

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

4097

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 03 2022

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 639

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 639, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

HAWAII GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

G.M. No. 639 RICHARD WALLSGROVE,
for a term to expire 06-30-2026,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Richard Wallsgrove for service on the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Richard Wallsgrove from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawaii State Energy Office; and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Wallsgrove's experience, knowledge, and willingness to serve on the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority qualify him for reappointment to the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority as a public member, pursuant to section 196-63, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Your Committee notes that Mr. Wallsgrove received his Juris Doctorate from the William S. Richardson School of Law (WSRSL) in 2008 and has been teaching courses on energy law and policy as an Assistant Professor at WSRSL since 2018. Your Committee further notes that not only was Mr. Wallsgrove the



Policy Director of Blue Planet Foundation from 2012 to 2017, but he also investigated the reallocation of green energy market securitization (GEMS) funds as a member of the permitted interaction group established by the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority in 2019. Your Committee further finds that Mr. Wallsgrove was appointed to the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority in 2021 and has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of a public member of the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority. Your Committee therefore recommends that Richard Wallsgrove be reappointed to the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority based on his experience, knowledge, and desire to serve the public.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,



GLENN WAI, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
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Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:* <i>GM 639</i>	Committee Referral: EET	Date: <i>3/4/22</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E. (VC)	✓			
LEE, Chris				✓
RIVIERE, Gil				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Bennette E. Misalucha</i>				
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