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Testimony of
Gwen Yamamoto Lau, Executive Director
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
Friday, March 4, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

in consideration of
GM NO. 639
Confirmation to the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority,
Gubernatorial Nominee RICHARD WALLSGROVE,
for a term to expire 6-30-2026

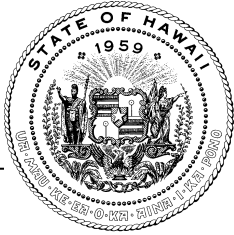
Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of Governor's Message 639, for Gubernatorial Nominee, Richard Wallsgrove, to serve as a Board Member of the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority ("HGIA").

Mr. Wallsgrove's credentials and experience in clean energy, the environment and policy matters, speaks for itself. Currently an Assistant Professor for the Environmental Law Program at the William S. Richardson School of Law, Mr. Wallsgrove also served as Policy Director with the Blue Planet Foundation and as Project Specialist for the Center for Climate Change Adaption & Policy at the East West Center's Pacific Regional Integrated Sciences & Assessment Program. He also has almost a dozen publications on a variety of clean energy, social equity and environmental topics.

We are fortunate to have Mr. Wallsgrove on our HGIA team as his legal, policy and clean energy technical expertise complements the economic development and finance skills of our other HGIA board members.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and offer strong support and comments for Governor's Message 639.



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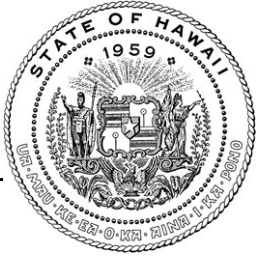
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SUPPORT
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 639, RICHARD WALLSGROVE
TO THE HAWAII GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY
(Written Testimony Only)**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee, I am writing in support of the appointment of Mr. Wallsgrove to serve on the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority (HGIA).

As an *ex officio* member of the HGIA, I have had the pleasure of working directly with Mr. Wallsgrove as a fellow board member. As evidenced by his resume, Mr. Wallsgrove is clearly qualified to serve as a board member of the HGIA. He brings legal, financial, policy, and technical expertise to the board. Mr. Wallsgrove has direct experience working with the HGIA to improve its operations and better achieve its mission. He served as an integral member of HGIA's Permitted Interaction Group in 2019, which recommended that all remaining GEMS loan capital be allocated to underserved low and moderate-income homeowners, renters, nonprofits, small business, and multifamily rental project rate payers. Moreover, Mr. Wallsgrove, in his acting member capacity, has already demonstrated a forward-thinking approach to opportunities for HGIA to further its mission and a willingness to assist the executive director in realizing these opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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In consideration of
GM639
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee,
RICHARD WALLSGROVE,
for a term to expire 6-30-2026.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee.

As Chair of the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority (“Authority”), I am pleased to testify in **strong support** of Governor’s Message 639, for Gubernatorial Nominee, Richard Wallsgrove, to serve as a Board Member of the Authority.

Mr. Wallsgrove has extensive experience in clean energy and the environment. Prior to his appointment as an Assistant Professor for the Environmental Law Program at the William S. Richardson School of Law in 2018, Mr. Wallsgrove served as Policy Director with Blue Planet Foundation from 2012 to 2017; and Project Specialist for the Center for Climate Change Adaption & Policy at the East West Center’s Pacific Regional Integrated Sciences & Assessment Program from 2012 to 2018.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and offer strong support for Richard Wallsgrove.

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Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism:

I am writing in support of Governor's Message 639: consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD WALLSGROVE, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

I first met Richard eight years ago as a legislative staffer, in his role as a policy advocate with Blue Planet Foundation. In that time, then and since, Richard has always struck me as a thoughtful, kind-hearted, and broad-minded person. These are attributes which we dearly need in dealing with the most abused and neglected thing in the world: our environment, our Earth. I believe that Richard is one of the best possible candidates that you could find for the authority, given his years of technical experience which includes legislative and infrastructure policy.

Humbly, I thank the Committee for its consideration, and the candidates who step forward to serve this capacity.

Mahalo nui loa,
Dylan P. Armstrong