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**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 719  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE NATURAL  
AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT  
ROWLAND, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 719, nominating Mr. Scott Rowland to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission (Commission) for a term to expire June 30, 2021.**

Dr. Scott Rowland is being nominated to serve on the Commission pursuant to Section 195-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as an individual possessing membership in a hiking organization organized in the State. He has previously served on the Commission as an individual possessing an academic degree in geology.

Born and raised in Hawaii, Dr. Rowland first attended the University of Hawaii as an undergraduate student in general earth and physical sciences; graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree from Oregon State University, with honors. He received his PhD from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in Geology and Geophysics. Dr. Rowland is currently a Specialist in the Department of Geology and Geophysics, at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He also leads numerous educational hikes.

Dr. Rowland was one of the first leaders of the Hawaii Service Trip Program through the Hawaii Chapter of the Sierra Club. That organization cooperated with the Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife on many projects, such as the State's first boardwalk, constructed in the Ka'ala Natural Area Reserve on O'ahu.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's support of Dr. Scott Rowland serving on the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

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Testimony in favor of Governor's Message 719  
Scott Rowland  
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 Scott Rowland to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

I have known Scott Rowland since he was a university student. He was involved in Sierra Club's Hawaii Service Trip Program, leading university age students on summer trail building projects around the state. In addition to leading his geology students around the state to see various geologic formations, he puts together field trips to other states for his geology students at the University of Hawaii. That kind of experience is invaluable for a member of the NARS 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 would highly recommend Scott Rowland for the hiker position on the commission. His Sierra Club experience gives him an excellent background in many aspects of Hawaii's unique natural history and he will be an advocate for protecting our natural resources for future generations.

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

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**GM719**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sam Ohu Gon III	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Scott Rowland to serve on the NARS Commission. His expertise in Hawaiian geology will be an asset, as will be his long experience in Hawaiian conservation.

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Mark Enomoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Dr. Rowland to serve on the NARS commission. I have know Dr. Rowland as a friend for many years and first met him on a Hawaii Service Trip to Haleakala to do fencing work back in college. Since then we have had many trips to do conservation work on the outer islands. Not only is he smart "akamai" but he is one of the most level headed people I have known both in and out of the wilderness. He always looks at both sides of an issue and tries to bring a fair judgement. I wholeheartedly support Dr. Rowland to serve on the NARS committee to help preserve our environment for generations to come. Aloha.

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