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Testimony of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

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in SUPPORT of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 533
RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF ROY ABE 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 Mr. Abe's experience as demonstrated by his current service on the Council and resume, OEQC supports the nomination of Mr. Abe to another term on the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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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 Roy Abe. Mr. Abe has an excellent academic background and a wealth of relevant and diverse professional experience. I have full confidence that he will be an invaluable asset to the Environmental Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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