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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, April 17, 2017
2:45 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 670
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
THERESA MENARD, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports
Governor's Message (GM) 670, nominating Mrs. Theresa Menard to the Legacy Land
Conservation Commission (Commission) for a term to expire June 30, 2021.**

Mrs. Theresa Menard resides on Kaua'i and possesses scientific qualifications as evidenced by an advanced degree in Zoology, thus fulfilling the Commission membership requirements of Sections 173A-2.4(a) and -2.4(a)(1), Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

Mrs. Menard currently serves as Commission Chair and has nurtured strong and productive working relationships with her fellow commissioners and the Department staff. She conducts Commission business in an efficient, fair, and friendly manner, with due regard for protecting the people's right to know; liberally construing statutory provisions for open meetings; and properly implementing statutory provisions for the permitted interaction of Commission members. Through her professional background in the statewide management of conservation areas, including comparative spatial analysis of ecosystem features and functions, Mrs. Menard makes important contributions in evaluating and prioritizing applications for funding from the Legacy Land Conservation Program. She also contributes her technical skills to help with interpretive mapping of lands acquired with grants from the Land Conservation Fund, including a recent presentation to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

Mrs. Menard leads the Legacy Land Conservation Commission with grace, tact, and strength. The Department strongly supports GM 670 and recommends that the Senate confirm the appointment of Mrs. Theresa Menard for a four-year term on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting Governor's Message 670 Nominating Theresa Menard
to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission
Senate Committee on Water and Land
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The Nature Conservancy supports Theresa Menard's confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (LLCC).

Theresa has been a dedicated conservation professional since she was first hired by the Conservancy in 1990 as a Botanical Research Assistant. Since that time, she has steadily acquired new skills and talents during her time in graduate school at the University of Hawai'i Mānoa, where she earned a Master's degree studying the behavioral ecology of the endangered Hawaiian hoary bat and mapping out its seasonal distribution patterns.

After graduate school, Theresa returned to The Nature Conservancy and put her mapping knowledge to use as a Conservation Planner where she has used her Geographic Information Systems (GIS) skills to guide conservation planning for the Conservancy's work around the state. In particular, she was instrumental in providing data analysis and maps for our Hawaiian High Islands Ecoregional Plan. A biologist at heart, Theresa has conducted field surveys for birds, bats, and plants throughout the State's many ecosystems, including the windswept coast of Oahu's Kaiwi Coast, Kaho'olawe's dry forests, Maui's rainforests, Kaua'i's wet valleys and Mauna Kea on Hawai'i Island.

We believe Theresa and her background and expertise in biology, ecology, planning, geospatial data analysis, and mapping will be a significant asset to the LLCC's review, evaluation, and recommendations for properties proposed for protection with resources from the Legacy Land Conservation Fund.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Brian Carter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Theresa is an upstanding member of the community, well educated and passionate about caring for our island. She is also a good mother to her children.

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Marigold Zoll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ms. Menard has carried out her duties on this commission with thoughtful deliberation and attention to detail. Her participation on the commission brings a high level of expertise in land use in Hawaii. I highly recommend that she be confirmed.

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William Haase	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Theresa Menard for Legacy Lands Commissioner based on her long track record of conservation in Hawaii. I had the privilege of serving with her as an interim Commissioner during the end of 2016, and find her skills at Chairing the Commision most effective in carrying out the purpose and goals of the program.

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Lynette Williams	Individual	Support	No

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