

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF
HAWAII



SUZANNE D. CASE
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

KEKOA KALUHIWA
FIRST DEPUTY

JEFFREY T. PEARSON, P.E.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION
BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 718
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE NATURAL
AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GLENN
BAUER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports
Governor's Message 718, nominating Mr. Glenn Bauer to the Natural Area Reserves
System Commission (Commission) for a term to expire June 30, 2021.**

Mr. Bauer is being nominated to serve the on Commission pursuant to Section 195-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as a person possessing scientific qualifications as evidenced by an academic degree in wildlife or marine biology, botany, forestry, ecology, resource management, biogeography, zoology, or geology.

Born and raised in Hawaii, Mr. Bauer has had a life-long interest in geology, graduating from the University of Redlands, Redlands, California with a Bachelor of Science degree. He graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a Master of Science degree in Geology.

Mr. Bauer was previously with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply as a Geologist-Hydrologist where he analyzed geologic and hydrologic data for developing new water sources for the Board of Water Supply. Then he served as the Hawaii State Geologist with the Department's Commission on Water Resource Management. He participated in the Hawaii State Civil Defense Earthquake Advisory Board, Lava Flow Mitigation Technical Committee, and the Tsunami Advisory Board. Since his retirement in 2005, he has worked as a self-employed geologist.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's support of Mr. Glenn Bauer serving on the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

April 12, 2017

Testimony in favor of Governor's Message 718

Glenn Bauer

Natural Area Reserves System Commission

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Aloha Senator Rhoads and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

My name is Annette Kaohelaulii and I live in Kailua. I am submitting testimony in favor of the appointment of Glenn Bauer to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

I have known Glenn Bauer for approximately 43 years. I first met Glenn at a Sierra Club, Oahu Group trip reunion party. Over the years Glenn was one of the geologists who shared information on the geology of the Hawaiian islands with Sierra Club hikers. We went on numerous Sierra Club hikes on O'ahu and neighbor island three day weekend camping trips. During those excursions Glenn was always willing to explain in layman's terms how various geologic formations came about.

He has a wealth of experience with the hydrology of the islands, having spent 20 years with the Board of Water Supply, and another 15 years with the State of Hawaii serving as staff for the Water Commission.

I served on the NARS Commission for two terms in the late 80's and early 90's so I am familiar with the duties and tasks of the commission. I highly recommend Glenn Bauer for a seat on the commission. He knows Hawaiian Geology. We were among a select group of Sierra Club hikers who were mentored by the late Lorin Gill, so I know he has an excellent background in many aspects of Hawaii's unique natural history and will be an advocate for protecting those precious resources for future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my personal testimony for this nomination.