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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 530 RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF PAULETTE KA'ANOHIOKALANI KALEIKINI 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. Kaleikini's experience as demonstrated on her resume, OEQC supports the nomination of Ms. Kaleikini to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



#### February 23, 2016

Senator Glenn Wakai
Hawaii State Senate
Chair of Economic Development, Environment, and Technology Committee
Hawaii State Legislature
Room 216
Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

RE: Confirmation of Ms. Paulette Kaonohi Kaleikini to the Hawaii State Environmental Council, GM 530

Aloha Senator Wakai,

I am writing to you to provide written testimony in favor of the appointment of Ms. Paulette Kaonohi Kalekini to the Hawaii State Environmental Council. Ms. Kaleikini is an excellent candidate with her strong pre/post contact knowledge of our Native Hawaiian background, and the Archaelogical procedures relating to our Hawaii Administrative Rules and our Hawaii Revised Statutes, particularly Chapters 341 and 343.

Ms. Kaleikini's sensitivity towards the cultural monitoring and a thorough understanding of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) including the process of the Archaelogical Monitoring Plans, Archaelogical Inventory Survey, Archaelogical Data Recovery Plans, Burial Treatment Plans, and the Cultural Impact Assessment determination, in line with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

Ms. Kaleikini's expertise in the reinterment process, as well as judgement of "in situ" burials is outstanding, and her willingness to teach others on the procedures towards showing respect for our Hawaiian Kupuna is indicative of bringing Hawaiian values to the forefront on the Environmental process.

Ms. Kaleikini's active involvement in the Burial Councils of Oahu, Hawaii, and Maui also reflects her caring of perpetuating what is PONO.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Kaleikini, and also learning from her regarding to the differences of pre and post contact, historical and current practices, and her ability to Malama our heritage is truly valuable for the future of Hawaii.

Ms. Kaleikini as a cultural consultant adds great value to our community, and her community involvement and demeanor is one which is driven by a strong sense of place, character, and integrity.

Senator Wakai, I sincerely hope that you and your committee will consider Ms. Kaleikini to the Hawaii State Environmental Council.

Please feel free to contact me at 808-931-8622 should any questions arise.

Mahalo and Aloha,

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In Support of GM 530 Nomination of Paulette Kaleikini to Serve on the Environmental Council

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

Aloha. Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports GM 530, Governor Ige's nomination of Barbara Kaaumoana to serve on the Environmental Council. Ms. Kaleikini 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 530, the Environmental Council, and the Office of Environmental Quality Control

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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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 Paulette Kaleikini. Paulette has a unique wealth of relevant and diverse education and experience. I have full confidence that Paulette will be an invaluable asset to the Environmental Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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