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Testimony on GM 637
Confirmation of Scott Glenn
Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control

Governor David Y. Ige

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND
TECHNOLOGY

March 14, 2016

1:15 P.M., Room 414

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and committee members,

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Scott Glenn as the Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Scott Glenn was an environmental planner at Cardno where he has worked since 2010. While at Cardno, he focused on the intersection of planning, asset management and risk analysis in clients' strategic decision making.

Glenn managed project budgets and held key roles on multiple multi-million dollar projects for clients in the public and private sector. He also focused on integrating climate change adaptation into federal asset decision-making tools. As a volunteer, Glenn serves as vice chair and past chair of the Sierra Club Hawai'i Chapter and held the same positions on the State Environmental Council. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Glenn earned a B.A. in philosophy and classical archaeology from the University of Evansville and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawai'i.

This administration is committed to reshaping the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I'm confident that Scott Glenn will support our employees in the Office of Environmental Quality Control in this effort. Together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.



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**Testimony of Virginia Pressler, MD
in SUPPORT of GM 637
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation for the Director of the Office of
Environmental Quality Control, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term
to expire 6-30-2019**

SENATOR GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMNT, ENVIRONMENT, AND
TECHNOLOGY

Hearing Date: March 14, 2016 Room Number: 414

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A

2 **Department Testimony:** My name is Virginia Pressler, Hawaii Director of Health, and I am testifying in
3 strong support for the Governor's nominee, Mr. Scott Glenn, for appointment as the Director of the
4 Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC).

5 OEQC is responsible for facilitating the balance between economic development and environmental
6 quality by means authority from chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statute, Environmental Impact Statement
7 Law and chapter 11-200, Environmental Impact Statement Rules. The OEQC Director is tasked with
8 providing advice and assistance regarding Chapter 343, HRS, to private industry, government agencies,
9 and community groups, conducting research, legislative initiatives, public outreach, and recommending
10 programs for the long-range implementation of environmental quality control. OEQC staff also provide
11 support to the Environmental Council.

12 Mr. Glenn, an environmental planner by training, brings a wealth of professional experiences in advising
13 institutions in gathering and analyzing data to inform policy and strategy as a project manager, business
14 developer, technical expert, as well as a member and past chairperson of the State's Environmental
15 Council. His community and volunteer work is similarly storied as the co-founder of and president of
16 Better Block Hawaii, a local not-for-profit dedicated to exploring collaborative and innovative
17 approaches to improving urban livability. It is also worth noting the national and international
18 recognition bestowed on Mr. Glenn for his work on climate change vulnerability and historic asset
19 management.

20 The department looks forward to Mr. Glenn's leadership and partnership in addressing our State's
21 environmental justice and management needs. I wholeheartedly endorse his appointment.

DAVID Y. IGE
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G.M. 637

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Mr. Glenn earned his B.A. in philosophy and classical archaeology from the University of Evansville and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawaii and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

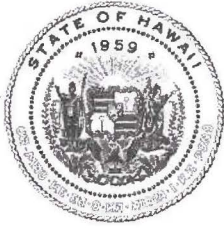
Mr. Glenn will be tasked to provide advice and assistance regarding Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to government agencies like the Department of Transportation, private industry and community groups, conducting research, legislative initiatives, public outreach, and recommending programs for the long-range implementation of environmental quality control. We can count on him to look at all sides of an issue before making a decision. He is a man of common sense and sound judgment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

Monday, March 14, 2016

1:15 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In SUPPORT of

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 637

RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF SCOTT GLENN AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL

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

The Environmental Council (EC) is pleased to submit testimony in support of the nomination of Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC). Mr. Glenn is highly qualified for the position through a combination of his education, his work experience, and a history of volunteering as both a member and a previous chair of the EC.

The OEQC's primary function is to administer Hawaii's environmental review process under HRS 343. In this area, Mr. Glenn offers a depth of knowledge and experience that is essential for that office to perform its duties in a professional and competent manner. His private sector experience as a planner demonstrates his command of the technical aspects of the environmental review process. Through his volunteer activities at Sierra Club Hawaii and Better Block Hawaii, Mr. Glenn has demonstrated a track record of advocating for development that balances environmental quality and economic considerations in a manner that starts with finding common ground among the diverse interests of stakeholders.

During his tenure as a member of the EC, Mr. Glenn spearheaded the effort to revise the administrative rules associated with the environmental review process. That this endeavor was undertaken as a volunteer demonstrates his dedication and commitment to the field.

As Director of the OEQC, Mr. Glenn will serve as an *ex officio* member of the EC, and in many ways supports the administrative functions of the Council. The EC believes that Mr. Glenn is particularly well suited for this role. It should be noted that the decision to support Mr. Glenn's appointment was by a unanimous vote of the EC during our meeting on March 8, and that Mr. Glenn recused himself from deliberations and voting on the matter.



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

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In Support of GM 637 Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Glenn,
Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control

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

Aloha. Conservation Council for Hawai'i support GM 637 and the Governor's nomination of Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

I have known Mr. Glenn for several years, beginning at the University of Hawai'i - Manoa, where he was studying Hawai'i's environmental impact assessment process. More recently, I had the pleasure of serving with him on the Environmental Council from 2012 to 2015.

We are very fortunate Mr. Glenn is willing to serve. He is one of the most capable and hard-working people I know. He will serve the people and the State well.

Please support GM 637 and Mr. Glenn. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Marjorie Ziegler

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura McIntyre	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Laura Leialoha Phillips McIntyre, BA MURP AICP, current Program Manager of the State of Hawaii, Department of Health, Environmental Planning Office, support the confirmation of Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC). I have worked with Scott over the past four years in regards to OEQC rules review, annual report, update of exemptions and many proposed projects. I am confident he will do an exceptional job as Director of OEQC given his extensive experience on the Environmental Council, as well as strong academic, professional and communication skills.

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March 9, 2016

Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development,
Environment and Technology
State Capitol, Room 414
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: Support for GM637 on the Confirmation to the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control Scott Glenn

Dear Senator Wakai,

The Director of OEQC is tasked with providing advice and assistance regarding HRS 343 to private industry, government agencies, and community groups; conducting research, legislative initiatives, and public outreach; and recommending programs for the long-range implementation of environmental quality control. Therefore, the director must have a broad range of skills, expertise, and familiarity with the various laws that ensure environmental quality in Hawaii.

I have worked with Mr. Glenn in his role as the Environmental Council chair of the rules committee. I have known him to be professional in executing the duties of the council in a clear and objective manner. I believe Mr. Glenn is well-equipped with the experience and knowledge to oversee OEQC.

I am in strong support for the appointment of Mr. Scott Glenn as director of OEQC.

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you my personal views. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact me at salmonson808@yahoo.com.

Genevieve Salmonson

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denise Antolini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I write in STRONG support of Scott Glenn for OEQC Director. I worked closely with Scott on the 2010 Hawaii Environmental Review Study for the State Legislature. Scott is highly intelligent, practical, careful, and hard working. He has strong personal core values that are Hawaii's values. Scott has a diverse range of experience, especially extensive private environmental consulting work, that will make him a particularly effective OEQC Director. As a former Chair of the Environmental Council, I have seen how OEQC staff and the Council can work well under strong balanced leadership. Scott's energetic and smart new leadership is vital to maintaining and improving the effectiveness of OEQC and the Council. Please confirm Scott Glenn for OEQC Director! Mahalo nui!

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March 11, 2016

**TO: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT,
AND TECHNOLOGY**

Honorable Chair, Senator Glenn Wakai and
Honorable Vice Chair Senator Sam Slom

SUBJECT: In support of GM 637

Monday, March 14, 2016
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 414
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415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii

I strongly endorse and recommend **Scott Glenn** for Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) for the reasons enumerated below.

I first met Scott while he was conducting research as a graduate student at the University of Hawaii's Department of Urban and Regional Planning. Scott was collecting information from regulators state-wide regarding the effectiveness, efficiency, redundancies, and value of Hawaii's environmental review system. At the time, I served as Maui County's Shoreline Planner where I regularly dealt with triggers for HRS 343. I was the lead planner for projects involving use of the shoreline area, conservation district, Lahaina National Historic Landmark District, and government initiated or funded projects in county parks and state harbors. I was responsible for processing Environmental Assessments (EA) and Environmental Impact statements (EIS) for these projects to ensure proper mitigation of potential adverse impacts, public transparency and input gathered, and that decision makers, such as the Maui Planning Commission, had sufficient information and data to make sound determinations.

In conducting his research, Mr. Glenn took the time and had the vision to meet with citizens, landowners, developers, consultants, and activists to gain greater insight into the current system's merits, pitfalls, and shortcomings. He also studied and extensively researched other state environmental review systems used by our mainland counterparts such as California and Washington, as well as the federal National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

Serving as a volunteer on the State Environmental Council, Mr. Glenn worked with passion and integrity to collaborate with stakeholders to develop proposed rule amendments to improve Hawaii's environmental review system. He eventually served as Chair of the State Environmental Council.

Mr. Glenn's diligence and thoroughness in analyzing data and procedures to better inform policy resulted in amendments to HRS 343 that reduce redundancy in the EA/EIS system. This single amendment saves considerable time and money when pursuing an EIS without sacrificing public transparency.

Mr. Glenn went on to work at TEC, Inc., a private consulting firm, as a fellow Environmental Analyst. Scott and I were actively engaged in a number of multi-million dollar harbor, energy, and military projects both here in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific. These projects required an in-depth and thorough understanding of state, territorial, federal and overseas environmental laws and systems of review. For example, Scott helped author, process, and respond to public comments for one of the largest EIS ever written for the U.S. military to relocate troops from Okinawa, Japan to Guam. He also helped a number of private clients, as well as NOAA, the Hawaii Department of Transportation, and Hawaii's Army National Guard in developing land use projects and conducting facility improvements.

I have no doubt that Scott will bring energy, enthusiasm and a quick wit to the Director's role at OEQC. But more importantly, *Scott understands and has experience in both the private and public sector.* With this knowledge, he will significantly improve the efficacy of our current process and procedure for environmental review. He will contribute to a more sound policy for project review, public transparency, and decision making that would better serve Hawaii's sustainable development, its citizens, and the aina which we rely on. As such, I strongly encourage you to approve his nomination to lead the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Please feel free to contact me by mail, phone (808-344-1595) or email at Thorneabbott@yahoo.com if you would like to discuss my support for the nomination or if I can be of assistance in any fashion. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo!



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Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment & Technology

March 14th , 2016 1:15pm

Testimony in support of GM 637 – the Governor's nomination of Scott Glenn to be the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control

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

My name is Anthony Aalto, I am a journalist, documentary filmmaker and one of the elected leaders of the Sierra Club of Hawaii which is the largest environmental organization in the state. We have over 12,000 members and supporters, split amongst our four county groups. I am the Chair of the O'ahu Group, but I am testifying today as an individual.

I have know Scott Glenn for more than six years, ever since he and I first became involved with the Club.

The battle between developers and environmentalists is typically portrayed as a zero-sum game: a war in which the winner takes all, often after years of costly legal fights. In recent years the Sierra Club of Hawaii has tried to look for areas of compromise. Uniquely amongst environmental groups we have recognized the need to build tens of thousands of affordable homes to accommodate a growing population of kama'aina. It was for this reason that we chose to support the HART rail project. We see the rail project as providing an opportunity to build dense communities in the urban corridor which will allow us to keep the country country. It was not a popular decision, but we believe it was a responsible one. Scott was extremely influential in guiding the discussions and helping lead the Club to adopt this policy.

The approach to the HART issue was in turn a reflection of the Club's attitude that protecting the environment is not a luxury, nor a sacrifice, but an essential investment that will reap benefits for our economy as well as for the health and well-being of our citizens and future generations. Again, Scott was highly instrumental in helping shape this approach.

That philosophy led him to help found and lead the advocacy group Better Block Hawaii, whose goal is to create a better built environment and to improve the quality of life of ordinary working people.

In his professional career as a planner and a consultant helping clients like OHA, the state Harbor Division and the US Department of Defense to address the environmental assessments and impacts required to advance their projects, Scott has demonstrated the same determination to meld environmental concerns with economic needs in a way that benefits the entire community.

Scott brings a sharp intellect and an unimpeachable ethical standard to everything that he does. I cannot think of anyone who would be a better public servant in this position and I urge the committee to approve his nomination.

I thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Anthony Aalto