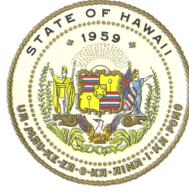


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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 584
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
WESLEY YOON
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2022**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 584 nominating Wesley Yoon to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

Wesley "Kaiwi" Yoon brings a wealth of land management background to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. His experience has been in the purchase and management of land for cultural purposes, with awareness of the strategic need to have those lands generate funds for their own management. This approach will be helpful in guiding an agency with similar needs.

Mr. Yoon is currently the Vice-President of Operations at the Bishop Museum. He previously served as the Architectural Branch Chief for the Department's State Historic Preservation Division, and he worked for OHA for seven years. Through this work he is well aware of the challenging projects brought before the board. His experience allows him to bring a strategic perspective of both the business and cultural aspects of land management that the Department is constantly balancing.

Mr. Yoon is nominated to serve as an at-large member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. He brings expertise in Hawaiian cultural practices.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's strong support of Governor's Message 584, nominating Wesley Yoon to a seat on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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**Department of Land and Natural Resources
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Testimony of
Leimana DaMate, Executive Director

Before the Senate Committee on
Water and Land

Wednesday, May 13, 2020
1:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In **SUPPORT** of
GM 584, Wesley Yoon
Relating to the Board of Land and Natural Resources

The Hawaii State Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) stands in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, GM Wesley Yoon for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR), for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

Mr. Yoon's expertise with Board Collaboration, Community Engagement, Cultural Integration and Historic Preservation makes him an excellent asset to this important Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure. We ask that you approve the nomination of Wesley Yoon to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Respectfully yours,

Leimana DaMate, Executive Director
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KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

May 11, 2020

TO: Sen. Kaiali`i Kahele, Chair
Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Water & Land

FROM: Mahealani Cypher, Chair
Government Relations Committee
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

RE: GM584 – Nomination of Wesley Yoon
To the Board of Land and Natural Resources

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

On behalf of the members of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, we offer our strong support for the confirmation of Wesley Kaiwinui Yoon to serve on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Mr. Yoon has a long history of interest and involvement in advocacy for wise land use management practices and historic preservation matters. Over his years of service with the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, he has demonstrated his ability to carefully discern the core issues of any matter and search for reasonable and responsible solutions.

He is the type of nominee that brings broad insights and an offer pathways toward settling disputes and finding solutions when conflicts arise.

We urge that your committee approve his appointment and forward his name to the full Senate for confirmation.

Mahalo for allowing us to offer our mana`o.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. One of the largest of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs, its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".

To: The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

From: Michael D. Formby, Executive Director
Pacific Resource Partnership
1100 Alakea Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 584—Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Wesley Yoon—**STRONG SUPPORT**.
Hearing date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020
Hearing time: 1:00 P.M.
Conference Room 229

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

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes in **strong support** of GM 584, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR), Gubernatorial Nominee, Wesley Yoon, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Mr. Yoon's commitment to public service, valuable leadership and work experience with government agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), renders him well suited to serve on the BLNR.

Therefore, PRP is pleased to offer our strong support for Mr. Yoon's confirmation to the BLNR.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Formby
Pacific Resource Partnership



GM-584

Submitted on: 5/8/2020 1:54:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-584

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 11:33:39 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Buchanan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT GM584 Wesley Yoon

Mahalo,

Lori Buchanan

Molokai

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GM-584

Submitted on: 5/13/2020 11:50:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Leialoha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: