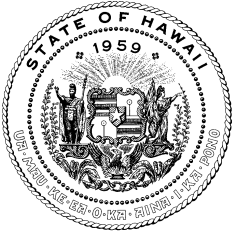


GM 695



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Testimony of
SCOTT GLENN, Director

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 PM, Room 224

In **STRONG SUPPORT** of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE (GM) 695, RONALD TERRY
For consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support Mr. Ronald Terry's re-appointment to the Environmental Council (Council) for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

Pursuant to HRS § 341-6, the Council is tasked with the following functions and responsibilities: promulgate administrative rules for the implementation of HRS Chapter 343; serve as a liaison between the director and the general public by soliciting input concerning environmental quality through public hearings or any other means; make recommendations concerning ecology and environmental quality to the director; and monitor the progress of state, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State's environmental goals and policies and make an annual report with recommendations for improvement to the governor, the legislature, and the public no later than January 31 of each year.

During his first term, Mr. Terry proved invaluable to the Council and the OEQC. He devoted a significant amount of time and expertise to the Council's rules update including serving on the Rules Committee and chairing one of the Permitted Interaction Groups. Mr. Terry also served on the Exemptions Committee, on which he assisted agencies with updating their exemption lists and practices. Mr. Terry's work has been vital in developing practical solutions to balance the need for public involvement with ensuring the Council's proposed solutions were implementable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 695.

GM-695

Submitted on: 3/30/2019 12:05:46 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Testifying for Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments:



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Re: GM 695

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Letter of Support for RONALD TERRY to the Environmental Council

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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

Immediate Past President
William "Bill" Walter

The Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports the confirmation of Ron Terry to a second term on the Environmental Council.

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Ron has been active member of our Chamber for many years having served on our Government Affairs Committee and Board of Directors. His extensive knowledge of environmental and land management issues has been a great asset and his willingness to educate our leadership on those issues has enabled our organization to make sound, educated decisions. Our entire community is better because of him.

As a current member of the Environmental Council, he has focused his efforts in updating the Administrative Rules to make them modernized and more practical and fair for everyone. He understands the burden imposed on agencies, businesses and applicants and will continue to advocate for more common sense rules, interpretations and processes which will help them better understand this complex EIS process and use it productively.

Ron is known as a person of great integrity and humility, and one who looks for what is best for our island community. We are pleased to offer him our support.

Sincerely,

Gordon Takaki, President

Ex Officio Member
Keith Marrack

GM-695

Submitted on: 4/11/2019 1:18:49 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Miyamoto	Testifying for Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation	Support	No

Comments:

GM-695

Submitted on: 4/3/2019 10:00:43 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Hadway	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Chair Gabbard and Members,

My name is Lisa Hadway Spain, and I believe Ron Terry will be an excellent candidate for the Environmental Council. His decades of experience in environmental planning throughout the State of Hawai'i will serve the Council well. In addition, he is a resident of Hawai'i Island, and having neighbor island participation on the Environmental Council brings balance and important perspective to the table. Ron is well respected in our community and volunteers his time to many important organizations and community efforts. There is no question that his contributions to the Environmental Council will be very valuable to the State of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

GM-695

Submitted on: 4/3/2019 3:20:27 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Metcalf	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

I support confirmation of the Gubernatorial Nominee, Ronald Terry, to the Environmental Council for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Ron Terry has extensive and considerable experience in environmental and ecological matters on the Island of Hawaii, and is extremely well connected with community members as well as County, State and Federal organizations and employees. I have worked alongside Ron for the past year on the Ka 'Ahahui 'o Ka Nahelehele dry forest non profit board, and can vouch for his strong work ethic, teamwork and deep caring for Hawaii's environment, culture and people. He will be an outstanding representative to the Environmental Council for all us on Hawaii Island working to protect our precious natural resources and environment.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Mary Metcalf

Committee on Agriculture and the Environment
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawaii

April 3, 2019

Dear Chair Gabbard,

I support GM 695. Dr. Terry's experience working on a diverse array of environmental assessments makes him an ideal candidate for the environmental council. He has extensive knowledge and understanding of Hawaii's native ecosystems and other natural resources.

He has also shown leadership on other volunteer organizations and has an impressive history of community service.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment.

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April 7, 2019

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF GM695:
NOMINATION OF DR. RON TERRY TO ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

To: Sen. Mike Gabbard, Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Environment:

I was delighted to learn that Gov. Ige had nominated Dr. Ron Terry to a second term on the Environmental Council. As a preparer or contributor to several hundred environmental assessments and environmental impact statements, mostly for projects initiated by the public sector, he brings a unique perspective to the Council. It's extremely important to have people on the Council who understand the practical challenges of the current Chap. 343 process, and who can suggest pragmatic ways that the process can be improved within the framework of current laws, and who can suggest improvements to those laws.

He's also an outdoorsman who's camped, kayaked, hiked and surfed every corner of the Big Island, and probably the State.

It would be hard to find a more qualified, balanced, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic person to serve on this important board.

Yours truly,

Chris Yuen

GM-695

Submitted on: 4/8/2019 11:19:01 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Hart	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of the reappointment of Dr. Ron Terry to the Hawaii Environmental Council. I have worked with Ron for over 20 years on dozens of environmental inventory projects across the state. He has an incredibly broad grasp of the issues impacting Hawaii's environment, and, perhaps more than anyone I know, is able to balance scientific, cultural, and political perspectives in his decision-making process. I feel the state is quite lucky to have someone with his skillset on this council.

GM-695

Submitted on: 4/8/2019 4:01:44 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sarah (Sally) Rice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Ronald Terry is extremely well versed in the environmental issues that face our island state and will continue to be a valuable member of the Environmental Council. I fully support his reappointment to the Environmental Council.

GM-695

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 5:43:27 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roberta Chu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

April 9, 2019

State Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Russell Ruderman, Vice Chair

Re: GM 695

Letter of Support for RONALD TERRY to the Environmental Council

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

My name is Roberta Chu and been involved in the Hawaii Island community for many years. I am a fourth generation Hilo girl and wholeheartedly support the confirmation of Ron Terry to a second term on the Environmental Council.

Ron has been active in the Hawaii Island community for many years. His extensive knowledge of environmental and land management issues has been a great asset and his willingness to educate our community through the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce on issues has enabled our community leaders to make sound, educated decisions.

As a current member of the Environmental Council, he has focused his efforts in updating the Administrative Rules to make them modernized and more practical and fair for everyone. He understands the burden imposed on agencies, businesses and applicants and will continue to advocate for more common sense rules, interpretations and processes which will help them better understand this complex EIS process and use it productively.

Ron is known as a person of great integrity and humility, and one who looks for what is best for our island community. I am honored to submit my support for his reappointment.

Sincerely,

Roberta Chu
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Hilo, HI 96720

GM-695

Submitted on: 4/10/2019 2:06:29 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David S. De Luz, Jr.	Testifying for David S. De Luz, Sr. Enterprises, Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

State Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator Russell Ruderman, Vice Chair

Re: GM 695

Letter of Support for RONALD TERRY to the Environmental Council

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

The Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports the confirmation of Ron Terry to a second term on the Environmental Council.

Ron has been active member of our Chamber for many years having served on our Government Affairs Committee and Board of Directors. His extensive knowledge of environmental and land management issues has been a great asset and his willingness to educate our leadership on those issues has enabled our organization to make sound, educated decisions. Our entire community is better because of him.

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Ron is known as a person of great integrity and humility, and one who looks for what is best for our island community. We are pleased to offer him our support.

Sincerely,

David S. De Luz, Jr.

Puananionaona Patria Thoene

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Testimony of Puananionaona P. Thoene
before the **SENATE COMMITTEE ON**
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in **SUPPORT** of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE (GM) 695
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION OF **RONALD TERRY**
TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

April 10, 2019

Aloha e Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

I strongly support GM 695, re-appointing Mr. Ronald Terry to the Environmental Council (Council) for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

I am the current Chair of the Council, however, I submit this testimony in support of GM 695 in my individual capacity. I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Terry since becoming a member of the Council in November of 2016. Mr. Terry's experience with the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343 process as a planner for both private applicants and government agencies has been invaluable in the Council's efforts over the last few years to complete a rulemaking update to the Environmental Impact Statement rules, Hawai'i Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 200. Mr. Terry made significant contributions as a member of the Exemptions Committee, Rules Committee, and Permitted Interaction Groups.

Mr. Terry's membership on the Council enables the Council to fulfill its statutory mandates under HRS § 341-6 and contributes to the diverse composition of the Council. Mr. Terry's unique experience as a planner, knowledge of the HRS Chapter 343 process, and demonstrated efforts to share that experience and knowledge through public service on this Council will continue to benefit the State.

For these reasons, I strongly support GM 695 and ask that this Committee please confirm Mr. Terry's re-appointment to the Council.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this matter and for your consideration,



Puananionaona P. Thoene

GM-695

Submitted on: 4/11/2019 10:37:50 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony from Ronald Terry
Agriculture and Environment Committee
Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15PM
Room 224

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Environmental Council?

I think the Council could continue to benefit from an environmental professional who has spent 28 years diligently preparing EAs and EISs, having to balance the need for full environmental disclosure with the reality of time, budget and the limitations of analysis. My work in the last three years on the Council had the priority of the revising and modernizing the administrative rules; going forward, I would like to help agencies, applicants and the public to better understand not only the changes that have been made but the entirety of the rules in order to foster a more productive process and successful outcome.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Environmental Council?

I have learned that our principal responsibility is to serve as a critical two-way link between OEQC and the general public. We solicit information, opinions, complaints and recommendations concerning environmental policy in Hawai'i. Now that we will have new rules, we have to make sure they are understood and that they work. We need to monitor the process to ensure that if any "tweaking" is needed, we take that on as well. I think we need to refocus on annual reports to the Legislature that monitor agency progress in meeting state environmental goals and policies. Although we produce a report each year, I think we need to update and modernize the process and make sure that the Legislature really benefits from this input.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Environmental Council, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Environmental Council.

I am the Principal of a Geometrician Associates LLC, a consulting firm specializing in the preparation of environmental impact assessment documents and biological reports. After earning a Bachelor's of Arts (BA) in Geography from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UHH), I obtained a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Geography from Louisiana State University, writing a dissertation that focused on the ecology of lowland Hawaiian forests. After five years as a professor of Geography at UH Hilo, I started Geometrician Associates in 1992 as a consulting practice specializing in environmental impact assessment and biological studies. I have worked solely or teamed with others to prepare over 300 environmental assessments (EAs) and environmental impact statements (EISs), and more than 200 biological reports for projects and areas throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

My clients have included the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Hawai'i Department of Transportation, the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and more than two dozen other agencies from every County in Hawai'i, as well as hundreds of private clients. I have served on two boards or commissions, including eight years representing environmental interests on the Mauna Kea Management Board, which oversees all activities on the summit of Mauna Kea, and eight years on the Marine and Coastal Zone Management Advocacy Council, representing the east half of the Island of Hawai'i and research interests. For the last three years I have been on the Environmental Council and was asked to take a leadership role in revising the administrative rules.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

As stated above, I want to help ensure that the new administrative rules are clearly understood and that they work. I would also like to help the Council refocus on annual reports to the Legislature that monitor agency progress in meeting state environmental goals and policies. In doing so, I will strive to effectively balance the needs of all parties in a sensible and inclusive way.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Environmental Council?

Hard worker, good listener, team player.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Environmental Council?

I have just served three years on the Council. Although I think I am still learning, this has given me great familiarity with what the Council has done and can do. However, I would point out another position I held that I feel really made a difference in our state. The main accomplishment of my eight years on the Mauna Kea Management Board was the creation of the Environment Committee. This involved my personally recruiting some 10 environmental scientists from diverse backgrounds to participate as very active members. As a team, we envisioned the Mauna Kea Natural Resources Management Plan and supervised its preparation. This plan was prepared for the Director of the Office of Mauna Kea Management, by consultants, but it was heavily guided by our committee. It was very different to manage this as the head of a group of volunteers, and I think this will continue to help me in the initiatives I hope to be part of in the Council.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Environmental Council? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

If decisions related to any of the EAs or EISs that I have consulted on become the subject of an appeal, that would be a clear conflict. This could be resolved by recusing myself from any decision-making and possibly discussion of the cases by the Council.

In my three years on the Council, this has not yet come up. I would hope that the possibility of this conflict occurring is overshadowed by having someone who is truly familiar with the mechanics of the process.