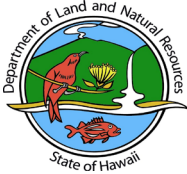


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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**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 585
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
VERNON CHAR
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2021**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 585 nominating Vernon Char to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

Vernon Char will bring his extensive legal experience and Hawai'i community service perspective to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. His focus on business transactions including development acquisition and sales of businesses and government contracts will help the board in dealing with some of its complicated business transactions.

Mr. Char has been dedicated professionally and personally to public service for Hawai'i. and brings a wealth of experience serving on state boards and commissions, including the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the State Ethics Commission and the Hawaii Advisory Committee to the U.S Civil Rights Commission. He was a founding member of the University of Hawai'i Alumni Association and its first president. He founded the Manoa Forum. He served as President of the Hawai'i Bar Association. He is interested, thoughtful and insightful and a good listener.

Mr. Char is an avid hiker familiar with many of Hawai'i's forests and trails.

Mr. Char was appointed by Governor Ige to an interim appointment on October 2019 and has been a welcome addition the board.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's strong support of Governor's Message 583, nominating Vernon Char to a seat on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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Testimony of
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Water and Land

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In **SUPPORT** of
GM 585, Vernon Char
Relating to the Board of Land and Natural Resources

The Hawaii State Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) stands in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, GM Vernon Char for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR), for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

Mr. Char's extensive experience as a policymaker and reputation of an extremely knowledgeable conservationist as well as a well-deserved standing as a man who sees all sides of an issue will serve him well as a member of the BLNR.

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

Respectfully yours,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

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

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genevieve salmonson	Individual	Support	No

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