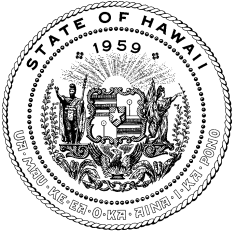


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Testimony of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Monday, April 3, 2017

1:15 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in SUPPORT of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 619
RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF THERESITA KINNAMAN TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

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. Kinnaman's experience as demonstrated on her resume and participation to-date as an interim appointee, OEQC supports the nomination of Ms. Kinnaman to the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

TO: Sen Mike Gabbard

FROM: Theresita Kinnaman

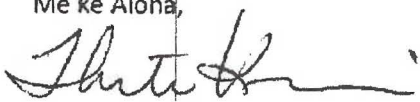
SUBJECT: AEN Hearing Notice and Questionnaire

Response to questionnaire:

1. As an EC member, I will have a voice to aid and promote within EIS Rules/Guidelines for the present and future environmental and sustainability issues facing our community and State.
2. My role / responsibilities as EC member is to be a liaison between the public and the OEQC Director through meetings, forums, etc.
3. My experiences as Secretary of a cultural non-profit (Hui Malama O Kaneiolouma), one of 9 appointed Kauai County Open Space Commissioners for 8 years, one of 23 Lawai Kai Advisory Committee group with the National Tropical Botanical Gardens, Board member of the Koloa Comm. Association over 30 years and as an individual advocate for community issues be it environmental, cultural resources, etc. have helped the community in sustaining a sense of place.
4. During my term of service I can hopefully be an asset in promoting the necessity for EIS Rules/Guidelines across the community and statewide for the environmental/sustainable issue to help protect the quality of life and future generations.
5. Although I have many qualities, my best and favorites are honesty, trustworthiness and happy- these lifelong qualities are guides to my integrity and hopefully benefit the EC during my service.
6. The one previous experience (Kauai Springs water case) brought to light my testimony at Planning Commission hearings the water uses and violations by the company, ie. Private/commercial uses are not protected by Public Trust Doctrine and that Act 50 and CIA's help EC's decision making when cultural issues occur.
7. Conflicts of interest : I do not foresee any conflict of interest issues, however, I will definitely recuse myself from any conflict issue.

Aloha and mahalo for considering my nomination and look forward to serving my community and State.

Me ke Aloha,



Theresita Kinnaman

3/31/17