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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Testimony of **Nani Medeiros**
Chief Housing Officer, Office of the Governor

Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 229

In consideration of
GM 506
Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Glenn
Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the committee.

I testify in strong support of Governors Message 506, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director for the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Glenn.

During the time I've had working with Scott Glenn under Kia'āna Green's administration, he has been a true partner and collaborator. Scott's planning background together with his experiences heading the Office of Environmental Quality Control and Hawai'i State Energy Office provide a unique skillset and mindset that we need to be part of the solutions that address Hawai'i's housing crisis.

Because we desperately need to provide more housing for our people, and because we cherish and respect the 'āina and wai; because we need to make housing more affordable, and because we must be thoughtful and safeguard the environment; because when there are strong advocates for housing, there must be strong advocates for planning and the environment, therefore Scott Glenn is the right choice. Scott brings a critical perspective and expertise that informs our housing plans and strategies. His perspective helps to inform a balanced approach and actionable outcomes.

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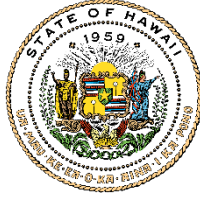
Please advise and consent to the confirmation of Scott Glenn.

Mahalo,

Nani Medeiros

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Testimony of
DAWN N.S. CHANG
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 506
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE SCOTT GLENN FOR DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Governor's Message 506 proposes to confirm as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Scott Glenn, for a term to expire 12-07-2026. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department recognizes that Mr. Scott Glenn has held leadership positions within the Hawai'i State Energy Office and the Office of Environmental Quality Control, worked in the private sector as a professional environmental planning consultant, and has volunteered on numerous boards. He has experience with meaningfully engaging the public, and multiple state, county and federal agencies, in a wide variety of planning efforts to shape the future of Hawai'i. Through his local leadership in Hawai'i clean energy and environmental sustainability, Mr. Glenn has a thorough understanding of the challenges our state faces and will ensure that a long-term lens is used in all planning decisions.

The Department finds Mr. Glenn to be collaborative, thoughtful, hardworking, and dedicated to fulfilling the mission of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. He Co-Chairs the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission) and we have worked closely on supporting the numerous Climate Change Bills, presiding over the first Commission Meeting in 2023, and hosting Climate Week. Mr. Glenn brings invaluable expertise and experience in local and national energy and climate change issues and makes him an ideal candidate for the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Governor's Message 506.



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Wednesday, March 8, 2023
1:00 P.M.
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol

In consideration of
Governor's Message 506
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Glenn

Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the confirmation of Scott Glenn as the Director for the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mr. Glenn earned his B.A. in philosophy and classical archaeology from the University of Evansville and a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawaii and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Mr. Glenn recently served as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) where he was tasked to provide advice and assistance regarding Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 343 to government agencies like the Department of Transportation, private industry, and community groups, conducting research, legislative initiatives, public outreach, and recommending programs for the long-range implementation of environmental quality control.

Mr. Glenn has been an ally for DOT in all of his previous roles, assisting with streamlining environmental permitting at OEQC, and coordinating electrification policy at HSEO. We believe Mr. Glenn has the knowledge, skills and abilities to lead the OPSD and we look forward to partnering with him and his staff on infrastructure, resilience, and climate adaptation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Testimony of
Dennis Ling, Administrator
Business Development & Support Division
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
March 8, 2023, 1:00 PM
State Capitol
Conference Room 229
in consideration of
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Office of Planning & Sustainable Development
Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN

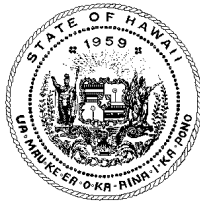
It is my pleasure and honor to support Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD).

Scott's background and experience as the former CEO of the Hawaii State Energy Office and Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control makes him extremely qualified to serve as the Director of the OPSD. He will bring the vision and leadership to lead the OPSD and serve the state well. He will bring his collaborative skills to work with the communities and stakeholders involved in the many issues and projects that OPSD is in charge with.

Scott is well respected among the State's business, non-profit organizations and the communities. He is also familiar with the wide range of programs offered by the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and would serve as an ideal liaison between the OPSD, DBEDT and stakeholders.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and offer support for Scott.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE NO. 506
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE SCOTT GLENN

By
Tommy Johnson, Director

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 8, 2023; 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Via Video Conference

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Scott Glenn as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. His vast knowledge of planning, energy sustainability, and the unique Hawaiian environment make him the ideal person to lead the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development moving forward.

Mr. Glenn's in-depth knowledge of State level government operations in this area and his vast experience are unmatched. He clearly possesses the prerequisite knowledge, honed leadership and managerial skills, and interpersonal skills required to lead the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and strongly urge the committee to recommend advise and consent for this highly qualified nominee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 506 and the confirmation of Mr. Glenn.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
1:00 PM
Conference Room 415 & Videoconference

**GM 506 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director,
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee,
SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) **supports** GM 506, relating to the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Scott Glenn’s appointment as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD).

ADC believes Mr. Glenn’s experience will be instrumental in leading OPSD. Furthermore, ADC is confident Mr. Glenn has the knowledge and skills required to serve as Director and we respectfully ask for your consideration and support of his nomination.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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**Testimony of
Gwen Yamamoto Lau
Executive Director
Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority
before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
March 8, 2023, 1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229
in consideration of
GM No. 506
Confirmation of Director of the Office of Planning & Sustainable Development,
Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Water and Land Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Governor's Message 506, for Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Glenn, as Director of the Office of Planning & Sustainable Development (OPSD).

As the former Chief Energy Officer of the Hawaii State Energy Office, former Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, and with a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Scott brings a wealth of environmental and leadership experience, coupled with technical expertise, to the OPSD.

As co-chair of the Sustainable Hawaii Initiative and liaison to the U.S. Climate Alliance (a coalition of U.S. Governors committed to the Paris Agreement), Scott has contributed to policy development and sustainability initiatives on a local, state and national level.

The State's Chief Energy Officer is statutorily appointed to the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority's ("Authority") five-member board. In his previous position as HGIA's Vice Chair, Scott helped to advance the goals, objectives and impacts of the Authority. Additionally, Scott's collaborative leadership approach towards internal and external teams has delivered tangible results through increased teamwork, participation, and stakeholder engagement.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and offer support and comments for Governor's Message 506.



NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Statement of
Gregory P. Barbour
Executive Director
Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority
before the

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, March 8, 2020
1:00 pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

in consideration of

GM 506 RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF SCOTT GLENN AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

I am pleased to provide testimony in strong support of Mr. Scott Glenn for the position of the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I have worked closely with Mr. Glenn over the past six years in his former positions as Chief Energy Officer in the Hawaii State Energy Office and Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control . His experience and understanding of government, technology, property management, and large organizations provides him with perfect qualifications for this important position.

I worked closely with him in developing the State of Hawaii's US Department of Commerce \$500Mn "Build Back Better" grant application several years ago. In working with

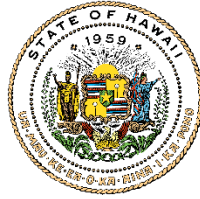
him, is it very clear that he has a very detailed knowledge of the workings of government, building teams and the different role of each agency in DBEDT.

In addition, he has represented DBEDT on the NELHA Board of Directors recently and I have valued his opinion on critical issues facing NELHA. His practical realistic assessment of issues and straight-forward thinking has been invaluable in this regard.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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**Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 506
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE SCOTT GLENN FOR DIRECTOR, OFFICE
OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Governor's Message 506 proposes to confirm as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Scott Glenn, for a term to expire 12-07-2026. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

Scott Glenn has held positions within the Hawai'i State Energy Office and the Office of Environmental Quality Control, worked in the private sector as a professional environmental planning consultant, and has volunteered on numerous boards. He has experience in engaging with the public to update administrative rules, legislative advocacy, and negotiation. The skills and relationships that Mr. Glenn has built working for the benefit of Hawai'i residents make him an ideal candidate for the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mr. Glenn Co-Chairs the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission). He has worked closely with us on supporting the numerous Climate Change Bills, presiding over the first Commission Meeting in 2023, and hosted Climate Week. Mr. Glenn brings invaluable expertise and experience in local and national energy and climate change issues.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 506.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023
1:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 229 & VIDEOCONFERENCE

GOVERNORS MESSAGE NO. 506

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

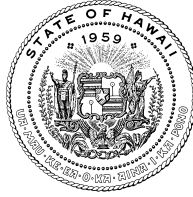
Chairperson Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Glenn as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD). Scott has prepared well for this position in planning and sustainable development with experience as the Chief Energy Officer at the Hawaii State Energy Office, as Director in the Office of Environmental Quality Control, as the DBEDT Representative to the State Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission and being awarded a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from the University of Hawaii. He has the experience, the qualifications and is the right person for the position.

Respectfully requesting your vote to confirm SCOTT GLENN's nomination to serve as the Director of OPSD.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Testimony of
Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawaii

Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 and Videoconference

In consideration of
Governor's Message No. 506

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Governor's Message No. 506, appointment of Scott Glenn to serve as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Scott's cumulative work experiences in both the public and private sectors in the areas of urban and regional planning, public administration, and public policy have equipped Scott with the all-important skills and knowledge in government land use and environmental policy, two key functions of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. As the former Chief Energy Officer of the Hawaii State Energy Office, Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, and researcher at the University of Hawaii Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Scott expanded his breadth of experience, expertise, and service in state government.

Scott is an accomplished leader transforming agencies to achieve the State's goals more effectively. As Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, Scott modernized Hawaii's environmental review process to address affordable housing and climate change. Scott also reinvigorated the Hawaii State Energy Office. During COVID-19, he coordinated the energy sector to ensure no disruptions to Hawaii's energy security. He also led a task force to reduce permitting, supply chain, and other delays to the deployment of critical renewable energy projects. Scott is also credited for

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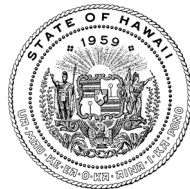
his actions in partnering with agencies and the private sector to promote educational opportunities, job training, and economic development across the energy sector.

Scott earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and classical archaeology from the University of Evansville and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Scott's extensive experience and leadership in government service, as well as his commitment to fulfill the responsibilities he is charged with, make him an asset to lead the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I am confident that Scott will serve the State and community well as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mahalo for your consideration.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
SABRINA NASIR
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 506

March 8, 2023
1:00 p.m.
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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, SCOTT GLENN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON 12-07-2026.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the appointment of Scott Glenn to the position of Director at the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD). I am working with Mr. Glenn in my professional capacity as Deputy Director of Finance.

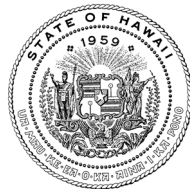
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Mr. Glenn is an integral part of a team that is dedicated to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Mr. Glenn has been serving as the Director at the OPSD since December 2022. Prior to that, he was the Director at the Office of Environmental Quality Control from 2015, then became the Chief Energy Officer for the Hawai'i State Energy Office from 2019. He also worked in the private sector as a professional environmental planning consultant. His work experience will benefit OPSD and the State; therefore, I support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 506

March 8, 2023
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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, GUBERNATORIAL
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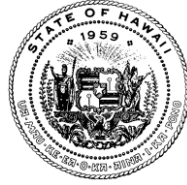
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

SENATOR LORRAINE R. INOUE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Hearing Date: 3/8/2023

Room Number: CR 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the nomination of Scott
3 Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development for the State of
4 Hawaii. Mr. Glenn has an accomplished record professionally and also as a community
5 volunteer and organizer.

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7 As a former Department of Health colleague as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality
8 Control, Scott was generous with his knowledge and desire to help. He successfully overhauled
9 outdated administrative rules that improved public input and trust in a timely manner, generating
10 good will from advocates, industry, and the broader community – this is no small feat.

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12 Hawaii's future sustainability planning is in good hands with Mr. Glenn, and we look forward to
13 his leadership to bring together all sectors in the public and private space to face this critical task.

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15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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17 **Offered Amendments:** None

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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March 8, 2023

To: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Water and Land Committee

Date: March 8, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: G.M. 506; Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee SCOTT GLENN for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD).

Mr. Glenn has demonstrated that he has the leadership and experience to serve as the Director of the OPSD. Mr. Glenn has served as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control and Chief Energy Officer. In both roles, he reinvigorated the offices' missions with aspirations towards a clean energy and environmental future and by collaborating with stakeholders to balance the needs and concerns of the community with those of industry.

The DLIR appreciates his partnership in promoting job training, educational opportunities, and economic development across the energy sector and gives him the green thumb to plan our sustainable development without causing irreparable harm to Hawaii's future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 506.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAND AND WATER (WTL)

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 506
NOMINATION OF SCOTT GLENN, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of Governor Josh Green's nomination of Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mr. Glenn has extensive experience in planning in the private and public sectors. As Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, he modernized Hawai'i's environmental review process to address affordable housing and climate change.

He also reinvigorated the Hawai'i State Energy Office. During COVID-19, he coordinated the energy sector to ensure no disruptions to Hawai'i's energy security and led an innovative task force to reduce permitting, supply chain, and other delays to the deployment of critical renewable energy projects. He promoted educational opportunities, job training, and economic development across the energy sector, partnering with agencies and the private sector.

I am happy to support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

**Testimony of
Dennis Wong**

Vice Chairman of Board of Directors
Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority

before the

Senate Committee on Water and Land

March 8, 2023, 1:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of

GM No. 506

**Confirmation of Director of the Office of Planning & Sustainable Development,
Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Water and Land Committee:

I appreciate this opportunity to testify in support of Governor's Message 506, for Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Glenn, as Director of the Office of Planning & Sustainable Development (Office of Planning).

As the former Chief Energy Officer of the Hawaii State Energy Office, former Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, and with a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Mr. Glenn is knowledgeable in environmental matters and has a lot of managerial experience, together with technical expertise, to be a valuable leader in the Office of Planning & Sustainable Development.

As co-chair of the Sustainable Hawaii Initiative and liaison to the U.S. Climate Alliance (a coalition of U.S. Governors committed to the Paris Agreement), Scott has contributed to policy development and sustainability initiatives on a local, state, and national level.

The State's Chief Energy Officer is statutorily appointed to the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority's ("HGIA") five-member board. As Vice Chair, Mr. Glenn's knowledge, expertise, and leadership skills were instrumental in being a key contributor to the objectives and goals of HGIA. He is team oriented and works well with others.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and offer support and comments for Governor's Message 506.

Dennis Wong
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 506,
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE SCOTT GLENN

PRESENTATION TO
THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA
ADJUTANT GENERAL,
DIRECTOR OF HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY,
AND HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR

MARCH 6, 2023

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee on Water and Land.

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General, Director of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and Homeland Security Advisor, Department of Defense, State of Hawaii.

I respectfully submit testimony in **SUPPORT of GM506**, relating to the Gubernatorial Nomination of Mr. Scott Glenn as Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mr. Glenn possesses a wealth of expertise and experience in both the public and private sector, and I believe he will continue to serve the people of Hawaii with integrity and thoughtfulness. He is a dedicated public servant and a proven leader who continues to serve at the most senior levels of the state. His track record leading the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) as its director, and the Hawaii State Energy Office as the state's Chief Energy Officer has been remarkable. Mr. Glenn is a team player and someone I believe the state is lucky to have on their team.

I have known and worked with Mr. Glenn as a peer under the previous administration and all my experiences with him have been positive and nothing short of impressive. The one thing that has stood out is he has always been deeply committed to bettering

Hawaii. Mr. Glenn is someone I would be honored to serve with and am confident he will be a pillar to help guide and lead our state into the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and for your consideration.

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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Date: 03/08/2023

Time: 01:00 PM

Location: CR 229 & Videoconference

Committee: Senate Water and Land

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: GM 0506 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Purpose of Bill:

Department's Position:

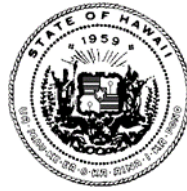
As the Superintendent of the Hawaii State Department of Education, I am providing testimony in support of GM 506, which nominates Scott Glenn for the position of Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and I urge his confirmation.

Mr. Glenn's extensive government and private sector experience make him an ideal choice to lead the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development through this critical period for the State. His prior experience at the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and various private sector positions speak to his skill as a leader who can help solve the State's development and environmental challenges. As Superintendent, I am confident in Mr. Glenn's ability to lead the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and recommend his confirmation by the Hawaii State Senate.

I have personally had the pleasure of working with Mr. Glenn on projects at Waipahu High School and I look forward to the opportunity to continue that working relationship.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 506.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
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CATHY BETTS
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March 7, 2023

TO: The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director
Joseph Campos II, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: **Testimony in Support**
G.M. 506, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Scott Glenn

Hearing: March 8, 2023 at 1:00 pm
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

The Department of Human Services (DHS) submits this testimony in support of Scott Glenn for the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mr. Glenn has extensive experience in sustainable development, renewable energy, policy development, and urban planning. Throughout the pandemic, DHS worked closely with Mr. Glenn to examine how hybrid and flexible work environments have an impact on energy use, pollution, and sustainable use of resources. Mr. Glenn always works collaboratively towards solutions and approaches the work he does with commitment, integrity, and dedication to the residents of Hawaii. Mr. Glenn is responsive, pro-active, and innovative, and he is an asset to state government.

Thank you for allowing us to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 506 and Mr. Glenn.

JOSH GREEN M.D.
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**TESTIMONY OF
GARY S. SUGANUMA, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION**

TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

In consideration of G.M. No. 506

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, gubernatorial nominee, Scott Glenn

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Water and Land

DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2023

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 229

Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

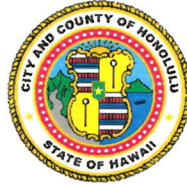
Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of the confirmation of Mr. Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD).

I believe Mr. Glenn's years of leadership experience within the Hawaii State Energy Office, Office of Environmental Quality Control and other roles in the private sector will enable him to address the challenges facing OPSD. I believe Mr. Glenn is prepared and committed to work with the communities in serving the best interests of the State and am confident that he has the experience, skillset and leadership abilities to successfully lead OPSD.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 506.

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March 1, 2023

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Water Land
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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SUBJECT: GM 506, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

As the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, it is my privilege to express my strong support for the confirmation of Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

During my years of service, I have had the opportunity to work directly with Scott Glenn and found him to be a professional, innovative, and collaborative problem-solver. I respectfully ask for this Committee's favorable consideration of Mr. Glenn's confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Formby".

Michael D. Formby
Managing Director



Written Statement of
Len Higashi
Executive Director
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Videoconference

In consideration of
GM506
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Mr. Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I have worked with Mr. Glenn since 2019 in this position and his previous role as Chief Energy Officer. He is a collaborative leader and the right person to carry the Office forward.

Mr. Glenn leads with the big picture in mind. He has a strong planning and sustainable development background and many years of government and private sector experience which helped him elevate Hawai'i's reputation on renewable energy policy. He stays grounded by keeping his ear to the community. I am confident that he will move Hawai'i forward with balance and respect to all. Mr. Glenn is an innovator, which makes him a valued partner for Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC). Finally, he has integrity and will always do what he thinks is best for the State of Hawai'i.

In summary, I think Mr. Glenn has many talents and attributes that will make him successful as Director of OPSD. Under his leadership, HTDC looks forward to partnering with OPSD in the years to come. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.



Ka Moku'aina 'O Hawai'i Aha Moku O Pae'Aina

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Testimony of the Hawaii State Aha Moku

Before the Senate Committee on

Water and Land

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

1:00 PM

Conference Room 229

IN SUPPORT of GM 506

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Glenn, for a term to expire December 07, 2026.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports this Gubernatorial Nominee.

Based on his extensive experience in government policymaking, legislature, zoning and planning in the State of Hawaii, Aha Moku supports Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Aha Moku brings forth the voices of the generational and traditional native Hawaiians of the eight islands of the Pae'Aina, the natural and cultural resources of Hawaii Nei. The health of the natural resources is intertwined with the health of the indigenous and host culture – the Native Hawaiian. All depend on the sustainability of the natural and cultural resources. We believe that Mr. Glenn will safely ensure the sustainability of the natural and cultural resources of Hawaii through careful planning that is fair and perpetual.

Thank you for the opportunity to sharing our mana'o with you. We support Mr. Glenn's nomination as the Chairperson of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Respectfully,

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Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters SUPPORT for GM 506

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (HRCC) supports GM 506, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026

HRCC recognizes that Scott was an early advocate for transit-orientated development.

When OEQC Director, he modernized Hawaii's rules to address affordable housing through balanced solutions with extensive public input.

As OSPD Director, Scott will promote infrastructure deployment and affordable housing, key priorities of the Green administration.

Scott recognizes that our members need a livable wage and need to be safe and resilient from climate change.

He also let us know that he will help promote economic development and workforce development and job opportunities.

Mahalo.

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Statement of
Craig K. Nakamoto, Executive Director
Hawai'i Community Development Authority

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration of
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**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director,
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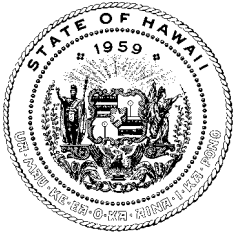
Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the Committee.

The Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) supports GM 506, for consideration and confirmation of Scott Glenn, as the director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD).

HCDA and OPSD have been successfully collaborating to implement transit-oriented development policies, that includes a mix of land uses such as affordable housing, commercial and/or other amenities integrated into a walkable, moderate-to-high density neighborhood, located within designated TOD zones.

HCDA is looking forward to working with Scott Glenn and his team at OPSD.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Testimony of the Environmental Advisory Council on GM 506
Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
March 8, 2023 at 1:00 pm

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N. Mahina Tuteur

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

The State of Hawai'i Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** Governor's Message (GM) 506, appointing Mr. Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) for a term to expire on December 7, 2026.

Many current members of the EAC have worked with Scott in his capacity as the previous Director of the Office of Environmental Quality and Control (OEQC) (now the OPSD, Environmental Review Program (ERP)). Scott was instrumental in encouraging Governor Ige to appoint a full membership of volunteers with relevant experience to the EAC (which at the time was the Environmental Council) so that the EAC could maintain quorum and complete an overhaul of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) rules under Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343. Scott also envisioned an organized a process to update the EIS rules which included public disclosure of multiple drafts of the rules, an online and in-person commenting process, many public meetings, and several informational sessions to assist with transition from the old rules to new rules.

While at the State Energy Office (SEO), Scott continued his support of the EAC and makes himself available to offer his assistance when needed. Even though he is extremely busy, Scott is very generous with his time and gives his all to his work and serving the people of Hawai'i. The EAC is confident that it will continue to receive the support and leadership that it needs with Scott at the helm of the OPSD.

Scott's experience both in the public and private sectors make him the right person to lead the OPSD. Scott has served on the State Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission since 2017. The OPSD, along with its attached agencies and boards and commissions, plays an important role in Hawai'i's planning future and navigating through the changes that Hawai'i is experiencing now and will continue to experience with climate change. While leading the SEO, SEO encouraged and supported projects that use Hawai'i's renewable energy resources to generate electricity to reduce Hawai'i's dependence on fossil fuels.

As Director of the OPSD, Scott will be able to use his extensive planning and government experience to support the State of Hawai'i in a more comprehensive role to focus on the State's planning needs, especially as the State is facing present impacts from issues such as (but

certainly not limited to) sea level rise and coastal erosion. Having someone with the requisite credentials who understands the issues that the State faces from many perspectives is exactly what we need.

Lastly, Scott has the temperament necessary to lead a State Department. Each encounter with him is polite and respectful. Scott takes the time needed to mindfully consider what is before him before taking a position on an issue or course of action, but not so much time that no progress is made. It is a pleasure for the EAC members to continue to serve the State of Hawai'i with Scott.

For these reasons, the EAC strongly supports GM 506 and asks this Committee to recommend confirmation of Scott's nomination to the full Senate.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Puananionaona Thoene
Chair
Environmental Advisory Council

Robin Kaye
Chair
EAC Legislative Committee



Testimony Before the House Committee on Water and Land

By David Bissell
President and Chief Executive Officer
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4463 Pahe'e Street, Suite 1, Līhu'e, Hawai'i, 96766-2000

Wednesday, March 8, 2023; 1:00 pm
Conference Room #229 & Videoconference

GM 506 – Nomination of Scott Glenn; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

To Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee:

Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) is a not-for-profit utility providing electrical service to more than 34,000 commercial and residential members.

KIUC supports the nomination of Scott Glenn for this position.

Since his appointment as Chief Energy Officer for the State of Hawai'i in 2019, KIUC has enjoyed a positive, collaborative working relationship with Mr. Glenn and his team at the Hawai'i State Energy Office. We have found Mr. Glenn to be open and transparent in his communications, and generous in offering support and technical assistance for many of KIUC's initiatives and projects.

Mr. Glenn's experience with the University of Hawai'i, the State of Hawai'i and the private sector provides him with a well-rounded knowledge and experience base which we believe will bring significant value to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

We encourage you to support Mr. Glenn's nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration.

GM-506

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 3:02:09 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LIBRADO COBIAN	Testifying for AAC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I extremely support Scott Glenn's nomination, he's very experienced in the Environmental Industry and in the past i

has been very expedient and responsive to the public when emailed for environmental inquiries. Li Cobian

TESTIMONY OF GERALD A. SUMIDA, ESQ.
CARLSMITH BALL LLP
BEFORE THE
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
THE SENATE
ON GM 506
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
SCOTT J. GLENN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026
CONFERENCE ROOM 229, STATE CAPITOL
MARCH 8, 2023

Madame Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am Gerald A. Sumida, a partner of the Hawai'i-based law firm of Carlsmith Ball LLP, and I am very pleased to present this testimony in very strong support of the confirmation of Scott J. Glenn to the position of Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development of the State of Hawai'i.

I became familiar with Scott when he was the Chief Energy Officer of the State of Hawai'i and led the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO), and interacted with him on various statewide energy planning and development matters. In that position, he succeeded in reinvigorating that important office, including developing a strong team that is well-versed in technical, organizational, and community education and outreach expertise and skills that have greatly enhanced the activities and accomplishments of HSEO. His previous service as the Director of the State of Hawai'i Office of Environmental Quality Control proved a valuable foundation for his broad vision of the HSEO's mission and how it should be best fulfilled in our State's changing energy ecosystem and environment. This is of special importance as we have come to recognize the very close nexus between how we generate and use forms of energy for power and transportation and how we must identify and deal with impacts of our energy use upon climate change impacts in our State. His efforts include participation in the State's Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission as well as participation in national and international climate change policy conferences and events, focusing on how Hawai'i should deal with these planet-affecting developments. His educational background centering on urban and regional planning early provided a valuable foundation for the leadership roles that he has been able to perform in these agencies and initiatives.

As such, he brings not only a broad and deep background in public policy and strategic planning skills and perspectives, with a broad understanding of energy and environment dimensions, but also an appreciation of what is required to transform the planning process into the development of strategic programs and their implementation. This is especially critical in the extensive work that the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development is currently engaged in seeking approaches to preserve the core values of our Hawai'i society while at the same time seeking effectively to deal with unprecedented challenges of economic, social, cultural, energy, and environmental sustainability, among others, shaping how our State will approach its future.

My own work over the past several years has been extensively involved in all facets developing and working with energy projects, especially renewable energy projects involving wind, geothermal, solar, biomass, hydroelectric, ocean thermal energy conversion, and similar types of projects, and related financing, legislative, and policy dimensions. These types of projects seek to use Hawai'i's indigenous renewable energy resources, increase our State's energy self-sufficiency, diversify our workforce capabilities, reduce greenhouse gas and other types of emissions, and create other long-lasting benefits for Hawai'i and our people. The HSEO under Scott's leadership, with the able support of his expanded team members, have helped to encourage these renewable and other energy developments, and at the same time broaden community knowledge and participation in helping to fashion how these and related projects might best be developed for the long-term benefit of our various communities. At the same time, he and his HSEO team have worked with both other State and County governments and agencies as well as private sector firms in the energy area and community groups and organizations sharing similar interests and concerns. I am very confident that he will bring this same kind of vision, effective leadership, and team approach to the position of Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

The State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development's statutory mission is basically to (1) provide central direction and cohesion in the allocation of resources and effectuation of State activities and programs, and (2) effectively address current or emerging issues and opportunities for the State. Scott would bring substantial proven experience to this position of Director and, by virtue of his leadership, provide the Governor and the State, County, and federal agencies with valuable policy and program advice and recommendations in matters critical to Hawai'i's future.

For all of these reasons, I strongly urge that Scott J. Glenn be confirmed as Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development of the State of Hawai'i for a term to expire on December 7, 2026.

Thanks you for your favorable consideration in this matter.

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Committee on Water and Land
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Dear Senators,

I am writing today in strong support for your confirmation of Scott Glenn to be the Director of the Office of Planning & Sustainable Development. I am writing as a private citizen although a good deal of my observation of Scott Glenn has been in my role as a volunteer on first the OEQC and now the EAC.

I have served on many volunteer boards for the past 35 years and one other state agency (Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for 8 years). This has allowed me to learn a good deal about the difference between traditional businesses, non-profits as businesses and the State of Hawaii and how our state operates its business. Frankly, I am amazed at how fortunate the State of Hawaii is in attracting so many capable people to serve we the citizens in leadership roles across the many agencies' posts that must be filled. Especially in today's environment there are so many lucrative positions available across the world to have someone of Scott Glenn's caliber willing and able to serve as the Director of OIP is a blessing.

Scott's resume speaks of his zeal for education and accomplishments. I observed Scott Glenn recognize the skills and talents in his employees and work with those gifts to grow their talents to better serve the departments mission. While at OEQC Mr. Glenn worked tirelessly to recruit a cross section of the population to serve on the advisory council and groom that council to be better listeners, have a stronger understanding of Chapter 343 when needed. He led the council in an in depth rewrite that encompassed a huge coalition of participants and input from tremendous number of interested parties. He employed modern technology and married it with old fashioned style to make sure truly everyone felt heard, that their voice matters.

Its no secret that OEQC has had a troubled past. The commitment Scott Glenn provided and the compassion he delivered it with brought about a much more enjoyable place to work and on that volunteers could be proud to be a part of. We need more people doing work like this in our state. Please confirm Scott Glenn to be the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

With Aloha,

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2016-current EAC Advisory Member Hawaii Island
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March 6, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Hawaii Senate, Committee on Water and Land
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Re: Letter in Support of Nomination of Scott Glenn to Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

Dear Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elefante,

This letter is to express Par Hawaii's support of the nomination of Scott Glenn to Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Par Hawaii is a leading supplier of fuel products in Hawaii. We operate a refinery in Kapolei, producing fuels for a range of customers including Hawaii's utilities, airlines, marine and trucking fuel users and others. We operate a fuel distribution network serving the islands of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, Molokai and Oahu. Our company also operates convenience stores and sells fuel under the Hele and 76 brands.

I have known and worked with Mr. Glenn since late 2019 when he was named Chief Energy Officer. Here are a few examples of our experience working with Mr. Glenn.

- The pandemic sent shock waves through the energy industry, as travel ground to a halt. Our company, as well as Hawaii's utilities, confronted sudden and drastic changes to energy demands. We were able to navigate these challenges and continue the reliable and secure supply of fuel. During this time, we were frequently in touch with Mr. Glenn and his colleagues at the State Energy Office. Mr. Glenn and his team were balanced and thoughtful as we worked through this period.
- In the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, our company made the decision to cease purchases of Russian crude oil. In prior years, approximately 20-25% of our crude oil was sourced from Eastern Russia because of its relatively high yield of jet fuel, and because of its proximity to Hawaii. Crude is purchased months in advance of delivery, so at the time of the invasion we still had previously committed cargos en route to Hawaii. Mr. Glenn was a critical conduit between our company and State and Federal policymakers. While the Biden Administration and the US Congress examined policy options to sanction Russia, Mr. Glenn provided advice to ensure that Hawaii's energy supply would remain uninterrupted.
- While we did not always agree with Mr. Glenn's, or the State Energy Office's, stances on policy matters, Mr. Glenn was always willing to listen to and take into account our concerns and perspective. We found him to be practical and realistic, putting the needs of Hawaii first.
- Mr. Glenn has also been a good partner as we have explored options to repurpose units at our refinery to produce renewable diesel or sustainable aviation fuels for the Hawaii market.

In summary, we strongly support Mr. Glenn's nomination to Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I would be happy to expand on the above points, or answer any questions you have.

Sincerely,

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Eric Wright
President
Par Hawaii



STANFORD CARR DEVELOPMENT, LLC

▪ March 7, 2023

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Re: Testimony – GM 506 Consideration and Confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Glenn
Hearing: March 8, 2023, at 1:00 PM
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee Members:

It is my pleasure to express **support** for the appointment of Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development responsible for the comprehensive strategic planning and program coordination of land use, coastal management and geographic information system programs and policies throughout the State.

My support for Scott is founded on my direct experience with him as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC). As Director, he demonstrated leadership skills as well as the ability to engage various stakeholders with competing interests and to align the common ground to develop good public policy.

Scott was instrumental in amending the OEQC's policy to allow for an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement exemption for affordable housing on properties that were already urbanized and zoned consistent with the area's intended use. The EA or EIS exemption eliminates significant costs and expedites the processing time for Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 201H-38 applications. According construction of affordable housing commences sooner.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development will benefit greatly from his proven track record. Your consideration and confirmation of Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development is humbly requested.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Scott Glenn.

Respectfully,

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Stanford S. Carr



SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

March 8, 2023, 1:00 P.M.
Conference Room 229

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 506

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee members:

Blue Planet Foundation is pleased to **support the nomination of Scott Glenn to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.**

Blue Planet Foundation is a Hawai'i-based nonprofit organization. We are committed to helping Hawai'i achieve its climate goals and accelerate progress towards a more just and sustainable clean energy future. Through our advocacy for clean energy, sustainable transportation, and energy efficiency, we seek to make our communities stronger, our energy more secure, our environment healthier, and our economy more robust.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Glenn has made significant contributions to Hawai'i through his dedication to government service. He is a demonstrated leader and team builder that values collaboration and reaches across the table to be inclusive of a diversity of voices. He has a long history of building relationships and tackling complex challenges with respect and trust.

Moreover, Mr. Glenn's professional experience across multiple government agencies as well as the private sector, and his educational and research background in urban and regional planning, make him well suited for this new role as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Mr. Glenn is thoughtful and intentional about the role of planning efforts in accomplishing the state's policy goals. As just one example, in his previous role, he sought legislative support for a decarbonization strategy that would identify specific and actionable steps to help Hawai'i achieve carbon emissions reductions in line with the state's goal to be carbon-negative by 2045. In 2022, he successfully worked with legislators on HB 1800 (signed into law as Act 238 of 2022) to fund such a decarbonization strategy for Hawai'i.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development plays a key role in ensuring that Hawai'i achieves its sustainability goals through comprehensive planning and effective coordination. We are confident that Mr. Glenn has the expertise and commitment to thoughtfully contribute to moving Hawai'i closer to a shared vision of a sustainable and resilient future.

We hope you will support his confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support of GM 506.**

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Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

Senate Committee On Water And Land
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

GM 506—Confirmation Scott Glenn as Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
1:00 P.M.

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a non-profit market recovery trust fund which represents approximately 7,000 men and women union carpenters and 240 large and small contractors. With our expertise in research, compliance, marketing, and project advocacy, we are committed to building a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs, and enhances the quality of life for all residents of Hawaii.

PRP writes in **strong support** of GM 506, confirming as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Scott Glenn.

Mr. Glenn has extensive professional experience in both the public and private sectors. He brings with him valuable experiences obtained while serving as the Chief Energy Officer for the Hawaii State Energy Office and as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control under the Governor Ige Administration. Mr. Glenn has demonstrated his commitment to public service and patience and ability to understand and work with stakeholders from various backgrounds to create effective policies, such as the EA or EIS exemption for affordable housing projects while serving as the Director of OEQC.

Given the above, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration on Mr. Glenn's confirmation.





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March 7, 2023

TESTIMONY ON GM 506

SUPPORT

Senator Inouye, Chair
Senator Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee,

We strongly support the nomination of Scott Glenn to the position of Director for the State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Scott has shown an ability to work with diverse groups, both as Executive Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control and Director of the Hawai'i State Energy Office. He has brought a high level of intelligence, collaboration and integrity to his work and represents our state with dignity and foresight.

Scott has always been willing to look deeply into complex issues to determine a best-case outcome for Hawai'i. He is also able to bring talented individuals into his sphere and encourage them to work diligently to discern the correct scientific data to apply, as well as incorporate community social concerns. His background offers the qualifications to hit the ground running in his new position as Director of OPSD.

Pacific Biodiesel has consistently advocated for a diverse renewable energy portfolio and community based solutions. We would be pleased to work with Scott Glenn in this new position for the benefit of the State.

Mahalo,

Bob King
CEO, Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, LLC
Former Chair, OEQC

Kelly King
Vice President, Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, LLC

Date: March 7th, 2023

From: Coastal Planners, LLC
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To: Committee on Water and Land
Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair



RE: **GM 506**
Scott Glenn
Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

Dear Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

I **strongly support** the Governor's nomination of Scott Glenn to lead the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and encourage you to approve his nomination to the position.

I have known Scott for over 15 years and have worked with him in private practice and in the public service. He is smart, passionate, balanced, fair, and an open-minded listener who can get things done. He is creative and innovative because he understands the constraints and opportunities in coastal, environmental, conservation and land use planning, permitting and management.

He has real world experience in understanding landowner needs and project proponent schedules, constraints and finances. He has succeeded in coordinating with, and listening to, community members and creating solutions and better projects as a result of gathering stakeholder input. He also developed innovative mechanisms to garner stakeholder input, gather subject matter expertise, and facilitate community dialogue and expression of concerns so as to develop consensus on issues and solutions.

A case in point was his approach to updating the decades-old environmental review rules for the State of Hawaii. He researched the law and rules here and in other States, as well as the federal environmental review system. He then actively sought out the input and opinion of subject matter experts, agency staff, and practitioners on what works, what doesn't, and what needed to be changed. He further sought out the opinion activists, community members and stakeholders whom are immersed in using and applying the rules on a regular basis. The dialogue around the rule amendments went a significant step further by having an ongoing, interactive, 'blog' of comments along with the reason and rationale for the proposed change. Each author or contributor was granted the opportunity to explain their reasoning behind a particular recommendation. This empowered participants to discuss and banter over the pros and cons of particular word choices or verbiage, share new ideas in context of practice, and incorporate legal precedent and case law. The result was a finely tuned, well-vetted set of rule amendments that built upon the input and logic of numerous participants, not just a few agency staff, practitioners, or vocal advocates. Having personally amended county rules multiple times and facilitated several amendments to Hawaii state law, I can attest to the strength of Scott's novel approach to amend Hawaii Administrative Rules 11-200.1 for Environmental Review.

Scott cares about Hawaii's sustainable growth enough to have initiated "Better Block Hawaii", a nimble non-profit that helps local communities improve their sense of place by making smart, spatial innovations like parklets to brighten and beautify neighborhoods, enhance open space, and create inviting, vibrant places to live, work, eat, gather and play.

Scott and I worked together on the proposed use of vacant oceanfront land that had misaligned land use entitlements. Scott went the extra mile to research and investigate the underlying factors that led to the situation. We then used this information to help inform remedies and adjust and adapt the proposed use to ensure that coastal resources were protected and sustained.

Scott is an academically trained planner, he has been a successful planner in the private practice, he has led staff and handled budgets in the public sector, and he has worked to improve his community and Hawaii's sense of place. The State of Hawaii, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development *needs* to be led by a professional, trained, credentialed, qualified **planner**. Scott is that!

Please appoint him as the Director of this important agency. We would benefit from his leadership and fair balance.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 808 344-1595 or email Coastalplanners@gmail.com

Sincerely

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Thorne Abbott



W A I K I K I I M P R O V E M E N T A S S O C I A T I O N

**Testimony of Rick Egged
Waikiki Improvement Association
Before the
The Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, March 8, 2021. 1:00pm
In consideration, of the Nomination Scott Glenn to the position of
Director, Office of State Planning and Sustainable Development
Governor's Message No. 506**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land. I am Rick Egged, President of the Waikiki Improvement Association. We are in support of GM 506 nominating Scott Glen to serve as of Director Office of State Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mr. Glenn has an extensive record of public service and is well qualified to assume this most important position. While we do not expect to agree with every nominee on every issue we believe that Scott is a reasonable person that we can work with. When we don't agree we look forward to working with Scott to help find reasonable solutions that improve the lives of the residents of Hawaii.

Your consideration to this matter is appreciated in advance.

TESTIMONY OF
AES

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
MARCH 8, 2023
1:00 P.M.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 506

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee on Water and Land:

On behalf of AES, I would like to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Scott Glenn to Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

AES shares the state's vision for a 100% clean energy future, and is committed to helping the state responsibly transition to a carbon-free energy future with over 350 megawatts of renewable energy projects across the Hawaiian Islands.

Scott's experience serving as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, and more recently as the Chief Energy Officer for the Hawai'i State Energy Office, makes him well qualified to lead the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

His vast and specialized experience and understanding of environmental issues, including environmental planning, climate change adaptation and green infrastructure, will be an asset to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. There is no doubt that he will do an excellent job leading the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

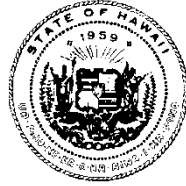
For these reasons, we humbly ask you to support GM 506 and confirm Scott Glenn's appointment as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sandra Larsen
Hawai'i Market Business Leader
AES



JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

Statement of
Hakim Ouansafi, Executive Director
Hawaii Public Housing Authority

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
1:00 PM
Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
GM 506

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT GLENN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026.

Honorable Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee on Water and Land, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 506, to consider and confirm Scott Glenn to the position of Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I have known Scott for many years, and I am honored to be working alongside with him in Governor Green's Administration. He is an integral part of a team that is committed to addressing the many issues facing our State and I believe that he will be able to effectively fulfill his role through his life experiences and professional expertise.

There is no doubt in my mind that he will continue to bring a fresh perspective on how to deliver services, improve the experience of those we serve, and strive to maximize taxpayer dollars efficiently and effectively.

The HPHA urges the Committee to pass GM 506 and confirm Scott Glenn to the position of Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.



Hawaii Solar Energy Association
Serving Hawaii Since 1977

Testimony of The Hawaii Solar Energy Association (HSEA) Regarding GM506, the Nomination Hearing of SCOTT GLENN as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, before the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Wednesday, March 8th, 2023

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and committee members:

The Hawaii Solar Energy Association (HSEA) **strongly supports** the nomination of Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

HSEA members include the majority of locally owned and operated renewable energy companies doing business in the state along with leading global cleantech manufacturers and service providers that invest and sell in our market. We employ thousands of residents in diverse green economy jobs that are innovating, designing, and building Hawaii's pathway to a renewable energy future. We advocate for policies that help Hawaii achieve critical climate and resilience goals by enabling residents and businesses to invest in and benefit from the transition to clean energy. These investments provide reliable and affordable power that reduces energy cost burden for all and contributes to Hawaii's energy security as we decarbonize our economy and electric grid.

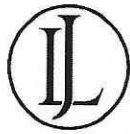
Scott Glenn is an excellent choice to lead the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. His track record of accomplishments and leadership experience gained in his prior roles as Hawaii's Chief Energy Officer and Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control have prepared him well for this new role, and the people of Hawaii will benefit from it.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in strong support of his nomination.

Respectfully,

/s/ Rocky Mould

Rocky Mould
Executive Director



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JENNIFER A. LIM LLLC

March 7, 2023

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

Date and Time of Hearing:
March 8, 2023
1:00 pm

**Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 506: Gubernatorial Nominee
Scott Glenn for Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development**

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

I write in **unequivocal support of Scott Glenn** serving as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (“OPSD”). Mr. Glenn has a keen analytical mind paired with a demonstrated commitment to transparency and fairness, together with a track record of getting the necessary and hard work done. He would be an exceptional asset to OPSD.

I first met Mr. Glenn early in his term as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, as he was initiating the long overdue process of updating the Hawaii Administrative Rules for the implementation of the State’s environmental impact statement law (HRS chapter 343). Throughout that process he actively sought feedback from a full spectrum of interested parties. He was not a Director doing the bidding of the environmental community, or the development community, or any other special interest. He was a Director who was willing to wrestle with competing interests and work through cumbersome and tedious language in order to produce a product that would benefit all.

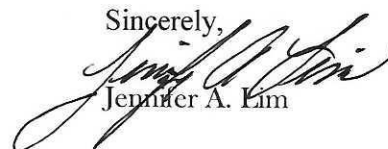
He created numerous opportunities for the public to provide feedback on the draft rules, seriously considered and documented that feedback, documented responses to that feedback, and made all of that information available to the public. Then, in addition to compiling this administrative history, Mr. Glenn worked with the Environmental Council to compile a 60+ page Rationale document, explaining the purpose and meaning of the changes that had been made to the administrative rules.

Mr. Glenn clearly has the skills and experience to oversee this important department. He also well meets the statutory requirements under HRS §225M-2 through his Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree, his work as Chief Energy Officer for the State Energy Office and as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, and his extensive work in strategic planning prior to entering government service.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Mr. Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Thank you the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,



Jennifer A. Lim

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 12:51:47 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pride at Work - Hawaii	Testifying for Pride @ Work - Hawaii	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

Pride at Work – Hawai‘i is an official chapter of Pride At Work which is a national nonprofit organization that represents LGBTQIA+ union members and their allies. P@W-HI opposes the confirmation of Scott Glenn .

We ask that you vote not to confirm his appointment.

Mahalo,

Pride at Work – Hawai‘i



March 7, 2023

To the honorable members of the Hawai'i Senate Committee on Water and Land:

I write to voice my **strong support** for the confirmation of Scott Glenn as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. In my position as a researcher, the Co-Director of the Pacific RISA research program, the Lead Author of the 4th US-National Climate Assessment Chapter for Hawai'i and the Pacific Islands, and the Vice-Chair of the City & County of Honolulu Climate Change Commission, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with Mr. Glenn for over a decade on issues of climate and policy.

Mr. Glenn has been a tireless advocate for the well-being of the people, communities, ecosystems, and climate of Hawai'i over the decade I have known and worked with him and has shown thoughtfulness and a commitment to collaboration on every project we have worked on together. Over ten years ago, we met while both working on freshwater supply issues on the island of Guam and discussed the challenge of integrating climate change impacts and environmental planning on the island with its dual military and government management of surface and ground water. We have continued to cross paths over the years on climate adaptation initiatives across the state, including through the ICAC (the precursor to the Hawai'i State Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Commission) and through his input into the 4th and 5th US-National Climate Assessments, which are important ways to elevate state and regional climate needs to a federal level.

While at the state Energy Office, we continued to collaborate on energy and climate mitigation and adaptation strategies, and I came to value his knowledge and insight of state policies relevant to climate change impacts. If confirmed as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, I am confident that Scott will continue to utilize the most advanced and accurate climate science and data available to inform the work of the Office, working constructively and collaboratively with communities, organizations, scientists, across government agencies at state and county levels, and the private sector to advance the equitable environmental and economic well-being of the people of Hawai'i.

With aloha,

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Victoria Keener, Ph.D.

Co-Lead, [Pacific RISA](#)

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Testimony by Harry Saunders
President, Castle & Cooke Hawai'i
March 7, 2023

The Senate Committee on Water and Land
Regarding:

GM 506

**Regarding the Confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Glenn**

SUPPORT

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the appointment of Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development plays an important role for the State as it provides strategic planning, state comprehensive planning, land use planning, coastal and ocean policy management, regional planning studies, and national, and international planning. Their guidance and decisions are critical as they help shape the future of the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Glenn comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge through his years in environmental planning and leadership roles within the State's Energy Office, and Office of Environmental Quality Control. Mr. Glenn is a global thinker, collaboratively engages the public for input, and has a balanced perspective that leads to sound decision-making.

Scott Glenn is an excellent choice and I humbly request that Scott Glenn be confirmed as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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GM-506

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Ha	Testifying for DaRubbahSlippahGroup.com	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I very strongly support Scott Glenn. I have seen his work. He is excellent!

March 7, 2023

Chair Lorraine R. Inouye
Vice Chair Brandon J.C. Elefante
Members of the Committee on Water and Land

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Re: **GM 506** – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Glenn

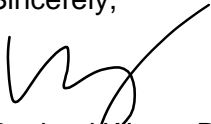
I am writing in **strong support** of the confirmation of Scott Glenn as the Director of the State of Hawai'i Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD). I met Scott when we served together in the previous administration and had the opportunity over the last few years to get to know him better as a dedicated and respected leader.

One Shared Future worked with the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) team, then led by Scott, for the last few years and has provided professional development support. As such, we can offer a unique vantage point into his leadership style, values, and impact. Scott's leadership style is grounded in his values, which include honesty, kindness, integrity, and a steadfast focus on serving Hawai'i, our communities, and the health of our environment. He is collaborative, inclusive, and thoughtful in action and word, and he is patient—Scott understands the steps required to do things the right way for long-lasting change. This means taking extra time and energy to reach out to others, to open up communication, and to offer new ways of partnering for shared goals.

We have a firsthand, objective view of Scott's leadership approach with the HSEO team, which started with a vision of a collaborative, respectful culture that is grounded in clean energy goals and a group able to work towards these goals with internal, external, and varied partners. His strategic, inclusive, and tailored approach was to invest in the HSEO team, members' individual growth, clear communication, a physical and cultural environment in which people can thrive, and shared objectives and plans. The testimonies you will read and hear that support Scott's nomination are, in part, his leadership style and values, and the impact he's made on individuals, organizations, and local communities.

One Shared Future is an organization founded for our interconnected communities: we collectively imagine a positive future for Hawai'i and bring people together across sectors to co-create that future by nurturing safe spaces and providing professional development experiences. It is in this spirit that I urge to you confirm Scott Glenn as the OPSD director so that he has the opportunity to continue working with others to lead Hawai'i to a thriving future.

Sincerely,



Rachael Wong, DrPH
Founder & Strategic Advisor

To: The Honorable Chair Lorraine Inouye, The Honorable Vice Chair Brandon Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land

From: Ted Bohlen

Re GM506: submitting nomination of Scott Glenn for Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

Hearing: Wednesday March 8, 2023, 1:00 pm cr229.

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land

I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** the nomination of Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development!

I know Scott Glenn very well. I have worked with him for over ten years and watched him develop and mature from a graduate student into an exceptional public servant. He was my client for several years when I represented his office as a Deputy Attorney General. I saw how skillfully and fairly he managed the office. The rulemaking process he managed there was a model of transparency, the finest I ever saw in my forty years of government service.

Scott is meticulous, open-minded, and considerate of all viewpoints. He has worked in the private sector as a professional planning consultant and coordinator on project developments, including nationally and internationally. This experience, in addition to his governmental service, I believe enables Scott to understand and consider multiple sides of contentious issues in planning.

I believe that Scott is the right choice for this important planning position at this critical time. He has extensive experience in planning and sustainable development. He has helped facilitate affordable housing, a critical need for Hawaii. Scott worked with the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to develop an exemption for affordable housing from environmental assessment or environmental impact statements when developed in an urban area consistent with that area's intended use. Scott also has helped align the state and federal environmental review processes to reduce process redundancy.

He has helped the State manage efforts in very controversial areas, including real estate and energy developments. While some may not agree with everything the

State has done, there is no question that Scott has approached these challenges with integrity and dedication to public service.

I give my highest endorsement of Scott Glenn and urge the Senate to approve his nomination as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development!

Mahalo!

Ted Bohlen, former Deputy Attorney General

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/5/2023 3:30:55 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denise E Antolini	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha WTL Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee,

I write in strong support of Scott J. Glenn to direct the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD).

Scott will be an excellent leader in this key position. He has a proven track record of working effectively, calmly, collaboratively, and professionally across the business, government, and community sectors in the specific areas that fall under OPSD.

He is a leading expert in both planning and environmental review - as well as energy policy.

I have known Scott since he was a masters student in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. I was a co-Principal Investigator on a Legislative-authorized comprehensive study of the Hawai'i Environmental Review System, along with two of my University of Hawai'i colleagues.

We hired Scott - and (now Representative) Nicole Lowen - as our two lead graduate students to work on the extensive two-year study. Scott (and Nicole) did outstanding work on the lengthy study, which resulted in a published report in 2010 for the Legislative Reference Bureau, and provided support for later legislative reform and rule changes.

After he graduated from UH, I followed Scott's career closely given how impressed I was with his excellent work on the 2010 study team. As his CV indicates, Scott has gained varied, deep, and diverse multi-sector experience in the planning and environmental review field.

After Scott became OEQC Director, I began working with him and the Office closely on a variety of projects including the revisions to the Environmental Council Administrative Rules, which I had previously worked on for many years when I was Chair of the Environmental Council.

For about three years, my team of law students and graduates provided administrative support for the OEQC rule revision efforts, which was a huge task! Through that extended working relationship with Scott and everyone in the Office, I gained even more specific knowledge of his outstanding work ethic, unwavering dedication to good governance, strategic vision, collaborative skills, and devotion to solving hard and complex tasks.

Scott not only succeeded in a massive rule revision effort, but did so in a manner that was inclusive of all of the diverse sectors (and governmental levels/agencies) that are involved in our very important State environmental review process, keeping the interests of business and environmental groups balanced, and maximizing the expertise of staff and the Environmental Council - no small feat.

In fact, although there is always room for change in any set of rules over time, the "new" (2019) OEQC rules set a "gold standard" for the state rulemaking process, for iterative engagement of stakeholders, and for meticulous transparency. Scott could have cut corners and did the minimum, but he did not - he intentionally devoted enormous effort to keeping everyone engaged and moving forward together, demonstrating strong, caring, and thoughtful leadership.

I hope that these snapshots that I have provided of Scott's character, integrity, and unique skills for this position are helpful.

Mahalo for supporting Scott for OSPD Director!

Sincerely,

Denise Antolini, Professor of Law, William S. Richardson School of Law,

Pūpūkea resident

Anthony Aalto
Testimony to the Senate Committee On Water and Land

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair
Wednesday March 8th 1:00pm
Item # GM506

Regarding consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of
Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT
GLENN

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the committee.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

I have known Scott Glenn for more than a dozen years. I know him to be the true epitome of a public servant.

He has the highest ethical standards.

He is intelligent and extremely hard working - he takes his work home on weekends and on his precious few holidays. He always knows his stuff. He's dedicated and loyal - he's not a showboat, he does not seek the limelight, he plays for the team. He's frugal - always seeking federal funds and looking for ways to spend money more efficiently to make Hawaii's tax dollars go as far as possible. He's innovative and a good leader. And above all he's passionate in pursuing the best interests of the people of the state of Hawaii.

Scott's work as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control -where he led the update of the state's environmental review process- was a classic example of these qualities in action. Through smarts, and tact, and hard work, through patience and persistence, he was able to bring together developers, environmentalists and other parties who seldom sing from the same song sheet, behind a package of long-overdue reforms.

At the state Energy Office, he quietly built a smart and dedicated team that has been highly instrumental in helping Hawaii continue to lead the nation in the effort to decarbonize our economy. In the midst of post-pandemic supply chain issues that threatened utility scale solar projects, at the same time as the closure of the AES coal plant loomed, he kept his cool, kept his focus, and helped ensure the lights stayed on.

Initiatives that Scott has launched will fundamentally boost Hawaii's energy resilience in coming years.

Scott's experience in the private sector supervising environmental surveys together with his Master's degree from the Department of Urban & Regional Planning at UH Manoa, give him a deep insight into the practical as well as theoretical side of the planning process. He understands what needs to be done and he has the experience working in government to know where the hurdles are and how to overcome them. He's a firm believer that if government is to win back the people's trust it must be ruthlessly efficient.

Scott was an early supporter of efforts to switch our planning towards transit oriented developments in the urban core, as a way to sustainably build more affordable housing. Not popular at the time, now both state and county are doing everything they can to pursue that policy.

Solving the state's affordable housing crisis and the associated infrastructure needs, at the same time as building-out the state's renewable energy infrastructure; while boosting the state's food resilience; at the same time as adapting to the rainfall flooding and sea level rise impacts of the climate crisis, requires a state planning director with a demonstrated understanding of how all these things connect, a demonstrated ability to master complex problems, and a demonstrated ability to bring competing interests to the table to get things done.

I respectfully urge you to approve Scott's nomination to the post of Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mahalo.

TESTIMONY OF
GREGG J. KINKLEY

With regard to the appointment of
Scott Glenn as Director,
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
GM506

for the 1:00 pm hearing on March 8, 2023, of the

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

To Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I have known Scott Glenn, both personally and professionally, for over a decade now, and have thereby an informed and consistent view of him as personable, honest, industrious, creative, compassionate, and responsible. Among those who have chosen a life of public service, few have answered the call more clearly, consistently, and innovatively than Scott. Having been involved in some way with the turmoil of policy decision-making presented to the directors of the various agencies administratively attached to DBEDT over the last nearly 20 years, I have had the opportunity to see Scott in a variety of situations, from routine to crisis, both immediate and long-term, and have observed an uncompromising devotion to excellence, practicality, and intelligence, coupled with an indefatigable striving for achieving the best results for the State of Hawaii. It is because of all of these manifested qualities that I believe Scott is an excellent choice to fulfil the duties of the Director for the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Specifically, I believe Scott's strengths and proven record in the following areas make him an excellent choice for this position:

1. *Knowledge of the Subject Matter.* Earlier, as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, Scott led the way in getting important amended rules in place – a highly technical and difficult task. As the first Chief Energy Officer of the newly-created Hawaii State Energy Office, Scott's guidance in successfully and meaningfully intervening in a variety of Public Utility Commission dockets has helped create a record for sound decision-making that the PUC itself has often commented on positively. These two subject matter areas also crucially complement OPSD's range of issues.
2. *Ability to Get Things Done.* Scott is always available and works whenever and wherever the need arises. He does not complain, and holds himself accountable in a transparent and positive way.

3. *Good Administrator.* Having advised the staff of the State Energy Office as well as Scott over the years, it is clear to me that his ability to manage people, form positive relationships, and get the best result from staff is a strong point. He understands how to manage, guide, and delegate: talents often overlooked and harder to find currently.
4. *Interests of the State Paramount.* Far from being a “loose cannon” or embarking on missions informed by self-aggrandizement, Scott always places the best interests of the State foremost, and has an excellent sense of what those interests are, given his education and years of experience.

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony today.

March 8, 2023

Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Honorable Brandon J. C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

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Re: Testimony in support of Governor's Message 506; Nomination of Scott Glenn

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members:

My name is Ryan Toyomura and I am an attorney with the law firm Ashford & Wriston LLP, testifying in my personal capacity **in strong support** of the confirmation of Mr. Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Glenn when he was Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (k/n/a the Environmental Review Program) while I was the senior advisor to the Senate Committee on Housing (the "Committee"). To meet the formidable goal of the Special Action Team on Affordable Rental Housing's recommendation of 22,500 units by 2026, an infusion of capital and bold policies was desperately needed. The Committee identified numerous challenges to affordable housing development including funding, infrastructure, and outdated environmental rules to name a few.

Having responsibility over administering the state's environmental review program (Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes), Mr. Glenn played an active role in engaging the Committee as it considered various proposals to amend the environmental assessment (EA) and environmental impact statement (EIS) law to better position the State's ability to meet its housing needs. This was no easy task given the perceived polarization between development and environmental protection. However, due in part to Mr. Glenn's leadership and willingness to be part of the solution, affordable housing developments now enjoy limited exemptions from EA/EIS requirements under Section 11-200.1-15, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

Mr. Glenn was successful at balancing the needs between building homes quicker to address the state's housing crisis with protecting our environment and natural resources. I believe his thoughtful approach to planning, energy, the environment, and leadership will greatly benefit the OPSD and the State. Through the countless hours I spent with Mr. Glenn on our housing issues, I can attest to his commitment to public service. Therefore, I respectfully ask this committee's affirmative recommendation to advise and consent his nomination as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Very truly yours,



Ryan M. Toyomura, Esq.

Senate's Committee on Water & Land
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Wednesday, March 8, 2022 at 1:00 PM

RE: GM 506 - OPPOSITION to Appointment of Scott Glenn for Director - Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice-chair Elefante & members,

I am writing in opposition to Scott Glenn's appointment to be director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

The basis for this opposition is from his time as Director of the State's Energy Office.

In June of 2022 he knew that by pre-maturely closing the coal power plant would lead cost hikes and power shortages in the long run for the island of Oahu. KHON2's news story - [Power cost hike, supply crunch ahead as last Hawaii coal plant closes](#)



The same day this was posted to the [Hawaii State Energy Office Facebook](#) page we saw rolling blackouts on the island of Hawaii. No were on their Facebook page did the office even acknowledge these rolling blackouts.

Mr. Glenn has shown no ability to plan and he should not be in control of an office who's number 1 job is to plan.

Hawaii deserves better so please do not vote to confirm his appointment.

Mahalo,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 7:53:21 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kahea	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I aloha and malama our environment. I am a Hilo resident and climate activist. I oppose GM 506.

Hawaii has needed an energy plan for years. We have limited aina and many goals requiring the use of clean energy sources to reduce Hawaii's greenhouse gas emissions and become energy independent. The RPS law, puna geothermal's plant, the protests against wind turbines, and the closure of Oahu's coal plant all show the need for an energy plan. During the 4 years as the Chief Energy Officer leading the HSEO, Scott Glenn did not publish an energy plan. Now you want him to lead the Planning Office? 'Auwe!

In Moku o Keawe we were without electricity for over a week last summer. We were ordered to conserve electricity at night during peak times when we cooked dinner and needed light. My kids and I sat in the dark many nights. We couldn't run the fans during humid Hilo nights. Restaurants and businesses in downtown Hilo had their lights off and lost costumers. It was humbug, and that was only a week of rolling blackouts! Scott Glenn as the State Chief Energy Officer did nothing. The State Energy Office did nothing. The state government did nothing. There was no accountability with HELCO, and no punishment or credits for these impacts with their customers. I heard similar rolling blackouts happened on Maui last summer too!

Just wait for Oahu to have a taste of the rolling blackouts we had on our islands! Scott Glenn's poor energy planning will finally make the news then!

In 2020 he supported the closure of Oahu's coal plant, and assured the public in his testimony that energy supply and contingency was expected to be sufficient for grid stability with the retirement and removal of Oahu's coal plant. A year later, PUC Chair Jay Griffen chastised HEI for the lack of planning of energy supply and contingency as Honolulu prepared for the coal plant's closure, saying, "your plan to me amounts to a shift from one fossil fuel to another. *We're going from cigarettes to crack.*" Where was Chief Energy Officer Scott Glenn or the Hawaii State Energy Office who are required to provide planning on renewable energy and energy resiliency? He resurfaced to later **applaud** the coal plant's shut down in September 2022, but was again no where to be found when HECO issued their 7% residential electricity rate increase due to the coal plant's closure. The PUC now anticipates rolling blackouts because of Oahu's reduced energy supply.

Chief Energy Officer Scott Glenn and the State Energy Office assured the public that there would be energy supply and contingency, there wasn't. HECO is now reliant on *more* fossil fuels, not less. Residents are paying *more* for electricity because of this closure and his testimony. There is no energy plan and there are rolling blackouts across the islands. Because of his testimony in support of the plant's closure, he has already directly raised the cost of living in Hawaii. This person is not an effective planner or leader for the State. He does not consider or plan for equity in his climate advocacy. After raising the cost of living, he should not be considered to lead anything in state government, let alone an important land use agency like the State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Oppose GM 506.

CHIPPER WICHMAN
HĀ'ENA, KAUA'I

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Subject: GM 506 – Testimony in Support of the Nomination of Scott Glenn as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Aloha Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elefante and members of the Committee on Water and Land,

I am testifying today in strong support of the nomination of Scott Glenn to be the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. For the past 50 years I have worked to protect the natural and cultural resources of Hawaii and have served on numerous boards and advisory councils during this time. This work has allowed me the opportunity to work closely with various parts/agencies of our local, State and Federal governments so I am familiar with what it takes to lead a unit like the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I have known Scott Glenn since 2015 when he was appointed as the Director of OEQC and have worked closely with him over the years since then on numerous environmental issues and in supporting Governor Ige's participation in both the 2016 and 2021 World Conservation Congresses held in Hawai'i and France respectively.

Scott has both the academic background and work experience to be well suited as the Director of OPSD. Additionally, Scott has proven to be a man of high standards and ethics and understands that to help lead Hawaii's efforts to create a sustainable green economy that hard choices have to be made or we will be easily diverted away from our goal by economic pressures and special interest groups.

In his role as the State's Chief Energy Officer he showed his acumen and resolve in helping to navigate the difficult path forward for Hawai'i to achieve our critical clean energy goals. His statements about the reasoning behind closing Hawai'i's last coal plant were some of the clearest and understandable "sound bites" I heard describing why this was in the best interest of our State.

Finally, I have always been impressed that Scott has the interpersonal skills needed to be in a leadership position. He keeps his cool and is always articulate, even when faced with criticism and opposition to tough decisions that he has made. I am sure you will see these skills at play in his confirmation hearing on Wednesday.

In closing, the next four years of the Green administration, are critical years for Hawaii as we continue to chart a course towards a sustainable future. The recalibration of our visitor industry along with the immense changes needed to achieve food security and energy security will define our economy as well as our health and wellbeing for decades to come.

It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to approve Governor Green's nomination of Scott Glenn as the Director of Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Me ke aloha a ka mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chipper Wichman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Chipper Wichman, Ph.D., FLS, President Emeritus
NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

March 8, 2023

WTL Committee
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

My name is Aimee Barnes, and I am the Founder and CEO of Hua Nani Partners, a small woman-owned climate change consulting practice based in Hawai'i. I have over 15 years experience in climate, energy and sustainability, spanning the state, federal and international levels, and the public, private, and non-profit sectors. I am testifying in my personal capacity in **support** of Governor's Message 506 (GM 506), the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mr. Glenn has worked extensively across various Hawai'i state government agencies, most recently serving as the State's Chief Energy Officer and the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control before that. He has both planning and administrative experience and demonstrated leadership and commitment to addressing the climate crisis. I have worked closely with Mr. Glenn in his role as Chief Energy Officer, and have experienced firsthand his dedication to the people of Hawai'i. I appreciate his commitment to addressing climate change and to building a more sustainable future for Hawai'i, which I'm confident he will continue to do as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to advise and consent to the nomination of Mr. Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 506.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aimee Barnes".

Aimee Barnes
Founder & CEO
Hua Nani Partners

GM-506

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 4:23:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Mr. Glenn for this position.

GM-506

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 11:21:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please accept this as testimony in full support of Scott Glenn's nomination. I worked with Scott in the past on my condo board. He was effective, working for the good of the association and is well respected in the building. Unfortunately for us, but fortunately for the Hawaii, he relinquished his directorship as he assumed positions of greater responsibility with the state. He will make a great Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. We are lucky to have him.

GM-506

Submitted on: 2/28/2023 9:02:00 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patricia M Godfrey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha.

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Scott Glenn as Director, Office of Planning and Development. He will serve the state well in this capacity, as he has shown in his work for the state previously and currently.

Mahalo,

Patricia Godfrey

GM-506

Submitted on: 2/28/2023 1:26:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pankaj Bhanot	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land My name is Pankaj Bhanot and I am submitting this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Scott Glen's consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, for a term to expire at noon on December 07, 2026.

I have known and worked with Scott during my tenure as the Director and Deputy Director of Human Service. Scott's educational background, professional experience, character, integrity, fairness, professionalism, desire to serve Hawai'i, and do the right thing for right reasons, makes him an ideal person to lead the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development during these challenging times.

For the foregoing reasons, I strongly urge the Senate Committee on Water and Land to recommend Scott's appointment to the full Senate to be confirmed as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony of Robin Kaye on GM506

I would like to voice my full and enthusiastic support for the nomination of Scott Glenn to head the state's Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) and ask the Senate Committee on Water and Land to approve that nomination and forward it to the full Senate.

I have known and worked with Scott for the past fifteen (15) years. He is passionate about his work which has consistently been enriched by an in-depth understanding and mastery of the subject matters for both of his previous positions with the State of Hawaii.

During Scott's time serving as the Director of the then-called Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC), I was the Lana'i representative to the Environmental Council (EC). Shortly after my term began, the OEQC began the first revision in twenty years of the State's environmental rules and regulations for §343 and §341. It was an arduous but outstanding process, led by Scott's commitment to transparency, public participation and outreach. Scott early on found a software system that would not just record public input, but provide invaluable data to the EC as we worked on the revisions.

Scott made sure to bring in experts from across the islands, worked in partnership with the University of Hawaii School of Law, invited comments from noted environmentalists and leaders of a variety of state departments, held public hearings on EVERY island, and led us through the entire process with an encyclopedia-like knowledge of the EIS and EA process. Clearly, his skills as a planner were demonstrably invaluable.

Scott's subsequent work as the head of the State Energy Office was undertaken with a similar passion for both understanding the technology of energy creation and the need to involve communities in the state's development of policies and projects. He consistently made clear that community engagement was fundamental to the state's goal of becoming powered by 100% renewable energy.

Scott's ability to combine vision for the future implications of his work with his present ability to — and passion for — public input, along with his knowledge of and experience with planning, make him the perfect choice for the Director of OPSD position.

I offer my unqualified and enthusiastic support for his nomination.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Robin Kaye

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/2/2023 6:52:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordan Lowe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the confirmation of Scott Glenn as the Director for the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. He is a knowledgeable and dedicated public servant.

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/2/2023 3:23:47 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Oku	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Sen.Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee on Water and Land,

I support the consideration and confirmation of Scott Glenn to serve as the Director of the Department of Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/2/2023 12:10:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Colin Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Colin Lee, I am an attorney here in Honolulu, and I am writing in my personal capacity to offer my **strong support of Scott Glenn** to serve as the Director of the State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I have known Mr. Glenn professionally for over two years now and have worked with him on various matters related to his former role as the States Chief Energy Officer. Since I have known Mr. Glenn, I have admired his strong work ethic, objectiveness and professionalism, his vision for the sustainable future of our State, and his overall committment to serving Hawai'i and its residents. In addition, Mr. Glenn possesses a wealth of knowledge and experience that will enable him to serve the State well as it deals with the impacts of climate change. Further, Mr. Glenn's experience will enable him to serve our State well as it addresses the current and future impacts of sea level rise within our State's coastal zone.

I wholeheartedly support your Committee's endorsement of Mr. Glenn to serve as Director of the State's Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I sincerely appreciate the Committee's consideration of my comments and effort to confirm Mr. Glenn. I am available for questions about the substance of my testimony.

Respectfully,

Colin Lee

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/2/2023 1:21:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Puaoi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair,

I want to submit my testimony in support of Scott Glenn on his confirmation for the Director position for the office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I worked with Scott while he was the Director for the Hawaii State energy Office. From the get go Scott open up on his plans and execution on good jobs and how this would affect the people of Hawaii. Scott has also giving me the incite on how the HSEO is willing to advance us into the next phase of Electrical Vehicles. His Leadership, will and knowledge as the Director of Planning and Sustainable Development will help Hawaii get to and achieve there goals in making Hawaii a better place.

I hope that you will take my testimony into consideration and confirm Scott Glenn as the next Director for the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Thank you for you time,

Justin Puaoi

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/2/2023 4:38:08 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicole Cody	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am in support of Scott Glenn for Director of the Office of Planning especially due to his support of community-led planning, and CBSFA models. I believe he will be of good service to the community. Thank you for your time and consideration. Aloha, Nicole Cody

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 5:49:58 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senate Committee on Water and Land
The Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair

RE: Governor's Message 503

I write in support of GM 503, nominating Scott Glenn to lead the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

I specifically appreciate Mr. Glenn's past experience with Chapter 343 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as a graduate student at the University of Hawai'i, his internship at the then-Office of Environmental Quality Control, his later Directorship of OEQC, and his overall experience with these and similar planning laws in the state.

I have some general comments. One of the state's greatest political weaknesses is its over-reliance and over-specialization with chosen (literally appointed) technocrats. The state therefore lacks a deep bench of experience, confounded by its own prohibitive cost of living and narrow professional class, many of whom intentionally or otherwise become gatekeepers, and a public culture of apathy (or learned helplessness). Hawai'i always ranks far lower on volunteerism than its west coast neighbors.

This is a hierarchical culture that jealously guards underlying information and decision-making. It is outdated for the 2020s and the profound threats that civilization endures.

Specifically as it relates to planning, take as evidence the sad state of O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (O'ahuMPO) over the years. It was the only MPO to be decertified by federal authorities in the 1970s, and was then nearly decertified yet again in the 2010s before I joined it. Other MPOs manage regional parks, zoos, construction waste recycling, and levy multi-million dollar (or billion dollar) bonds. O'ahuMPO has to constantly fight to not be the stepchild of the engineering-heavy state Department of Transportation.

Consider also that much of the public does not trust 'planners' or planning, per se, insofar as recent foibles show: Mānoa Banyan Court, Sherwood Forest, Ala Moana Beach Park, Banyan Drive, the Coco Palms Resort, and the Kuilei Place development. As a fellow planner, I believe this is partly due to misunderstanding, and partly due to the scapegoating of the professional

duties and experience of urban planners on behalf of the perceived errors of politicians and developers. Planners are the middle men in this dysfunctional dynamic.

I write all of this because any incumbent, no matter how experienced or knowledgeable, is up against a series of problems that are greater than the individual. But to answer these political problems with one's own performance measures is a self-reinforcing loop.

This is not a problem of qualification, but one of vision.

The creation of OPSD was a counterreaction to the past demotion of Planning, which, long before our time, used to be a state-level or department-level function in its own right. The obvious next correction is a stronger democratization of the planning process. OPSD has a critical role in fostering this moral and political need.

Such a change would be a stark contrast today, where the public engages with planning reactively (with a negative bias) instead of proactively. Imagine a future where the public has a stronger participatory role in project formation, design, and support, with accompanying buy-in. Planners already support such efforts locally, but lag far behind progress made nationally in other similar-sized jurisdictions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
DP Armstrong

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 9:41:41 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Tulang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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REGULAR SESSION OF 2023

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2023

TIME: 1:00 PM

Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

State Capitol

PLACE:

415 South Beretania Street

RE: In Support of Scott Glenn for Director,

Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

Michael Tulang, Member State Environment Council

Good afternoon Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the Committee on Water and Land.

I appreciate this opportunity to share my thoughts with you, regarding the confirmation of Scott Glenn as the Director of Planning and Sustainable Development. He will be an outstanding champion and leader for our state as we move forward in planning for a sustainable future for Hawaii.

I've known Scott for a few years, as a member of the State Environment Council, and enjoyed working with him, hearing his views and thoughts.

I am confident Scott Glen will do an exceptional job for the State of Hawaii. I would appreciate your support of Scott's confirmation.

Mahalo,

Mike

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 10:02:54 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jen C	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of Scott Glenn to be appointed as Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Thank you.

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 10:28:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tom Eisen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

WILLIAM M. KANEKO, ESQ.

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TO: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2023
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Room 229 & Videoconference

RE: GM506 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026

Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee of Water and Land:

My name is Bill Kaneko, and I am a licensed attorney in Hawai'i. I have known Scott Glenn for over eight years throughout his service in Hawai'i State Government. I have had numerous meetings with Scott discussing various public policy and legislative matters particularly relating to energy and sustainability. He was always been thoughtful, reasonable, and methodical in his approach to public policy matters facing the State's energy, environmental and sustainability goals.

I strongly support Scott Glenn's nomination to serve as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainability. Scott is well-suited, knowledgeable and prepared to take on this important planning and policy function for Hawai'i. Previously, Scott was Chief Energy Officer for the Hawai'i State Energy Office, where he led the State's bold and aggressive measures to address energy sustainability, conservation, resiliency and climate change. Under Scott's leadership, Hawai'i led the nation in seeking to end our reliance on fossil fuels.

As Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, Scott successfully managed the tedious and complex update of the OEQC administrative rules. The OEQC rulemaking process required extensive public outreach, education and collaboration with diverse stakeholders and interest groups. With Scott's collaborative leadership style, OEQC was able to gain consensus and agreement on the important EIS process. Scott also has private-sector experience as an Associate at Cardno, a planning and design firm. Such experience is essential in understanding the perspectives of private and commercial activities as they relate to government policy, rulemaking and approvals.

In summary, Scott's combined experience and knowledge will surely benefit the Office of Planning & Sustainability. Policy and land use planning requires a blend of fact, data and policy analysis, combined with collaborative and community-based processes. With Scott's background and approach, he is ready and able to meet the challenges and opportunities for this important position.

I urge this Committee to support the nomination of Scott Glenn for Director of Planning and Sustainability. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM M. KANEKO



HAWAII THINK TANK LLC.

March 3rd, 2023

Senator Lorraine Inouye Committee Chair Water and Land
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante Committee Vice Chair Water and Land,

I would like to support the confirmation of Mr. Scott J. Glenn to the position of Director for the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Glenn over the years and have found him to be very insightful in helping me to understand the proper process, providing suggestions and assisting in networking with other departments as well as organizations to work towards collaborative outcomes.

He is very knowledgeable and comes to this department with the background necessary to progressively lead this team forward, supported by his extensive resume.

I have always found Mr. Glenn to have the best interest of the state in mind, with a good understanding of the obstacles that we face as an island community with this changing environment.

I respectfully ask the committee to confirm Mr. Scott J. Glenn to the Director's position for the Department of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions, my number is (808) 286-1888.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. Uchiyama", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David H. Uchiyama
President & CEO

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/4/2023 3:33:13 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Kaaumoana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support of the nomination of Scott Glenn for Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mr. Glenn has demonstrated his commitment to pono and productive process in his leadership of the OEQC and the Department of Energy for the citizens of Hawaii. His experience working with Hawaii's administration, agencies, departments and the people of our unique and varied communities has provided him with the skills and resources essential for this position.

I look forward to working with Mr. Glenn on behalf of community priorities to balance development and resource sustainability.

Please support his nomination and that opportunity.

Mahalo, Makaala Kaaumoana

Kevin K.J. Chang
47-740 Hui Kelu St. #6
Kāneʻohe, HI. 96744

5 March 2023

Re: Letter in Support of Governor's Message (GM) 506 Nominating Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning & Sustainable Development.

Dear Senate Committee on Water & Land:

My name is Kevin Chang and I write in strong support of the Governor's nomination of Mr. Scott Glenn to serve as the Director of the State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD).

I am an attorney and musician among other things. Most of my life's work combines aspects of law, policy, environment, community and our multiethnic heritage. I presently serve as the Executive Director of a Hawai'i 50c3 non-profit Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA) which means "grassroots growing through shared kuleana (responsibility)" the acronym KUA means backbone. KUA supports and uplifts the work of rural and native Hawaiian community based natural resource management groups across the State. I have also previously worked for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Land Management Division and the Trust for Public Lands Hawaiian Island Office over the past almost two decades.

Mr. Glenn was a partner and thought leader throughout much of those two decades. Indeed, he was almost always involved in one way or another either as a concerned and active community member, a board member, a planner or civil servant. I believe his long-term investment and thoughtfulness in our community makes him an ideal candidate to serve as the Director of OPSD.

Challenges persist in encouraging a robust civic culture and building a government of greater pluralistic governance that allows citizens to be more active in our state. I have seen Mr. Glenn work to inculcate this in his prior service to our community at the State Office of Energy and Office of Environmental Quality and Control. I encourage this committee to see to it that Mr. Glenn's civil service to our community will continue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Chang', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin K.J. Chang

TESTIMONY OF
MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 506
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 229

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT GLENN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-07-2026.

Honorable Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the confirmation of Scott Glenn as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

The Office works closely with local, state, and federal government agencies, as well as various community stakeholders to achieve its objectives. As such, it requires a leader who works well with people and can develop and maintain effective working relationships. Scott has proven himself to be such a leader. His extensive experience in planning in the private and public sectors adds to his credentials and make him well-qualified for this appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support and I respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination.

Edward Knox
Waimanalo, HI

March 5, 2023

To Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante,
and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

I recommend that the committee favorably consider the nomination of Scott Glenn for the position of Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I have known Scott Glenn for over a decade. I believe that he will do well in this position and benefit the State of Hawai`i.

Scott earned a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from UH Manoa. Scott has ample experience in planning. He worked as a planner for several years. And he was previously the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, which was subsequently folded into the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development in 2021. He can balance sustainable development for a strong economy, affordable housing, renewable energy, and environmental protection.

Even more important than his experience in planning, Scott will be a good manager for the Office. He has had experience managing both the standalone Office of Environmental Quality Control and the Hawai`i State Energy Office. He knows how to empower his team, and to be a champion for the individual team members.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of G.M. 506, the nomination of Scott Glenn.

Edward Knox
Waimanalo, HI

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023, 1:00 P.M.

STATE OF HAWAII
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 506,
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT GLENN

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of Mr. Scott Glenn as Governor Green's nominee to serve as the Director of the State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I currently serve as the City and County of Honolulu Chief Resilience Officer and Executive Director of the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency, and am testifying in my individual capacity.

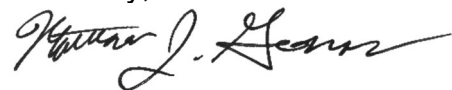
I have known Scott personally and professionally for more than a decade. Over that time, and in all my engagements with him, Scott has demonstrated stalwart ethical conduct and professionalism. Scott is a credentialed certified planner with significant local planning and leadership experience.

At each of Scott's state leadership positions he has met the moment to address critical state needs, for example: from updating environmental review rulemaking and streamlining processing of affordable housing reviews, to accelerating state progress on nation-leading climate action and clean energy policies and goals. His collaborative approach is coupled with a deep capacity for data and analysis.

Scott's experience advancing high level executive priorities and serving on the State's Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission makes him well-positioned to now Co-Chair the Commission and continue to serve the state in addressing critical transit-oriented development and land use matters, economic development, and coastal zone management and climate change adaptation priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my **strong support** for Mr. Scott Glenn, as Governor Green's nominee to serve as Director of the State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Sincerely,



Matthew J. Gonser

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 7:33:03 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leah Laramée	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

Scott Glenn is an ideal candidate for this position. Scott been a long-term advocate for climate resilience in the State. I have had the opportunity to work with Scott in his different capacities and he has shown himself to be not only a leader but also a humble mentor to those around him. Scott inspires those that work with him because he is thoughtful, hardworking and collaborative in his actions. Scott puts words into actions and breaks down silos by working with partners to find mutually beneficial solutions. The State would be well positioned to continue its climate change leadership with him in this position.

I humbly ask that you confirm Scott Glenn as Director of OPSD. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 8:04:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen Seddon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Scott Glenn's previous leadership in carrying out extensive, innovative rulemaking to update the state Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process was a monumental undertaking, including recognizing a significant regulatory barrier to affordable housing production. Working with housing and environmental stakeholders, an exemption was established for affordable housing development in an urban area, when consistent with that area's intended use, that neither an environmental assessment nor environmental impact statement is required. This has been a substantial financial and timeline savings for affordable housing.

Scott's working knowledge, objectivity, integrity, good judgment, and candor, along with his commitment to improving the way state government does business, provide confidence that he will continue to be a good leader and great asset as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 9:56:27 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Trever Asam	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Members of the Committee,

I have known and worked with Mr. Glenn for several years. We first met through his work with a community group that sought to activate underutilized public spaces, seeking to make Honolulu a better and more liveable place. His commitment to understanding public and private infrastructure, as well as his understanding of the importance and value of smart and cohesive urban planning was apparent from these early meetings. I remember him speaking with both pride and deep knoweldge about Honolulu's "lei of parks" and the importance of preserving both green spaces and transportation pathways.

Scott has also been a dedicated public servant for many years, giving his time and energy to the goals of sustainability and a healthy, vibrant Hawaii. On a personal note, I have always found Scott to be kind and thoughtful. I believe these to be character traits that serve him well.

I am confident that Scott will bring this passion, knowledge, and commitment to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I also believe that this office is a great match for Scott's interests and his skillsets and I look forward to seeing what he can accomplish in this role.

Thank you for your time,

Trever Asam

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 11:35:56 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ron Terry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 6, 2023

To: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, & Members of the Committee on Water and Land

From: Ron Terry, Ph.D. rterry@hawaii.rr.com

RE: GM 506

I am writing today in strong support of the appointment of Scott Glenn as Director of DBEDT's Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD).

I have known and worked with Mr. Glenn over the last eight years in his capacities as an Environmental Council member, Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC), DBEDT's Chief Energy Officer, and in his current role as Director of OPSD. In my thirty years serving on State boards and commissions, working professionally with the State government as a professor and contracting environmental scientist, and interfacing with government in my roles at various non-profits, I cannot recall a more competent State official. He is intelligent, hard-working, open-minded, caring and socially skilled – an unusual combination of traits.

As a student in UH's Department of Urban and Regional Planning he worked "across the aisle" with landowners and developers to set the stage for the first rewrite of Hawai'i's EIS rules in many decades. He brought that project to fruition later as OEQC Director, defying the odds to revise the rules in such a way as to gain the admiring support of all sides. His work at the Energy Office has helped guide us to a more sustainable energy future. As climate change has become the overarching environmental problem in our State and world, his leadership at the OPSD can be extremely meaningful.

We, the citizens of Hawai'i are fortunate to have the services of Scott Glenn. Please confirm him as Director of OPSD. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

March 6, 2023

Testimony on Governor's Message 506,
Relating to Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Glenn
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

To: The Senate, Committee on Water and Land

Submitted by: Brigadier General Neal S. Mitsuyoshi, P.E.
J4 Mobilization Assistant, Logistics & Engineering Directorate
U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee on Water and Land.

I am Brigadier General Neal Mitsuyoshi, Mobilization Assistant, Logistics and Engineering Directorate, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, and former Chief Engineer for the Department of Defense, State of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT of GM506**, relating to the Gubernatorial Nomination of Mr. Scott Glenn as Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mr. Glenn is someone I have worked with and known for nearly 10 years, and I will be forever appreciative of his help and support with meeting environmental requirements for the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home. He possesses diverse expertise and experience in both the public and private sector and is thoughtful and balanced in that understanding. He has also been a dedicated public servant at the most senior levels of the state, serving as the Director of OEQC, and Chief Energy Officer for the Hawaii State Energy Office. Mr. Scott is a tremendous team player and someone who I believe will help guide the strategies and policies of our state resources in the right direction.

Although not born in Hawaii, Mr. Glenn has also been deeply committed to bettering Hawaii. He co-founded Better Block Hawaii and has been a dedicated volunteer on the State Environmental Council and the Sierra Club. He is the kind of humble and mindful leader the state should feel lucky to have.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and for your consideration.

BG Neal S. Mitsuyoshi, neal.s.mitsuyoshi.mil@army.mil, 808-369-3562.

6 March 2023

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senate Committee on Land and Water
Hawaii State Capitol Building
Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT:

Governor's Message 506 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Dear Madam Chairman and Members of the Land and Water Committee,

I am writing this letter of support for Scott Glenn to be the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I have personally known Scott for the past decade and find him to be a skillful land use/environmental planner committed to meaningful public engagement and a proven leader with sound decision-making abilities in public policy.

When Scott served as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC), he undertook the successful process of updating the Hawaii Administrative Rules for HRS 343 , Hawaii's Environmental Impact Statement law. I followed this process and provided input as a member of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Planning Association. He led the effort for extensive public outreach and meaningful dialogue that resulted in modernized rules that reflect a balancing of competing stakeholder interests.

I have observed Scott's devotion over the years to making Hawaii a better place through his personal efforts with community nonprofits, government service, and as a planning consultant. I was pleased to hear about his nomination by the Governor to lead OPSD and hope he is confirmed by the Senate.

Respectfully,



Paul V. Luersen, FAICP

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 2:20:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Juliette Budge	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Confirmation Hearing Committee,

I offer my testimony in support of the confirmation of Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Having known Scott for over 15 years, I can confidently say that he possesses the necessary skills, experience, and dedication to help Hawai'i navigate the complex challenges that lie ahead.

He is an excellent communicator who can convey complex ideas, build consensus, and engage with diverse stakeholders. Scott has deep experience in environmental planning, community outreach and climate change adaptation. Over the years he has shown a commitment to collaboration and innovation that make him deserving of this nomination. In a world of uncertainty, he is a well informed and dedicated public servant who can be trusted to make the hard decisions when there is no clear choice.

Thank you for considering my endorsement of Scott Glenn for Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 3:24:55 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leslie Segundo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante and members of the Senate Water and Land Committee, as a private citizen, I wish to testify in support of the gubernatorial nomination (GM 506) of Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. His education and diverse years of professional experience in environmental and energy matters will serve him well in his new position. He will continue to be a valuable asset to the State of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

REGULAR SESSION OF 2023

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

I have known Scott Glenn, and followed his work on behalf of the state of Hawaii, for over a decade, and fully support his nomination to lead the state's Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD). There is no one better suited to this task and I ask the Senate Committee on Water and Land to approve and forward the Governor's nomination.

As Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC), Scott undertook and directed a grueling and long overdue process to revise HAR, Title 11, Ch. 200. Successfully herding both professionals and the lay people interested in the complicated process that is the state's environmental rule-making is quite a feat, and Scott pulled it off with a calmness, focus and political acuity that is rare.

Scott's willingness to respond to questions and concerns in a timely manner, as both OEQC Director and as head of the Energy Office, also sets him apart from many agency leaders. He grasped, as few others have in my experience, the delicate balance that has to be achieved between energy policy and community concerns.

I would be hard pressed to think of another individual who could offer more to the administration, the Legislature and Hawaii's people than Mr. Glenn as OPSD's Director.

Sally Kaye
511 Ilima Ave.
Lana'i City, HI 96763

March 6, 2023

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Bandon J.C. Elefante, Vice-Chair

Subject: **GM 506** Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, **SCOTT GLENN**, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee,

I strongly SUPPORT Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I have been an active member of the planning community in Hawaii since 1990, often supporting community planning efforts in Ko'olaupoko through leadership on Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29.

As a community planner, I understand how critical it is for community members to receive timely and accessible information regarding potential environmental impacts of projects in their community. Scott revamped the Office of Environmental Quality and established clarity on the rules and processes, which is extremely helpful for community members.

As a professional planner, and like Scott, a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), I'd like to share the AICP Code of Ethics. Our primary obligation as planners is to serve the public interest. The AICP Code of Ethics states "...People who participate in the planning process shall do so with integrity....shall work to achieve economic, social and racial equity.... and ...shall safeguard the public trust." Scott has demonstrated these traits throughout his career. He values diverse opinions and strives to build consensus so that solutions reflect the needs of the community.

I strongly urge you to support Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Scott's collaborative leadership will help guide Hawai'i to a more sustainable future.

Thank you very much for your consideration.



Amy Luersen, FAICP

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 4:09:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris Sadayasu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee.

I support the appointment of Scott Glenn to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD).

Mr. Glenn has the proven leadership experience and academic credentials to achieve the State's initiatives as the head of the OPSD, formulating state strategies and effectively addressing current and emerging issues and opportunities. He is tasked with overseeing the implementation of a number of key initiatives, including the statewide sustainability program, Hawai'i ocean resources management plan, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, and the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan.

Mr. Glenn has an extensive background in public outreach with a passion for innovation and fostering partnerships. He works closely with local, state, and federal government agencies and various community stakeholders to achieve OPSD's objectives.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for Mr. Glenn's confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I look forward to working with him to ensure the longevity and sustainability of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

March 6, 2023

Testimony Submitted by Karen Hanley

Re: GM 506 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

I am honored to write this testimonial in support of Scott Glenn's confirmation as Hawaii's Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I have had the pleasure of working with Scott for several years, first at Hawaii's Cardno office, previously TEC, Inc., and later in our respective roles as leaders dedicated to responsible infrastructure development and protection of irreplaceable environmental and cultural resources.

From the beginning of our time together, Scott and I shared a passion for sustainable development and a deep appreciation for the interconnected needs of our environment, culture, and economy. We worked together on a variety of private, federal, and state development projects. Scott is a remarkable professional with a unique ability to bring people together, talk story, find common ground, and achieve results. He has a passion for sustainable development and a deep commitment to protecting Hawaii's environment and culture. I have seen firsthand his leadership skills, his innovative problem-solving abilities, and his dedication to transparent, accountable governance. Our experience working together on Federal and State Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements gave us a shared understanding of the complex challenges facing sustainable development. Scott's expertise in State and Local Land Use Entitlements and Climate Change Adaptation, along with his ability to facilitate effective communication and collaboration, were crucial to our success in delivering high-quality results to our clients. I always found working with Scott to be particularly rewarding, as we shared a commitment to promoting sustainable practices that would benefit both the environment and the community.

Early in Scott's career I admired, and honestly envied, his unwavering calm demeanor in the face of urgent deadlines and stress. His ability to stay focused on the work at hand and inspire the people around him to pull in the same direction with the same dedication and hope for what the future could hold truly set him apart as a leader. Scott's ability to lead teams from junior staff to principals, integrate multidisciplinary approaches and emerging best practices, track budgets and scopes, and prepare work plans and project schedules was crucial to our success in delivering high-quality results. He also mentored junior to senior staff in career development and expanded our services to new clients and clients to new services. Scott's expertise in maintaining client relationships and managing new client development, coupled with his ability to act as a client manager for key clients in the Pacific region, helped ensure our work product was aligned with our clients' needs and exceeded their expectations. Overall, I consider Scott to be one of the most skilled and effective managers I have had the pleasure of working with.

Over the years, I have watched Scott's career progress with admiration and respect. He has achieved much, including in his role as Chief Energy Officer for the State of Hawaii, as well as his previous role as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. In both positions,

Scott has demonstrated his leadership skills, his dedication to sustainability and environmental protection, and his commitment to transparent, accountable governance.

Scott's accomplishments are numerous and impressive. He has played a key role in modernizing Hawaii's environmental review process, developed administrative rules, and updated best practices. He has worked on numerous energy projects, including solar, hydropower, and geothermal, and has been a leader in integrating climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies into asset management tools. His work on socio-economic and climate impact assessments has been invaluable in informing decision-making processes.

Scott's commitment to sustainability and the environment extends beyond his professional work. He has led statewide sustainability initiatives and is a liaison to the U.S. Climate Alliance, a coalition of U.S. governors committed to the Paris Agreement. In these roles, he works with state, county, and federal agencies, as well as communities across the state and stakeholders nationally and internationally to coordinate state policy development on energy, climate change, and key sustainability initiatives.

As a professional with extensive experience in the field of environmental policy and permitting, I place a high value on the opinions of my colleagues and peers. As the Deputy Associate Director for NEPA at the White House Council on Environmental Quality; the Deputy Executive Director and Acting Executive Director for the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council; and now Co-Founder and Executive Vice President at The Permitting Institute, I have had the privilege of working on some of the most challenging and high-profile renewable energy projects in the country. During this time, I have relied heavily on my network of knowledgeable and capable colleagues, including Scott Glenn, to brainstorm and bounce ideas off of. Scott's insights and expertise have been invaluable in helping me navigate complex issues and find practical, workable solutions.

In short, Scott Glenn is an outstanding leader and an exceptional professional. I am proud to have worked with him and to call him a colleague and friend. I can say without hesitation that Scott is one of the most knowledgeable and dedicated professionals I have had the pleasure of working with, and I have no doubt that he will excel in his new role as Hawaii's Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, where he will continue to be a force for positive change and progress.

Karen Hanley

Testimony of
Suzanne D. Case
Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 1:00pm, CR229 & Videoconference

In consideration of **GM506**
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026

Strong Support

To: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

I write in **strong support of Scott Glenn** as the Director of the State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I had the pleasure of working closely with Mr. Glenn over the past eight years during my two terms as Chair of the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources. During this time Mr. Glenn served as the Director of the State Office of Environmental Quality Control and then as Chief Energy Officer in the Hawai'i State Energy Office. We worked together to lead State Administration initiatives for environmental planning and compliance and to set and achieve state goals in the intersection of forest and marine conservation, invasive species, food sustainability, energy and climate change.

Mr. Glenn is a superb and experienced planning leader, highly organized and thoughtful, with a focus on vision for our future and current implementation. His style is extremely collaborative. He is diligent about engaging meaningfully with constituents representing diverse viewpoints on an issue. He is a capable and responsible manager of people and processes in an agency. He is able to synthesize, in detailed substance, important state priorities including affordable housing, transportation, education, tourism, agriculture, and climate and environment, into detailed, comprehensive planning for Hawai'i.

Mr. Glenn's work to revise and update the administrative rules for HRS Chapter 343, Environmental Impact Statements, and his leadership of the Powering Past Coal Task Force, are prime examples of Mr. Glenn's excellent leadership in process, substance, and results, on important state planning initiatives.

I urge your vote in support of Scott Glenn's nomination as Director of the State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

TESTIMONY OF
KEITH A. REGAN

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023, 1:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229

GM506

Honorable Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee on Water and Land, I am providing testimony in support of GM506, the confirmation of Scott Glenn as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD).

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Glenn over the past four years in his capacity as Chief Energy Officer and as the nominee for Director of OPSD. I have found him to be knowledgeable, professional, and helpful particularly when dealing with complex issues related to energy and planning. His extensive knowledge and broad experience have been beneficial when we've sought guidance and input on projects and programs over the years.

Scott's extensive planning background will serve him well in the position of OPSD director. He has successfully managed and directed numerous environmental impact statements and environmental assessments for various projects throughout his career. These intensive and challenging projects are a clear indication that Mr. Glenn is highly competent and capable of expertly performing his roles as director.

It is for these reasons that I humbly ask you to please support the confirmation of Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Regan
Honolulu, Hawaii

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 10:49:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a long time employee of the OSP/OP/OPSD for over 25 years. I am submitting my testimony anonymously in opposition to GM 506 to avoid retribution from the nominee.

For the past 3 months, I observed Mr. Glenn serve as the OPSD Director and watched him ignore the knowledge and recommendations from long-time civil servant employees, suppress employee suggestions, micromanage staff, and decrease the morale in the agency. Recently, a land use planner who served the State of Hawaii for 40 years resigned suddenly at the end of February under Mr. Glenn's leadership. Mr. Glenn has also openly acknowledged that he is not familiar with land use laws, other key statutes, or the responsibilities of the OPSD.

I am concerned that Mr. Glenn is unsupportive of long time, experienced employees and may intend to suppress and encourage them to leave in order to replace them with ill-experienced staff. This is problematic since the OPSD and other land use agencies are highly reliant on the OPSD's institutionalized land use knowledge and history. I consulted long time Energy Office employees who confidentially confirmed there was a significant turnover rate and similar management style under his previous leadership as the Chief Energy Officer.

In the 3 months under his leadership at the OPSD, morale became very low. With Mr. Glenn as Director, the agency no longer functions or holds the same policy positions as it was previously led. Staff are frustrated with Mr. Glenn, they do not feel heard or supported, and there are many employees who are considering to retire, transfer, or resign from the OPSD if Mr. Glenn is confirmed as OPSD Director by the Senate.

Mr. Glenn may be an urban planner, but is not fit to lead the OPSD. The agency will likely fail or crumble during his tenure if he continues to serve as Director. Please consider rejecting GM 506 for the sake of the office's history and future.

Testimony to: **Senate Committee on Water and Land**
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair;
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Measure: **GM 506**, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026

Hearing: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 1:00 PM, Conference Room 229

Testifier: **Maria Tome**, Professional Engineer (PE); Master's in Public Administration (MPA)

Position: **Strong Support**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee, I am testifying in strong support of nominee Scott Glenn for the position of Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD).

I have known and worked with Mr. Glenn since 2019, when Mr. Glenn was appointed and confirmed as the Chief Energy Officer of the Hawaii State Energy Office.

I personally observed Mr. Glenn to be hard-working, intelligent, fair, and reasonable. He is a very effective manager and communicator. When the pandemic hit, he got everybody aligned on communication and working together with Teams, Outlook, and later in person. Although – as with any change – it was awkward at first, once we got used to it we appreciated the benefits. A consistent communication system, with intentional information and interactions across branches, strengthened and improved our operation.

Mr. Glenn is well-informed and well-connected. He has spent years spent working on difficult issues with a broad cross-section of community members and organization leaders, many with opposing views. He doesn't just sit in his office and guess. He gets out there, talking to folks, listening, and seeing things first-hand. He also reads and does his research.

He has an excellent understanding of current issues in Hawaii's economy and environment. He's a VERY hard worker, understands the scope of the problem and possible solutions, and is WILL take action.

He's able to bring people together. He is adaptable and takes on tough assignments. His track record of success is commendable.

Therefore, I believe that Mr. Glenn will be an excellent Director of OPSD. I encourage you to vote to confirm him.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Maria Tome, PE, MPA

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 6:45:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
A Jones	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a civil servant employee in the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I am testifying anonymously to avoid retaliation in the workplace.

I oppose GM 506. The nominee lacks land use experience. His previous experience leading the OEQC and the HSEO related solely on environmental matters, the management and review of EISs and EAs, and advocate for select clean energy projects. Our agency worked with the HSEO over the past 4 years on various land use dockets that included clean energy proposals, and the nominee rarely engaged with Land Use Commission dockets or project proceedings.

The OPSD is in a transition to fulfill its new mandates enacted in 2021, which include environmental review, sustainability, sea level rise adaptation, and climate change. While the nominee may be passionate on these matters, he lacks the knowledge and background to incorporate these values in land use policy. Many of my co-workers were encouraged with the passage of Acts 152 and 153, and the identification and investment of land use planning and OPSD's ability to provide statewide coordination to assist the State of Hawaii to equitably adapt to climate change. Instead, OPSD employees are now disillusioned with policy position changes this legislative session and the nominee's disregard of employees' institutional knowledge and subject matter experience. OPSD employee morale is low, a land use planner retired just last week. Other planners and staff are considering their own departure if the nominee is confirmed to continue to lead the OPSD.

The nominee is a passionate advocate with a strong environmentalist background, but is inexperienced with planning, land use laws and jurisdictions, climate adaptation, and coastal zone management. I encourage the committee and the Senate to not advise and consent to the nomination in GM 506.

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 7:37:23 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris Yunker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee I am testifying on my own behalf in support of confirmation of Scott Glenn as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee.

I worked for Scott Glenn while he was Chief Energy Officer for the Hawaii State Energy Office. Prior to Scott's appointment as Chief Energy Officer morale at HSEO was the lowest it had been in years. Scott came in to HSEO and promoted transparency and accountability for both staff and management notwithstanding himself. Scott would sincerely listen to staff and consider what was presented to him before making a decision. The meaningful way in which he considered the input and perspectives, regardless of whatever decisions were ultimately made, motivated a highly mission-oriented staff by validating the effort that they brought to their jobs. When Scott left HSEO he left an office with the highest level of morale and internal collaboration that HSEO had in years. One key benefit is that it has allowed the office to recruit and retain high performing employees during a time when simply filling open positions has been difficult for many departments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Chris Yunker

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 8:18:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Harold Adams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a longtime and retired planner from Hawaii, living in a more affordable community here in the mainland.

I have worked with the Office of State Planning in the past, and since my retirement I followed along with the transition of this great office from the Governor's Office of State Planning, the DBEDT-attached agency Office of Planning, and the excitingly new Office of Planning & Sustainable Development (OPSD)!

I am also a strong supporter of taking action on the climate crisis.

However, I and other planners within Hawaii's planning community are becoming increasingly concerned with the OP's Director. In various hearings during this legislative session, the Director testified supporting important planning, coordination, and climate adaptation legislation, including complex issues like managed retreat, and funding be administered by the DLNR.

I, and my planning colleagues, are horrified that the Director is not advocating to advance or strengthen the funding for the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

This is reminiscent of the Lingle Administration efforts to dismantle statewide planning and coordination, and the Office of Planning. I had much higher hopes for Governor Green and his Planning Director, but this is becoming deja vu for us "older planners."

From this retired planner who watched with horror in the early 2000s the DLNR, Planning Director, and Governor's Office dismantle the Office of Planning, let us not repeat that damaging history. Please oppose GM 506.

March 6, 2023

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: GM 506 - Confirmation of Scott J Glenn as Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
Testimony in support of Scott J Glenn

Dear Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elefante:

I write in support of the nomination of Scott J Glenn to be the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I have had the pleasure of working with Scott Glenn for the past four and half years on many initiatives that impact our whole community. From my time in various leadership positions at the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency Scott was a valued and proven partner. His ability to bridge the planning divide holistically among partners has been vital as we worked on many important development, disaster management, climate, and environmental efforts.

He extensive background, knowledge, and roles in State Leadership makes him the ideal candidate for this position. I support Scott's nomination and respectfully ask that you confirm Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Thanks for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Meyers', with a stylized loop at the end.

Luke Meyers, CEM

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 9:03:51 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Makena Coffman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of Scott Glenn's confirmation as the Director for the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I have known Mr. Glenn since around 2007, when he was a student in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. He stood out as a particularly motivated student - eager to immerse himself in topics of planning relevant to Hawai'i. Mr. Glenn did his capstone work on the Environmental Review process, and made suggestions for reforming Chapter 343. In his career since, Mr. Glenn has shown himself capable in multiple areas of planning application, from housing to energy. To now serve as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development is a strong fit with his initial interests and expertise in land use and natural resource management.

Sincerely,

Makena Coffman

Professor of Urban and Regional Planning

Director, Institute for Sustainability and Resilience

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Senate Committee on Water & Land
March 8, 2023 1 pm
Room 229
(Testimony is 1 page long)

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 506
NOMINATION OF SCOTT GLENN
AS DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee Members

I write in **strong support** of Scott Glenn's nomination to serve as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I have known Mr. Glenn for more than a decade, in a variety of contexts. These include: (i) serving together as officers on the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority, where Mr. Glenn helped lead the board's efforts to support local energy solutions for low-income families; (ii) observing his capable leadership at the Hawai'i State Energy Office; (iii) working on sustainable development issues while Mr. Glenn served as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control; and (iv) volunteering alongside each other on community service initiatives.

As a law professor who specializes in energy law and sustainability policy, I am a typically close observer of agency leadership on these issues. In every one of the contexts listed above, Mr. Glenn has impressed me with his multi-dimensional approach. He is plainly **empathetic** to the needs of our communities, while displaying an equally **adept understanding of complex issues relating to economics, engineering, and sustainable development**. He has a **calm and inquisitive communication style** that fosters collaboration and dialogue. And like any good leader, he does not shy away from contentious issues and difficult decisions. He weighs and balances all sides of the issues, relying on an **evidence-based** approach to implementing state policy.

After working on contentious issues for so long, it is impressive that Mr. Glenn maintains a **strong reputation** among many circles in our community. In my experience, he is respected equally by conservationists, developers, agency staff and leadership, and academics.

I have no doubt that Mr. Glenn's capable leadership will be a valuable asset to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. He is a **dedicated public servant** with an extraordinarily wide range of experience and expertise. This is a particularly excellent match for the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and its important stewardship role in aligning many different facets of the state's development policy.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Glenn's nomination.

Richard Wallsgrove
Assistant Professor and Co-Director of Environmental Law Program
William S. Richardson School of Law¹

¹ This information is provided for identification purposes only. This testimony is submitted in my own capacity and not on behalf of the the University of Hawai'i or any other entity.

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Testimony of Puananionaona P. Thoene before
the **SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND
LAND**

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
1:00 pm
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

in **SUPPORT** of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE (GM) 506
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION OF AS THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE
OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
SCOTT GLENN

March 7, 2023

Aloha e Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** GM 506, appointing Mr. Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) for a term to expire on December 7, 2026.

I am a partner at Carlsmith Ball LLP and the current Chair of the State Environmental Advisory Council (Council). I first became acquainted with Scott when I was appointed as a member of the Council in November 2016. Scott was the then-Director of the Office of Environmental Quality and Control (OEQC) (now the OPSD, Environmental Review Program (ERP)). Scott's leadership and knowledge have been absolutely instrumental in the Council's efforts and ability to complete rulemaking to update the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) rules, Hawai'i Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 200.1 in 2019. He conceptualized and implemented a consultation process for the rules update that was like no other. Scott has an incredible aptness for organizing large groups of people, be it volunteers or staff, and providing them with clear direction so that tasks can be accomplished. I witnessed first-hand Scott's ability to not only conceive the bigger picture, but also to understand the minute details of an issue. These skills were particularly important to the rulemaking process to ensure that regulations that made sense in theory also worked practically without unintended consequences.

In addition to Scott's public sector experience, he also holds a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, is AICP certified, and worked for years in the private sector as a planner, giving him invaluable insight into the different subject matter areas and viewpoints that the OPSD deals with on a daily basis. Scott also has impressive volunteer experience both with non-profit and community as well as government organizations. His vast experience as a government administrator, planner, with the HRS Chapter 343 process, as a past member of the Council, OEQC Director, Co-Chair of the Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative, State Energy Officer, and liaison to the U.S. Climate Alliance, make him the right person to lead OPSD. It is no surprise that Scott is highly respected within the community and valued as a member of the State's executive branch.

Scott is an effective leader as demonstrated by his ability to lead both the OEQC and Council through an especially involved rulemaking process. He exhibited these qualities again when he was appointed as the State Energy Officer in 2019 and reinvigorated the Hawai'i State

Energy Office. Since being appointed as the Director of OPSD in December 2022, Scott has enthusiastically and quickly familiarized himself with the many divisions and attached agencies of OPSD. Scott's forward thinking, ability to get important tasks done in a timely manner, and comprehensive understanding of the State's planning needs and challenges facing the State are exactly what is needed for the leader of the OPSD.

Each time that I have the opportunity to work with Scott, either through my work with the EAC or through my private sector work, I am confident in the support and leadership that I will get from him. Because Scott has worked in the private sector, with community and environmental groups, and for the State, I trust his views because I know that they are complete and he has considered the many perspectives.

For these reasons, I strongly support GM 506 and ask that this Committee please vote in favor of confirming Scott Glenn's appointment as Director of the OPSD.

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

7 March 2023
WTL Committee
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Position: Support Scott Glenn's confirmation as the Director of OPSD

Aloha e Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, a me the Honorable Senate Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

I came to know Scott Glenn in the summer of 2018 while participating together in the Climate Security (Mitigation) Working Group for the City and County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency, from which the *Ola: O'ahu Resilience Strategy* was then created.

At the time, I was the Regional Manager for ENGIE, a multinational clean energy company that had done various energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in our Islands, and Scott was the Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Scott struck me as a soft-spoken yet well-informed person who understood not just the nuances of local policies and their impacts, but also the larger global frameworks surrounding climate change-related policies as well as the science that supported stronger action at international gatherings such as the pivotal Conference of Parties.

Throughout the ensuing years as Scott and I stayed in touch, he was appointed to the Chief Energy Officer position with the Hawai'i State Energy Office. It was in this capacity that we had a fair number of discussions regarding the importance of a holistic approach to carbon emissions reduction, e.g., how clean energy must play a large role in addressing the climate crisis to try to hold the line at 1.5C for island and coastal communities; how Hawai'i could be a clean energy lighthouse for the world; how utilizing critical data could help inform elected decision makers, the utility, and developers. Moreover, we had candid discussions about clean energy in all its scales and forms – from utility-scale renewable energy to commercial-scale energy efficiency measures, from energy storage and electrification of transportation to the importance of prosumers in the equation and leveraging non-tax-payer capital to tackle necessary but capital-intensive projects, and more.

What I appreciated about Scott's perspective on clean energy was that he viewed carbon as the ultimate metric from which to be measured, and all forms of clean energy were a collective tool kit used to drive down emissions, while also lowering our dependence on imported fossil fuels, creating good local jobs, and keeping our hard-earned dollars in our local economy.

No one is without areas of improvement, and one that I felt Scott could have done a better job in while at the HSEO was harnessing the power of storytelling – using stories to connect local folks with projects and policies to help elevate the good work that was being done, to share out State strategies that would reduce emissions in a shorter period of time, and to demonstrate that Hawai'i could, indeed, be the lighthouse of clean energy. There is a saying: “no story without data, and no data without a story.” I believe Scott understands this, which is why he was beginning to put in place some key attributes to the HSEO that were starting to unleash the power of story, such as the overhauling of the website for ease of navigation, highlighting their data visualization tools via their Open Data Portal, commencing their Clean Energy Wayfinders program, and more.

Scott brings various transferable skills both from his previous experience in the private sector, and his two directorships for the State. He has both the broad-based understanding of government and its roles/limitations, as well as the ability to hone-in on detailed matters so that problems can be identified, a collaborative plan can be created, and then properly execute on said plan while measuring and verifying impact so that tweaks can be made as necessary.

I look forward to Scott's continued leadership for our State, and how he can provide critical thinking and action for the OPSD in order to ensure that we have smart, sustainable, resilient, and holistic planning and development across our Islands.

I strongly support Scott's confirmation as the Director of OPSD.

Aloha,

Brandon Hayashi

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 10:31:31 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Crow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Susan Crow, I am a Professor in the Natural Resources and Environmental Management Department at the University of Hawaii Manoa. My testimony is submitted as an individual and not as a representative of the University of Hawaii. I filled the CTAHR Researcher position first on the Carbon Farming Task Force, then on the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force from 2017-2022. Additionally, I worked with Scott Glenn since 2018 as a representative of Hawaii to the US Climate Alliance Natural and Working Lands Initiative. Scott's demonstrated ability to bring multiple agencies and institutions together to solve complex problems associated across the range of responsibilities of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development make him strongly, and perhaps uniquely, qualified to hold this position during a critical period in Hawaii's history. Collaborative action now is required to meet the complex demands on land use and the environment facing our islands and emerge with a more resilient future for the next generation. His clarity of vision, depth of knowledge, and conciliatory demeanor is needed moving forward with the functions of the Office. As the principal investigator of an incoming \$40 million project to develop sustainable markets for a portfolio of climate-smart commodities that works for Hawaii, I look forward to working with Scott. I know he will be a strong partner in this role in Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, working consistently on behalf of the State to benefit communities.

Aloha Honorable Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the Committee on Water and Land,

My name is Ryker Wada and I am testifying in STRONG SUPPORT of Scott Glenn for his confirmation as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I have been fortunate to have had experience with Mr. Glenn and have found him to be compassionate, intelligent and hard working. His skillset lends itself to success in this difficult position which is evidenced by his prior performance and success in State Government. I wholeheartedly believe he will serve the State of Hawaii to the best of his abilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 11:14:23 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Bernstein	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye and Members of the Water & Land Committee:

I'm writing in strong support of Scott Glenn leading the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. As a researcher with the University of Hawaii's Economic Research Organization, I worked with him when he was at the Hawaii State Energy Office. I found him to be thoughtful and smart. He treats people with respect and works well with others. I found him able to consider many different perspectives and ideas while also being able to look at and analyze the big picture. Furthermore, his education is in planning so making him quite qualified to lead this department.

Respectfully,

Paul Bernstein

Researcher with UHERO

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 11:15:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sandie Wong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have had the pleasure to work with Scott Glenn in the past and found him to be very knowledgeable and cares deeply for Hawaii. Most importantly, he is accessible and willing to listen. Therefore, I am in support of his nomination.

March 7, 2023

Dear Chair Inouye and the Committee on Land and Water,

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Scott Glenn to the position of director of the State of Hawaii Department of Planning and Sustainable Development. Mr. Glenn possesses the expertise and dedication needed to help guide Hawaii toward a more sustainable future.

As you are aware, Hawaii is highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Rising sea levels, increased frequency and severity of storms, and the increasing difficulty of balancing housing resilience and affordability are just a few of the challenges that Hawaii is facing. To confront them effectively, it is essential that the State of Hawaii have a comprehensive and well-coordinated approach to planning for greater sustainability.

Mr. Glenn's expertise in planning and his experience in sustainable development make him an excellent choice to lead the Department of Planning and Sustainable Development. Throughout his career, he has shown a deep commitment to working collaboratively with communities and stakeholders to create sustainable solutions. He understands the importance of taking a long-term view and planning for the future, even as he works to address the immediate challenges that the state is facing.

Governor Green has a strong agenda for addressing climate and housing challenges. Doing so effectively will require careful coordination between State agencies and public and private stakeholders, and Mr. Glenn's experience and collaborative approach will be critical to these efforts. Further, Mr. Glenn's demonstrated knowledge of federal funding sources and his ability to help Hawaii pursue them will be very valuable as both the public and private sectors seek to tap the unprecedented level of federal funds now available for sustainability.

I support Mr. Glenn's nomination and am confident that he will continue to serve Hawaii with distinction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Benjamin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chris Benjamin

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Submitted on: 3/7/2023 12:08:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james pirtle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Josh Green is not Legally elected as the Governor of Hawaii. The machines where and are manipulated to tally votes for a predetermine dout come. This hearing to confirm Scott Glenn is a fradulent act. Also and act of treason against the people.

Mary Alice Evans
Waimanalo, Hawaii

GM 506

Nomination of Scott J. Glenn, Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 1:00 pm, Room 229

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

Please support the nomination of Scott Glenn to serve as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Chapter 225M-2(a) states that the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development shall have training in the field of urban or regional planning, public administration, experience in programs related to governmental planning, and experience in a supervisory, consultative, or administrative capacity.

Chapter 225M, charges the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development with coordinating the implementation of Chapter 226, the Hawaii state Planning Act to maintain a strong economy, balance protection of Hawaii's physical environment with the need for facilities to support Hawaii's families and socio-cultural advancement for all of Hawaii's residents. Finding the right balance as new concerns arise requires the ability to listen to a broad spectrum of voices in the community.

Scott Glenn has training and experience in all the areas required by the Legislature in Chapter 225M to serve as the head of the Office. Scott has a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from UH Manoa, and served as the head of two state programs, the Office of Environmental Quality Control and the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Scott worked with the Environmental Council to update the rules for Chapter 343 encouraging extensive public input to clarify the steps that applicants and agencies need to take to disclose environmental and cultural impacts of a proposed development or program.

Scott worked with energy stakeholders to build on Hawaii's Clean Energy Initiative to transform Hawaii's electricity and transportation sectors to local sources of non-fossil fuel energy.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments.

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 12:47:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John L Reppun	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante & Committee Members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Glenn's consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

My own experience with State Planning goes back to when the office was housed under then-Governor John Waihe'e and the excellent administrative support given to the task force formed to address broad issues relating to creation of a Kaneohe Bay Master Plan. That experience, with active and skilled state-level planning that engaged community, County and State-level departments and Federal participation, resulted in a robust plan that has been helpful to our community for the past three decades. I cannot say enough about the importance of having state-level planning in the mix as our island communities work to address the complexity of issues out there: food security, sustainable development, environmental sensitivity, distributed energy and resources in a time of climate change and adaptation.

Scott Glenn's wide range of experience and sensitivity to the needs ahead make him an excellent appointment to an otherwise daunting task. I urge this committee to give favorable consideration to his confirmation.

Mahalo, John L. Reppun

Lifetime Windward O'ahu resident; Community-based planner by experience, not trade

Testimony of Catherine P. Awakuni Colón
Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
1:00 PM
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

On Governor's Message No. 506, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Glenn, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón and I am testifying my personal capacity in **support** of the appointment of Scott Glenn to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD).

With an advanced degree in urban and regional planning and extensive planning experience, Mr. Glenn is well suited to lead the OPSD. Over the last few years, I worked with Mr. Glenn when I worked for the State of Hawaii and when Mr. Glenn was the Chief Energy Officer for the State. I was especially appreciative of Mr. Glenn's thoughtful approach to convening and leading the Powering Past Coal Task Force, bringing together various members who were interested in seeing renewable energy projects timely brought online to ensure that the last remaining coal-fired power plant was successfully retired while ensuring the electric utility had adequate power supply to meet consumers' demands.

Mr. Glenn has already demonstrated himself to be a highly productive and effective member of Governor Green's administration, and I respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination as Director of the OPSD.

Thank you for the opportunity to support G.M. No. 506.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

March 8, 2023, 1:00 P.M.

Room 229

Offering strong support for GM 506, Scott Glenn as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

Aloha Chair Inouye and members of the Water and Land Committee:

I'm writing in strong support of GM 506, Scott Glenn, to serve as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD). I believe that Mr. Glenn brings the right mix of vision, heart, innovation, and temperament to the position.

Mr. Glenn has deep experience in planning, clean energy, environmental protection, and government operations. After experience working in the private sector throughout the Pacific and Japan, he led the Office of Environmental Quality Control and the State Energy Office. In that role, Mr. Glenn was successful in leading the complex effort of updating the rules for Hawai'i's environmental review process. He has also served on a number of nonprofit and state committees and boards.

Most importantly, Mr. Glenn is dedicated public servant who has committed his career to making Hawai'i a better, more resilient, and more prosperous place for all. He truly enjoys the difficult work of community engagement, administering, and governing. He is a creative thinker who appreciates the need for innovation in the face of the daunting planning challenges that the state faces—particularly with climate change, housing, competing land use needs, and inequity. Mr. Glenn understands the critical role that government plays in shaping a future for our state that can serve all. I believe he will bring to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development the proper focus, direction, and leadership that it needs.

I urge you to support Mr. Glenn's confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Burt Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support of GM No. 506 for Scott Glenn’s nomination to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD).

I’ve known Mr. Glenn for 8 years when he headed up the Office Environmental Quality Control and then as the Chief Energy Officer in the Hawaii State Energy Office.

It has been my experience that Mr. Glenn is an excellent director and administrator and will make a ideal choice as Director of OPSD. He has Hawaii’s best interest at heart.

For these and other reasons, I strongly urge his confirmation as OPSD Director.

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 2:53:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wren Wescoatt	Testifying for Longroad Energy	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. My name is Wren Wescoatt. I am from Ualapu'e, Molokai and currently reside in Manoa, Oahu. I serve as Vice President of Development at Longroad Energy and have spent the past 15 years working with several companies and local communities to develop some of the largest clean energy projects now operating in our state.

Even though most people know it is important to move away from fossil fuels and toward renewables, developing large solar and wind energy projects is incredibly difficult, because there are different stakeholders and competing land use priorities. As head of the State Energy Office, Scott Glenn facilitated discussions about clean energy and looked for solutions that made sense for community members, government agencies, utilities and renewable energy companies. As a planner, he understood our collective need for housing, agriculture, energy, business, recreation and open space. Scott excelled at leading difficult conversations, getting disconnected groups coordinated and opposing groups to agree on common ground.

Another challenge for renewable projects is the need to get approvals from many government agencies at the county, state and sometimes federal levels. Under Scott's leadership, HSEO helped these agencies communicate and better coordinate to support renewable energy efforts. The "Powering Past Coal Task Force" was one example, bringing together state and county officials to receive monthly updates on large energy projects and improve visibility on reviews and approvals. Thanks to the Task Force some of Oahu's largest clean energy projects survived the global supply chain crisis and will be completed in the next two years.

While my experience working with Scott has been related to HSEO, his vision, interests and capabilities go far beyond energy. He will be an excellent leader of the Office of Planning, and I urge you to please approve his nomination – before he changes his mind!

Mahalo,

Wren W. Wescoatt

VP of Development

Longroad Energy

GM-506

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 5:43:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike McCartney	Testifying for Citizen (Individual)	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye ("Lorriane") & the Honorable Members of the Senate Water & Land Committee.

I am submitting my written testimony in strong support of GM 506 - Scott Glenn - as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I had the pleasure of working with Scott over the past eight (8) years in my various roles during the last administration. He has extensive educational/academic training along with a solid record of public and private experience(s) in the field of planning and sustainability. He has successfully managed issues, people, staff, business and agencies during his career. Finally, he is highly intelligent, ethical, principled, objective, analytical, collaborative, passionate, caring and dedicated. Leading the Office of Planning and Sustainability is the perfect fit for him - the administration - the House & Senate - the Community - the State of Hawaii - the place we all call Home. Therefore, I enthusiastically support his nomination and humbly ask for your favorable consideration as you exercise your constitutional advice and concent duties as a Senator of the state of Hawaii.

Mahalo...

With My Respect & Aloha, Mike McCartney (HRS 5-7.5)

*please forgive any spelling or grammatical errors in my written testimony above.

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Submitted on: 3/7/2023 7:00:20 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noel Morin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear. Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee members,

I am in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Scott Glenn’s nomination for the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Mr.Glenn’s background, experience, and extensive network make him the right candidate for this critical role.

Thank you for supporting his nomination.

Sincerely,
Noel Morin
Climate, Sustainability, and Resilience Advocate
Hilo

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Submitted on: 3/7/2023 8:22:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank Rogozienski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye and members of the committee. I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Scott Glenn as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

I believe Scott has a strong background for this role and is a dedicated public servant who will help advance the sustainability goals for the state of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan S. Okimoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee, I strongly support the appointment of Scott Glenn to the position of Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony in Support of GM 506
Confirmation of Scott Glenn as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

This testimony is in strong support of Scott Glenn's confirmation as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. I have had the opportunity to work with Scott since 2016 as a member of the Environmental Advisory Council (formerly the Environmental Council). Scott's leadership of the Council as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control was in my view, exceptional. Scott is informed, collaborative, committed, and kind. I find him to be the type of leader Hawai'i needs now more than ever. His nomination as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development comes at a critical time for OPSD given the many opportunities and challenges the Office faces ranging from affordable housing to climate change. Scott's leadership puts the Office and State in a stronger position to meet these challenges. As a scientist, Hawaiian, landowner, and resident of Molokai I strongly encourage Scott's confirmation.

Mālama,
Stephanie Dunbar-Co

Kainalu Ranch, owner
Hulili Consulting, owner

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Submitted on: 3/8/2023 9:27:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/8/2023 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dawn Hegger-Nordblom	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT GLENN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.