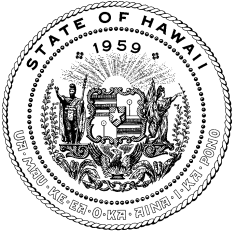


GM 696



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Testimony of
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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) 696, BARBARA MAKA'ALA KA'AUMOANA
For consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council

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

I strongly support Ms. Barbara Maka'ala Ka'auomoana'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 her first term, Ms. Ka'auomoana proved invaluable to the Council and the OEQC. She devoted a significant amount of time and expertise to the Council's rules update, in particular ensuring that the rules remained committed to its statutory purpose to balance decision making and enhance public engagement. She has served on several committees, including the Exemption Committee and the Information and Outreach Committee. Ms. Ka'auomoana was also instrumental in organizing informational forums on toxoplasmosis and invasive species.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 696.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 10, 2019

Dear Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

I am writing to support Barbara Kaaumoana for a second term on the Hawaii State Environmental Council. Barbara has served as a leader in the North Shore communities of Kauai and has been elected by the community as Executive Director of the Hanalei Watershed Hui since 1999. Barbara has created multiple programs to engage more public interest in preserving the environment. She has assisted in the development of the Hanalei Watershed Action Plan, Watershed Management Plan, Makai Watch Program, Disaster Resilience Plan, a mobile science/education van, and the annual publication of the Hanalei Moon and Tide Calendar.

During Barbara's first term, she had initiated and coordinated two public forums, Toxoplasmosis and Invasive Species. These events were partnered with subject experts, the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law. Barbara has traveled from Kauai to the Council, contributing questions and concerns expressed by the community and participating in the Council's work to provide a connection the Hawaii Revised Statutes with the public. She wants to continue her focus on maintaining a community connection and growing a public understanding of the work of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I strongly support Barbara for her dedications, intellect, and critical actions taken to improve the environment on Kauai and throughout the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Nadine K. Nakamura
State Representative District 14



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
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Testimony of
Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 224

**Governor's Message 696
Barbara Kaaumoana**

Governor's Message 696 has been submitted to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment for consideration and confirmation as a member of the Environmental Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Barbara Kaaumoana, for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

On behalf of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) and Manokalanipo (Island of Kauai), **we support this nomination.**

Barbara "Makaala" Kaaumoana has the experience, and the knowledge needed to be part of the Environmental Council. The mandate and focus of the Environmental Council is to assist in achieving the Hawaii State environmental goals and policies.

Ms. Kaaumoana has been involved in Hawaiian and community affairs for many years on Kauai. She is knowledgeable about government process and has worked many state agencies as well as the Kauai County Council, to always look out for communities and the local people. Her gift is that she can bring the issues of communities forward in a sensitive, diplomatic way that benefits all that are involved in that specific issue.

Aha Moku strongly this gubernatorial nomination and urges this Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment to confirm the appointment of Barbara Kaaumoana as a member of the Environment Council.

Respectfully,

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Testimony of Derek S.K Kawakami
Mayor, County of Kaua'i

Before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
April 12, 2019; 1:15 pm
Conference Room 224

In consideration of
GM696 Barbara Kaaumoana Gubernatorial Nominee for the
Environmental Council

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

The County of Kaua'i **supports** the appointment of Barbara “Makaala” Kaaumoana to the State of Hawaii Environmental Council which serves as a liaison between the Office of Environmental Quality Control and the public on matters concerning ecology and environmental quality as well as monitoring the progress of state, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State’s environmental goals and policies.

Throughout her career Ms. Kaaumoana has distinguished herself as a leader who excels by her vast knowledge of federal, state, and county environmental laws and regulations coupled with a fierce determination to make things pono. As Executive Director of the Hanalei Watershed Hui, Ms. Kaaumoana brought experts in planning and emergency management, together with community members to develop a north shore community resilience plan which was completed after six years of collaboration in 2014. Attesting to our faith and support of her work and that of the Hanalei Watershed Hui, the County of Kaua'i has recently granted funds to update that plan in response to the flood event of 2018.

We are confident in Ms. Kaaumoana’s ability to guide and support the work of the State of Hawai’i Environment Council and support your appointment of her for another term.

Thank you for your consideration.





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April 12, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON GM 696

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council, Gubernatorial
Nominee, BARBARA KA'AUMOANA.

Room 224
1:15 PM

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

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports the confirmation of Barbara Ka'aumoana to continue as a member of the Environmental Council.

Over the years, HFB has had the opportunity to work with Maka'ala in her capacity as a member on various committees and advisory groups. Maka'ala is dedicated and knowledgeable about the issues that come before the Environmental Council. We have been impressed by her fearless and outspoken, **science-based** advocacy and commitment to doing what is right for Hawaii's environment and people. She does not tolerate fear-mongering and is a strong proponent of policy and decision-making based on facts.

As a farmer-based organization, HFB appreciates Maka'ala's commitment to addressing environmental issues that impact the State. We have faith that she recognizes not only the obvious importance of protecting Hawaii's natural resources, but also the vital need for our state to support agriculture. For example, if we import less produce, we can decrease the number and types of detrimental invasive species reaching our shores. But Hawaii can only become more self-sustaining through a healthy agricultural sector.

HFB looks forward to working with Ms. Ka'aumoana as Hawaii's producers strive to move our state closer to food self-sufficiency, ever mindful of the public trust resources we steward and rely upon.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support.

GM-696

Submitted on: 3/30/2019 12:06:03 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:



GM696

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BARBARA KAAUMOANA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023.

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

April 12, 2019

1:15 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM696, which would confirm Barbara “Maka’ala” Ka’umoana to a second term on the Environmental Council.

Ms. Ka’umoana has a lifetime of demonstrated support and effective, thoughtful advocacy for the proper stewardship of our natural and cultural public trust resources and the associated rights and practices of Native Hawaiians, including through the appropriate application of various laws that ensure the protection of such resources. OHA is particularly appreciative of her most recent, tireless efforts and strategic leadership in upholding the public trust in Kaua’i’s water resources; providing critical support to rural communities seeking to sustain their subsistence resources, including the Hā’ena community in their successful establishment of the Hā’ena Community-Based Subsistence Fishery Management efforts; and convening experts, stakeholders, and interested members of the public in addressing invasive species issues that may significantly impact our ecological integrity, cultural subsistence practices, and public health; among many others. Ms. Ka’umoana accordingly has brought and continues to bring a wealth of practical, on-the-ground experience and demonstrated commitment to our public trust resources and the Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices that rely on these resources, in her service on the Environmental Council.

OHA believes that Ms. Ka’umoana’s years of advocacy, public service, and involvement in the application of various land use and environmental protection laws, including Hawai’i Revised Statutes Chapter 343, will continue to serve her well on the Council, should she be reappointed for a second term.

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to GM696, and the appointment of Barbara “Maka’ala” Ka’umoana to the Environmental Council. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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) 696
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION OF **BARBARA MAKA'ALA**
KA'AUMOANA 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 696, re-appointing Ms. Barbara Maka'ala Ka'aumoana 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 696 in my individual capacity. I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Ka'aumoana since I became a member of the Council in November of 2016. Ms. Ka'aumoana's experience as a community advocate and non-profit leader provides a unique and well-rounded perspective to the Council. Ms. Ka'aumoana has contributed significantly to the Council's efforts to update to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) rules, Hawai'i Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 200, and in particular, provides an important perspective advocating for the consideration of the general public and non-HRS Chapter 343 practitioners. Ms. Ka'aumoana also contributes as a member of the Information & Outreach Committee and Exemptions Committee.

Ms. Ka'aumoana'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. Ms. Ka'aumoana's willingness to give her time and experience to the Council will continue to benefit the State and play an important role as the Council continues its work to get the updated EIS rules passed and implemented.

For these reasons, I strongly support GM 696 and ask that this Committee please confirm Ms. Ka'aumoana's re-appointment to the Council.

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



Puananionaona P. Thoene

GM-696

Submitted on: 4/11/2019 10:38:22 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:

April 1, 2019

Senator Gabbard
Chair Agriculture and Environmental Committee
Hawaii State Senate

Aloha Senator Gabbard,

Mahalo for contacting me regarding my nomination for the Environment Council.
I have served a two year term on the Council and would like to continue the work.

The Hawaii State Environmental Council provides public perspective and advice on the Hawaii State Environmental laws. We meet monthly and discuss an agenda that includes specific issues relating to the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343. I participate as a member of the Council, the Information and Outreach and the Exemptions Committees.

I am a "community leader" in the north shore communities of Kauai, having been elected by the community as the Executive Director of the Hanalei Watershed Hui. I have served in that capacity since 1999. Our organization convenes public planning, discourse and implementation of the Hanalei Watershed Action Plan. We are currently focused on watershed education, restoration and disaster resilience. I am committed to community process and as a Council member I have strived to represent a "community voice".

I attend the Council meetings as a volunteer, traveling from Kauai, contributing questions and concerns expressed by the community and participating in the Council's work to provide a community connection to the Hawaii Revised Statutes that guide our effort. I have initiated and coordinated two public forums in my first term, Toxoplasmosis and Invasive Species. Both events partnered with subject experts, the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the UH Richardson School of Law. Both were video recorded and are available for public viewing.

The Council has worked well together to review HRS Chapter 343 and propose revisions to the rules that we feel will bring efficiency and standardization while protecting the public role in matters of our Environmental Laws in Hawaii.

I hope to continue my focus on the "community connection" to our State processes, initiate and coordinate information and outreach opportunities and participate in the effort to revise the "guidance" document that supports implementation of the revised HRS 343 rules.

I am a community leader who is committed to open and pono process. I am a kupuna with life experience and I have respect for the dedicated folks who work hard every day to protect Hawaii's unique and fragile environment. These qualities enable me to both lead and collaborate in the work of the Environmental Council.

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest with my work on the Council. None has arisen in my first term

I appreciate the opportunity to serve a second term and look forward to working with the Council and staff on continuing my focus on a "community connection" and growing a public understanding of the work of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Me ka pono,



Barbara "Makaala" Kaaumoana