DOBOR is responsible for managing the State's small boat harbors, off-shore waters, and ocean recreation resources and activities. These facilities and resources have, in the past, suffered long periods of neglect. DOBOR, however, has implemented many improvements in recent years (many under Chairperson Thielen's guidance), and I believe much more can be accomplished.

Mr. Ching has expressed his desire to work with DOBOR to continue to improve the conditions of the harbors and the State's ocean recreation resources and facilities. According to several news reports, many have questioned Mr. Ching's past affiliation with developers and his lack of experience in resource management. At our meeting, however, Mr. Ching explained that his decisions would not be guided by his affiliations with prior organizations, but instead, by the Department's mission, the public trust doctrine, and all applicable laws, statutes and rules. In addition to these values, DOBOR would benefit greatly from Mr. Ching's extensive background in land use, land management, and government affairs (all of which require collaborative skills), and his ideas on revenue generation to help fund much needed harbor improvements and support DOBOR's resource management programs. I believe he is the right person to lead the Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,
Keith Chun

From: [kaburg](#)
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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Kelley Burg, Esq.
Kailua

Kenneth Suekawa
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Chair Laura Thielen and Members
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Subject: GM 514 Carleton Ching Nomination
Written Testimony in Support of Mr. Ching as Chairperson
Of the Board of Land and Natural Resources
Will Not be Attending Hearing

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

My name is Kenneth Suekawa, and I am writing in support of Carleton Ching's nomination.

Someone with his background and experience in the private sector can serve the public well in this position. I can tell that he is a good local boy with good character and a good heart, and he should be given a chance to serve the community.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Suekawa

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To: Sen. Laura Thielen, Chair / & Members
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From: Leialoha Kaluhiwa
Kupa`aina – He`eia
Member, Jones `Ohana

Re: Support for Carleton Ching, DLNR Director Appointee

Aloha Chair Thielen and members of the Committee:

My name is Rocky Kaluhiwa and I am speaking in support of Gov. David Ige's nominee Carleton Ching to serve as director of the Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR).

I have recently met with Mr. Ching to discuss island issues concerning the DLNR. For me, I take this very seriously, because of my many hats that I wear in the community which deal with `aina and kai.

Our community always tries to be in some kind of positive relationship with the director of a department as important as this one.

I found that Mr. Ching is a warm and understanding person of both the community and management issues, and he was open and willing to learn from the community for the betterment of our `aina.

He was honest in discussing his previous employments and boards, and said that he has recently disengaged from them to serve our people. I feel he is sincere in wanting to serve our people and the State of Hawai`i, and should be given a chance to prove his sincerity.

However, I wish to make it clear that my support for this appointment is conditional upon Mr. Ching's pledge to be accountable in his handling and management of our state's natural and cultural resources, and upon his willingness to have an open door policy to enable our community voices to be heard by himself, by his staff, and by his board. We feel he needs to assure all of us that he also takes seriously the responsibility he will have as trustee of the State's lands and resources.

If he can commit to these things, I ask that you please give him the chance by confirming his nomination. Mahalo nui loa.

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I support Carleton Ching for the position of Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

I met Carleton Ching when he was a project manager at the Hawaii Housing Authority (HHA) and I was a deputy attorney general (DAG) assigned to HHA. It was 1983 and I worked out of the HHA on School Street. Although I did not work on housing development projects with Carleton, I was able to observe him and got to know what kind of worker and person he was. During this period the HHA was tasked with housing that included developing affordable housing and managing public housing projects.

I didn't really socialize with Carleton but I consider him a friend. Carleton is a down to Earth person who treats you as an equal. When I met Carleton I was a newly hired DAG but he was still approachable. I learned that Carleton has a "good heart". That means a lot to me because I believe his good heart will always ensure that his moral compass will guide him to what is pono.

People have criticized Carleton's nomination and say he is inexperienced in DLNR matters. Previous chairpersons were not experts in DLNR matters but like previous chairpersons Carleton has the wisdom, intelligence and ability to enable him to be an excellent administrator. He is a quick study with a backbone strong enough to stand up for what is in the best interest of Hawaii.

Carleton is willing to learn and get up to speed on issues. His background evidences his ability to thoroughly study laws and regulations governing Hawaii. After familiarizing himself with the facts and circumstances of an area or issue of concern, Carleton is able to comprehend the entire "picture", balance issues and arrive at a decision that is fair and beneficial to Hawaii. Openness is also a positive characteristic Carleton possesses and is essential to the effective administration of DLNR.

Carleton Ching's love for our state is apparent in his actions. He would want to preserve our state for not only his family who call Hawaii home but for all. Carleton will not betray our Governor or the people of Hawaii.

This is the first time that I have submitted testimony to the Legislature in support of a gubernatorial nominee for a cabinet position. I usually stay out of these kind of matters but I strongly believe that Carleton Ching is eminently qualified and urge you to confirm Carleton Ching as Chairperson of DLNR.

Sincerely,

Lella C. Tanaka

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Comments: To our honorable legislators, I humbly ask that you PLEASE DO NOT CONFIRM Carleton Ching for the position of Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. He might be a nice guy and all, intelligent with many talents and skills, however, I think given his career and background, confirming Mr. chung would be a dire conflict of interest. He is NOT the best choice for this decision when his first and foremost priority for many many years was the development of property, to support the building, construction and development industry. This position calls for the expertise of preservation and conversation, of which Mr. Ching has no experience. I am literally afraid for the future of Hawaii should Mr. Ching be confirmed. I would at that time give up on government and voting because it will be true and apparent that our ELECTED officials clearly do not care about why they are in office, the fact that WE voted you in there, and for you not to listen to the people, who are speaking loud and clear, well, that would just be beyond me. I implore you, PLEASE LISTEN TO US, PLEASE HEAR US AND PLEASE DO NOT CONFIRM CARLETON CHING TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. Mahalo!

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Mahealani Cypher

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March 10, 2015

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION ON G.M. 514 – APPOINTMENT OF CARELETON CHING
AS DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES

Sen. Laura Thielen, Chair
& Members
Water & Land Committee
Hawai'i State Senate
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Aloha, Chair Thielen and Members of this Committee:

This has been one of the most difficult testimonies for me to write in all my years of advocacy for wise land use planning, natural resource stewardship, and perpetuation of the Hawaiian culture.

I have spent most of my life in this work to keep our islands healthy and thriving for the benefit of our people today and for generations to come.

Many years ago, I was among those who supported the revised O'ahu General Plan and the first Hawai'i State Plan, both of which reflected compromises among all of the major stakeholder voices who influence decisions on land, natural resources and historic and cultural preservation in Hawai'i.

These compromises were a search for balance between providing housing and employment for our people and the desperate need to protect valuable agricultural and conservation lands, and open space.

At that time, the large landholders and politically-influential labor unions, Chamber of Commerce, developers and others were forced to acknowledge that this balance was critical to the life and future of our islands. At the same time, environmental and community groups also needed to recognize that local residents needed homes and jobs. To the best of their ability, all of these diverse interests found a balance, which resulted in those two plans being adopted.

Over the years, there have been notable exceptions to the overall guiding plans; but these have been few and our community voices have managed to advocate effectively for a balance in decision-making.

The Land Use Research Foundation – one of the fiercest advocates for approval of large-scale development – was among those which had to accept the compromises of that time.

So when it came to the question of whether Governor David Ige's appointment of Carleton Ching as director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources should be confirmed, I must admit I was conflicted. I remember the challenges of dealing with LURF all those years ago, and Mr. Ching's connection with LURF and large landowner/developer Castle & Cook gave me pause. Then I recalled the work of the late 1970s, when all of the various groups came together to find compromises, so long as the ultimate goal of balanced island resource management and policy was honored.

Mr. Ching has, no doubt, management skills that he has acquired over his many years of working in the private sector. It is also possible that he has developed some working knowledge of government kuleana to manage natural and cultural resources responsibly, through the many hearings he has had to attend to advocate for his client or company. An effective lobbyist has to do their homework, has to understand the nature of the decision-making body – be it Planning Commission, City Council, or various state agencies and boards. I have to assume that this was how he operated, in order to do his job.

I am more interested, however, in where his loyalty will lie, should he be confirmed as director of DLNR and chair of the Board of Land & Natural Resources. The director and chair has a lot of influence over DLNR's staff and over BLNR board members. He can sway them in any direction, even if he removes himself from active participation in public deliberations or hearings.

What I am hoping for in the new director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources are the following qualities:

- 1) First and foremost: aloha `āina – a deep-seated love for ka pae`āina Hawai`i. A commitment to protecting and preserving Hawai`i's lands that are held in trust by the State of Hawai`i, and a promise that these lands will not be sold, traded or exploited – again, the director of DLNR serves as trustee of Hawai`i's lands and natural resources.

- 2) A fundamental understanding of the kuleana – responsibility – of the DLNR director and BLNR board chair to safeguard natural and cultural resources – he must be accountable for and committed to protecting the resources under the jurisdiction of the State DLNR.

3) People skills: the director must have demonstrated people skills, the ability to work with diverse levels of people, including DLNR staff and BLNR members, other agencies, the Legislature and the general public. People skills include the ability to listen well and respond appropriately and respectfully; and the ability to have aloha for others even when there is disagreement.

4) Leader more than Manager: the director must be a good leader of the DLNR `ohana, not just a good manager; a good leader is a role model, one who has followers, one who demonstrates a positive character and pono behavior.

5) Advocacy for DLNR: the director must have exceptional ability to advocate for DLNR to obtain more resources from the Administration, from the Legislature, and from other public and private resources such as the Federal government and philanthropy.

If Carleton Ching is able to perform all of these functions or possesses each of these five qualities, then I strongly recommend to you – the members of the Hawai'i State Senate – that you allow him the opportunity to demonstrate his abilities.

As I mentioned earlier, there is always a need to find balance in how we manage our resources and plan for our future. The nominee comes from a background that appears to offer limited exposure to the practice of malama`aina – but he brings potential skills that may help the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

It is my hope that he will do so. Mahalo for this opportunity to share my mana`o.

Me kealoha pumehana,



MAHEALANI CYPHER

Kupa`aina

Ahupua`a Kane`ohe

Moku Ko`olaupoko

Mokupuni o Kakuhihewa

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Dear Chair Thielen, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

Please accept my attached written testimony in opposition to Carleton Ching's nomination for DLNR Chairperson.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,
Malia Akutagawa

Prepared Testimony of
Malia Akutagawa

Before the
Committee on Water and Land of the
State of Hawai'i Senate

on

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson Nomination, Mr. Carleton Ching

March 10, 2015

Dear Chair Laura Thielen, Vice-Chair Brickwood Galuteria, and Senate Committee on Water and Land Members,

My name is Malia Akutagawa. I am a Native Hawaiian cultural subsistence practitioner from the island of Moloka'i. I am also an Assistant Professor with the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law and the Hawai'inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge. I have also served on a number of boards, councils and commissions on the State and County level; namely, former Chair of the Molokai Planning Commission from 1999 – 2003, member of the Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council, Chair of the Molokai Island Burial Council, and more recently member of the State Environmental Council. I write this testimony in my personal capacity, not as an official representative of the University.

I write this testimony in opposition of GM 514 and **I strongly urge this committee to disaffirm Mr. Carleton Ching's nomination for Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Chairperson.** This position is too important to risk the fate of Hawai'i's precious natural and cultural resources on a person who not only lacks the credentials to fill the important shoes needed for DLNR chair, but also has spent his professional career to dilute and dismantle environmental protections and Native Hawaiian rights.

During the period Mr. Ching worked for Molokai Ranch as Project Manager for the Resort and Operations Division, long-time plantation families were evicted and forced to relocate from their homes in Maunaloa Town to make way for "revitalization." Also during this period that Mr. Ching served Molokai Ranch, a Master Plan and Matrix for Molokai Ranch that entailed major development projects for which there was a lack of adequate water and would adversely impact present and foreseeable water needs of Hawaiian Homesteaders were successfully introduced at the 11th hour to the Maui County Council for approval. Molokai Ranch had completely circumvented the community plan review process and had also side-stepped the Molokai Planning Commission's denial of the Ranch's proposals to amend the community plan by having the Maui County Council overrule the Planning Commission and the long-efforts of community volunteers who had deliberated for months on the Molokai Community Plan update.

As former president of the Land Use Research Foundation, a pro-development lobby group, Mr. Ching worked actively against public beach access and legal protections for Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights and practices.

As Vice President of Castle & Cooke, Mr. Ching advocated for a massive plan to build industrial wind mills on the island of Lānaʻi in an area rich in cultural sites and important to subsistence hunting and fishing. He actively supported an undersea cable proposal that would transport renewable energy from Lānaʻi to Oʻahu despite the heavy opposition of Lānaʻi's residents.

Recent interviews of Mr. Ching and news accounts paint him as a well-meaning person who doesn't know much about DLNR's operations, but will be looking at "efficiencies" as a top priority. DLNR already operates on a shoe string budget. According to a Hawai'i Resource Enforcement Chain Study conducted for Conservation International, less than 1% of the State's budget is dedicated to natural resource management. Squeezing more blood out of a stone and requiring greater "efficiencies" is not the answer. A strong advocate capable of holding the legislature to the fire in reasonably allocating enough funds for DLNR to fulfill its huge responsibilities on behalf of the people and environment is what is needed. I also find it difficult to believe that for one who has actively lobbied against land use agencies from fulfilling their fiduciary duties mandated by statute and constitution for the protection of natural resources, defending the public trust, and respecting Hawaiian traditional and customary practices is that naïve of the laws, rules, policies, and multiple kuleana of DLNR. Even if his naivete is not feigned, then his utter lack of knowledge concerns me greatly given that DLNR has purview over maintaining forests, beaches, conservation lands, coral reefs, state waters, state parks, native burials and historic sites.

Mr. Ching's experience does not speak to natural resource enhancement, protection, or conservation and has shown to be directly adverse to protections afforded by the Public Trust Doctrine. Mr. Ching's professional experiences, while undoubtedly geared towards real estate, lobbying, and literally building modern communities, this is not the kind of experience that will provide the leader of DLNR with the knowledge and foresight to truly protect and preserve Hawai'i's bio-cultural and natural resources for our present and future generations.

Mr. Ching's experience working with various stakeholders and gaining trust in times of disagreement is simply not enough. Upholding traditional and customary Native Hawaiian practices requires the DLNR do so affirmatively.

I stand in firm opposition against the nomination of Carleton Ching as DLNR Chairperson and I hope that this testimony offers a sobering perspective of the implications Mr. Ching's nomination will have on the State of Hawai'i's bio-cultural and natural resources.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malia Akutagawa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Malia Akutagawa
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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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Kriegler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe that Mr. Ching has a conflict of interest. I do not believe that he is qualified to head the DLNR. His previous work experience is incompatible with the mission of the DLNR.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Wickey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: January 28th, 2015 Dear Senators, I write as a respected natural resource manager and educator who has worked tirelessly and with deep passion throughout the Main Hawaiian Islands for 14 years for the conservation of Hawaii's precious natural resources and wildlife. I find the Governor's choice in Carleton Ching to be in poor insight, highly offensive, somewhat suspicious, and overall a decision lacking in what is best for Hawaii's natural resources. I have zero confidence in this leadership in general for all of the resource managers that work the front lines to protect the cultural and natural beauty of Hawai'i nei for the sake of our future generations. As a voter, a conservation biologist, a Father, and someone actively involved in the conservation community that is my 'Ohana; I request that the Senators do everything in their power to make things pono in the DLNR and DO NOT confirm Carleton Ching. Ching can find an 'Ohana in Monsanto as birds of a feather flock together and we have enough invasives to deal with in the trenches. With hope for what is best for the 'Aina and the DLNR, Matthew Wickey Waialua, HI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mavis Masaki	Individual	Support	No

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**Senate Committee on Water and Land
March 11, 2015 at 10:00 am
Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol**

**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**

Chair Thielen, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

I write in **strong support** of the nomination of Carleton Ching to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I believe that he will do an excellent job in this important position.

Mr. Ching has ample experience in both the public and private sectors, especially in the areas of real estate, agriculture and energy. His tenure with the Hawaii Housing Authority has also given him ample experience with State government administration, which is an undervalued, yet critical part of being a Department head.

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Ching in his capacity as an executive for Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii over the past several years. In my opinion, he is congenial, forthright, knowledgeable, and well-qualified for the position to which he has been nominated by Governor Ige.

I urge the Committee to advise and consent to this nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Carleton Ching's nomination.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mavis Masaki".

Mavis Masaki

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Michael Iosua	Individual	Support	No

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Moana Bjur	Individual	Oppose	No

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I will be present to testify.

March 11, Water and Land Committee -- Senate

Senate Confirmation Hearing concerning Carlton Ching's appointment as Chair for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Governor Ige is not Neil Abercrombie, but he too can be a one term governor. His appointment of Carleton Ching, Castle and Cooke's lobbyist, as chair of Department of Land and Natural resources, is enough to ho'omaka'u (scare) all citizens concerned about protecting our Ceded (seized) Lands trust left us by our ancestors for future generations. Is Ige sincere stating?:

"Stewardship of Hawai'i's unique resources is one of the most critical tasks of state government."

Then he pursues and appoints Ching, who is responsible for Koa Ridge--turning Oahu's prime agriculture lands into a 3,500 home subdivision. Where is nominee Ching's proven commitment to protect our "unique resources" ('Aina)?

Aloha 'Aina, our traditional value system, should be the guiding force for DLNR leadership. Will Ching's appointment echo Abercrombie's PLDC misadventure? These are the Peoples' lands, not private property.

Ua mau ke Ea o ka 'Aina I ka Pono,
Moanike'ala Akaka Hilo 935--7981

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pauline Mac Neil	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Testimony in Opposition to the Nomination of Mr. Carleton Ching: Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Committee Members, It's hunting season on our state lands. Developers and their lobbyists target our public natural resources, urging our representatives to build sprawl on our AG lands, commercialize our public beaches and put buildings and parking lots in our endangered waterbird habitat. Their efforts have led to a change in emphasis from conservation and protection to "public private partnerships" in which far too often the revenue is private and the costs are to the public. Short-staffed government agencies find it increasingly difficult to muster the courage to put into action their once strongly held conviction that protection of air land and water contribute to our islands' sustainability. DLNR needs strong environmental leadership. Can Mr. Ching change from a hunter to a protector of our natural resources? In the area of compromise, in what direction would he lean? Please consider Mr. Ching's lack of credentials for such a critical public trust position and deny his confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Thank you for the work you do on our behalf. Pauline Mac Neil Kailua, HI 96734 3/10/15

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Committee on Water and Land
Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

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

Testimony in Opposition to the Nomination of Mr. Carleton Ching:

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Committee Members,

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Can Mr. Ching change from a hunter to a protector of our natural resources?

In the area of compromise, in what direction would he lean?

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Thank you for the work you do on our behalf.

Pauline Mac Neil
Kailua, HI 96734
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter R. Mills	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please take a moment to reread the declaration of intent for Chapter 6E HRS "The legislature declares that the historic and cultural heritage of the State is among its important assets and that the rapid social and economic developments of contemporary society threaten to destroy the remaining vestiges of this heritage." Carleton Ching with the Building Industry Association (board of directors) has actively lobbied to undermine the State Historic Preservation Division and the intent of 6E, which makes him unsuited to lead said division. The same concerns exist for the mission of DLNR in general and Chapter 343 HRS. There will be many candidates who are more suitable.

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Aloha Senators,

I believe there are many leaders in our state that are more well qualified to head 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, Mr. Ching's resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pua'ala Pascua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: While I am optimistic that Mr. Ching is indeed a good person, his professional background is not conducive to the tasks that will be required of him as the head of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I respectfully oppose his appointment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel Dacks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: On behalf of those who came before me and the future generations to come, I strongly oppose Mr. Ching's nomination as DLNR chair. This is a critical moment for the future of Hawaii's natural resources and the appointment of Ching will guide us in the wrong direction, away from any sustainable actions.

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Randy Baldemor	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Cates	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of the nomination of Mr. Ching as DLNR Chairperson. I have had the opportunity to meet with him since his nomination and feel he will make a very good ChairPerson! Randy Cates

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Sincerely,

Robbie Berkstresser

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
rodney kim	siba	Support	No

Comments: the sand island business association believes that mr. carleton ching will be a good administrator of the dl原因. he has knowledge of the land use laws and proven administration abilities. those in opposition focus only on the fact that mr. ching has worked for land developers. dl原因 has had directors who worked for large land owners in the past, william patty and tim johns, both were excellent administrators. we strongly urge you and your committee confirm mr. ching.

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Ronald G. Nishihara	Individual	Support	No

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March 11, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Senate

SUBJECT: GM 514
NOMINATION OF CARLETON CHING AS DLNR CHAIR
TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT

Honorable Chair Thielen and Vice Chair Galuteria,

My name is Ron Nishihara and I have been a friend and business associate of Carleton Ching's for over ten years. I am also a former director of the board of the Hawaii Chapter and the Pacific Region Council of the United States Green Building Council and I am testifying in **strong support** of the confirmation of Carleton as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

It saddens me that so many people, who don't even know Carleton, are coming out of the woodwork to criticize his nomination. In my past dealings with Carleton, I can attest that he has the ability and experience to understand and analyze complex land and water conservation issues. But most importantly, he has the passion to do so. I spoke to Carleton shortly after his nomination was announced. He spoke fervently and openly about the type of future that he foresees for Hawaii and specifically about preserving our natural resources for his grandchildren's generation.

I strongly believe that Carleton has the ability, expertise, and heart to serve as an outstanding chairperson of the DLNR and strongly support his nomination.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Russell Kallstrom	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose the appointment of Carleton Ching as Director of DLNR. This office and its mission is far too important to entrust to someone with so little experience advocating for Hawaii's natural resources. We need someone with a background in natural resource management, willing to put the resources above their reputation, and Carleton Ching does not have a record of either of these.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Kohatsu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to support Carleton Ching as DLNR Chair nominee. I feel the Department is in desperate need of new ideas, open-minds, public transparency, and private sector experience. Gov. Ige recognizes this and has taken a different approach to a solution that perhaps the Senate should consider with an open-mind.

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Aloha:

One of our members was having a hard time submitting testimony. Here it is with her contact information below.

Thank you,

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Date: Tue, Mar 10, 2015 at 2:54 PM

Subject:

To: mail@outdoorcircle.org

I am a 47 year resident of Sunset Beach. We have worked with our government on many cases of land and natural resources preservation. We are fortunate that the state-wide appreciation of these assets has gradually grown over the years. Last year's overwhelming support for conserving land between Kahuku Point and Kawela Bay was a wonderful success handed down by the legislature. It is necessary to have a qualified head of the DLNR.

Please do not confirm the nominee, Carleton Ching. His resume' is the support of everything contrary to the mission of the DLNR.

Sarah M. Cole
638-7341

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

Comments: Wrong man for the job.

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Steve Newman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This appointee is under-qualified and has conflicts of interest in an obvious attempt to subvert the DLNR mission.

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The Honorable Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
The Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land
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415 South Beretania Street
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RE: GM 514 – Gubernatorial Nominee CARLETON CHING, Chairperson
Department of Land and Natural Resources

Aloha Senator's Thielen and Galuteria:

My name is Sue Lokelani Lee Loy, a resident of Panaewa, Hilo and I write to support Mr. Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The Department of Land and Natural Resources is an important part of every community on every island in the state of Hawaii. We forget how present and encompassing the Department is in our community; from the unsophisticated reservation of a pavilion at a state park for a baby luau to a more long-term and complex mission such as protecting our precious resources of water, the forest, the shoreline, the ocean and places and things of cultural importance and significance. All these divisions within the Department have managers, supervisors and individuals with incredible ethics, morals, knowledge, expertise and skill sets. They need someone that will honor those core values and Carleton can.

Carleton has extensive experience with assets/facilities and land management that is grounded in the principle of conservation, protection and solutions that respect and honor our host culture. Carleton is approachable and listens and this skill is necessary to allow the qualified employees of DLNR in their respective divisions carry out and accomplish the various missions, goals and objectives of DLNR.

I ask that you support and confirm Carleton Ching.

Aloha Piha

Sue Lokelani Lee Loy

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Aloha Senators,

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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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P.S. Enforcement is needed by a strong voice for our aina.

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suzanne Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a Hawaii citizen and taxpayer who will be directly impacted by decisions made by the DLNR appointee, Carleton Ching, I wish to state my opposition to his appointment. Despite his experience in many facets of management, Mr. Ching lacks the knowledge and experience in the areas of the cultural, historical and archaeological background related to Hawaiian antiquities and preservation. Anyone who undertakes this appointment needs not only management experience but experience in WHAT he is to manage. Furthermore, as the head of Moloka'i Ranch, he advocated the eradication of deer and wild cattle populations. During his tenure, Moloka'i Ranch conducted canned hunts and was cited for violations of the federal Animal Welfare Act at the Ranch's safari park. Furthermore, during Mr. Ching's tenure at Castle and Cooke, he ordered the "trapping and killing" (his words) of feral cats. As an animal advocate and practitioner of TNR, I feel that Mr. Ching's approach to dealing with animal populations/problems would be wholesale extermination. For this reason, as well as his lack of experience in Hawaiian culture, I strongly oppose his nomination as head of DLNR. Thank you.

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Terez Amato Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Re: OPPOSITION to GM514 – Carleton Ching – Nomination as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources Aloha honorable Chair Thielen and distinguished Committee Members, Congratulations on a successful start to the 2015 legislative session. I submit my testimony in opposition to GM514, the nomination of Carleton Ching as Chairperson to DLNR. I stand with many groups across the state who have expressed their grave concern over Governor Ige's choice of a registered lobbyist for such an important task. I humbly ask that you stand with the environmental groups who are in opposition of Ching's selection. DLNR and the LUC are critical gatekeeper agencies in the process of preserving Hawaiian lands, resources, and critical habitats for the benefit of our children's great grandchildren. Many have described it as not just putting the fox in charge of the hen house, but even more shocking, placing the fox inside of the hen house. I appreciate your willingness to hear from Mr. Ching and his plans going forward. I sincerely hope that you will also address the very serious concerns the people of Hawai'i are also expressing. It is critical that such an appointment be made with DLNR's mission in mind with clear vision for the benefit and enjoyment of Hawai'i's limited resources for generations to come—not simply just what is good for business today. The appointment of a registered lobbyist with a long history of supporting development and reductions in environmental protection is in clear and blatant disregard for the role DLNR plays in protecting precious resources. I thank you for your time and commitment to honor the people of Hawai'i who have placed their confidence in you with their votes. With sincere appreciation, Terez Amato–Lindsey

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March 9, 2015

The Honorable Senator Laura Thielen, Chair,
And Members of the Senate Water and Land Committee
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Re: OPPOSITION to GM514 – Carleton Ching – Nomination as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

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With sincere appreciation,

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Tony Sylvester	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Travis Dudoit	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly OPPOSE confirmation of 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.

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March 10, 2015

The Honorable Laura Thielen, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 231
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**Subject: Written Testimony in Support of GM 514
Confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson
Of the Department of Land and Natural Resources**

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

I am writing **IN STRONG SUPPORT** of Carleton Ching's confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Carleton's motivations for applying for this position are both sincere and laudable – he welcomes the challenge and opportunity to help shape Hawai'i's future so that his grandchildren and their grandchildren can enjoy Hawai'i and all of its unique qualities. His interest in enhancing, protecting, conserving and managing Hawai'i's resources, I believe, is an important consideration because it is indicative of Carleton's core beliefs.

But as the Honorable Marie Milks once said, interest without principle means nothing. In Carleton's case, there is an abundance of principle that lies at the heart of, and serves as the foundation for, his interest.

The DLNR is charged with broad and varied responsibilities relating to the enhancement, protection, conservation and management of Hawai'i's natural resources – not just for the benefit of our generation, but for our future generations as well. Hawai'i's public trust doctrine, as espoused in Article XI, section 1 of Hawai'i's Constitution, states:

For the benefit of *present and future generations*, the State and its political subdivisions shall *conserve and protect* Hawai'i'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.

Inherent in the Constitutional mandates and DLNR mission statement are competing policies and conflicting interests. For example, the DLNR must:

- Conserve and protect resources while simultaneously enhancing and developing resources;
- Address the wants and needs of the current generation while assuring that enough will remain for our future generations;
- Achieve objectives through public/private partnerships; and
- Keep a mindful eye on the interests of both kama'āina and malihini.

Based on his experiences, I believe Carleton is well suited to oversee these responsibilities.

Aside from his experience in project management for some of Hawai'i's largest landowners, Carleton has considerable experience in community outreach and governmental relations. His exemplary work on non-profit boards of organizations that deal with important social issues that directly affect millions of people in Hawai'i – such as affordable senior housing, education, and healthcare – are also invaluable for an organization as diverse and large as DLNR. Among Carleton's strengths are his abilities to listen to, digest, consider, and respect other perspectives and values. His knack for communicating these perspectives and values often resulted in more **balanced** and **fair** decisions and **better** outcomes. Carleton wants to do the right things for the right reasons. He listens. He thinks. He plans. He executes. And he always evaluates for opportunities to improve. These are essential qualities for any person charged with overseeing the types of complex issues that DLNR oversees.

Carleton has the heart, mind, spirit and experience to lead the DLNR and oversee its important programs, policies and functions. For these reasons, I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** Carleton Ching's confirmation as Chairperson of the DLNR.

Respectfully submitted,



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I support Charlton ching to be the head of dlnc. He has the knowledge and expertise that is necessary to maintain and protect our island's natural resources, without compromising sustainable economical growth due to a increasing population. Past DLNR leaders have failed because they lack the necessary business and legal background pertaining to Land. Past leadership has also failed to provide the necessary leadership to govern such a large department efficiently. I believe he will be a great leader if given the opportunity to lead. Give him a shot since he can't do any worse then a boat harbor master.

Thank you,

Tyler Kaku

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Walter Ritte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this nomination!!!!!!

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