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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Takemoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support Mr Oi's nomination. He has a great amount of experience and knowledge for the conservation of our resources in Hawaii. Than you.

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Brian Miyamoto	Individual	Support	Yes

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Gini Kapali	Individual	Support	No

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**Department of Land and Natural Resources
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Testimony of
Leimana DaMate
Executive Director

Before the Senate Committee on
Water, Land and Agriculture

Monday, April 18, 2016
2:45 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

**In Consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 832
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF LAND
AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, THOMAS OI, FOR A TERM
TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020**

Gubernatorial Nominee, Thomas Oi, is submitted as a Gubernatorial Nominee for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

A life-long resident of Hawaii and a child of Kauai, Mr. Oi is knowledgeable on land and water issues on Kaua'i and Ni'ihau. He is familiar with leases, revocable permits, processing and special use of public lands. He is an asset to the Land Board because of his knowledge on not only land issues, but water issues as well.

Mr. Oi is a dedicated man of integrity who believes in fairness and transparency. He also understands the necessity of resource sustainability and the protection of natural and cultural resources within a site-specific place, an ahupua'a.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony and we ask that this committee accept and confirm Thomas Oi as a member of the Hawaii State Board of Land and Natural Resources. Mahalo nui loa!

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Randy Cabral	Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	Yes

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE**

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**In Consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 832
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE THOMAS OI, FOR
A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020**

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recommends Senate confirmation of the appointment of Thomas Oi to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Oi has served on the Board of Land and Natural Resources since 2014, when he was nominated to fill the vacancy for the Island of Kauai.

The Board of Land and Natural Resources, established under Section 171-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is composed of seven members, one from each of the four (4) land districts, and three (3) at-large members. Mr. Oi is nominated to represent the Island of Kauai, and if confirmed, his term would start on July 1, 2016.

Mr. Oi has extensive land surveying experience, as the owner of his own land surveying firm (Tommy Oi Land Surveyor LLC). He was the Kauai District Land Agent for the Department for over eight years. Mr. Oi also served as a Legislative Aide to Representative Dee Morikawa from January 2010-2013. His work experience has familiarized him with Hawaii's land use laws, and with the needs of the people of Kauai.

As a current member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Mr. Oi has proven to be a conscientious, effective and actively engaged member. As such, the Department greatly appreciates your consideration of Thomas Oi and strongly recommends his confirmation for re-appointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Thomas Oi
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April 12, 2016

Senator Mike Gabbard,
Chairperson, Water, Land Committee and Agriculture
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 201
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: **Governor's Message 832**, Board of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Senator Gabbard:

This is in regard to the additional information that was requested.

- (1) As the present Kauai Land Board member my experience working within the State of Hawaii system has help in my decisions on the Board. That same experience gives me the ability to ask questions of the different DLNR-Divisions on their reports submittals. I have been involved with or following controversial issues such as GMO, Pesticides, and Ocean Resource Preservation on Kauai.
- (2) The Board is a decision making board that deals with issues involving State encumbered and unencumbered lands, implementation for all DLNR Administration Rules, HRS 171, And 205A through enforcement and/or fines. Establish or amend Administrative Rules.
- (3) I was the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division, District Land Agent for the Island of Kauai from 2008 to 2011 when I retired. As the District Land Agent, I was responsible for all leases and revocable permit as well as managing all State unencumbered land under the Land Division, writing Board Submittal to the Board for approval new leases, revocable permits and violation on State lands. My land surveying back ground at the State Survey Office and assisting the State Surveyor on shoreline certification application is a great asset on my decision on shoreline violation brought to the Board for action.
- (4) I feel that there are areas of improvement that can help manage the State Lands through changes in the Administrative Rules and Laws governing all the Divisions that fall under the Board. Also, to make sure Kauai has the best representation on the Board.

- (5) I have always been a person who is willing to listen to the people's concerns and try to get an answer for questions. I make decisions that will be in the best interest of public. I also try to always work hard to find solutions to problems. I feel that when you represent the State of Hawaii your main goal is to protect the health and safety of the public first.
- (6) A few years ago there was a flood in Hanalei. The Hanalei River diversion was destroyed leaving the taro loi without water. Working with County Civil Defense, DLNR, Forestry and Wildlife, Boating and Creation, the East Kauai Soil and Water District, and the Hanalei Taro Grower we expedited permit process to repair the diversion saving the taro loi.
- (7) I am the owner of Tommy Oi Land Surveyor LLC and do surveying for private land owners that may abut State Lands.

I will make the Chairperson and the Board aware of my possible conflict of interest and excuse myself from voting on the issue.

I hope this will help in your positive decision on my nomination. Thank you.

If you have any question on this subject please feel free to call me at (808) 647-3105.

Thank you
Thomas Oi