

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1755

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 564,  
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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 564 and 565, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

G.M. No. 564      BERYL BLAICH,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2025; and

G.M. No. 565      CHRISTIANE LUCAS,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2025,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Beryl Blaich and Christiane Lucas for service on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

BERYL BLAICH

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Beryl Blaich from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, one member of the State House of Representatives, one member of the Kaua'i County Council, The Trust for Public Land, and five individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Blaich's experience and dedication to serving the public qualify her for reappointment to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission as a member possessing scientific qualifications as



evidenced by an academic degree in wildlife or marine biology, botany, forestry, ecology, resource management, biogeography, zoology, or geology, pursuant to section 173A-2.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Blaich earned her Master's degree from the University of Hawaii in Urban and Regional Planning, an interdisciplinary program that encompasses subjects such as community planning, environmental planning and sustainability, historic preservation, land use development, and resource management. Your Committee notes that Ms. Blaich is an active member in professional and community organizations, including service on the Kauai Island Council of the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust since 2011, and the Board of Directors for the Mānoa Valley Cultural Heritage Foundation and Kualii Foundation and Mālama Māhā'ulepū since 1996 and 2014, respectively. Your Committee also finds that Ms. Blaich has served on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission since 2019, and her thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of its members continues to enhance the effectiveness of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Your Committee therefore recommends that Beryl Blaich be reappointed to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission based on her knowledge, experience, and desire to contribute to the community.

#### CHRISTIANE LUCAS

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Christiane Lucas from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, The Trust for Public Land, Hui o Ho'ohonua, Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center, and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on the nomination for the reappointment of Christiane Lucas from one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Lucas' experience and dedication to serving the public qualify her for reappointment to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission as a member of an environmental organization organized in the State, pursuant to section 173A-2.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Ms. Lucas is currently the Program Manager of the Takai Transition Center Network for Hawaii 3Rs and a Legislative Aide for State Representative Gregg Takayama. Your Committee further notes that Ms. Lucas has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of board members as she has served on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission since 2019. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Lucas has served on the Board of Directors for the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center since 2007. Ms. Lucas'



experience and knowledge will continue to be assets to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Your Committee therefore recommends that Christiane Lucas be reappointed to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission based on her experience and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water and Land,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair





