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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY**

Wednesday, March 2, 2016  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in SUPPORT of  
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 529**  
**RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF N. MAHINA TUTEUR TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL**

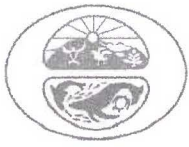
Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Senate Committee,

The Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) administers Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343, Environmental Impact Statements (EIS). The purpose of the EIS law is to "establish a system of environmental review which ensures that environmental concerns are given appropriate consideration in decision making along with economic and technical considerations" (HRS §343-1). Additionally, the OEQC serves "the Governor in an advisory capacity on all matters relating to environmental quality control," as directed in HRS §341-3.

The Environmental Council ("Council") is established in HRS §341-3, which also directs membership "to assure a broad and balanced representation of educational, business, and environmentally pertinent disciplines and professions, such as the natural and social sciences, the humanities, architecture, engineering, environmental consulting, public health, and planning; educational and research institutions with environmental competence; agriculture, real estate, visitor industry, construction, media, and voluntary community and environmental groups."

The functions of the Council are to serve as a liaison between the OEQC Director and the general public and to make recommendations concerning ecology and environmental quality. The Council monitors the progress of state, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State's environmental goals and policies. It issues an annual report with recommendations for improvement to the Governor, the Legislature, and the general public (HRS §341-6). Finally, the Council promulgates administrative rules for implementing Chapter 343, HRS (HRS §343-6).

With respect to these functions, duties, and powers, and in consideration of Ms. Tuteur's experience as demonstrated on her resume, OEQC supports the nomination of Ms. Tuteur to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology

Hearing: Wednesday, March 2, 2016 1:15 pm  
Conference Room 414

In Support of GM 529 Nomination of N. Mahina Tuteur to Serve on the Environmental Council

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committees.

Aloha. Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports GM 529, Governor Ige's nomination of N. Mahina Tuteur to serve on the Environmental Council. Ms. Tuteur will serve the people and the State well.

We are encouraged that, upon confirmation of all of the pending Environmental Council nominations before you today, the council will be balanced, fair, and diverse in many respects. The council will also be only three members short.

For many years, the Environmental Council and the Office of Environmental Quality Control struggled with lack of political support, funding, participation, and even meeting spaces. There is important work ahead.

Please support GM 529, the Environmental Council, and the Office of Environmental Quality Control

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

*Marjorie Ziegler*

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**GM 529**  
**Nomination of N. Mahina Tuteur**  
**Environmental Council**

**Committee on Economic Development,**  
**Environment and Technology**  
Hearing: Weds., March 2, 2016, at 1:15 pm

Aloha, and thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of the nomination of N. Mahina Tuteur to sit on the Environmental Council. I am a professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law and Director of Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law, but I submit these comments in my personal capacity.

I have known Mahina Tuteur for almost five years. She was one of my best and most dedicated students in the Native Hawaiian law program. As a student and then after graduation, she helped immensely in the editing of chapters and final review of the entire manuscript for *Native Hawaiian Law: A Treatise*, the recently published definitive resource on Native Hawaiian legal issues. Last year, with funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, I recruited Mahina to be the primary researcher and to lead a small team of current students in reviewing and synthesizing Hawaiʻi state and county laws affecting the Native Hawaiian community. My faith and trust in her understanding, knowledge, and work ethic has never failed. She does a remarkable job in anything that she undertakes.

This testimony would be incomplete without also commenting on Mahina's generosity and willingness to collaborate, and her giving and compassionate spirit. I greatly value Mahina's intellectual abilities but also her personal commitment to Hawaiʻi, its natural and cultural resources, and its people. Mahina is an articulate, capable, and accomplished young woman and will be an outstanding member of the Environmental Council.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony in support of GM 529 and the nomination of N. Mahina Tuteur to sit on the Environmental Council.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wayne Tanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the nomination of this thoughtful, skilled, and committed individual to the Environmental Council. I have no doubt that Ms. Tuteur will diligently fulfill her Council responsibilities to the best of her abilities and that the Council will benefit greatly by her service. Mahalo nui for your consideration of this matter!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laura McIntyre	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony: I, Laura Leialoha Phillips McIntyre, B.A., M.U.R.P, AICP, current Program Manager of the Hawaii Department of Health, Environmental Planning Office, personally testify in strong support of Mahina Tuteur. Mahina Tuteur has an excellent academic background and a wealth of relevant and diverse professional experience. I have full confidence that Mahina will be an invaluable asset to the Environmental Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge the Senate to confirm this appointment of Mahina Tuteur to the Environmental Council, where she will serve with distinction. Given her background, training, and character, she is eminently qualified to serve in this post. With her youth and energy, I am confident she will provide long years of public service in the future. Please support this appointment to this important body.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
KOALANI KAULUKUKUI	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Denise Antolini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahina is an excellent pick for the Environmental Council. She will be a great asset to the Council on Native Hawaiian and Environmental issues, especially given her strong legal training from the William S Richardson School of Law!

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