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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

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In SUPPORT GM 718 and GM 719

Relating to the Natural Areas Reserves Systems Commission
Nominations of Glenn Bauer and Scott Rowland

Aloha Chairman Rhoads and members of the Water and Land Committee,

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i **supports GM 718 and GM 719** relating to the nominations of Glenn Bauer and Scott Rowland to the Natural Areas Reserves Systems (NARS) Commission.

The NARS Commission makes recommendations of areas that should be included in the Natural Areas Reserves System to the governor and department and establishes policies and criteria regarding the management, protection, and permitted uses of areas which are part of the reserves system.

Glenn Bauer's experience as a state geologist and Scott Rowland's specialty in volcanology make them excellent and well-qualified candidates to serve on the Commission until 06-30-2021. Both of these candidates have been long-time members of the Sierra Club of Hawai'i and advocates of our organization's mission to help others "explore, enjoy, and protect Hawai'i."

We support GM 718 and GM 719 for consideration and confirmation of Glenn Bauer and Scott Rowland to the NARS Commission.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

Mahalo,

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Director