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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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In SUPPORT GM617 Nomination of Robin Kaye to the Environmental Council

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Aloha Chairman Gabbard, and members of the AEN Committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai‘i supports nomination of Robin Kaye to the Environmental Council.

Since 1968, the Sierra Club of Hawai‘i has been working to protect the unique natural and cultural resources of our islands. Our volunteers and staff have enjoyed working with Mr. Kaye on a wide variety of environmental issues and projects over the course of many years. I, personally, have known Mr. Kaye for 10 years.

Mr. Kaye has extensive experience working with communities to advance environmental protections. He has served on a number of non-profit and government advisory councils, including the Conservation Council for Hawai‘i and the Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council. In these roles, Mr. Kaye has demonstrated himself to be knowledgeable, thoughtful, and solutions-oriented. These experiences have also helped him cultivate an understanding of how public decision-making processes should work.

The Sierra Club is honored to support the nomination of this extremely qualified candidate for a seat on the Environmental Council. This Council was established to serve as an environmental advisor of the Executive Branch (Haw. Rev. Stat. 341-6). Its responsibilities include rulemaking for the implementation of Chapter 343 (Hawai‘i’s Environmental Policy Act), monitoring and reporting on the state’s progress towards its environmental goals, and guidance to the Executive and Legislative branches on improving our progress towards those goals. Based on his service to his community and his experience on other environmentally focuses boards, Mr. Kaye is an ideal candidate for this position.

We urge this Committee and the Senate as a whole to confirm Mr. Kaye to the Environmental Council. Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony on this important nomination.

Mahalo,

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Director