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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**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 796  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, PAUL MEYER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports the Governor's appointment of Mr. Paul Meyer to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) for a term to expire 6-30-2021.**

The Commission is required under Section 174C-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to select commissioners through an open, competitive process. An independent nominating committee composed of two (2) members selected by the Governor, one (1) by the Senate President and one (1) by the House Speaker solicits candidates typically by placing an ad in the papers across the State, in the monthly bulletin of the Commission, and on the Commission's website. The Nominating Committee reviews the applications, conducts interviews if desired and sends to the Governor the names of at least three individuals for consideration.

The nominees, by law, must have "substantial experience in the area of water resource management."

In accordance with this nominating process, the Governor selected Mr. Paul Meyer.

Mr. Meyer served as the Deputy Director for the County of Maui Department of Water Supply from 2011 to December 2016. In this capacity, Mr. Meyer was directly responsible for the day-

to-day management and operation of the department and its 200+ personnel overseeing five separate potable and non-potable water systems serving over 37,000 connected customers.

Prior to joining the Maui Department of Water Supply, Mr. Meyer was the Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration for Maui Land and Pineapple Company and all its subsidiaries for 22 years. Management oversight included the company's public utility companies, Kapalua Water and Kapalua Waste Treatment, its private and semi-private surface water systems including the Honolua Ditch and the Kailili system, as well as irrigation systems and punawais covering 14,000 acres. In addition, Mr. Meyer oversaw the company's watershed conservation efforts.

Mr. Meyer has extensive and substantial experience in the area of water resource management. He would bring to the Commission expertise in both public and private water supply system management and financial oversight, as well as seasoned executive and leadership skills and experience. Under his leadership, Maui Department of Water Supply successfully met many challenges in securing and providing safe drinking water to the citizens of Maui County, while also leading the counties in terms of financial contributions to support watershed stewardship efforts.

The Department strongly supports the nomination and appointment of Mr. Paul Meyer to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Ke Kōmike no ka Wai a me ka 'Āina  
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
Kenekoa/Senator Karl Rhoads, Luna Ho'omalua/Chair  
Kenekoa/Senator Mike Gabbard, Hope Luna Ho'omalua/Vice Chair

No Ka 'Aha Ho'olohe  
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Lā / DATE: Pō'akahi, 'Apelila 17, 2017/ Monday, April 17, 2017  
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**TESTIMONY OF JAMES E. COON IN SUPPORT OF GM 796 PAUL MEYER TO THE  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**


My name is James E. Coon speaking as a citizen and business owner in support of GM 796 Paul Meyer for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management term to expire 6-30-2021.

I have known Mr. Paul Meyer for many years. He is an educated man of integrity, highly respected in our community, with specialized skills and knowledge which will further the long term goals of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Mr. Meyers extensive background working in all aspects of accounting, real estate, ranching, energy, land management, etc for some of the best known companies in Hawaii and the Mainland as well as his many years as Deputy Director of Maui's Department of Water Supply gives him the skill set to be a valuable asset to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Please confirm Mr. Paul Meyer to this important position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "James E. Coon". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

James E. Coon

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**GM796**

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Testimony for WTL on Apr 17, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

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| Warren Watanabe     | Maui County Farm Bureau | Support                   | No                        |

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