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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 725
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
JACOB TAVARES, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message (GM) 725 to appoint Jacob Tavares to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (Commission) for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

Mr. Tavares resides in the County of Maui and possesses membership in a statewide agricultural organization, thus fulfilling the Commission membership requirements of Sections 173A-2.4(a) and -2.4(a)(4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

Mr. Tavares has served on the Commission for over two years, and provides a progressive perspective on relationships between public-funded land acquisition, island agriculture and food security, and land management for conservation benefits. As a contemporary leader in the corporate transition from plantation systems to diversified agricultural production, he is well-equipped to help the Commission and the Department give priority in their recommendations to "lands that are unique and productive agricultural lands" or "in imminent danger of being modified, changed, or used in a manner to diminish its value," as required under Sections 173A-2.6(6) and -2.6(3), Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

Jacob Tavares is an important contributor to the success of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission and is particularly well-regarded for his interest and insight about applicant management plans and operational capacity. The Department strongly supports GM 725 and recommends that the Senate confirm the appointment of Mr. Tavares for a four-year term.

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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

**APRIL 12, 2019
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 725
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LEGACY LAND
CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JACOB TAVARES,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON 06-30-2023**

Chairperson Kahele and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 725, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jacob Tavares, for a term to expire on 06-30-2023. The Department strongly supports this measure.

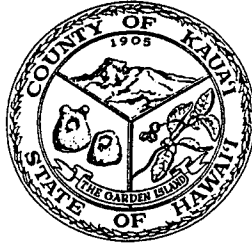
Mr. Tavares has a strong agricultural background and has been serving on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission since 2016. As the commission's member from an agricultural association, Mr. Tavares continues to serve the State as a critical voice to protect agricultural land and increase Hawaii's self-sufficiency.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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April 11, 2019

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**TESTIMONY OF ARRYL KANESHIRO
COUNCIL CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
GM 725, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JACOB TAVARES
TO THE LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 229**

Dear Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of GM 725, consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Jacob Tavares to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as the Council Chair of the Kaua'i County Council.

Jacob Tavares possesses the necessary experience, skill, and knowledge to contribute greatly to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. I met Jacob while he was going through the Hawai'i Agriculture Leadership Program, and I was impressed with his knowledge of agriculture and his ideals for diversifying and preserving Hawai'i.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of GM 725. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

ARRYL KANESHIRO
Council Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

GM 725 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, JACOB TAVARES, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nicole Galase, and I am Managing Director of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 150+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **Strongly Supports** GM 725 for the appointment of Jacob Tavares as a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Jacob Tavares comes from a Hawaii ranching family and as a young man has earned the respect of many in the industry for his hard work and dedication. He is well spoken, and very knowledgeable of the issues which affect the agricultural industry, and of the highest integrity.

Jacob has the support of the cattle industry because of his dedication to improving the cattle industry. Jacob's background and experience have proven him to provide effective strategies in this role. We appreciate the opportunity to provide this letter of support and we urge you to support his nomination.

Sincerely,

Nicole Galase
Managing Director



GM-725

Submitted on: 4/8/2019 11:04:24 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara Moore	Testifying for Kealia Ranch	Support	No

Comments:

GM-725

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 6:19:42 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Testifying for Ponoholo Ranch Limited	Support	No

Comments:

GM-725

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 12:53:51 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jimmy Gomes	Testifying for Ulupalakua Ranch	Support	No

Comments:

GM-725

Submitted on: 4/8/2019 11:35:35 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan W Braley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-725

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 4:55:50 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taylor Kellerman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Jacob Tavares would be an incredible asset to this team.

April 9, 2019

The State Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hearing scheduled Friday, 04/12/2019 at 1:15 PM

Chair, Senator Kaiali'i Kahele
senkkahele@capitol.hawaii.gov

Vice Chair, Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran
senkeithagaran@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: Testimony in support of GM 725 and GM 726

Aloha Committee Members:

I strongly endorse Jacob Tavares, GM 725, for the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (Commission). As a Commissioner myself, I have firsthand experience of the knowledge and insight Jacob has brought to the Commission's deliberations. His awareness of agricultural practices, challenges and needs has been instrumental in the Commission's ranking of projects related to food security, agroforestry, and sustainability. He is enthusiastic about his service on the Commission and recognizes the importance of being frugal with recommendations involving public funds.

I strongly endorse John Sinton GM 726 for the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (Commission). During site visits, Jon would share his knowledge of geology and observations of geologic processes and how they influence a site. Jon also had good insight as to whether an organization had sufficient structure and organizational capacity to be successful at the land management goals that it proposed. John has extensive institutional knowledge from his years of voluntary service that would be beneficial to new Commissioner's and the program itself.

For the reasons listed above among others, I respectfully recommend you support Jacob Tavares and John Sinton for the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Mahalo for your time and consideration!



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GM-725

Submitted on: 4/10/2019 3:14:57 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Theresa Menard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Kaiali'i Kahele and members of the committee on Water and Land,

I served with Jacob Tavares on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission from 2016 to 2018. As a ranch manager, Jacob was a notable asset to the committee as we ranked the various applications for land acquisition funds. I had the opportunity to make several site visits with Jacob to assess the natural resource value of different places. Jacob is able to logically evaluate the agricultural merits of a given site, whether it is an organic farming operation or an essential oil production facility in a sandalwood forest.

I strongly recommend that he be confirmed to serve another term.

Sincerely,

Theresa Cabrera Menard

Former Chair of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (2015 to 2018)

GM-725

Submitted on: 4/11/2019 11:24:37 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alex Franco	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-725

Submitted on: 4/11/2019 12:38:06 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bud & Katy Gibson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-725

Submitted on: 4/8/2019 5:27:19 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Marie Jacintho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

GM-725

Submitted on: 4/8/2019 11:16:29 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brendan Balthazar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

not a good choice. very little experience. Like the show erban cowboy. just has the boots and hat nothing underneath .Because you dress like a rancher doesn't mean you are.