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Testimony of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Wednesday, July 1, 2020
12:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In SUPPORT of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 828, IAN ROBIN KAYE
Appointment to the Environmental Council
(Written Testimony Only)

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee, I am writing in support of the appointment of Mr. Ian Robin Kaye to serve as a member of the Environmental Council.

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.

In my former capacity as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, I had the great pleasure to work with Mr. Kaye. He has demonstrated a commitment to the Council and its mission through his contributions to the rules update, participation in committees, and his thoughtful and sensitive insight grounded in a neighbor island perspective, among other contributions. For these reasons and more I support the appointment of Mr. Kaye to the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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July 1, 2020

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair

GM 828
Robin Kaye

Consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council

Chair Gabbard and Committee Members,

I am pleased to write in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Robin Kaye to the Environmental Council.

I have known and worked with Robin on a variety of environmental and community issues for many years. Both in his role as a strong advocate for his home island of Lana`i and in statewide efforts to protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources.

Robin is easy to work with, conscientious, a good listener, kind and knowledgeable on county and statewide environmental issues.

For the past four years Robin has been an active, thoughtful and contributing member of the Environmental Council most of which was spent crafting new EIS rules. His continuation as a board member will help ensure that the new rules are understood and followed.

I urge you to please support Robin's nomination to the Environmental Council.

GM-828

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Mary	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying as an individual. I know Roy Abe to be a capable volunteer. He does what he says he will do. I think that is the best trait one can ask of a volunteer. Please confirm his reappointment to the Environmental Council Thank you.

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

in **SUPPORT** of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE (GM) 828
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION OF **IAN ROBIN KAYE** AS
MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

June 30, 2020

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

I strongly support GM 828, appointing Mr. Ian Robin Kaye for another term as a member of the Environmental Council (Council) for a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

I am the current Chair of the Environmental Council (Council), however, I submit this testimony in support of GM 828 in my individual capacity. I have served on the Council with Mr. Kaye since 2016. Mr. Kaye does a great job as the chair of the Council's Legislative Committee and puts much thought into all Council discussions. Mr. Kaye is also the Council's sole Lānaʻi member. His unique perspective, years of experience working with several nonprofit organizations, and representation of the Lānaʻi community is very much appreciated and needed on the Council.

For these reasons, I strongly support GM 828 and ask that this Committee please confirm Mr. Kaye's appointment to the Council.

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



Puananionaona P. Thoene

**Ian Robin Kaye's Response to Senator Gabbard's Questionnaire
Submitted June 27, 2020**

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

The Environmental Council (EC) was created to serve as "... a liaison between the director and the general public by soliciting information, opinions, complaints, recommendations, and advice concerning ecology and environmental quality..." It would be my responsibility — and honor — to continue to serve as that liaison, particularly for the island of Lana'i. My home island may be often overlooked, but many of our statewide environmental challenges also exist on Lāna'i: watershed depletion, overwhelming sedimentation of our reefs, overfishing of aquatic resources - as prime examples.

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

EC members have spent the past two years fulfilling a major responsibility — the re-writing of the rules that guide the State of Hawaii's process for environmental impact statements (EIS) and environmental assessments (EA.) In addition, it is the EC's responsibility to "...monitor the progress of state, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State's environmental goals and policies." Further, the EC is legislatively mandated to publish its findings in its annual report. My role as a member of the EC since 2017 has been, and would continue to be, an active participant in fulfilling those responsibilities.

(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 have served as a member of the EC since 2017, and have been an active participant in fulfilling its mandated responsibilities. I have served both as a member of the Annual Report Committee, and Chair of its Legislative Committee. Further, I have been an active member of the Lana'i community, including serving as one of the founders of the Lana'i Limu Restoration Project. I believe those experiences would assist me in my decision-making responsibilities.

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

One of my goals would be to assist the EC with its transition to a new Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC.) In addition, given the EC's focus during the remainder of 2020 and into the following year on the completion of our 2019 Annual Report, and the potential revision of its Rules and Procedures (which haven't been revised since 1996), I would hope that my participation would aid in completing both of those efforts.

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

1. I am knowledgeable of Lana'i's environmental challenges, which would assist me in my role as liaison.
2. I have been an active participant in several statewide environmental organizations, including several terms on the Marine and Coastal Zone Advisory Council (MACZAC.) I am knowledgeable of the many environmental issues facing our State and nation, and have actively participated in addressing some of those in Hawaii.
3. Prior to retiring in 2005, I ran a consulting company that worked with community organizations and government agencies. I am a trained facilitator; often successful at finding how best to move from challenges to solutions.

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

For several years, I was a spokesperson for an environmental organization on the island of Lana'i. That role involved learning about the EIS and EA process, which in turn informed my role in assisting the EC in revising the rules that govern those efforts.

(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?

Should a potential conflict arise, I would first discuss this with the Chair of the EC, the Director of the OEQC, and the Deputy Attorney General assigned to the EC.

Mahalo,

Jan Robin Kaye

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