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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

Friday, March 31, 2023
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016 and Videoconference

In consideration of
Governor's Message No. 516

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. 516, appointment of Dawn Chang to serve as Chairperson, Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Dawn brings an extensive range of skills, experiences, and knowledge to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. For over 20 years, Dawn worked as the Principal of Ho'ākea LLC dba Ku'iwalu, a woman-owned, Native Hawaiian business specializing in strategic planning and facilitating culturally sensitive issues for public and private sector projects. Through community building, particularly with Native Hawaiian communities and organizations, Dawn designed processes that engaged stakeholders through contentious and culturally sensitive issues and projects.

Dawn's experiences in varied and complex situations throughout her career have equipped her with strong leadership qualities and the perspective, knowledge, and understanding to arrive at sound decisions. It is also Dawn's abilities to establish and cultivate productive relationships with her employees, listen to varying viewpoints, and assess information that are invaluable in leading the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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During the time that Dawn has been serving as the Board of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson-nominee, her recognition and acknowledgement of the various employees who make up the divisions under the Department and their expertise, knowledge, and contributions to the mission and goals of the Department, have embraced and cultivated a positive work culture of mutual respect, hard work, teamwork, and accomplishment. In addition, a significant portion of Dawn's time and efforts as the Board of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson-nominee has been dedicated to her direct engagement with communities across our State.

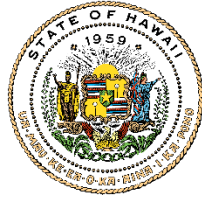
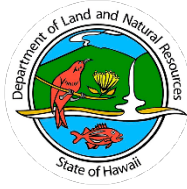
Dawn served as a State Land Use Commissioner and Deputy Attorney General. Dawn earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Hawaii at Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law, and Master in Social Work and Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in sociology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Her legal background and expertise in land use, Native Hawaiian rights, and environmental law also lend to her ability to make sound and judicious decisions. Dawn's extensive experiences and capable leadership in problem-solving will enable her to make informed decisions and employ effective leadership in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have every confidence that Dawn Chang will serve the State and community well as Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo for your consideration.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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**Testimony of
LAURA H. E. KAAKUA
First Deputy**

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

**Friday, March 31, 2023
1:00 PM**

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**In Consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 516
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
DAWN CHANG
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2026**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 516 nominating Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), for a term to expire on December 31, 2026.

Dawn Chang brings a lifetime of experience and expertise in Hawai'i land use and community building to the Department. As the Senior legal counsel in the Land/Transportation Division of the Attorney General's Office, Ms. Chang guided the Department for fifteen years in the areas of real property law, administrative law, Native Hawaiian rights, water rights, and environmental law. She advised the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Commission on Water Resource Management, and the Island Burial Councils. During her tenure, Ms. Chang used her broad legal understanding - from ceded lands to historic preservation law to real property transactions - to help multiple Department Chairs, Deputies, and staff achieve the Department's mission of conserving Hawai'i's unique and limited natural, cultural, and historic resources. Ms. Chang also assisted the Department in litigation when necessary.

In 2001, Ms. Chang formed her own company, Hō'ākea LLC, dba Ku'iwalu, and provided consultation to landowners, developers government agencies, and organizations, often facilitating community meetings or working to build relationships between land developers and the Hawaiian community. In 2012, Ms. Chang became part of the Accord3 Network. As a seasoned team member, she provided

strategic consulting to organizations to solve complex, multi-party problems related to development, conflict resolution and partnership development.

In 2016, Ms. Chang was appointed to the Land Use Commission by Governor Ige and confirmed by the Senate. She was reconfirmed for a second term, and resigned when Governor Green appointed her as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Ms. Chang attended St. Andrew's Priory, in Honolulu, and went on to get a master's in social work from the University of Hawaii. She received her Juris Doctor from the Richardson School of Law and is a member of the State Bar and the Native Hawaiian Bar Association. Ms. Chang does pro bono arbitration with the Hawai'i Judiciary Court Annexed Arbitration Program, and she is a member of ACCORD3.0, specializing in facilitating controversial issues. She is a former Board Member of the Historic Hawaii Foundation, the KEY Project, and the Girl Scouts of Hawaii.

From her work in the Department, and outside of the Department, Ms. Chang understands the Department's strengths as well as its issues. Additionally, she has proven management, facilitation and strategic planning skills, and is not afraid to find common ground in the face of controversy, and seek fair compromises. As the Department navigates significant challenges related to climate change, increasing use of our state lands, existential threats to our native forests and ocean environment, and increasing pressure to develop conservation land, all with limited funding, the Department will need the leadership Ms. Chang is uniquely qualified to provide.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 516.

GM-516

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| Russell Tsuji | Testifying for DLNR | Support | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

Request for zoom link to testify on behalf of DLNR. Written testimony submitted on DLNR's Testimony account and additional staff will be present at the hearing. Thank you!

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE NO. 516
RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF DAWN CHANG
TO BE THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

By
Jordan Lowe, Director

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

Friday, March 31, 2023; 1:00 p.m.
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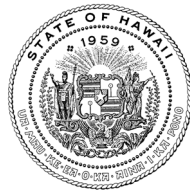
Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in support of the nomination and confirmation of Dawn Chang as the Director, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Ms. Chang has extensive work experience in the private and government sector. Her decade of experience in the understanding and the sensitivity of use of land to the people of Hawai'i and her legal background representing both state agencies and the communities, makes her a highly qualified candidate to take on the important duties and responsibilities, complexities, and authority as the Director of DLNR.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony support of Governor's Message 516 and the confirmation of Ms Chang.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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DIRECTOR

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 516

March 31, 2023
1:00p.m.
Room 016 & Videoconference

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DAWN CHANG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE
12-31-2026.

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

I strongly support the appointment of Dawn Chang to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). I am working with Ms. Chang in my professional capacity as Director of Finance.

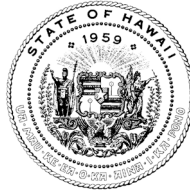
Governor Green's administration shares his priorities of homelessness and housing, the cost of living, climate change, and health care for the people of Hawai'i. We are committed to take action to make the needed changes to move Hawai'i forward.

Ms. Chang 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.

Ms. Chang has been serving as the Chairperson of DLNR since January 2023. Prior to that, she was a Deputy Attorney General in the Land/Transportation Division from 1987 to 2001 and served as a State Land Use Commissioner from 2016 to 2002. Most recently she was the Principal of Ho'ākea LLC. Her work experience and knowledge of land use and environmental law will benefit DLNR and the State; therefore, I support her confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 516
NOMINATION OF DAWN CHANG, CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES
Friday, March 31, 2023

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

I am writing in support of Governor Josh Green's nomination of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Ms. Chang has worked as the Principal of Ho'ākea LLC dba Ku'iwalu, a woman-owned, Native Hawaiian business specializing in strategic planning and facilitating conflict resolution for public and private sector projects for more than 20 years. Through community building, particularly with Native Hawaiian communities and organizations, she has successfully supported major projects while protecting the integrity of cultural heritage environments.

Previously, she served as a state Land Use Commissioner and Deputy Attorney General. In these roles, she gained a legal background in land use and environmental law.

I am pleased to support her confirmation.

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



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM506
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land
and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire
12-31-2026.**

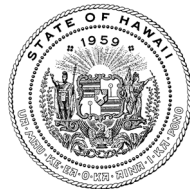
SENATOR LORRAINE R. INOUE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Hearing Date: 3/31/2023

Room Number: CR 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the nomination of Dawn
- 3 Chang as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources for the State of Hawaii.
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- 5 Ms. Chang's resume describes a professional committed to the welfare of the people and natural
- 6 resources of Hawaii. Her early career in social work, especially in rural areas, likely revealed the
- 7 threats to the fragility of certain families. Her work in transportation law and as a State Land Use
- 8 Commissioner, crossed several subject-matter areas such as Native Hawaiian rights, water rights
- 9 and real property, historic preservation, and deliberative decision-making for the public good.
- 10 Lastly, her private consulting brought perspective, balance, and compromise to preservation and
- 11 development, both of which are necessary in modern society.
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- 13 Ms Chang is uniquely qualified, with backgrounds in social work, law, Native Hawaiian issues,
- 14 and land use, to bring a balanced perspective that connects people with the land and water.
- 15 DOH looks forward to working with DLNR under Ms. Chang's leadership to protect Hawaii's
- 16 natural resources for the health and enjoyment of Hawaii's residents and visitors.
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- 18 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TO THE
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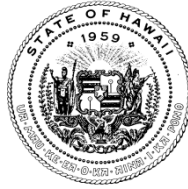
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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In consideration of
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Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land
and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dawn Chang

Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the confirmation of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

The purview of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is expansive and includes the protection of natural and cultural resources, management and control of public lands, operation of state parks, small boat harbors and ocean recreation areas, and management of freshwater resources. This significant responsibility demands strong leadership with a clear vision, subject matter expertise, and administrative capacity.

With her decades of experience in land use policy and law, community engagement and consultation, and work with various agencies at all levels of government, Dawn Chang is well-qualified and suited for this appointment and will bring the kind of leadership this department needs. DOT looks forward to partnering with Ms. Chang and her team to coordinate the land dispositions on DOT properties, management of resources near and on our facilities, coordinating resources to improve access and quality of life for our residents and visitors, and partnering on mitigation and adaptation measures to address future climate impacts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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March 29, 2023

Statement of
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Before the
Senate Committee on
Water and Land

Friday March 31, 2023
1:00 PM
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In consideration of
GM 516
FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON,
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DAWN CHANG

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

Please accept this testimony in support for the confirmation of Dawn Chang as chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources for a term to expire December 31, 2026.

Ms. Chang served on the State Land Use Commission for eight years between 2016 and 2022. During that time, she became well known to the staff. She was an exemplary commissioner, well liked and well respected. From a technical standpoint her resume indicates she has significant qualifications to be the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

From a personal standpoint I can say that she is a true pleasure to work with. She is a warm and caring person. Attributes that flow over into her decision making. While considering the general community; she is extremely concerned about the Hawaiian Community as well as Native Hawaiian rights. She always ensured that the Hawaiian and general community got their say and were heard. She ensured that their concerns were dealt with in an even-handed manner. While she often premised her

decision on unique criteria and came at problems from a unique perspective, her decision making was thoughtful, compassionate, and heartfelt.

It was a true pleasure having her on the Commission. All of my interactions with her showed her to be a person of respect and consideration. She is a person with a strong moral compass and high standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

GM-516

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kalena Kahawaiolaa Blakemore | Testifying for Sate Historic Preservation Division-Hawai'i Island Burial Council | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Kalena Kahawaiolaa Blakemore's Testimony in Opposition to the Nomination of Dawn Chang as Chair of BLNR, GM 516

Senator Inouye and members of Committee on Water and Land,

The atrocities committed against our iwi kūpuna (Hawaiian burials) at Kawaiaha'o Church is the legacy Dawn Chang has left behind in her wake of negligence to circumvent the system we have in place to protect our 'āina and iwi kūpuna.

As Kanaka 'Ōiwi we strive to protect and care for what little is left of our culture. I implore you to please oppose her nomination and pray for someone who cares and is profoundly suitable for this position that the committee and your constituents can wholeheartedly support.

Sincerely,

Kalena K. Blakemore

Hawai'i Island Burial Council-Puna



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Testimony of the Hawaii State Aha Moku

Before the Senate Committee on

Water and Land

Friday, March 31, 2023

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IN SUPPORT of GM 516

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-26-2026.

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

Based on her extensive experience in demonstrated leadership and successful management in transactions in conservation, community capacity building, conflict resolution and ecosystem restoration, Aha Moku supports Dawn Chang. But more than this, we acknowledge and honor her skills in empowering local communities to steward cultural landscapes.

Further, Ms. Chang is a native Hawaiian who was raised with the traditional values of her culture. She is respectful to Kupuna which is critically important to communities in Hawaii. She understands the value of generational knowledge and that each moku and ahupua'a are unique in their natural and cultural resources.

Aha Moku works with native Hawaiians on all the main Hawaiian Islands. In speaking to native Hawaiian practitioners and families on Moku O Keawe (Hawaii), Moku O Piilani (Maui), Nana'i Kaula (Lana'i), Kakuhihewa (O'ahu), and Manokalanipo (Kaua'i), all were in support of Dawn Chang's nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to sharing our mana'o with you. We believe in, and strongly support Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and urge her confirmation.

Respectfully,

Leimana DaMate, Luna Alaka'i/Executive Director

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Before the Senate Committee on

WATER & LAND

Friday, March 31, 2023

1:00 PM

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 516 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND
NATURAL RESOURCES
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DAWN CHANGE

Governor's Message No. 516 submits for consideration and confirmation, Dawn Change to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). On behalf of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, I wish to express my strong support and recommend her confirmation.

During the early formation of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), Ms. Chang served as KIRC's Deputy Attorney General and was instrumental in guiding the newly formed commission in developing the multiple agreements with the United States Navy for the return of the Island of Kaho'olawe and the eventual cleanup and restoration efforts occurring today. When confirmed as the Chairperson of the DLNR, Ms. Chang will also serve as a Commissioner on the KIRC, as specified in Hawaii Revised Statute Chapter 6K. Ms. Chang's early work with the KIRC and her long-time experience with native Hawaiian rights and land issues will be a great asset to the KIRC and provide thoughtful guidance and understanding for the continuing struggles the KIRC must overcome each day. Today, we feel she is in the right place to help champion not only the causes of the KIRC, but for all the other divisions, agencies and commissions assigned to DLNR.

The KIRC is truly fortunate to have the support and advise of the Ms. Chang as DLNR Chairperson and KIRC Commissioner and strongly support her confirmation.

JOSH GREEN M.D.
GOVERNOR

SYLVIA LUKE
LT. GOVERNOR



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**TESTIMONY OF
GARY S. SUGANUMA, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION**

TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

In consideration of G.M. No. 516

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial nominee, Dawn Chang

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Water and Land

DATE: Wednesday, March 31, 2023

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

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

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of the confirmation of Ms. Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

I believe Ms. Chang's experience serving on the State Land Use Commission, as a deputy attorney general with extensive experience in real property law, ceded lands, environmental laws, water rights, and native Hawaiian rights, and her private sector experience dealing with cultural resource and historical preservation management, will enable her to effectively address the challenges facing DLNR. Through my interactions with Ms. Chang, I am confident that she is prepared and committed to work with our local communities in serving the best interests of the State and am confident that she has the experience, skills, and leadership abilities to be a great Chairperson for DLNR.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 516.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
Governor

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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

**FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023
1:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 016 & VIDEOCONFERENCE**

GOVERNORS MESSAGE NO. 516

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

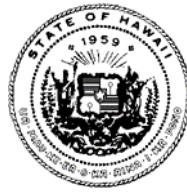
While at the Department of the Attorney General, Dawn was able to build an exceptional work history that included 12+ years at the Deputy Attorney General serving as legal counsel in the Land/Transportation Division where she handled real property law, native Hawaiian rights, water rights and environmental law. She has extensive litigation experience in ceded lands and historic preservation laws, then add her 5+ years as the Commissioner of the State Land Use Commission to determine that she is the right person for the position.

Respectfully requesting your vote to confirm Dawn Chang's nomination to serve as the Chairperson, DLNR.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



CATHY BETTS
DIRECTOR
KA LUNA HO'OKELE

JOSEPH CAMPOS II
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
KA HOPE LUNA HO'OKELE

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March 30, 2023

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

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

SUBJECT: **Testimony in Support**
G.M. 516, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson,
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee,
DAWN CHANG

Hearing: March 31, 2023 at 1:00 pm
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

We, Cathy Betts and Joseph Campos II, serve as the Director and Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services. We are testifying in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 516, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dawn Chang, as the as the Director for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Ms. Chang has extensive experience serving the State of Hawaii for over 40 + years in both private and public service. Specifically, Ms. Chang served as the Deputy Attorney general in the Land/Transportation Division for 14 years in the areas of real property law, administrative law, native Hawaiian rights, water rights, and environmental laws. Ms. Chang has also been the At-Large State Land Use Commissioner from 2016 through 2022.

Within the past four months, we have seen her approach to topics before DLNR utilize balance, measure, and foresight for what is best for the people of Hawaii and employ a commitment to stewardship of Hawaii's unique environment. Her experience and familiarity with issues of DLNR are assets for the Chairperson position. She will help lead DLNR to be responsive to the needs of the people of Hawai'i and Hawai'i government services.

Thank you for allowing us to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 516 and Ms. Chang.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR

SYLVIA LUKE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



JADE T. BUTAY
DIRECTOR

WILLIAM G. KUNSTMAN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII
KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
KA 'OIHANA PONO LIMAHANA

March 31, 2023

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

Date: Friday, March 31, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 16 & Videoconference, State Capitol

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

Re: G.M. 516; Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

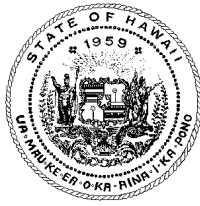
The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)

Ms. Chang possesses the knowledge and experience to successfully lead the DLNR. Ms. Chang is an attorney and has served as a Land Use Commissioner, Deputy Attorney General, and Principal of Ho'ākea LLC dba Ku'iwalu, a woman-owned, Native Hawaiian business specializing in strategic planning and facilitating conflict resolution for public and private sector projects. As such, Ms. Chang is knowledgeable in land use, environmental law, and community engagement, particularly with Native Hawaiian communities and environmental organizations. Ms. Chang's extensive experience demonstrates that she can find common ground amongst stakeholders and successfully support major projects while protecting the cultural heritage of the environment.

The DLIR believes Ms. Chang is a qualified steward that will enhance, protect, conserve, and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural, and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii Nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 516.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE NO. 516
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE DAWN CHANG

By
Tommy Johnson, Director

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

Friday, March 31, 2023; 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016 & Via Video Conference

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

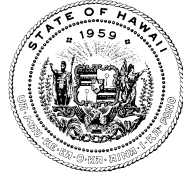
I submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Her impressive knowledge of government operations, and work experience with the State in two separate branches of government and private sector, coupled with her advanced education, make Ms. Chang an ideal candidate to lead the department forward.

She clearly has the prerequisite knowledge, honed leadership, managerial skills, and interpersonal skills required of such a complex and diverse position. I 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 No. 516 and the confirmation of Ms. Chang.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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STATE OF HAWAII
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Hawai'i*

SYLVIA J. LUKE
LT. GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII
*Ka Hope Kia 'āina o ka Moku 'āina
'o Hawai'i*



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**TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
HEARING ON MARCH 31, 2023 AT 1:00PM IN CR 016**

IN SUPPORT OF

GM 516

for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson,
Department of Land and Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **DAWN CHANG**,
for a term to expire 12-31-2026

March 31, 2023

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Ms. Chang's diverse background in legal and social work is reflected in her work as a Commissioner for the State Land Use Commission, a Deputy Attorney General for the Department of the Attorney General, and as a Social Worker for the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center. Ms. Chang's exemplary leadership will aid DLNR in decision making for the benefit of Hawaii's land and people. As the principal and owner of a woman-owned, Native Hawaiian business, DHHL is certain that Ms. Chang will demonstrate keen strategic planning and facilitation of culturally sensitive issues for DLNR.

DHHL looks forward to working in partnership with Dawn Chang and we respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
Governor

SYLVIA LUKE
Lt. Governor



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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday, March 31, 2023

1:00 PM

Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

**GM 516 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, gubernatorial
nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026**

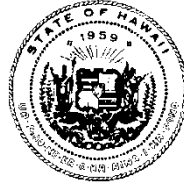
Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) **supports** GM 516, relating to the consideration and confirmation of Ms. Dawn Chang’s appointment as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

ADC believes Ms. Chang’s experience will be instrumental in leading DLNR. Furthermore, ADC is confident Ms. Chang has the knowledge and skills required to serve as Chairperson and we respectfully ask for your consideration and support of her nomination.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



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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

Friday, March 31, 2023
1:00 PM
Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
GM 516
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON,
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
DAWN CHANG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2026.

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 516, to consider and confirm Dawn Chang to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

It is truly my honor and privilege to be working alongside with her and there is no doubt in my mind that she 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 516 and confirm Dawn Chang to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

KA'ĀINA HULL, DIRECTOR

JODI A. HIGUCHI SAYEGUSA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR



DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Testimony of Ka'āina Hull

Planning Director, Planning Department, County of Kaua'i

Before the

Senate Committee on Water and Land

March 31, 2023 at 1:00pm

Conference Room 016 and Videoconference

In consideration of

Governor's Message No. 516

**Relating to the Nomination and Confirmation of Dawn Chang
For Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committees Members:

I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Dawn Chang's confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have gotten to work with and know Dawn through her work as a Land Use Commissioner and as the Principal and owner of *Ho'ākea LLC dba Ku'iwalu*. In her role as a Land Use Commissioner, Dawn continuously held the integrity of the review process and public participation above all else. As a land use consultant, she has engaged the Kauai Planning Department on a number of occasions, pushing the Department to hold itself to the highest standards of the public trust doctrine, particularly the preservation of cultural resources, as well as Native Hawaiians' access to those resources.

As the Director of a land use agency that routinely engages with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and shares many similar responsibilities, I cannot conceive of a more qualified candidate for its Chairperson than Dawn Chang.

I ask that this Honorable Committee to **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to her nomination and forward the nomination to the full Senate for their consideration. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Respectfully submitted,

Ka'āina Hull

Planning Director, County of Kaua'i

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

KA'ĀINA HULL, DIRECTOR

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DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
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Testimony of Marisa Valenciano

Planner, Department of Planning, County of Kaua'i

Before the

Senate Committee on Water and Land

March 31, 2023 at 1:00pm

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In consideration of

Governor's Message No. 516

Relating to the Nomination and Confirmation of Dawn Chang

For Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committees Members:

I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Dawn Chang's confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

I have known Dawn Chang for over ten years through my work as a land use planner for the County of Kaua'i Planning Department. As a Land Use Commissioner, Dawn has never been afraid to ask the hard questions and has been tenacious in her duty to protect Hawaii's natural resources and the rights, traditions, and customs of Native Hawaiians. I have witnessed several Land Use Commission petition hearings where Dawn has thoroughly vetted petitions to understand the potential adverse impacts and formulate conditions of approval to protect natural and cultural resources. I have also had the opportunity to attend several trainings that Dawn conducted as a private consultant to help our Department review projects in compliance with the Ka Pa'akai analysis.

In my current position as a historic preservation planner, I am excited for the opportunity to collaborate with Dawn as the Chairperson to the Department of Land and Natural Resources who will also oversee the administration of the State Historic Preservation Division. As a historic planner, I am constantly in communication with SHPD in my review of Section 106 consultations, Nominations to the State and National Register of Historic Places, and building and zoning permits that trigger HRS 6E (HRS 6E-42, HRS 6E-8, HRS 6E-10). In knowing Dawn both personally and professionally, I cannot think of a more outstanding and qualified candidate for this position who will carry forth the protection and preservation of our cultural and historic resources.

It is my honor to provide this letter of testimony and I humbly ask this Honorable Committee to **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to this nomination and forward the nomination to the full Senate for their consideration.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

KA'ĀINA HULL, DIRECTOR

JODI A. HIGUCHI SAYEGUSA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR



DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Testimony of Jodi Higuchi Sayegusa

Deputy Planning Director, Planning Department, County of Kaua'i

Before the

Senate Committee on Water and Land

March 31, 2023 at 1:00pm

Conference Room 016 and Videoconference

In consideration of

Governor's Message No. 516

**Relating to the Nomination and Confirmation of Dawn Chang
For Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committees Members:

I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Dawn Chang's confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Dawn Chang's vast experience in land use as a Deputy Attorney General providing legal counsel and litigating cases for an array of state entities, notably including the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resources Management, Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Na Ala Hele Trails System, Natural Area Reserves Program, and Island Burial Councils, as a Land Use Commissioner, and her work with public and private entities in cultural resource management and historic preservation, provides her with a mastery of the complex laws, regulations, and responsibilities of DLNR, and enhances her ability to navigate the many complicated issues and dynamics facing DLNR. I have witnessed her commitment toward protecting Hawai'i's natural resources and native Hawaiian rights, traditions, and customs as a Land Use Commissioner when she meticulously questioned government agencies and public testifiers to elicit possible impacts and protection measures. As a consultant, Dawn has provided valuable training to our department to fine tune our administrative processes aimed to fulfill our duties to protect Hawai'i's natural resources and customs. Dawn's breadth of experience and deep sense of kuleana to protect Hawai'i's public trust resources and native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights will allow her to make culturally-informed decisions, fulfill the important role of Chairperson of DLNR, and protect Hawai'i's natural resources for future generations.

I ask that this Honorable Committee to **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to his nomination and forward the nomination to the full Senate for their consideration.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

KA'ĀINA HULL, DIRECTOR

JODI A. HIGUCHI SAYEGUSA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR



DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Testimony of Michael Laureta

Enforcement Division Chief, Planning Department, County of Kaua'i

Before the

Senate Committee on Water and Land

March 31, 2023 at 1:00pm

Conference Room 016 and Videoconference

In consideration of

Governor's Message No. 516

**Relating to the Nomination and Confirmation of Dawn Chang
For Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committees Members:

I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Dawn Chang's confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

I have worked for the State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources on Kaua'i for 13 years, as a Kaua'i Land Agent and Kaua'i District Land Agent. Sam Lee and I also staffed the Hawai'i District Land Office for 1 year at the request of the DLNR Chairman. I also worked as a Regulatory Planner and subsequently in the Enforcement Division at the County of Kaua'i Planning Department for 31 years.

As Chief of the Enforcement Division for the Kaua'i Planning Department, I regularly work and share similar enforcement duties and land use functions of numerous DLNR divisions. I have worked with Dawn as a Kaua'i District Land agent (when she was with the AG's office), and as the Enforcement Supervisor, when she provided her Hawaiian cultural insights and government considerations (Hawaiian PASH rights) to the Enforcement Section. She provided valuable guidance to the Kaua'i District Land Office as Kekaha Sugar and the Lihue Plantation were transitioning out of sugar.

Dawn is humble and knowledgeable and has expertise in both the private sector and government. She has the expertise and experience to serve as DLNR's Chairperson and meaningfully protect and manage Hawai'i's lands and precious natural resources.

I ask that this Honorable Committee to **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to her nomination and forward the nomination to the full Senate for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Laureta

Enforcement Division Chief, Planning Department, County of Kaua'i

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

KA'ĀINA HULL, DIRECTOR

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DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
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Testimony of Romio Idica

CZM Planner, Department of Planning, County of Kaua'i

Before the

Senate Committee on Water and Land

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In consideration of

Governor's Message No. 516

Relating to the Nomination and Confirmation of Dawn Chang

For Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committees Members:

I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Dawn Chang's confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Being a Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Planner, I work on permitting and processing applications that deal with the Special Management Area (SMA) and properties along the coastal areas on the island of Kaua'i. I have worked with Dawn on several permits that required careful consideration of sensitive cultural resources and sites on the island of Kaua'i. Dawn's knowledge of Article XII, Section 7 of the Hawai'i State Constitution and commitment to honoring Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights and resources is unsurpassed in the State. With her background on Land Use and her knowledge of cultural preservation, Dawn would be a valuable asset as Chairperson to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

With respect, I ask the Honorable Committee to **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to her nomination and forward the nomination to the full Senate for their consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:39:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Tamara Paltin | Testifying for West Maui Councilmember | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha committee,

I am writing in support of BLNR Chair Dawn Chang, since being appointed, we have had a number of shipwrecks in West Maui, this happens nearly every year, and we have been able to meet with her and the first deputy on some occasion and are hopeful to be able to move forward on some of these issues. Up to this point, I have been impressed with her responsiveness and sincerity in trying to fix a system that she has inherited that has numerous flaws. I have watched some of the BLNR meetings she has chaired since her appointment and am pleased with what I have witnessed.

Mahalo for reading my testimony in support of Chair Dawn Chang.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR

MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR



Testimony of
Derek S.K. Kawakami
Mayor, County of Kaua'i

Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
March 31, 2023 at 1:00 PM
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

In consideration of
**GM 516 Relating to the Appointment of
Dawn Chang
Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources**

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

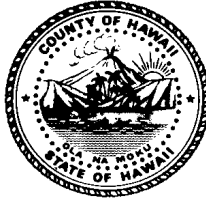
I am honored to write in **strong support** of the appointment of Dawn Chang as the State of Hawai'i Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. She will effectively and prudently lead this department tasked to enhance, protect, conserve, and manage Hawai'i's unique and limited natural, cultural, and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations for the people of Hawai'i nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors.

With her prior experience as Deputy Attorney General and Land Use Commissioner, Ms. Chang brings an extensive wealth of knowledge and expertise to address the laws, regulations, and responsibilities under the purview of the department. As Deputy Attorney General, she has provided legal counsel for many state agencies including the DLNR. As Land Use Commissioner, Ms. Chang always worked meticulously to guide and control development while preserving agricultural and conservation lands. Her ability to extract answers and information from all parties drives her sound decision making.

As a consultant, Ms. Chang has provided training to our County staff, most recently on reviewing projects with the Ka Pa'akai analysis allowing us to better protect our cultural resources. Her dedication and expertise transcend between her public service and work in the private sector.

Protection and preservation of our cultural, natural, and historic resources is paramount as we move forward in this dynamic time in our State. I am confident in the leadership Dawn Chang brings to the Department of Natural Resources as Chairperson. I ask you to **Advise and Consent** to her nomination and forward to the full Senate for their consideration.

From the office of -
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SUSAN L.K. LEE LOY

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March 30, 2023

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

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

**RE: SUPPORT FOR GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 516
DAWN CHANG – DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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

This letter is written in **strong support** of Gubernatorial Nominee Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee will advance and recognize many qualified applicants with excellent qualities. Ms. Chang is a natural leader with a grounding, level-setting voice of understanding and sensibility.

As the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, there will be a need to balance many parts of the law, departmental rules, government personnel, and the uniqueness of our state, island communities, and their ideas therein. An area worth highlighting in Ms. Chang's resume is her strong understanding of complex issues such as land use, cultural resource management, and environmental law, and her ability to involve the community and find solutions. Ms. Chang will be a valuable addition to the Department, and I strongly urge your Committee's approval.

As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Aloha Piha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan L.K. Lee Loy".

Susan "Sue" L.K. Lee Loy
Council Member, County of Hawai'i, District 3
Chair, Committee on Infrastructure and Assets

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 7:42:14 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Keith Unger | Testifying for McCandless Ranch | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Keith Unger and McCandless Ranch strongly support Dawn Chang as Chairperson of DLNR.



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**

Friday, March 31, 2023. 1:00 pm

**In consideration, of the Nomination Dawn Chang to the position of
Chair and Director, Department of Land and Natural Resources
Governor's Message No. 516**

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 516 nominating Dawn Chang to serve as Chairperson and Director for the State Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Ms. Chang has an extensive record of public service and is uniquely qualified to serve as the head of the DLNR. Besides being an accomplished attorney and administrator, Ms. Chang is a trained mediator and arbitrator with a record of being open, fair and constructive.

With all the complex issues facing the DLNR, Ms. Chang has the ability to listen to various perspectives, be fair, objective and work towards solutions that benefit all of Hawaii. She understands the issues and as a native Hawaiian, with a strong background in Hawaiian culture she brings a special perspective to this important challenge.

Please hear her out and know that under her leadership all sides will be considered and we will move forward together. Mahalo.



Imanaka Asato
A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW COMPANY

March 23, 2023

Representative Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Representative Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Water and Land

RE: **GM 516- CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**
Hearing date – March 31, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

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

I am submitting this letter in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 516 appointing **Dawn Chang** to serve as director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). I have known **Dawn Chang** for many years. She is smart, hardworking and very knowledgeable about land use issues and community sentiment throughout our Hawaii. As *keiki-o-ka-aina*, Dawn brings a lifetime of experience to the table for the benefit of the people of Hawaii.

In all the years that I have known Dawn, she has always been forthcoming and very fair in her dealings with people, and has always approached problems and issues with an open mind and with the goal of finding common ground, in a very *pono* way.

Given her extensive experience in the area of land use, and with her extensive knowledge of our community, she is well-positioned to serve Hawaii well.

Accordingly, I submit this testimony is **strong support** of her appointment to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and urge her early confirmation.

With Aloha,

Mitchell A. Imanaka
Managing Principal

Hawaii Harbor Users Group
In Support of GM516
Before the Committee on Water and Land
March 31, 2023

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

The Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG) is a non-profit maritime transportation industry group comprised of key commercial harbor users statewide. HHUG supports GM516, which nominates Dawn Chang to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Ms. Chang has been a dedicated, longtime public servant. Her decades of experience in state government and consulting gives her unique insight into operations of the State of Hawaii. HHUG has worked with Ms. Chang on several harbors-related issues. Our members have found Ms. Chang to be open, fair, and collaborative. We believe she will execute her duties with fairness and competence.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 6:03:20 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Alan Gottlieb | Testifying for Ponoholo Ranch | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please support Dawn Chang for BLNR Chair.

March 25, 2023

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chairperson

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Hawaii State Capitol Room 210

Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Testimony in Support of GM 516 – Dawn Chang

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

It is with great pride and respect that I submit testimony in support of Dawn Chang for the position of Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. It is especially an honor having worked for DLNR as an intern while attending the University of Hawaii, in the late 70's and having served on the O'ahu Island Burial Council for which she provided testimonies before our council.

I served as Vice President & General Manager of Turtle Bay Resort from 2011-2018. Having lived away from Hawai'i for over 30 years, it became abundantly clear that despite my Native Hawaiian heritage, I needed someone who could ensure we at Turtle Bay, learned more about our culture and traditions.

We hired Dawn, Principal and Owner of Ku'iwalu, to educate our owners, managers and employees of our responsibilities as stewards of Turtle Bay's 1,500 acres of land. Her role was to ensure we lived up to our Native Hawaiian values consistently and respectfully. And that she did.

I, and my former owners of Turtle Bay, are extremely grateful for her knowledge and devotion to the Native Hawaiian principles, practices, and protocols. She was unwavering in her commitment. She gave us our culture back. And for those who were not Native Hawaiians, they learned from our example. The archeological inventory surveys, burial plans, reinterment, blessings, and so much more had reignited a deeper desire to learn more.

It has now been over 11 years since I've known Dawn. I have watched her serve on the Land Use Commission since 2016 where she has shown genuine sensitivity to the protection and use of agricultural and rural districts when events or activities may not serve in the best interest of the community or land.

Dawn is a true leader who approaches challenges with her intelligence and her calm demeanor. While some may be disrespectful, Dawn has never been and never will be that type of person.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my testimony. My apologies for being unable to provide this in person.

Sincerely,

Danna Holck

Matson Navigation Company, Inc.
In Support of GM516
Before the Committee on Water and Land
March 31, 2023

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

Matson Navigation Company, Inc. (Matson) supports GM516, which nominates Dawn Chang to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Ms. Chang has been a dedicated, longtime public servant. Her decades of experience in state government and consulting gives her unique insight into operations of the State of Hawaii. HHUG has worked with Ms. Chang on several harbors-related issues where both her aloha and kuleana for mālama ‘āina have been proven. Our members have found Ms. Chang to be open, fair, and collaborative. We believe she will execute her duties with fairness and competence.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 1:09:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Godfrey Akaka | Testifying for The Native Hawaiian Gathering Rights Association | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Godfrey Akaka Jr. President for The Native Hawaiian Gathering Rights Association. We are in support of Dawn Changs confirmation. Dawn has had open communications with us and we feel she has a balanced approach on issues and welcomes the voices of the community to be heard and supported. Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Godfrey Akaka Jr. NHGRA President



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

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

GM516

Dawn Chang

Friday, March 31, 2023, 1:00 PM
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

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

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of over 750 thousand acres of land in Hawaii, or 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawaii's cattle producers.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports GM516** for the consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

Ms. Chang's extensive experience in land use issues is apparent through her roles as Commissioner of the State Land Use Commission and as the Deputy Attorney General providing legal counsel for State Boards and Commissions. This in-depth experience with land use issues provides expertise that is valuable for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, which has a wide range of tasks to carry out.

Not only has Ms. Chang been available to discuss important issues regarding cattle production and land stewardship, but she has taken extra time out of her busy schedule to actually visit leaseholders to understand the situation. This on-the-ground experience is especially important during a time when misinformation is so easily spread. She has proven to be fair, thoughtful, and committed to understanding all sides of an issue to inform her decision-making.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify and respectfully ask for your support of Ms. Dawn Chang for the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Nicole Galase
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Managing Director



HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

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

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director
Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Committee: Friday, March 31, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

RE: **GM 516 Confirmation of Dawn Chang**
Chairperson of the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation, I am writing in **support for GM 516, confirming Dawn N.S. Chang at the Chairperson of the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources** for a term to expire December 31, 2026.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) is responsible for managing and protecting Hawaii's natural, cultural, historic and scenic resources. As one of the 12 primary divisions of the Department, the Historic Preservation Division is responsible for administering the State's program for the identification and treatment of historic properties and cultural resources.

Hawaii's current practice is to designate the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources as the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). The SHPO is responsible for the state's comprehensive historic preservation program [HRS §6E-5] and to meet the federal requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 470a(b)—State Historic Preservation Programs]. The Hawai'i SHPO is appointed by the governor and "shall be appointed on the basis of professional competence and experience in the field of historic preservation and shall be placed in the department (of land and natural resources) for the purposes of the state program."

The State Historic Preservation Officer is the single most important person related to historic preservation in the state. The State appoints its SHPO to be the decision-maker and advocate related to the sites, buildings, landscapes, districts and objects that are significant to the history of Hawai'i. The position is critically important for establishing and implementing a comprehensive historic preservation program that both initiates preservation actions (through planning, inventories, education, incentive and regulatory systems) and responds to proposals that may affect historic

properties (through review of development proposals, capital improvements, tax credits and permits).

While the daily tasks and management of the State's historic preservation program are delegated to the administrator of the state historic preservation division and the professional staff, the leadership and priorities are set by the SHPO. The historic, cultural and natural resources of Hawai'i are its greatest legacy and irreplaceable treasures. Decisions that affect their protection, use, interpretation and perpetuation have irreversible and dramatic consequences. Historic Hawai'i Foundation strongly supports measures that lead to better decision-making and implementation to safeguard these resources.

Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF) is a statewide nonprofit organization established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of sites, buildings, structures, objects and districts that are significant to the history of Hawai'i. It is governed by a Board of Trustees elected by the general membership.

Ms. Chang formerly served as a trustee for Historic Hawai'i Foundation for five years (May 2011- April 2016). In addition to her tenure as a board member, Ms. Chang served on several working groups and committees, including the Preservation Honor Awards Selection (2013-2022), Preservation Policy (2012-2016) and Kama'aina of the Year Event committees.

Ms. Chang brought both subject matter expertise and a collegial spirit to the Historic Hawai'i Foundation Board of Trustees. She is collaborative in deliberations and applies standards fairly to all participants. She has a professional demeanor and is a thoughtful and courteous participant in discussions and determinations. She demonstrated a deep awareness and care for Hawaii's historic places and the importance that they hold for both Native Hawaiians and all people of Hawai'i.

Ms. Chang's knowledge, skills and abilities will serve the State well, and we believe she will bring the values of stewardship and collaboration to the position.

Therefore, Historic Hawai'i Foundation is pleased to support the confirmation of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.



Hawaii Reserves, Inc.
A LAND MANAGEMENT COMPANY

R. Eric Beaver
PRESIDENT & CEO

March 28, 2023

Via Legislature's Website – Submit Testimony

Senate Committee on Water & Land
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

**Re: G.M. 516 (Confirmation of Dawn Chang as DLNR Chairperson)
Testimony In Support
Hearing: Friday, March 31, 2023, 1:00 p.m., Conf. Rm. 016**

Honorable Chair Inouye and Committee Members:

Aloha and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources. This testimony is submitted on behalf of Hawaii Reserves, Inc. (HRI), a land management company located in Laie with oversight of approximately 7,000 acres of land zoned agricultural, preservation, residential, and commercial.

Ms. Chang has decades of professional experience dealing with the kinds of issues that the DLNR Chairperson encounters in the State of Hawaii. These include issues involving public and governmental policy, Native Hawaiian archaeology and history, and community outreach in areas related to agricultural, residential and commercial land.

Dawn has facilitated a number of outreach processes involving sensitive cultural and community issues, and she is known for her ability to be fair and objective, especially in facilitating difficult discussions. As a private consultant, she advised project developers and provided community outreach services on various projects by engaging with local residents and cultural descendants of ancestral burials.

She also helped develop a cultural monitoring program for burials found during the construction of the Honolulu rail project and consulted with a number of state and federal agencies on various issues across the islands, such as statewide public meetings on federal recognition of Native Hawaiians. The DLNR will greatly benefit from someone with this community background who also has diverse professional experience pertinent to the work of the department.

During HRI's time serving as a land representative member on the state's Oahu Island Burial Council, Dawn came before the council; her demeanor and presentation was always professional, courteous, and respectful of the various parties at the table. We applaud Governor Green's choice in nominating someone of Ms. Chang's character and caliber to head one of our state's most important agencies.

We have every confidence that Ms. Chang will faithfully execute her responsibilities as the Chairperson of the DLNR, and respectfully request that this committee pass out G.M. 516.

Sincerely,



R. Eric Beaver

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

RE: GM 516 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson,
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG.

Aloha Chairman Inouye and Vice-Chair Elefante and Senate Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me to submit a written testimony in SUPPORT of
Governor Josh Green's Gubernatorial Nominee, Dawn Chang for consideration and confirmation as
Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I am Danielle Ululani Beirne, residing in the beautiful and only "living" Ahupua'a of Kahana
Valley on O'ahu and perpetuating our Hawaiian culture with my 'Ohana, my children and grandchildren,
grand nieces and nephews and speaking the 'olelo Hawai'i of our people.

I am so blessed to be living at a time when a native Hawaiian has been finally given an
opportunity to serve the State of Hawai'i in this prestigious position. I have reviewed all her
qualifications and I say it is sound and has progressed over time. As life's journey is long and hard, so is
the road to being educated in this great State of ours, and building communities is what Dawn Chang
does best. There's been some areas of concern or some bumps in the road, so I will liken them to our
roadways, "they can be fixed".

Again, I SUPPORT Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
and ask this Committee on Water and Land to give her your support and confirmation as soon as
possible. I appreciate all your Committee and its members. Stay Strong, be well. Mahalo Piha

Owau me ka Ha'a Ha'a

Danielle Ululani Beirne, Kupuna and Permanent Member
Friends of Kahana and Ko'olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club



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March 31, 2023

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

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

GM516, Nominee Dawn Chang for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund Political Action Committee (HOEISF PAC). The HOEISF PAC is a non-profit labor management organization whose core mission is to represent the interests of the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 and Hawaii's leading contractors and ensure that the industry is thriving and sustainable for the future.

We are writing in support of Dawn Chang's nomination to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Ms. Chang has an impressive resume, highlighted by her many years of service as both a Deputy Attorney General and Commissioner at the State Land Use Commission. She is clearly qualified for the role of DLNR Chair and would serve the people of Hawaii well.

We ask that you please support Dawn Chang's nomination.



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March 28, 2023

To: Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Sen. Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
And Members, Committee on Water & Land

From: Aaron D. Mahi, President
Mahealani Cypher, Board Member
Ko`olau Foundation

Re: G.M. 516 – Appointment of Dawn Chang as Chairperson,
Department of Land & Natural Resources – In Support

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

The Ko`olau Foundation offers its strong support for the confirmation of Dawn Chang to serve as director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and chairperson of its Board.

Our organization has observed and monitored the work of Dawn Chang for most of her career in state government and more recently in her work with the community. We have taken note that, in fact, she has perhaps spent more time working with DLNR than almost anyone else, except perhaps career employees of that department. As deputy attorney general, Dawn Chang has had to “carry the water” to support the department and other state agencies through decades of conflict and compromises. Throughout all these years of both public and private engagement, we have witnessed her successes and those times when, unfortunately, she chose a less-favored path.

Despite the instances where we may have seen better approaches to some problems, we have come to respect Dawn Chang because she has demonstrated a willingness to calmly work with those who have disagreements, and has made good faith efforts to find resolution to these conflicts. She has succeeded in most instances.

We believe there is no one with a deeper understanding of the many challenges – and strengths – found within the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As an organization dedicated to preserving our historic sites and cultural properties, the Ko`olau Foundation plans to continue monitoring her and fully expects to hold her accountable as *kia`i* of our state’s precious lands and natural resources.

We urge your support of her confirmation. Mahalo for considering our *mana`o*.



WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

March 31, 2023

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

**RE: Governor’s Message No. 516 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire on December 31, 2026
Hearing date: March 31, 2023, 1:00 p.m.**

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

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on behalf of Young Brothers, LLC (“YB”) offering **SUPPORT** of Dawn Chang’s nomination.

YB is a common carrier by water, transporting property by tug and barge between the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, and Lanai. YB is currently the only water common carrier authorized to transport property under Chapter 271G, Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) (i.e., the Hawaii Water Carrier Act), subject to the regulatory authority of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii (“PUC”). Since 1900, customers across Hawaii have relied on YB’s frequent, regular, and universal sailings to serve as the bridge that connects all communities in this island-state.

Dawn Chang is well-qualified and well-suited to lead the State as the Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. As you know, Dawn Chang served as a commissioner on the State Land Use Commission from 2016 to 2022 and as a Deputy Attorney General from 1987 to 2001, including serving as senior legal counsel in the Land/Transportation Division.

Dawn Chang’s knowledge, experience, and leadership skills will be an invaluable resource to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and to the State of Hawaii. Moreover, her experience working with stakeholders across the industry make her an ideal Chairperson.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Dawn Chang’s nomination.

Sincerely,

Jay Ana
President

Kris Nakagawa
Vice President, External and Legal Affairs

OPPOSE

GM516 – Dawn Chang

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

First, we all need to agree that every nominee is a good person and a nice person. Hyped social media accusations to vilify or create friction cannot be part of this democratic process. We expect all our elected government officials to be logical, deliberate, and independent in their decision-making for the public good.

Whether the nominee is smart or experienced, or a man or woman or of a particular race or a good friend is secondary in this case. The **primary focus** of this nomination is: **Whether the nominee is the right person for this position of public trust and public good.**



DLNR's jurisdiction encompasses nearly 1.3 million acres of State

lands, beaches, and coastal waters as well as 750 miles of coastline (the fourth longest in the country). It includes state parks; historical sites; forests and forest reserves; aquatic life and its sanctuaries; public fishing areas; boating, ocean recreation, and coastal programs; wildlife and its sanctuaries; game management areas; public hunting

Based on Dawn Chang's record below, consenting to this nominee would be like allowing the fox to guard the henhouse. The risks are too high.



Dawn Chang has an established record of helping developers and corporations achieving their corporate agenda. It's ok; it's her chosen job.

But, for the position of Chair of the BLNR, Dawn Chang's same record shows a very clear imbalance towards corporate agendas and no interest in the preservation or protection of "Aloha Aina".

The kuleana of this particular BLNR position requires much more respect, passion, and na'au inclinations for the protection, wise management and conservation of Hawaii's resources. She has no demonstration of such on record.

EXAMPLE: Excerpt from her submitted resume:

2001-2022 Ho'ākea LLC dba Ku'iwalu, Principal Principal and owner of a woman-owned, Native Hawaiian business that specializes in strategic planning and facilitating culturally sensitive issues for public and private sector projects. Kuiwalu has worked with private developers including

Kobayashi Group,

Howard Hughes Corporation,

General Growth Properties,

Turtle Bay Resort,

Travaasa

Hana Hotel,

Outrigger Hotels, and

Disney Aulani.

Turtle Bay Resort Controversies:

I first saw Dawn Chang when she appeared on the scene for the Turtle Bay Resort controversy on and around 2010. Dawn Chang was hired by Replay Resorts, a Canada-based resort development firm, to obtain the necessary developmental permits from the Honolulu City Council.

Dawn Chang was the principal of Kuiwalu, a small consulting firm specializing in culturally sensitive issues with developers and Native Hawaiian families on Native Hawaiian burials.

She portrayed herself as a woman leader and also a Hawaiian who understood and felt for the local people.

In this Turtle Bay project here, Dawn Chang was hired to do a job. She did her job.

The Kuilima/Turtle Bay record repeatedly shows that upon receiving land entitlements, corporations such as Oaktree Capital Management and The Blackstone Group were able to exploit and flip their new vested interests **on paper** for significant monetary gains without putting a stick in the ground.

Dawn Chang would continue to do many similar jobs for such corporations and developers in Hawaii. It's her choice of livelihood. It's her free agency, of course.

Many lifelong environmentalists, conservationists, and related fields have voiced their opposition based on her record and their interactions with her. Some of her actions are very alarming in relation to fit this DLNR position's kuleana.

Her record does not instill much trust in this nominee to advocate for the public good and manage the natural but finite resources of Hawaii.

Even if the nominee promises to be independent of her past, it will still be a very hard sell because there are OTHER more qualified nominees who can fill this very important position.

DO NOT CONSENT to this nomination.

Mahalo,

Choon James

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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 516—Confirmation Dawn Chang as Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources
Friday, March 31, 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 516, confirming as the Chairperson of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Dawn Chang.

Ms. Chang's commitment to public service; work experience in both the private and public sectors; legal background in the area of real property law, administrative law, native Hawaiian rights, water rights, and environmental laws; understanding and implementation of processes that allow for meaningful participation of stakeholders; and patience and ability to work with people of diverse backgrounds renders her well suited to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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





Hawai'i Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce

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RE: Written Testimony for GM 516

Hui 'Oihana, the Hawai'i Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce supports the appointment of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson for the State Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As the first Native Hawaiian to head the DLNR, Dawn Chang has shown respect (*hō'ihī*), a sense of personal responsibility (*ko'u kuleana*), a willingness to always learn (*kupu mau*) and a determination to bring people together (*laulima*) to work together for the benefit of all of Hawaii's residents. These are core values of our organization and traits that we have seen Dawn Chang exhibit in the many sensitive cultural issues on Hawai'i Island.

For these reasons and our belief that she will stand for us and with us to build a better future for our keiki, Hui 'Oihana supports the appointment of Dawn Chang. I also call upon all other Native Hawaiian groups to use our collective voices (and votes) to bring 'ōiwi leadership to Hawai'i.

I mua e nā pōki'i,

Benson Medina

President

Hui 'Oihana – Hawai'i Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce



March 29, 2023

Testimony of KAHEA: THE HAWAIIAN-ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE in opposition to the nomination of Dawn Chang as Chairperson Department of Land and Natural Resources (GM 516)

To the Senators of the Water and Land Committee,

KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance (KAHEA), a Hawai'i nonprofit established in 2000, like hundreds of other commenters, strongly opposes nomination of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and thus opposes GM 516.

Chang's firm, Ku'iwalu routinely worked with big developers who have gentrified Ala Moana, Kaka'ako and Waikīkī, displacing Kānaka Maoli today, and unearthing iwi kupuna laid to rest many generations ago. Ku'iwalu, was often tasked with creating "community engagement opportunities" designed to diffuse oppositional views.

We are disappointed in Governor Green's nomination of Dawn Chang for DLNR Chair. As someone who has facilitated harmful development by diffusing community concerns through consultation processes that are confusing, time consuming, and impotent, she is not the right choice to lead this agency. Developers who have contracted with her to move projects along will enjoy a real advantage over people who are speaking out for the environmental community and native Hawaiian cultural concerns.

Perhaps most relevant to our work at KAHEA is Chang's preparation of the University of Hawai'i's (UH) 2009 Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) for Mauna Kea and the 2021 audit of the CMP. In 2004, Mauna Kea Anaina Hou, the Royal Order of Kamehameha, Sierra Club, and Kū Ching sued BLNR and UH for approving the Keck Outrigger project. In 2007, the Third Circuit Court agreed with the plaintiffs and ordered that UH/ BLNR could not approve new telescope construction until they developed a truly "comprehensive" plan for Mauna Kea.

As the document was being developed in 2009, community members explained to Chang that while they wanted to, they could not trust the process and dialogue with her and others in good faith because of the many years of lies and broken promises on the part of UH and DLNR. "Dawn made a big performance, ensuring everyone this plan was different. It wasn't different," recalls KAHEA Board President Jon Osorio.

After a court ruling in 2012 neutered the CMP, essentially saying it did nothing to reduce the existing significant adverse impacts of telescope development on the summit of Mauna Kea, those same people Chang had given false assurances to, were done giving UH the benefit of the doubt. The next major encounter was in 2014 when Kia'i Mauna disrupted and

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KAHEA: the Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance is a non-profit 501(c)3 working to protect the unique natural and cultural resources of the Hawaiian islands. KAHEA translates to English as "the call."

ultimately stopped the groundbreaking ceremony for the Thirty-Meter Telescope, ushering in a new era in the movement to protect Mauna Kea. In this way, the botched CMP process is one of the sparks that ignited the Kia'i Mauna movement.

Perversely, the 2021 audit of the CMP, also performed by Chang's Ku'iwalu consultancy, found "there is an absence of genuine consultation with the Native Hawaiian community that has resulted in greater mistrust of UH." What Chang laid at the feet of UH in her 2021 report were the logical consequences of decades of farcical community consultation, including through her own consulting work. Today, the CMP remains beleaguered by litigation (SCOT-22-0000502). Hawaiian cultural practitioners' challenge to UH and BLNR's "update" to the CMP is before the state supreme court.

The Director of DLNR chairs the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) which makes decisions on a wide range of issues including land uses (like the Army leases which end in 2029) and Conservation District Use Permits (which projects, like the one the Thirty-Meter Telescope, need to obtain in order to build on conservation lands). The Director of DLNR is also the chair of the Commission on Water Resources Management (CWRM). CWRM works on important issues like groundwater contamination at Red Hill and setting standards for keeping enough water in our streams to support healthy ecosystems including native aquatic life and cultural practices like kalo farming. The DLNR Director also serves as the chief historic preservation officer who is in charge of, amongst other things, the protection of iwi kūpuna. This is particularly concerning given Ms. Chang's past contracts with developers who have desecrated burials at places like Kawaiaha'o Church and the Ke'eaumoku Wal-Mart.

In a [Dec 29, 2022 Hawai'i News Now story](#), Ms. Chang states that she will disclose any potential conflicts and will even appoint someone other than herself to the newly formed Mauna Kea Stewardship Oversight Authority. Where will the opportunities for public oversight be when she chooses a delegate? With a substantial client list of some of Hawai'i's most controversial projects, we can expect lots of disclosures, delegations and recusals. How then, can we expect Ms. Chang to provide the sorely needed leadership DLNR deserves?

Me ke aloha,

2023 Board and Staff of KAHEA: The Hawaiian Environmental Alliance



March 31, 2023

TO: HONORABLE LORRAINE INOUE, CHAIR, HONORABLE BRANDON ELEFANTE, VICE CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF GM 516, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DAWN CHANG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2026**

HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 31, 2023
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Capitol Room 016

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

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately five hundred (500) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. Our mission is to elevate Hawaii's construction industry and strengthen the foundation of our community.

GCA is in **support** of GM 516, which submits for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026

Ms. Chang has been a dedicated, longtime public servant. Her experience in state government and consulting gives her unique insight into operations of the Department and State of Hawaii. We believe she will execute her duties with fairness and competence.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for GM 516.

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March 14, 2022

**Governor Josh Green
State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers, State Capitol
415 South Beretania St
Honolulu, HI 96813**

Dear Governor Green,

I am writing today to share my thoughts regarding the appointment of Dawn Chang for Chairperson for DLNR.

Cates Marine/Visionary Marine was hired to conduct the removal of a privately owned luxury yacht, "Nakoa", that went aground on the shoreline of Maui. The grounding was located near a marine sanctuary and required immediate action. I have conducted various marine salvage operations for over 25 years here in Hawaii, ranging from large naval ships such as "Port Royal" to smaller commercial and recreational vessels. In every situation DLNR plays a major role in the removal process and face difficult decisions, however as acting Chairperson, Dawn was put in a predicament unlike previous DLNR Chairpersons I have worked with; dealing with a vessel of this size and value with no insurance.

While working with various chairpersons throughout my salvage career, maritime emergencies often serve as a litmus test. Some have done well and others have not. In my opinion, Dawn clearly demonstrated her capabilities as a leader and decision maker while overseeing operations at Honolua Bay, which I would happily share with our legislators in detail.

In short, I presented Dawn with a few salvage plans, all of which were difficult when dealing with a large vessel in such a sensitive area under the constant scrutiny of the public. The choices were not easy, however, her directions were as follows:

Do what is safe, safety is your priority,
Do what you can to best protect the environment and resources,
Do your best and know that DLNR has your back every step of the way.

This is the first time in 25 years I heard such a thing from a DLNR Chairperson. Having the confidence to delegate and make those tough calls is exactly the kind of leadership the State of Hawaii needs.

I believe your choice in Dawn as DLNR Chairperson is a great one. Despite the challenges of dealing with such a volatile situation while being so new to the position, she was the right person for the job at the right time. I hope she makes it through the confirmation process and would like to offer my support in any way possible. In our opinion, Dawn's decision making, integrity, and leadership make her an impressive candidate for DLNR chairperson and we hope to be able to work with her again.

Mahalo,
Randy Cates
Cates Marine Service, LLC
Visionary Marine, LLC



TESTIMONY OF JACOB D. TAVARES, LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS BUSINESS MANAGER,
PARKER RANCH, INC.
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
MARCH 31, 2023, 1:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 016 & VIDEOCONFERENCE

MEASURE: GM 516

TITLE: CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

Parker Ranch, Inc. supports GM516 to confirm Gubernatorial Nominee Dawn Chang, as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, for a term which would expire on December 31st, 2026. As a large and longstanding landowner on the island of Hawaii, Parker Ranch has a deep interest in ensuring the responsible management of our natural resources. For these reasons, we lend our support to the confirmation of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Ms. Chang's impressive record of experience and dedication to land use issues make her an ideal candidate for this important role. Her work as a Commissioner of the State Land Use Commission and as Deputy Attorney General has provided her with a unique perspective and expertise that will be invaluable in managing the complex and varied responsibilities of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Additionally, within her first few months on the job she has shown the ability to navigate and collaborate toward shared solutions with other state agencies and private sector entities.

We have observed her dedication to understanding the concerns of stakeholders and making informed decisions based on all available information. Her willingness to visit leaseholders and take the time to understand their unique situations shows a level of commitment that is truly exceptional. Moreover, Ms. Chang has demonstrated an ability to be fair and thoughtful in her decision-making, even when faced with challenging or controversial issues. We are confident that she will bring these qualities to her role as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, ensuring that the interests of all stakeholders are considered and that our natural resources are managed responsibly for the benefit of future generations.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify. Mahalo for your consideration.

Jacob D. Tavares
Parker Ranch, Inc.
Manager, Livestock Business Operations



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Date: 03/29/23

TO: WTL Chair Inouye, WTL Vice Chair Elefante and WTL Committee Members

FROM: Hawai'i Forest Industry Association (HFIA)

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of GM516, Dawn Chang for Chairperson of the DLNR

Dear Chair Inouye and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Directors of the Hawai'i Forest Industry Association (HFIA), I encourage you to support Dawn Chang as the nominee and to confirm her to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Ms. Chang has shown that she is interested in listening to stakeholders and addressing the issues facing the DLNR. She has shown that she is willing to spend the time needed meeting with relevant parties and experts to make optimally informed decisions. Our hope is that Dawn will listen to and take into consideration the expertise and needs of hunters, fishers, cultural experts, foresters, and ranchers.

Ms. Chang understands the underlying issues that impact the ability to make a living on the land, including conservation stewardship activities. Unfortunately, government agencies have often not demonstrated a true understanding, sympathy or aloha for ranching or the economics of sustainability, and we hope that the appointment of Dawn Chang as Chairperson will move the DLNR in a direction that would benefit the entire State. For these reasons, please support GM516, Dawn Chang for Chairperson of the DLNR.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Guy Cellier

Guy Cellier, President
Hawai'i Forest Industry Association

Established in 1989, HFIA's is a nonprofit organization founded by people committed to sustainable forest management. HFIA's mission is to promote healthy and productive forests and a sustainable forest industry through management, education, planning, information exchange, and advocacy. HFIA has over 130 members including woodworkers, landowners, sawyers, foundations, foresters, growers, educators, environmentalists, architects, millers, ranchers, and others interested in HFIA's mission and goals.

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March 31, 2023

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON GM 516

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, gubernatorial nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026

Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
1:00 PM

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

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau strongly supports the confirmation of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As a farmer-based organization, HFB appreciates Ms. Chang's legal knowledge, her experience as a Commissioner of the State Land Use Commission, and her commitment to enhancing, protecting, and managing Hawai'i's limited natural, cultural, and historic resources. Because of her extensive background and experience, we believe she recognizes the vital importance of Hawai'i's natural resources along with the need for our state to become more self-sustaining through a healthy agricultural sector. Hawai'i's farmers and ranchers are in many cases the chief stewards of our natural resources, and they rely upon the land, water, and air for their livelihoods. We believe Ms. Chang has a unique understanding of the convergence of these subjects and she will continue to be a valuable member of the decision-making team of professionals that serve the public within the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

HFB has had the opportunity to work with Ms. Chang recently on important issues regarding agriculture and land stewardship. We have found her to be exceptionally qualified, dedicated, honest, and fair in her decision-making. Ms. Chang is personable, listens to and considers all points of view, and has excellent communication skills.

HBF looks forward to continuing to work with Ms. Chang as Hawai'i's producers strive to move our state closer to food self-sufficiency, ever mindful of the public trust resources we steward and rely upon.

Please accept our strong support for Ms. Dawn Chang as the Board Chairperson of Hawai'i's Department of Land and Natural Resources.



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March 30 , 2023,

To: The Honorable Lorraine Inouye Chair
The Honorable Brandon Elefante Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land

Fm: Chad Buck
Founder & CEO for: Hawaii Foodservice Alliance LLC - HFA Logistics LLC -
Hawaii Secure Foods LLC (O'okala) - Niihau Ahiu Provisions LLC

Re: **SUPPORT for Dawn Chang as Chair of the Department of Land & Natural Resources**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Senators Chang, McKelvey, and Fevela:

I have had the privilege of working with Dawn Chang as she met in person with the ranchers and farmers over the past few months to gain an understanding of their needs and role in helping move Hawaii toward a more sustainable and food secure future.

At each step and in every interaction, Dawn showed a deep respect and desire to learn, understand, and hear directly from the stakeholders involved in supporting our state in food production as they steward our state's resources.

Dawn's actions display a level of understanding, wisdom, and leadership that are vital in leading this department in their important work now and into Hawaii's future.

Dawn's work ethic and heart for the department and the staff of professionals that make up the Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources is unparalleled. Dawn is clearly respected and admired by the DLNR staff.

I humbly ask for your support for Dawn Chang as DLNR Chair.

Mahalo for your consideration!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Buck", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chad Buck



Email: communications@ulupono.com

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

Friday, March 31, 2023 — 1:00 p.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports GM 516, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dawn Chang, for a Term to Expire 12-31-2026.

Dear Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

Ulupono supports GM 516, which submits for consideration and confirmation Dawn Chang as the Chairperson at the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Ms. Chang has insightful knowledge and experience in land issues and water resources. As State Land Use Commissioner, her primary role was to ensure that areas of State concern were addressed and considered in the land use decision-making process. As senior legal counsel in the Land/Transportation Division within the Department of Attorney General, she worked in the area of real property law, administrative law, native Hawaiian rights, water rights and environmental laws. She also advised various State Boards and Commissions (Land Board, Island Burial Councils, Water Commission, etc.). Through her own company, Ms. Chang worked with various stakeholders and government agencies including the U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Defense, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, University of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture, Department of Business and Economic Development and Tourism, and Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation.

Ms. Chang's recent statements and efforts to work with local ranchers on the over two decades-long issue of Act 90 (2003) agricultural land transfers have been very positive to date, and we look forward to working with her to ensure that active agricultural leases are transferred to the Department of Agriculture over the next year. Unlike previous directors, she has indicated a desire and commitment to collaborate and find true, tangible solutions to support the local ranching community and further support Hawai'i's agricultural industry.

We believe Ms. Chang's knowledge and experience in her professional career will be valuable as Chair of DLNR and the State of Hawai'i. Therefore, we ask the committee to confirm her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs

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GM-516

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:50:06 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Lita Weidenbach | Testifying for Hawaii Fish Company Inc. | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Hawaii Fish Company Inc. supports the nomination of DAWN N.S. CHANG, Esq. for the position of Chair of DLNR/BLNR. She has the diverse natural resource management perspective, cultural sensitivity, and legal grounding and experience to provide the informed leadership of this large and diverse department rather than being a rigid, narrowly-focused, single-issue advocate, as some of her recent predecessors have been. This is clearly what our state needs to address the real-world issues facing the state in this time of complex natural resource management challenges and opportunities facing our state and nation.

He`eia National Estuarine Research Reserve
Ko`olaupoko, O`ahu, Hawai`i

Testimony on behalf of He`eia National Estuarine Research Reserve

Strongly Supporting GM516

Senate Committee on Water and Land

March 30, 2023

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for the nomination of Dawn Chang (GM516) to chair the Board of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). As the Director the He`eia National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR), I strongly support this nomination.

I have known Dawn Chang for several years in a professional capacity. All of my experiences with her have been overwhelmingly positive. I can personally attest, that I have seen that she is deeply committed to processes that elevate the community's voice in decision-making processes. She has been a strong supporter of the He`eia National Estuarine Research Reserve, which is a co-management agreement between NOAA (federal agency), the State, and the community of He`eia. Since I started as Director, back in 2018, she has provided with me counsel when I have needed it, and did so the whole time with the community's best interests in mind.

Dawn Chang is more than qualified to lead the DLNR. She is the right person at the right time. I strongly urge you to confirm her in the position as Chair.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,



Kawika Winter, Ph.D.

Director, He`eia National Estuarine Research Reserve

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Senate Water and Land Committee
March 31, 2023
Conference Room 016 and Video Conference
Hawaii State Capitol
1:00 pm

**GM:516 Confirmation Hearing for Dawn Chang, Gubernatorial Nominee for Chairman to
the Department of Land and Natural Resources.**

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

I am Lani Petrie owner-lessee of Kapāpala Ranch. Established in 1860, the first lease of these lands was issued by Kamehameha the IV. The ranch has been in continuous operation for 163 years and has survived numerous political, economic and social upheavals. We are the fourth owner-operator with 46 years of experience on this property.

We strongly support the confirmation of Chair Dawn Chang to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources through December 31, 2026. Ms. Chang's career experiences speak volumes for being Governor Green's choice to head one of the largest multifaceted agencies in our State.

I only met Ms. Chang since her appointment this past January. Experience, while extremely important, is not everything that a leader should hold. She cares about the land, the water, and the people that are nourished by both. Dawn listens and tries to understand different perspectives. She is approachable and easy to talk to. She has poise and presence with a good sense of humor, so characteristic of the Hawaii I grew up in. I find her character refreshingly sincere. She is a true leader!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in behalf of Chair Dawn Chang for confirmation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Very Sincerely,

KAPĀPALA RANCH



Lani C. Petrie



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March 30, 2023

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

GM 516 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dawn Chang, for a term to expire 12-31-2026

Dear Chair Inouye and Committee on Water and Land Members:

Jas. W. Glover, Ltd. is in support of the nomination of Dawn Chang for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Dawn has proven to be a breath of fresh air and visits the island locations prior to making decisions.

Jas. W. Glover, Ltd. is a native Hawaiian owned company that has been doing business in Hawaii since 1935 and constructs government projects, including DLNR projects. We are also a current permit holder and have been a steward of DLNR land parcels over our tenure as a business operator for the last 88 years in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration. Please approve Dawn Chang's nomination.

Jas. W. Glover, Ltd.

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emphasizing stewardship of the natural resources of Hanauma Bay*

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Friday, March 31, 2023
1:00 PM
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

Re: GM 516: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the WTL Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12- 31-2026

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

Mahalo for the opportunity for Friends of Hanauma Bay to offer comments on the nomination of Dawn Chang to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Founded in 1990, Friends of Hanauma Bay is a place-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to the best stewardship of the natural resources of Hanauma Bay, which was designated Hawaii's first Marine Life Conservation District in 1967. For thirty three years, our continuous successful civic engagement has been the primary NGO advocacy for Hanauma Bay at the community, City, State and Federal levels.

Earlier this year, we were a signatory on a joint letter of concern sent to Governor Green and Interim Chair Chang about decisions made late in the Ige Administration which have left the Hawaii Coral Restoration Nursery, and DLNR, without critical institutional knowledge or the leadership of any State employee with expertise or experience in the natural resource management and restoration of Hawaiian corals.

We are also concerned that two FY22 federal earmark projects listed below will be changed without engagement with the many community stewards and leaders that provided written support for them as funded:

\$286,156 to facilitate moving of the Rare Hawaiian Coral Ark, which is comprised of 50 known species, to a better-hardened, existing facility and provide dedicated support for its care <https://www.hirono.senate.gov/congressionally-directed-spending>. Friends of Hanauma Bay was directly responsible for initially engaging with Hawaii's US Congressional Delegation to successfully gain support for this project, so we have a



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specific vested interest in ensuring it is completed as funded.

- \$415,000 for the Waikīkī Marine Life Conservation District Site Restoration project
<https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=609>

We have further asked that outside oversight, and the incoming DLNR Chair, reassess the direction the department has taken over the last three years to prioritize outsourcing management and restoration of Hawaiian corals to entities inexperienced with Hawaiian corals and who are not accountable to Hawaii residents, community stewards, and Hawaii's marine wildlife for their work. These decisions have created unhelpful trust issues between community stewards and DLNR, to the detriment of Hawaiian corals which are keystone species in our marine ecosystems.

We need objective, strong, and decisive leadership willing to act now upon these concerns and change the direction of DLNR. We look forward to working to restore that broken trust with the confirmed DLNR Chair, whoever that may be.

With Aloha,

Lisa Bishop
President
Friends of Hanauma Bay



March 31, 2023

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In support of Governor's Message No. 516 for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire at noon on 12-31-2026.

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

I respectfully request your support for Governor's Message No. 516 appointment of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Dawn is knowledgeable and experienced to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources. She was the principal and owner of a woman-owned Native Hawaiian business that specializes in strategic planning and facilitating culturally sensitive issues. Former Governor David Ige appointed her as a Commissioner to the State Land Use Commission. From 1987 -2001 she was a senior legal counsel in the Land/Transportation Division as a Deputy Attorney General in the Department of the Attorney General.

Thank you for the opportunity to submitted written testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 516.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Coppa
President



MAUI COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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March 31, 2023

HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON GM 516

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026

Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

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

Maui County Farm Bureau on behalf of farm and ranch families and organizations on Maui, strongly supports Ms. Dawn Chang for the position of Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Article 11.1 of the State Constitution relating to the Conservation and development of natural resources states:

For the benefit of present and future generations, the State and its political subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawaii's natural beauty and all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources, and shall **promote the development and utilization of these resources in a manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of the self-sufficiency of the State.**

In recent years, DLNR has focused on conservation and neglected its obligation to support the utilization of lands for agriculture in furtherance of the self-sufficiency of the State as required by the Constitution.

We are optimistic that Ms. Chang will be a willing collaborator with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to advance use of public lands in the interest of its' people while carrying on conservation practices to ensure its' availability by future generations.

Change in the Department leadership is needed and we are optimistic that Ms. Chang can provide that leadership. We respectfully request your support of Ms. Chang as Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this matter.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 2:22:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nathaniel Kinney | Testifying for Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters is writing in support of the nomination of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Dawn's experience as a planning and facilitating firm that specifically deals with culturally sensitive issues makes her well suited for the job of Chairperson...her legal knowledge and her familiarity of the issues surrounding the department make her an ideal candidate for the position



March 31, 2023

TESTIMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

To the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026

Aloha Luna Ho 'omalua Lorraine Inouye, *Hope Luna Ho 'omalua* Brandon Elefante and members of the Committee:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs testifies in **SUPPORT** of GM 516 which confirms Dawn Chang as the Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Ms. Chang is a member of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club and well qualified for this appointment. Ms. Chang is a skilled professional and attorney in the field of land rights including her time as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and her work as owner of Ku'iwalu Consulting. Ms. Chang's appointment is a history-making opportunity for the State and the DLNR to have the first-ever Native Hawaiian woman to serve as the Chairperson. Her community engagement through the Hawaiian Civic Clubs makes her a unique and well-rounded individual to lead the Department.

The civic club movement was founded in 1918 by Congressional Delegate Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole with the creation of the Hawaiian Civic Club; the Association was formally organized in 1959 and has grown to a confederation of over sixty (60) Hawaiian Civic Clubs located throughout the State of Hawai'i and the United States. The Association is the oldest Hawaiian community-based grassroots organization. The Association is governed by a 16-member Board of Directors; advocates for improved welfare of Native Hawaiians in culture, health, economic development, education, social welfare, and nationhood; and perpetuates and preserves language, history, music, dance and other Native Hawaiian cultural traditions.

Mahalo for allowing us to share our *mana 'o*.

Me ka 'oia 'i'o,

DreanaLee Kalili
Pelekikena



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March 30, 2023

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

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 142 Hawaii Longshore Division strongly supports consideration and confirmation for Dawn Chang as the Chairperson for Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony,

Dustin Dawson
ILWU Local 142
Hawaii Longshore Division Director

“AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL”



Par Hawaii

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March 31, 2023

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 516

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

Friday, March 31, 2023, 1:00 pm
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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

Par Hawaii is pleased to submit testimony in support Gov. Josh Green's appointee Dawn Chang for Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Par Hawaii owns the state's only petroleum refinery, located in Kapolei, Oahu, which distributes fuels via pipelines on Oahu and barges to the neighbor islands, and markets fuels through a network of 76 and Hele retail stations throughout the state.

We believe Ms. Chang has the essential experience in land management and diplomatic and leadership skills to bring the community together on diverse issues to find amicable solutions to move our state forward. Her calm demeanor, excellent listening skills, and respect for those with different points of view are critical for her role and to serve the best interests of our state.

Par Hawaii recommends Ms. Chang to serve as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources fully and without reservation.

Mahalo for considering our testimony in support of Ms. Chang.



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March 30, 2023

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The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye
Senator, Senate District 1
Chair, Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 210
415 South Beretania St
Honolulu, HI 96813

LATE

Re: GM 516
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026
Hearing: March 31, 2023 at 1:00 pm before the Committee on Water and Land

Dear Chair Inouye and Committee Members:

The following is to offer my strong support for Governor Ige's nomination of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural resources, for a term to expire December 31, 2026. I have known and worked with Dawn Chang on various matters since 2008, for twenty-five years.

Ms. Chang is extremely thoughtful and knowledgeable in her approach to the matters we have worked on together. These are qualities that I value highly as a colleague. Her experience as senior legal counsel in the Land Transportation Division with the Department of the Attorney General, as well her experience as a principal of Ku'iwalu give her a breadth of experience and insight into planning and cultural issues that is unparalleled in our community. Ms. Chang appropriately draws upon this insight and experience to appropriately inform strategic planning. I have observed her skillful management of highly contested public meetings, as well as her tremendous dedication to individual dialogue when necessary.

Ms. Chang is most qualified to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. In my view, our community would be extremely fortunate to benefit from her background and experience in that position.

Very truly yours,

Lisa A. Bail

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March 29, 2023

LATE

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye
Chairperson
Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 516
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire
12-31-2026

Dear Senator Inouye and Members of the Committee
on Water and Land:

Please consider this letter in STRONG SUPPORT of the
nomination of Dawn Naomi Shiroma Chang as Chairperson of the
Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I served with Dawn for approximately six (6) years on the
Hawaii State Land Use Commission, when we were both nominated to
serve on the LUC by former Governor David Y. Ige. Before
serving with her, I never met Dawn and I did not come to the
Commission with any preconceptions about her.

I quickly learned that Dawn is a person of honesty, smarts
and diligence. Dawn is always respectful, is willing to listen
to others and to change her position if necessary. However, Dawn
is a person of courage, and I never observed her casting a vote
on the Commission based on fear or favoritism.

Dawn's important contributions to the Land Use Commission
included:

- ☐ An insistence on community engagement. Dawn has
championed having applicants appearing before the Land
Use Commission actively and actually engage the
community where a project is being proposed.
- ☐ Protection of resources and cultural practices, as
required by the Hawaii State Constitution and mandated
by the Hawaii Supreme Court in its landmark case: Ka

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Pa'akai O Ka'Aina v. Land Use Comm'n, State of Hawai'i, 94 Haw. 31, 7 P.3d 1068 (Hawaii 2001). Because of her knowledge of Hawaiian cultural practices and her practice of law, both as a former Deputy Attorney General and in private law practice, Dawn has often been the primary person on the Commission vigorously questioning the assertions, arguments and evidence presented by land developers and other applicants for boundary amendments or special permits.

I know that Dawn did not seek out any position with the current administration. I personally know that her plans did not include further government service or even the continued practice of law.

I do know that Dawn's plans included spending more time with her three children and her grandchildren.

These plans unselfishly changed when Dawn received an unsolicited request that she consider serving in the new administration.

Dawn's commitment to Hawaii's land and natural resources arises not simply because she is Native Hawaiian, or because she is trained in the law.

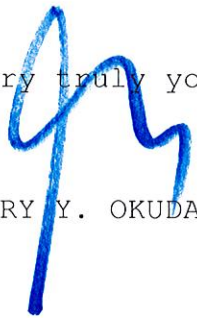
Service to the community runs deep in her family.

Decades ago, Dawn's late father commanded local boys who were mobilized to fight in the Vietnam War. He believed it was his duty to use his knowledge and skills to bring them home to their loved ones alive from the jungles of Vietnam.

Today, Dawn continues that service of her family to everyone that calls Hawaii home.

Please recommend that the Senate confirm Dawn Naomi Shiroma Chang as the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Very truly yours,



GARY Y. OKUDA



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March 31, 2023

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON GM 516

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, gubernatorial nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026

Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
1:00 PM

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

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau strongly supports the confirmation of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As a farmer-based organization, HFB appreciates Ms. Chang's legal knowledge, her experience as a Commissioner of the State Land Use Commission, and her commitment to enhancing, protecting, and managing Hawai'i's limited natural, cultural, and historic resources. Because of her extensive background and experience, we believe she recognizes the vital importance of Hawai'i's natural resources along with the need for our state to become more self-sustaining through a healthy agricultural sector. Hawai'i's farmers and ranchers are in many cases the chief stewards of our natural resources, and they rely upon the land, water, and air for their livelihoods. We believe Ms. Chang has a unique understanding of the convergence of these subjects and she will continue to be a valuable member of the decision-making team of professionals that serve the public within the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

HFB has had the opportunity to work with Ms. Chang recently on important issues regarding agriculture and land stewardship. We have found her to be exceptionally qualified, dedicated, honest, and fair in her decision-making. Ms. Chang is personable, listens to and considers all points of view, and has excellent communication skills.

HBF looks forward to continuing to work with Ms. Chang as Hawai'i's producers strive to move our state closer to food self-sufficiency, ever mindful of the public trust resources we steward and rely upon.

Please accept our strong support for Ms. Dawn Chang as the Board Chairperson of Hawai'i's Department of Land and Natural Resources.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 5:05:12 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Gerard Silva | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

NO!!

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Submitted on: 3/22/2023 5:53:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| JC Watson | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on GM516. **I strongly support the confirmation of Dawn Ching as Chairperson of DLNR.** As a land manager whose career has focused on protecting and restoring the native forests of our State, I believe that Dawn is a capable leader and will effectively manage the DLNR to achieve increased stewardship of the natural resources that provide the foundation of our economy and way of life.

With gratitude,

JC Watson

David Kimo Frankel's Testimony in Opposition to
the Nomination of Dawn Chang as Chair of BLNR, GM 516

Senator Inouye and members of Committee on Water and Land,

In 2015 then Senator Josh Green said in his opposition to the nomination of Carleton Ching to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources, "We need a Director of DLNR who has a proven record of fighting to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources, not a career lobbyist for the development industry who has a record of calling for the elimination of cultural and environmental protections."

Eight years later, Governor Green has nominated Dawn Chang to head the Department of Land and Natural Resources, which oversees the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD). This is the same Dawn Chang who advised her client to circumvent the law, resulting in the disturbance of hundreds of burials and protracted litigation. State law recognizes burials as significant historic sites subject to the historic preservation review process.

On August 16, 2005, Dawn Chang submitted a scope of services to Kawaihae Church in support of its multipurpose center construction project. She explicitly acknowledged that "it is very likely that known and unknown archaeological, historical and cultural resources, including native Hawaiian human burial remains will be discovered on the Project site." As a former deputy attorney general for SHPD, Dawn Chang promised to advise the Church "on all pertinent historic preservation and cultural resource related laws and administrative rules." Her scope of work included educating Hawaiians "about the benefits and necessity for the Project." *See*

On December 29, 2005, Chang emailed the leader of the Church's construction project, writing, "I thought I might pass some of my thoughts to you as the Church proceeds forward on the construction plans." Chang advised the Church that the preparation of an archaeological inventory survey would "be costly" and "take considerable time." She counseled the Church, "Most significantly, any human remains found during an archaeological inventory survey will be considered 'previously identified.'" As such, she warned, "you may not be able to relocate the human remains." She proposed a solution. She wrote, "We may want to ask SHPD to reconsider" the requirement to prepare an archaeological inventory survey. "My recommendation is that once you have a conceptual redesign of the improvements, we schedule an informal meeting with SHPD to discuss these changes and request a revised mitigation plan from SHPD." She let the Church know that she had "several productive meetings" with SHPD "on other matters." *See*

On March 7, 2006, Dawn Chang emphasized that if the burials remain in place "this might have an impact on the ability to use this site depending on the location of the burials and the proposed use."

On May 1, 2006, Dawn Chang advised the Church that it would be "much better off" without an archaeological inventory survey. In an email to Chang, the head of the Church's project summarized, "As you mentioned, with an approved monitoring plan, any discovery will be considered by SHPD as an inadvertent find, requiring them to render a quick approval on relocation."

Dawn Chang calls herself a “process person.” In this case, however, she advised her client to choose a process that excluded Hawaiian descendants of the burials from meaningful participation in decisionmaking.

As the Intermediate Court of Appeals observed after reading these same emails, Dawn Chang “advised Kawaiaha'o Church that preparation of an AIS would be costly and take considerable time. In particular, the consultant advised that any human remains found during an AIS would be considered ‘previously identified,’ a designation that would require publication of notices and consultation with lineal and cultural descendants, involve the OIBC, and could preclude the relocation of human remains and require their preservation in place.” *Hall v. Department of Land and Natural Resources*, 128 Hawai'i 455, 459, 290 P.3d 525, 529 (ICA 2012). The Church and SHPD violated the law.

Dawn Chang’s emails speak volumes. She advised her client to circumvent the law, arranging a behind closed door meeting with regulators to fast-track the project. As a former deputy attorney general, she should have known better. She should not run the Department of Land and Natural Resources, which is charged with enforcing the law and protecting historic sites.¹

¹ I have represented Hawaiians and environmentalists in a number of successful suits against DLNR, BLNR and/or its chair.

- *Kaleikini v. Thielen*, 124 Hawai'i 1, 237 P.3d 1067 (2010) (BLNR chair improperly denied cultural practitioner a contested case hearing on the disinterment of burials);
- *Kaleikini v. Yoshioka*, 124 Hawai'i 53, 283 P.3d 60 (2012) (the State Historic Preservation Division violated the historic preservation law when it approved the rail project);
- *Hall v. Department of Land and Natural Resources*, 128 Hawai'i 455, 290 P.3d 525 (ICA 2012) (the State Historic Preservation Division violated the historic preservation law when it allowed Kawaiaha'o Church to avoid preparing an archaeological inventory survey);
- *Kilakila `O Haleakalā v. Bd of Land & Natural Res.*, 131 Hawai'i 193, 317 P.3d 27 (2013) (BLNR erred in authorizing a 142-foot-tall building in the conservation district without first providing for a contested case hearing);
- *Blake v. County of Kaua'i Planning Comm'n*, 131 Hawai'i 123, 315 P.3d 749 (2013)(the court has jurisdiction to consider case involving destruction of historic sites);
- *Ching v. Case*, 145 Hawai'i 148, 449 P.3d 1146 (2019) (BLNR breached its constitutional trust duties by failing to reasonably monitor or inspect state land at Pōhakuloa); and
- *Carmichael v. Bd. of Land & Nat. Res.*, 150 Hawai'i 547, 506 P.3d 211 (2022) (continuation of revocable permits is subject to HRS chapter 343).



KU'IWALU'S

Proposal to

**Kawaiaha'o Church Construction Committee
Donald A. Caindec, Chair**

For

**Community Outreach, Cultural Resource Management,
Media Relations Consultation (Consultation) Services for the**

The Kawaiaha'o Church Construction Project (Project)

Proposed Scope of Services

August 16, 2005

CIVIL NO. 09-1-1828-08 KKS
PLAINTIFF EXHIBIT NO. 9
FOR IDENTIFICATION: _____
IN EVIDENCE: _____

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I. Introduction

- A. Brief historical information - Kawaiaha'o is the first Christian Church in Hawai'i and was built between 1836 and 1842. Kawaiaha'o is rich in Hawaiian royalty. It was in Kawaiaha'o Church in 1843 that Kamehameha III uttered the phrase, "Ua mau ke ea o ka aina I ka pono" (The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness). The church is listed on both the State and National Register of Historic Places.
- B. Statement of the project - While the Project involves lands that have been previously developed, it is also situated within a known cemetery and it is very likely that known and unknown archaeological, historical and cultural resources, including native Hawaiian human burial remains will be discovered on the Project site. Kawaiaha'o Church (Client) desires to be very sensitive to the existing and potential historic and cultural resources that may be discovered on the Project site. It is the goal of the consultation services provided by Ku'iwalu to develop and implement a proactive plan to ensure that these resources are managed in the most culturally appropriate manner while ensuring that the construction activities proceed in a timely and efficient manner.
- C. Consultation Team - Ku'iwalu brings unique expertise to this Project through its Team's years of experience in the area of working with the Island Burial Councils, State Historic Preservation Division, Department of Health, native Hawaiian organizations, and members of the native Hawaiian community. Our expertise is in the areas of community outreach (i.e. consultation process), legal understanding of the burial and historic preservation laws, and hiring and supervising archaeological firms in the area of archaeological monitoring for construction related activities. Ku'iwalu desires to work with clients who are interested in making positive contributions to Hawai'i's communities and have a respect for the protection and preservation of native Hawaiian cultural resources. Fuel Communications (Fuel) will be a sub-consultant to Ku'iwalu. Fuel brings years of experience specifically in the area of media relations. Ku'iwalu and Fuel currently collaborate as the Communications Team for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

II. Pre-Construction Activities

- A. Consultation with Client
1. Advise the Client on all pertinent historic preservation and cultural resource related laws and administrative rules, including Chapter 6E, HRS, and its implementing rules.
 2. Identify areas of major cultural resource concerns and develop strategies and methodologies to address such concerns, including:

- a. Identification and treatment of historic and cultural resources, including human burial remains.
 - b. Native Hawaiian cultural practices and protocols.
 - c. Impact of construction activities on existing gravesites within the Project area.
3. Advise and assist the Client in developing effective relationships and communications with and between native Hawaiian groups, O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC), State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and potential lineal and cultural descendants.
 4. Develop communications protocol between the archaeologists, Ku'iwalu and the Client on archaeological and cultural issues related to the Project.
 5. Advise Client on national, state, and local sources of grant and other funding assistance for the Project as requested.
 6. Assist in the identification and selection of a Hawaiian cultural consultant as determined to be necessary and appropriate.

B. Consultation Process

1. Identify native Hawaiian groups and descendants that may have an interest in archaeological or cultural matters related to the Project.
2. Prepare and publish public notices to potential Lineal and Cultural Descendants (L/C).
3. Consult, coordinate and communicate with the following entities or individuals (the "Consulted Parties") as necessary
 - a. SHPD
 - b. OIBC, in coordination with the Client
 - c. Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai'i Nei (Hui Malama)
 - d. Office of Hawaiian Affairs and, as appropriate, other native Hawaiian organizations
 - e. Recognized L/C

C. Coordination with archaeological consultants

1. Review and comment on reports and plans prepared by the project archaeologist for consistency with cultural resources and historic

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preservation laws and issues of potential concern to the Consulted Parties, including:

- a. Archaeological assessment
 - b. Archaeological monitoring plan
 - c. Archaeological inventory survey
 - d. Archaeological data recovery plan (including temporary curation)
2. Assist in the facilitation of approvals by SHPD of all applicable archaeological reports.
 3. Develop a pre-construction briefing checklist for contractors and construction personnel as it relates to the identification, treatment, and protection of archaeological and cultural resources, more specifically human burial remains.

III. Community Relations

Many groups have emotional ties to Kawaiaha'o Church because of its history and the role it plays in the greater community. Aside from the Church's congregation, native Hawaiians, political leaders and all those with an attachment to local history may feel they are stakeholders in the Church. Groups concerned with historical preservation and the character of downtown Honolulu, as well as those who live, work, or own property near the Church will have a keen interest in any physical changes to and development on the church property. Therefore, in addition to the communications described in the consultation process, the Team will:

- A. Develop a database of these diverse stakeholder groups and select an approach for **educating each group about the benefits and necessity for the Project** and anticipate and preemptively respond to their anticipated concerns.
- B. Develop a proactive and reactive approach for dealing with media issues related to the Project. Assist Church leaders to identify likely issues and develop a strategy to respond to each issue in a culturally and politically appropriate manner. Issues and messages to particular stakeholders will have to be individually tailored and delivered by appropriate channels.
- C. Assist in the development of the range of communications channels required, including news media, newsletters, direct mail, public notices, and other publications. This planning will include the development of initiatives to deal with commercial impacts that may affect neighborhood businesses because of constraints on access, parking or traffic congestion during construction.

- D. Provide assistance to the Client on appropriate responses to media inquiries, including media training for the Client on how to speak to the media in the event of a crisis situation or for informational purposes. Part of the media training is the development of "must air points" – those messages that must be delivered, particularly when speaking to broadcast media, where only a sound bite will be aired- as well as methods for conducting a press conference and getting your point across when being interviewed by the print media. Media training is also a means by which a number of spokespeople work together to develop messages that are consistent regardless of who is speaking.
- E. Develop materials for the press, including fact sheets and background information about the Church and the Project. Press releases will be crafted and distributed at key points in the critical path of the Project. Schematics, artists' renderings of architectural plans and elevations will also be part of the press kit materials.
- F. Upon request of the Client, draft and/or review public informational material about archaeological and cultural resources in connection with project, including media statements.
- G. Coordinate all public meetings and hearings, including OIBC meetings and meetings of descendants.

IV. Construction Activities

- A. Coordinate with archaeologist a pre-construction conference with construction contractors and crew regarding protocols in the event of an inadvertent discovery of burial remains.
- B. Ensure ongoing coordination between archaeologists and construction contractor during construction.
- C. Develop an Archaeological Management Plan (AMP) to appropriately and timely respond to discovery of human burial remains. The establishment of an AMP before a problem occurs is essential and often means the difference between crisis communications and damage control. The AMP will contain a strategy for disseminating information in crisis management situations through a variety of channels, including news media.

V. Crisis Communications plan

- A. Crisis communications plans will be created in anticipation of such events, including the procedures that should be followed by the architects, contractors, and the Client when an incident occurs.
- B. In the event that unexpected problems arise; the Communications Team will be available to prepare statements and work with the Client to develop appropriate

responses, including the best way to get accurate information to the news media, providing the Client's view of the situation.

VI. Burial Treatment Plan

- A. Coordinate the preparation, review, and approval of burial treatment plans with all appropriate persons, including SHPD, OIBC, lineal and cultural descendants, and others as required by law or agreement.
- B. Implement burial treatment plan including the coordination of reburial ceremonies, if appropriate or required by law or agreement, for the reinterment of the inadvertently discovered human burial remains.
- C. Establish protocols for access to reinterment site, as required by law or agreement, by appropriate persons.

VII. Additional related duties as agreed upon by the Client and Ku'iwalu

Budget

Hourly rates for Ku'iwalu consultants:

- 1. \$150.00 - \$175.00 - *Principals*
- 2. \$100.00 - \$150.00 - *Specialists/Associates*

The hourly rates have been discounted to take into consideration that Kawaiaha'o Church is an eleemosynary organization.



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Project Experience

Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. (SIC)

Project Manager – Roy Choates

(808) 540-5710

SIC is a rural telephone company that is installing underground fiber optic cables through existing State Department of Transportation and County roadways. Ku'iwalu is responsible for, among several other responsibilities, conducting statewide community and individual meetings during the planning and construction activities for the SIC project. We are responsible for gathering support and addressing concerns of the various stakeholders (native Hawaiian communities, government agencies, and private enterprises) involved in this project.

Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC)

Project Manager – Sol Kaho'ohalahala

(808) 243-5884

KIRC is a state agency with the responsibility for managing the island of Kaho'olawe which was formerly used as a military bombing range. Ku'iwalu is responsible for the public outreach and community involvement campaign for KIRC. This contract involves the development of a massive media campaign to educate the general public and stakeholders (native Hawaiian community, fishing community, federal, state, and county agencies, and private interests) on the cultural significance of the island and the continued dangers of unexploded ordnance.

RM Towill (Hālawā Luluku Interpretive Development Plan)

Project Manager – Chester Koga

(808) 842-1133

Ku'iwalu is a subcontractor to RM Towill, the principal planning firm responsible for developing a plan for the Hālawā Luluku area that was impacted by the H-3 freeway. Ku'iwalu is responsible for identifying and incorporating community input for the entire project as required under the Memorandum of Agreement between Federal Highways, Department of Transportation and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Our services include facilitation and coordinating project meetings of the working group, planning meetings and community hearings as the Interpretive Development Plan is implemented.

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Outrigger Enterprises, Inc. (OEI) Beachwalk Redevelopment Project

Project Manager – Eric Masutomi

(808) 921-6657

Ku'iwalu was contracted by OEI to provide assistance with their cultural resource management consultation needs in the redevelopment of their Waikiki projects. Our services involve implementing a proactive plan to ensure timely compliance with historic preservation mandates while ensuring that construction activities proceed in a timely and efficient manner. Ku'iwalu is responsible for overseeing the archaeological and cultural resource management services and gathering support and addressing concerns of the various stakeholders (native Hawaiian descendants and organizations, government agencies, and private enterprises) involved in this project.

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Nick T. Ayakawa

From: Dawn N. Chang [dnschang@kuiwalu.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2005 1:23 PM
To: Donpua@aol.com
Cc: Lani Lapilio; Kai Markell; Lane T. Ishida
Subject: RE: SHPD AND HCDA REQUIREMENTS

December 29

Aloha Don

While you may not have specifically asked for my review or recommendations, in light of the change in design I thought I might pass some of my thoughts to you as the Church proceeds forward on the construction plans. You may have already been advised on these matters but I thought I'd pass them on to you in case you had not considered it.

1. SHPD initially required an archaeological inventory survey (Feb. 10, 2004 letter from Holly McEldowney), however, in light of the changed design (minimizing excavation, we may want to ask SHPD to reconsider this requirement. Having SHPD reconsider this requirement may be quite significant for several reasons. 1) It will be costly to do the inventory survey (equipment, archaeological services, etc.) 2) The survey may take considerable time, however an archaeologist will be in the best position to provide a schedule. 3) Most significantly, any human remains found during an archaeological inventory survey will be considered "previously identified." While I would like to be optimistic that any human remains discovered on the project site will fall under the jurisdiction of DOH, in the event it is not, then the designation of discovery as previously identified will be significant. It will require a minimum publication notice of potential descendants, consultation with lineal and cultural descendants, consultation with Oahu Island Burial Council, and decision by SHPD. In general, construction will not be permitted to proceed until this process is completed. Under the best of cases, this process could be expeditious (several months) or it could take a much longer time and affect your construction schedule. And, after the process you may not be able to relocate the human remains. Obviously, I am portraying the potentially worst case scenario, however, you need to be prepared for that and calculate that into your construction schedule and costs. 4) Increased cost in the event construction is delayed.

2. My recommendation is that once you have a conceptual redesign of the improvements, we schedule an informal meeting with SHPD to discuss these changes and request a revised mitigation plan from SHPD. Ku'iwalu has had several productive meetings with the new SHPD administrator (Melanie Chinen) and the Cultural Division Chief (Sunny Greer) on other matters and am more than willing to coordinate a meeting with SHPD and the appropriate members of the Church.

3. Ku'iwalu will continue to work with Kai to seek a timely resolution to the jurisdiction issue as well. The new design may dictate the outcome of these discussions too. We will keep you informed on these discussions.

Should you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me. We can always discuss this matter further when we meet in January.

take care. Hauoli Makahiki Hou.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2005 9:53 AM
To: hlung@legalthawaii.com; pcooper@cmdintl.com
Cc: rengle@legalthawaii.com; rnakamura@cmdintl.com; dien@hawaii.edu; Puadon@aol.com; shel@zane-development.com; trotterv001@hawaii.rr.com; kaim@oha.org; Dawn N. Chang
Subject: SHPD AND HCDA REQUIREMENTS

Harvey and Peter,

I believe I mentioned to each of you that SHPD and HCDA are aware of our project and had already responded to our request for review. In fact, HCDA issued a Certificate of Appropriateness and SHPD also gave their approval subject to a few mitigation items.

To bring you up to date on where we currently stand, I have attached a copy of the HCDA and SHPD documents we've received (through AM Partners). I also included a summary that I put together myself to outline what needed to be done.

However, SHPD and HCDA are not yet aware of the major change we've decided on for our project, i.e. no underground parking facility. At some point soon, we will have to approach them about it. I suppose that will come when we start zeroing in on the Schematic Design with the architect.

I would appreciate your reviews of these documents, paying particular attention to the mitigation issues which includes a survey and inventory of the possible discovery of buried human remains. After reviewing, We can begin discussions on the mitigation requirements and how they will be accomplished. We have already started on some items. For example, a professional photographer has already taken black and white photos of the buildings. Also, a professional surveyor is completing the property boundary map. We have looked for but not been able to find construction drawings of the buildings that are to be demolished.

HCDA also requested that the radius of the property at the corner of King Street and Kawaiahao Lane be changed. We haven't taken any action with that, awaiting further information from our surveyor and clarification from HCDA. (Harvey, we may need your help on this one.) We do not understand why the City wants us to revise the street corner. The existing corner does not seem to present any problem with automobile traffic so why do they want the change? Additionally, the present property wall will be affected. There is the question of who will bear the cost for the revision. In the past, when the City requested conversion of Church property to build their roads (e.g., Kawaiahao Lane and Street and Punchbowl widening), they paid all expenses.

You can see that there are a few issues that need to be discussed and decided on. Some are design problems while others may require legal assistance.

I would appreciate any comment you may have on what we need to do at this point. If necessary, we can convene a meeting to discuss the issues and agree on a plan of action.

Happy New Year to all! Should be an exciting 2007. I'm looking forward to it.

Don Caindec

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----- Original Message -----

From: Dawn N. Chang

To: Donpua@aol.com

Cc: dlen@hawaii.edu; alan.kaopuiki@laeltokitainteriors.com; Puadon@aol.com; trotterv001@hawaii.rr.com; ckekuna@kawaiiahao.org; makamura@cmdintl.com; Kanani Nakawatase

Sent: Monday, May 01, 2006 9:57 AM

Subject: RE: Recommendations Regrding Burial Issues

May 1, 2006

Aloha don

I'm sorry I didn't call or email you sooner. I had a full knee replacement surgery and my recovery is probably on track but for impatient me, slower than I had expected.

Nonetheless I know you are going to the mainland soon and would like to have some discussion, especially on the archaeological monitoring. I agree that this has got to be a priority discussion. I also agree that to the extent that SHPD feels comfortable approving an archaeological monitoring plan, as opposed to requiring an archaeological inventory survey, **the Church will be much better off**. Especially based upon our network of contacts who already have an heightened awareness of the sensitivity of the project areas. My feeling is that if SHPD fully understands the scope of the Church's proposed project, they will consider a comprehensive monitoring plan. It may be a little difficult if we have the archaeologist advocating archaeological inventory survey though.

I am unable to climb stairs and am mobile for only a couple hours during the day. Is it possible to schedule a meeting on Thursday, May 4 at 2:00 – 3:00 to discuss this matter internally. We can discuss protocols for curation (storage) and protocols for discovery of human remains and artifacts.

Let me know what works for the group. Take care. dawn

From: Donpua@aol.com [mailto:Donpua@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2006 11:43 AM

To: Dawn N. Chang

Cc: dlen@hawaii.edu; alan.kaopuiki@laeltokitainteriors.com; Puadon@aol.com; trotterv001@hawaii.rr.com; ckekuna@kawaiiahao.org; makamura@cmdintl.com

Subject: Recommendations Regrding Burial Issues

Aloha, Dawn,

I tried calling you this morning but apparently you are very busy. No problem.

In response to your emails of April 19 and 27, here are my thoughts:

Media Calls

As requested, I will inform the Kawaiiahao office staff to direct any calls regarding burial discoveries (e.g., Queen Street lot) to Kuiwalu at 539-3580. This will also apply to calls about the kahea articles.

On-site Parking Requirement

As we previously discussed with Ryan Nakamura, CMD will prepare and submit a letter on our behalf asking the City to waive the on-site parking requirement for the new building or declare them satisfied with off-site parking. Also, as discussed with Melanie Chinen of SHPD, she plans

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to support our request in order to eliminate the disturbance of human remains in the Queen Street Lot.

Archaeological Monitoring

I spoke to Hal Hammatt this morning about getting together to discuss development of a monitoring plan for our MPC project. He agrees that it is a good idea to do so but seemed to lean more toward an inventory survey. (We want to stay away from that, if possible, in order to avoid complications) I told him that I would try to get some of us together to discuss the monitoring plan. **As you mentioned, with an approved monitoring plan, any discovery will be considered by SHPD as an inadvertent find, requiring them to render a quick approval on relocation.**

Before arranging for such a meeting, however, I would like for us to develop the protocol for handling any inadvertent finds. Is this something that can be developed by Kuiwailu, working closely with the Chair of our Na Iwi Committee, Alan Kaopuiki. I think we would then be better prepared to discuss the monitoring plan with Dave Shideler of CSH.

Also, keep in mind that we don't have a General Contractor yet. All we have are the Project Manager (CM&D) and the Architect (Franklin Wong). The GC will not be onboard until mid-May, at the earliest.

Finally, it is certainly our intent to involve Kuiwailu in our discussions with SHPD. Your knowledge and familiarity with their staff is an invaluable asset for us.

Jurisdiction

Hopefully, DOH and SHPD will issue a statement on their position very soon. Our first live test of the matter will be the trenching of the Likeke Hall parking lot for a sewer line that will extend from the bookstore to the back of the office building, left on the back road then out to Kawaihae Street. That will probably take place around early to mid-June.

Call me when you get the chance.

Mahalo,

Don Caindec
Project Director
Multi-Purpose Center
Kawaihae'o Church
ph. 239-5885
cell 754-1155

----- Original Message -----

From: Dawn N. Chang

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Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2006 9:34 AM

Subject: RE: Iwi Assessment of Queen Street Parking Lot

Aloha Don

Thank you for the update.

David, I'm sure is already considering this in his analysis, but if there is a likelihood that burials will be discovered, I would suspect that SHPD would require that an archaeological inventory survey be completed before any construction work begins rather than only archaeological monitoring during construction. If this is the case, than any burials discovered during an archaeological inventory survey would fall under the decision making authority of Oahu Island Burial Council in consultation with recognized lineal and cultural descendants. My experience with the burial councils is that if we discover 20, or even 5, it may be considered a "concentration of human burial remains" which supports preservation in place rather than relocation. Thus, this may have an impact on the ability to use this site depending on the location of the burials and the proposed use.

Something to consider. dawn

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Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2006 9:26 AM

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Cc: spdzt@verizon.net; dshideler@culturalsurveys.com; kaim@oha.org; pcooper@cmdintl.com; Dawn N. Chang; makamura@cmdintl.com; crose@legalthawaii.com; nanetten@hawaii.rr.com; john@fuelcommunicationshawaii.com

Subject: Iwi Assessment of Queen Street Parking Lot

Aloha kakou,

Uncle Tin Hu, Alan Kaopuiki and I met yesterday with Dr. David Shideler of Cultural Surveys Hawaii (CSH) to go over our plans to convert a section of the KC cemetery near the Queen Street gate into a small parking lot (in connection with our MPC project). After reviewing the 1912 cemetery plot assignment map in the archives, we went out to the site to confirm the location and look at the markers in the area.

CSH was deeply involved in the discovery of Iwi during the City's widening of Queen Street (April 1986 to August 1988). A total of 116 burials were recovered, all of them near or adjacent to the sidewalk curbing along our stone wall by Queen Street. Attached to this email are two na Iwi discovery maps made by CSH during that time. Actually, one map is just an enlargement of the Diamond Head section of the other.

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In observing where we plan to build the parking lot, Dr. Shideler feels that there is a very good possibility that the area will contain at least 20 remains. To ascertain his observation, however, a closer examination (testing) of the area would be advisable.

Based on that advice, I asked Dr. Shideler to submit a plan and proposal on how we should proceed in this matter. I will subsequently turn this matter over to the Na Iwi Committee and Uncle Tin Hu (as Trustee representative) for handling. They will report their progress to the MPCCC. They should also keep Kahu Curt well informed.

I also asked Dr. Shideler to determine/recommend how far mauka we can go with our Queen Street parking lot without disturbing many gravesites.

We are, of course, very anxious to do whatever is necessary to resolve all issues that may arise in this matter. We have fantastic resources (Kuiwalu, OHA, Nanette, etc.) to draw from. We will be counting on all of you for your help.

Mahalo nui,

Don Caindec

Melissa Pavlicek
1099 Alakea Street, Suite 2530
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Date: March 22, 2023
Committee: Senate Water & Land
Re: GM 516, Nomination of Dawn Chang as Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources

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

My name is Melissa Pavlicek. I am an attorney and small business owner who resides in Honolulu. I am a graduate of Baldwin High School in Maui, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and the Wm. S. Richardson School of Law. These educational experiences – and the life experiences that come with them -- have given me a deep appreciation for the kind of thoughtful, knowledgeable, and diligent leader that I know Dawn Chang to be.

I have known Dawn Chang for nearly ten years. We collaborated on a project that entailed extensive research, community-building, public engagement, and policy work. We worked together on a weekly basis over an extended period of several years. I have observed her working under intense pressure and public scrutiny. Once, I sought to recommend her for work that I learned did not align with her values. I appreciated and respected her decision to decline the referral and the way she handled it. Working with her provided me with insights and skills that I still use today. These experiences have given me firsthand knowledge of Dawn's integrity, her communications skills, and her willingness to be held accountable.

As the parent of two adult-age children, I have a heightened sense of awareness about the importance of our state's natural resources. I want to see a leader at the Department of Land and Natural Resources who will have the highest degree of ethics and integrity, someone who will steward the state's natural resources for our next generation. I support Dawn Chang's appointment.

Please favorably approve her nomination.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 9:40:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Abe Lee | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support Dawn Chang's appointment as the chairperson for DLNR. I have known her for many years and have complete trust in her abilities to head DLNR. She is very honest, has a wonderful way with people and is always courteous and very professional in dealing with complex issues. I have seen her work with people who do not always agree with her. She has been very diplomatic and able to negotiate with different groups.

I trust that she will be fair and decisive and do what is right for the good of the community.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 7:46:00 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Jimmy Gomes | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am in total support of GM516. I believe Dawn will be a great asset for DLNR. She has met with few of our stakeholders in the ranching industry and has answered questions pertaining to Act 90 and other issues we have.

.I was a member of BLNR for eight years and got off the board in June 2021 and I am now on HDOA board and looking forward to work with DLNR.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 8:46:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Randy Cabral | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Strong support

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 9:29:36 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Dennis M. Esaki | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Committee on Water and Land, Hawaii State Senate

Honorable Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair

Honorable Senator Brandon Elfante, Vice Chair

Honorable Senators, Hawaii State Senate

Aloha,

Mahalo for serving our great State of Hawaii. I am writing in favor of approving Dawn Chang as Chairperson of DLNR.

I have known Dawn Chang for over 20 years and first met in the taro fields of Hanalei, Kauai. Observing Dawn while on the Land Use Commission, She has the ability and knowledge to combine legal, cultural and social aspects of projects. I have great respect for her insights and participation in the process while not rubber stamping anything. Having served on many boards myself (not at the same time as her), I know that she rises above most of the appointees/commissioners that serve.

I humbly recommend the confirmation of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of DLNR.

Respectfully Me ka ha'aha'a,

Dennis M. Esaki

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 10:12:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Theresa M Thompson | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support GM516. Please support Dawn Chang for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo,

Theresa Thompson

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 11:00:47 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Isaac "Paka" Harp | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye and Members of the Senate Land and Water Committee,

Please accept my testimony in SUPPORT of the confirmation of Dawn Chang to serve as Chairperson of the DLNR. Dawn has the necessary expertise required to fulfill the duties of this very important position. Her resume is very impressive indeed!

I understand that many of my friends and associates will be opposing Dawn's confirmation due to lawmakers' decisions on matters that Dawn was involved with in her personal capacity as a private consultant. What most fail to realize is that Dawn was not in a decision making position as a consultant. She was simply doing the best job she could as expected by her clients.

The frustrations of opponents to Dawn's confirmation would be more properly directed towards lawmakers at the time who made disagreeable decisions rather than towards Dawn herself.

Over the years I have found Dawn to be a pleasant, honest, and fair individual. I ask that you join me in supporting Dawn's confirmation.

Mahalo nui loa, Isaac "Paka" Harp

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 12:44:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Mark Fox | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Water and Land Committee members,

I wholeheartedly support Dawn Chang's nomination as the next Chairperson of the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources. Dawn is eminently qualified and brings the highest levels of commitment, responsibility and demeanor to this critical position. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with Dawn in her prior roles as a deputy attorney general serving the DLNR and as a facilitator, as well as being the beneficiary of her expert advice and guidance. I am certain she will give her all to ensure Hawai'i's people and natural resources are well served and well cared for.

Thank you very much for giving Dawn your favorable consideration.

Kindest regards,

Mark Fox

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March 23, 2023

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye
Chair
Committee of Water and Land
Hawai'i State Senate
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI

Re: Support for Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Dawn Chang, as Chair of
Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)

Dear Senator Inouye:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter in support of the nomination of Dawn Chang as Chair of DLNR.

I have known Ms. Chang for over 40 years. We met as first-year law students at the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law. Although I moved to California to practice law after graduation, Ms. Chang and I have maintained a close friendship ever since.

Ms. Chang has dedicated her life to public service, and making Hawai'i a better place. From her beginnings as a social worker looking after Hawaiian children and their families in rural communities, to her service as Deputy Attorney General and Land Use Commissioner navigating complex laws while balancing community interests, Ms. Chang always has had the people of Hawai'i and the preservation of our beautiful islands at heart. Her wealth of experience and understanding of the law and Native Hawaiian rights and cultural sensitivities, as well as leadership experience and tremendous skills in dispute resolution and consensus building, make her particularly well-suited to be the guardian of the millions of acres of State public lands, ocean waters and conservation districts under the control of DLNR. She is the perfect choice to be Chair of DLNR.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee's confirmation of Ms. Chang as Chair of DLNR.

Sincerely,



Wendy K. Peterson, Esq.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 4:18:50 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| sherry broder | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Senators,

I am submitting this testimony in support of Dawn Chang as Director of DLNR, as a private attorney. I have known Ms. Chang for decades, both professionally and individually. I have worked with her and against her in litigation and on matters affecting Native Hawaiians and she is very smart, hard-working, deliberate, passionate about Native Hawaiian issues, devoted to the community and has impeccable moral and ethical character. I give her highest recommendation possible.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2023 4:24:14 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am pleased and proud to support Dawn Chang for this appointment. I have worked with her on issues over the years and feel she is an upstanding person with high integrity. She has a "heart for Hawaii" and truly cares about our islands and the land.

Her decisions will be well thought out and on sound ground. I have all confidence in her ability to think clearly and weigh her actions carefully. She will serve the people of Hawaii fairly in this position, we are in good hands!

March 23, 2023

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land
The Senate of the 32nd Legislature
State of Hawaii

Re: Letter In Support of the Nomination of Dawn N. S. Chang
Hearing: GM516, Friday, March 31, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Dear Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elefante,

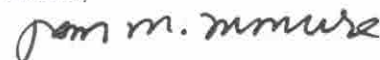
This letter is in support of the nomination of Dawn N.S. Chang to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. It is written in my individual capacity as someone who has known Ms. Chang for over 40 years.

I first met Ms. Chang in August 1982, when we entered the William S. Richardson School of Law as members of the Class of 1985. Throughout our years together in law school, Ms. Chang was thoughtful, engaging, collaborative and one of the most respected members of our class. What was most notable was Ms. Chang's deep appreciation of the privilege of securing a legal education to enable her to serve her beloved Hawaii.

While Ms. Chang and I had divergent career paths, I have watched her assume many different roles over the years. Among others, she has been a legal adviser and advocate, consultant, public leader, and business owner, gaining experience and expertise in numerous matters and issues of import to the Department she now serves. It is the broad and diverse nature of her career that has placed her in the unique position of facing and being able to understand and balance what may sometimes be perceived as competing and conflicting interests. As long as I have known Ms. Chang, she has impressed me as a truly gifted listener with a measured, thoughtful, and deliberative approach to decision-making as well as a person of integrity and incredible humility. I believe Ms. Chang has the expertise, experience, and personal qualities essential to being an effective leader of the Department.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Aloha,



Jan M. Tamura
Honolulu, HI

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 5:48:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Dean Nakano | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

March 23, 2023

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Honorable Senators Lorraine Inouye, Chair; Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair; and

Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Subject: **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 516,**

Nomination of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

I would like to offer my testimony in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Dawn Chang as the Chairperson to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

In my former capacity as the Deputy to the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) and as the previous Acting Manager/Deputy Manager for the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, I have had the sincere pleasure of working with Ms. Chang for many years during her tenure as DLNR's Deputy Attorney General and as a Commissioner to the State Land Use Commission (LUC). I have also had the opportunity to interact with Ms. Chang in her capacity as the Principal for Kuiwalu and have greatly appreciated her cultural awareness and resource management experience and manao.

Ms. Chang has demonstrated a great reverence and respect for our land and natural resources, especially our most precious resource – water. Her legal knowledge, policy background, and experience as a LUC Commissioner and Deputy Attorney General to DLNR and CWRM, is appropriately balanced with a passionate regard for the environment and cultural traditions and practices of our islands. Her background, knowledge of land and water resource management and protection, and her collaborative approach to addressing both complex and sensitive issues will serve the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Commission on Water Resource Management well in carrying out its statewide duties and responsibilities.

Perhaps more importantly, I have come to respect and appreciate Ms. Chang as a valued colleague and friend and someone who has earned my trust. Her actions have always been fair and balanced, and speaks to her character as an individual, public servant, and someone who will be a great asset to DLNR and the CWRM.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Ms. Dawn Chang and I look forward to your favorable consideration and confirmation of her appointment as the Chairperson to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean A. Nakano

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 6:02:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly support confirmation of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources.

Thank you,

Paul Shinkawa

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| Riley K Hakoda | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the confirmation of Dawn N.S. Chang for DLNR Chairperson. i have had the pleasure of observing her significant contributions as a Commissioner on the Land Use Commission and hearing her ideas as a panelist at the Hawaii Congress of Planning Officials. Her astute assessment of difficult issues and ability to tactfully interact amongst conflicted parties is a unique and admirable talent that reflects her care and understanding of kindness in how to deal with others and maintaining aloha and respect for them. she knows the value of listening and choosing words carefully-valuable tools for a great leader and she never takes her eyes off the goals and objectives she is tasked to accomplished. Hawaii will be enriched by her contributions. please vote in favor of her appointment! MAHALO!!!

GM-516

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Bobby Farias | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, Senate President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

I would like to give my support of GM 516 to confirm Dawn Chang
Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have had the pleasure to work some
with Ms. Chang, her support and understanding for land use and her support for agriculture in
Hawaii makes her a great person for the position. With Ms. Chang as Chairperson for the
Department, Hawaii can look forward to a bright future with good collaboration with other State
agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to show my support,

Bobby Farias

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| Willis Yap | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

My support of Dawn Chang is based upon our family history having known her mother Edna Shiroma for over 50 years and Dawn for at least 25 years. I have also served as her insurance agent so have business experience with her. She and her family have integrity and practice the "Aloha" spirit, always thinking of others and what is best for all. She's is unselfish and considerate. In addition, Dawn is a solid professional with legal and cultural knowledge of matters dealing with land use and community organizations. My family and I have asked and received advice from her in personal capacities and she has always furnished excellent and practical recommendations. I can only respond to certain criticisms reported in the media that while others may have different opinions, I know from personal experience that she is always fair, even-handed and open minded. These qualities will serve her and the State of Hawaii well. Please confirm her appointment to the DLNR. Mahalo.



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March 24, 2023

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

From: Benjamin A. Kudo
Ashford & Wriston
999 Bishop Street, Suite 1400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM- 516 – Consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG - **SUPPORT**.
Hearing date: Friday, March 31, 2023
Hearing time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

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

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and the support of your Committee members on the appointment of Ms. Dawn Chang to the position of Chair, Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii.

I have known Ms. Chang for over 20 years. I first worked with her when she represented various State agencies, including the Department of Land and Natural Resources, as Deputy Attorney General. I found Ms. Chang to be a strong advocate of protecting the public and the interests of the State. She was at all times professional and well balanced in her approach to solving various legal issues. Years later, as a member of the University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, I had the opportunity once again to work with Ms. Chang on the Comprehensive Management Plan for Mauna Kea Science Reserve. She was a strong advocate for the protection of Native Hawaiian rights and culture and for having the University implement the Comprehensive Management Plan, which it had in part, not been done for several years. She recognized the problems facing the University and stressed community engagement and reconciliation within the Native Hawaiian groups. I found her advice to be sensitive, wise, balanced and timely.

Ms. Chang is a person of high integrity, compassion and intelligence and has the capability to meet the challenges of this position. Ms. Chang will faithfully carry out her responsibilities as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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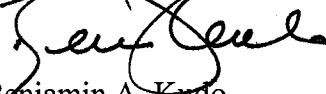
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land
March 24, 2023
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Based on the foregoing, I strongly recommend with no reservation your favorable consideration of Ms. Dawn Chang for the aforementioned position. She is a person who will prove to be worthy of your support and the public trust.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully urge your Committee's support to confirm her nomination.

Very truly yours,

ASHFORD & WRISTON



Benjamin A. Kudo

Senate Committee on Water and Land
March 31, 2023 | 1pm | Room 016

March 24, 2023

RE: Testimony in **SUPPORT** of Agenda Item GM516 Relating to the Appointment of Dawn Chang as Chairperson to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)

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

I write today in strong support of Dawn Chang in her nomination for Chairperson to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).


I have had the opportunity of serving on the KEY Project Board of Directors while Ms. Chang served as our Chair. She was incredibly professional, passionate about the community and its natural resources, and extremely well-versed in the multiple layers of jurisdiction impacting many of the issues important to the community at that time. Her experience as a former Attorney General was invaluable in helping to contextualize and navigate those priorities. Ms. Chang led the organization during a time of important change, deftly and with deep respect and appreciation for a wide range of perspectives. Without a doubt, her community-based roots and experience in facilitation provided her a unique grounding. I deeply appreciated, and learned from, the leadership she demonstrated both on behalf of the organization as well as the important role it played within the larger community.

Ms. Chang has been nominated for important kuleana. I believe that with her experience and the resources and talent she will be able to bring to the table around her, she will handle it extremely well. Some may disagree at times with her perspective, but I know she will take the unique kuleana of DLNR extremely seriously and will treat each person in our community with great respect while navigating complex and challenging issues, important for the future of Hawai'i and those who call her home.

I am excited to support the nomination of a Native Hawaiian wahine as the first Native Hawaiian woman to chair the DLNR as a steward of our precious island resources and support the Committee in its consideration to confirm her nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my mana'o and for all of your work on behalf of our communities.

Me ka ha'aha'a,



Rebecca Justine 'Iolani Soon

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

Friday, March 31, 2023
1:00 p.m.; Conference room 016 & Videoconference

**RE: GM 516 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson,
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for
a term to expire 12-31-2026 – IN SUPPORT**

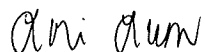
Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination of Dawn Chang as Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Dawn for many years, and have had the pleasure of working with her on various community issues in her capacity as Principal of Ku'iwalu. I have found her to be thoughtful, fair, analytical and balanced in her approach to problem solving. Dawn has integrity, strong leadership skills and is sensitive to cultural and community values. She has served on the Land Use Commission and as Deputy Attorney General with the Land/Transportation Division and advised various State Boards and Commissions, including the Land Board, Island Burial Councils and the Water Commission. She is also a former board member of Historic Hawaii Foundation. Dawn has a genuine concern for Hawaii's future.

The State and the Department of Land and Natural Resources will be well served to have someone with Dawn's experience, leadership and deep understanding of Native Hawaiian issues, diverse, multicultural communities and environmental law. I'm confident Dawn will make significant, positive contributions and ask for your favorable action on her nomination. Mahalo.

Sincerely,



Lori Lum
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GM-516

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 2:58:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Elizabeth Kent | Individual | Support | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the nomination of Dawn Chang as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Ms. Chang for over 40 years and have watched her career and worked with her, so I feel qualified to comment on the characteristics that make her an effective leader.

Ms. Chang’s work history as a Social Worker and an attorney illustrates her **commitment** to Hawaii and the people who live here. The jobs she took demonstrate that she **cares about others**.

Ms. Chang’s work history also shows her **dedication** to the land and to resource management, environmental issues, and water rights. Additionally, she has **expertise** in historic preservation law, ceded lands, burial law, and much more. Clearly the land is her **passion**.

Ms. Chang’s work history also demonstrates her **courage** in taking on controversial issues. She is willing to **take risks and act decisively**. It is easy to shy away from controversy and challenging to take that work head on. She has demonstrated a willingness to do **make difficult decisions**.

Ms. Chang is a very **effective communicator**. She is focused on **building relationships** and demonstrates her **respect for others** through **empathy** and **understanding others** and their issues. This has helped her in her work as a meeting facilitator. In that work, she also demonstrates **problem solving skills and strategic thinking**.

Finally, Ms. Chang’s personal characteristics make her a good leader. She is **willing to assess and reassess situations** and to change directions if that is called for. She **works well with others**, recognizing their successes and not calling attention to her own. Ms. Chang does not need to be the center of attention. She **leads by example**, setting a tone of **respect, integrity, and accountability**. And she certainly has shown that she is **resilient** and able to maintain her **calm demeanor** in challenging circumstances.

For all these reasons, I strongly support Ms. Chang’s nomination and hope that you will too.



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February 28, 2023

Testimony of
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In support of
DAWN CHANG
candidate for
DIRECTOR of the DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF HAWAII

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to convey my strong, unequivocal support of Dawn Chang as an immensely qualified candidate for the position of Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). She has what I believe to be unparalleled experience in every relevant area of leadership, as well as across public sector, nonprofit, and community initiatives relating to Native Hawaiian concerns—including, especially, in the area of land use and stewardship.

Dawn has worked at every level, from the grassroots to state and federal stakeholders. She has served on every side of the issue: community, landowner, and developer. She can deftly navigate the myriad regulatory frameworks and laws involved, all while keeping the Hawaiian community in her heart. She innately understands the kūleana of the Hawaiian community and how it can best collaborate with and be served by the state. I have no doubt she will be able to help Hawaii steward the lands managed by DLNR to perpetuate its productive and sustainable use and protect them for generations to come.

Dawn has both the experience and the fortitude to lead a major state agency like DLNR. Her skills have been keenly honed across a variety of disciplines: working with federal, state, and county government agencies; coordinating and managing public meetings, crisis management, and government relations; strategic planning; training; and alternate dispute mediation.



She served on the Land Use Commission, helping to shape and execute policy, addressing the concerns of the state, counties, landowners, and developers in the land use decision-making process. The commission establishes the district boundaries for the entire State and acts on petitions for boundary changes and requests for special use permits within the agricultural and rural districts.

Through all this, Dawn has proven to be well-versed in Hawaiian culture and values. She has facilitated culturally sensitive issues for public and private sector projects, including native Hawaiian burials, cultural resource management, and historic preservation issues. She has also conducted training in native Hawaiian rights, from traditional and customary practices to administrative processes.

Finally, Dawn is an accomplished attorney, having previously served in the office of the Attorney General, as well as senior legal counsel in the Land/Transportation Division, where she focused on real property law, administrative law, native Hawaiian rights, water rights and environmental law. In this role, she also advised various state boards and commissions (Land Board, Island Burial Councils, Water Commission, etc.) as well as provided training to State employees and agencies on native Hawaiian rights, including PASH and burial laws. Dawn supervised legal and non-legal staff and has extensive litigation experience in ceded lands, burial laws, historic preservation laws, real property transactions, and quiet title actions.

It is for all these, and numerous other reasons, that I believe the State of Hawaii and DLNR would be best served—and be able to best serve its people—through Dawn's devoted and diligent leadership.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Robbie Le'a Kapi'olani Cabral

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 3:35:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kawehi Correa | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Mai,

I am writing in support for the selection of Dawn Chang for the position of Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources. I believe that she is well qualified for the position, her resume aligns with what the position calls for and will service the State of Hawaii well.

I strongly beleive that Dawn Chang will also listen to the voices in opposing and make the changes needed if proven valid. That's what makes her a great candidate, the willingness to improve and do what is right.

Mahalo Nui for your consideration.

Dear Senate Members of the 2023 Legislature,

I met Dawn Chang in 2017. Since then we have had a very wonderful business relationship. After meeting her for the first time I knew she was sincere and very intelligent. As a Deputy Attorney General, Dawn provided advice and counsel to DLNR with focus on Hawaii land law, Hawaiian rights and represented DLNR on legal proceedings. She formed her own consulting company Ku'iwalu to support both the private and public sector by assuring Federal and State preservation and environmental policies were met. She always talked about the community and doing the right thing and the right way for Hawaii and our culture.

Yes, Ku'iwalu had private business clients. Her role was to advise and help to resolve sensitive issues with the developer and native Hawaiian families regarding Hawaiian burial issues.

I know Dawn Chang will do her best to lead DLNR drawing from her knowledge, experience and a lot of Malama and Aloha for the State of Hawaii.

With much pleasure,

Bruce Umeda

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 5:11:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Brendan Balthazar | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I want to send you my opinion and support for Dawn Chang for DLNR. Although she never got the time to come to Maui to visit with us farmers and ranchers she did commit to come soon as she can. Which is better then almost all of the past chairs. Except for Mike Wilson who did take the time to come. There is no substitute for boots on the ground and eyes on the farm or ranch. To see it is to feel what we feel when we are out there working to preserve the land like it is our own. Dawn unlike the former chair has a definite concern for agg and food security. She is a lot more of a balanced person. Dawn works very well with Sharon and that again is something that we have not seen for a very long time. I believe this is why Josh picked them. I not only support his picks but trust his judgement. Both departments are responsible for a lot of state land. And what is best for the land, is what should be important. DLNR has so much land under their jurisdiction that they can't manage it properly with the amount of money they have and the workers. She realized that a lot of the lands that are being cared for by farmers and ranchers are in way better care then if they were managed by DLNR. DLNR should focus on caring for the forest, that they have under their care and really manage them like a forest should be and not just a bunch of trees. Where half or more are invasive. In the past, management of wild life such as the pigs, deer and feral goats has been very poor. Management should be control of population, as well as providing good managed hunting and recreational areas for the people. It is not only a sport but a way of life for many who grew up here. Its our heritage and part of our gathering rights. Rights that have been grossly miss managed. Fencing off large tracts of land, killing everything in it and letting it rot then saying that the land is in conservation is really the right way to manage land and wildlife. If it was managed properly like the ranchers do there would not be so much poachers on the ranches, they would have places to practice there heritage of hunting food for their families . Dawn understands this very well and has committed to make changes. A good example is her working with DOA to transfer some ranch lands that should be under DOA but was held captive by the former chair and her staff. We all want to support someone who recognizes the problems with that department and is willing to make the changes. I ask you to please support her confirmation. We in the agg community recognize her willingness to protect our state land and do what is the right thing for the land and our people.

Brendan Balthazar

Diamond B Ranch

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 8:35:52 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Klayton Kubo | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Strong Support

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Submitted on: 3/25/2023 6:36:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Woody Child | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support Dawn Chang as Chairperson DLNR.

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March 25, 2023

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

Subject: GM516: Testimony in support of the confirmation of DAWN CHANG, Esq. as the
Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources

Welina me ke aloha,

The purpose of letter is to encourage your committee's confirmation of Dawn Change, Esq. as the
Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As a Native Hawaiian, Engineering manager and consultant, the preservation of our culture and care of
our land is of high importance. I am also retired Colonel with 27 years of service followed by over 20
years of professional consultation in the engineering and environmental fields. I have worked with
Dawn Chang in her role as Principal of Ho'ākea LLC dba Ku'iwalu, in which she facilitated a number of
culturally sensitive issues for the Department of Defense. She coordinated and managed public
meetings, crisis management, and government relations, often being criticized by the Native Hawaiian
community for her role.

Contrary to perceptions to some in the community, Dawn has been a staunch advocate for native
Hawaiian rights, traditional and customary practices, and the care of our land. Her work with
government officials includes educating them of important legal, environmental and cultural sensitive
issues to avoided decisions that would have been detrimental to the community. Her work has allowed
the Native Hawaiian voice to be heard face-to-face with government leaders as part of their decision-
making process. This not only helps address important cultural issues early in the project development
process but also allow decisions beneficial to the government and the public at large.

Also, her work since January 2nd has been exemplary, taking on issues that were ignored for years, as
the effect of sea level rise on private homes at our shorelines. She has shown herself to be highly
knowledgeable on issues, sensitive to positions but decisive. Her land use, legal and cultural
background has proven her value to DLNR and the State to move issues forward that has been stifled
by bureaucracy.

Our State needs such a leader and encourage your confirmation.

Me ka 'oia'i'o



Richard Fernandez, PE

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/25/2023 7:51:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Michael W Gibson | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

My name is Michael Gibson. I have been an attorney with Ashford & Wriston since 1976. I am writing in strong support of Dawn Chang to be the Chairperson of the DLNR. I have known Dawn for more than 20 years and I have worked with her on numerous matters and find her to be trustworthy and knowledgeable. Please support her for this position.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/25/2023 8:03:39 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Jan TenBruggencate | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly support Dawn Chang for the DLNR chair position. I have known her for many years. Among her key qualities are a remarkable cultural sensitivity and understanding of the issues facing the land department, along with a calm level-headedness and concern for this community that are needed in this critical position.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/25/2023 8:08:16 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Alex Franco | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support Dawn Chang for DLNR Chair.

Peter S. Adler, PhD

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March 25, 2023

TO: Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chairperson
and
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

FR: Peter S. Adler

RE: Testimony in Support of Dawn Chang's Confirmation

Dear Senator Inouye and Committee Members,

By now you have received considerable testimony regarding Dawn Chang's potential appointment to chair DLNR, most of it supportive, along with some who have raised questions about possible conflicts of interest, ties with developers, and her work as a mediator on specific cases. I want to address some of these but first, a few preliminaries.

Background

I have known Dawn as a colleague and friend for three decades. Without revealing confidences, we have often consulted with each other on strategies for resolving some of Hawai'i's most stubborn conflicts. Dawn has the unquestioned professional qualifications needed for DLNR through her law and social work training and through her years of public service as an AG and more recently as a commissioner with the LUC. But there is much more than that.

She has also for many years been a member of The ACCORD Network, a peer-to-peer learning group that has a long history of personal and professional development with colleagues in Hawai'i, mainland U.S., Australia, and New Zealand. Through experience and temperament, Dawn has the talents and qualities we absolutely require of a DL&NR chair. She is savvy, principled, and diplomatic, especially with critics who may disagree with her on particular cases, issues, or decisions.

She deeply values consultation and engagement, especially with those who must ultimately live with decisions that come out of DLNR. She invites robust dialogue and is, always and fundamentally, a problem solver and solution seeker. These are the same qualities of many previous BL&NR chairs. I think of people like Bill Paty, Sus Ono, and others who have preceded her.

She has the same *mana*.

Her Consultant Work

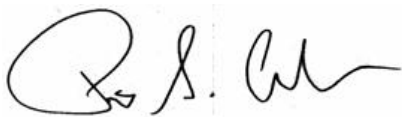
For years, Dawn and I have done similar work as mediators, facilitators, and third-parties trying to prevent, manage, or resolve unproductive disputes. While we have each worked on diverse types of problems, much of our mediation work has involved sprawling disputes over public policy differences, the formation of rules and regulations, and controversial site specific issues at different community locations.

Dawn has become an experienced, effective, and highly skilled broker between communities and private businesses and government agencies who seek to build something that wasn't there before. There is a Japanese saying that "the go-between wears out a thousand pairs of sandals." Dawn has callouses on her feet and has been an extraordinarily effective intermediary.

In her work, and that of others, communities rarely have the resources to support a mediator though they often make contributions in kind. More often, we are paid by either government or business. In these instances, our starting promises and contracts concerning our roles are always explicit. We will remain neutral, not serve as any one side's agent, and work for solutions equally hard with everyone.

I tell you these things because of the criticisms that have been leveled at her in articles in the Star-Bulletin and Civil Beat. In Dawn, I believe you have an exceptionally qualified candidate. I give her my unqualified endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. S. Adler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "S".

PETER S. ADLER, PhD

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/25/2023 8:06:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Randall Young | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Committee Members,

I regret that I am not able to appear to testify in person. As a retired attorney, I have worked with, and known Dawn for over 30 years. In that time, she has consistently dedicated her career to insuring different and even opposing viewpoints be heard in decision making processes. This reflects her commitment to better informed decisions, a commitment which holds true today.

Although she is intrinsically kind, thoughtful, and patient, she is not afraid to act decisively when needed, as in the recent case of the stranded yacht Nakoia in Honolua Bay. There she acted promptly to protect Hawai'i's natural resources while taking necessary protective steps to not cause a worse environmental problem.

Her service as a Deputy Attorney General and Land Use Commissioner uniquely prepared her to deal with the panoply of issues confronting the DLNR, such as historic and cultural resources, and land use. Most recently she was not hesitant to confront the issues of shoreline and beach protection in the context of sea level rise.

Her personal integrity is beyond dispute, as is her commitment to fair process. Although one can never precisely know what crises and problems may arise in the future, you may rest assured that Dawn will be resolute and steadfast in her mission to protect Hawai'i's environment for the generations to come.

This is her strongly felt lodestar, and she would not compromise it if she is confirmed as DLNR Director. For the above reasons, I ask that you vote to recommend her nomination to the full Senate for its deliberation.

Thank you for considering this testimony.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/26/2023 7:46:06 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Jimmy Greenwell | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly support GM516 and the confirmation of Dawn Chang to become DLNR Chair. She has the experience and demonstrated willingness to engage and investigate conditions on the land and with stakeholders regarding matters that would come before DLNR. She would be a great pick and the State would be fortunate to secure her leadership for the proposed term..

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/26/2023 5:36:56 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Darrell Tanaka | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Dawn Chang, she is the first chairperson in a long time to sit down and hear out constituents concerns instead of blowing us off like some other chairperson recently did. I am a fisherman, and I support her as the next chairperson of DLNR.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/26/2023 7:15:52 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tamara Lester | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please consider Dawn Chang for DLNR Chair.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 5:46:57 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Taylor Kellerman | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

I stand by the Hawaii Cattleman's Council's testimony for Dawn's DLNR appointment.

Mahalo

Taylor Kellerman

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 7:12:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Kapono Chang | Individual | Support | In Person |

Comments:

I support Dawn Chang.

Aloha, my name is Kapono Chang, I am Dawn's youngest son. I would like to share how my mom has helped me become the person I am today.

Growing up, there were two things she taught me that has been the foundation of who I am. The first is the importance of education. She would say, the one thing in life no one can take away from you, is your education. She worked extremely hard to support our goals, always putting her children first. My brother, sister, and I were all fortunate to get into college, and she and my dad supported us without hesitation, this I am forever grateful for.

The second value, is the value of malama, to not just take care, but also to give back. She would bring us to non-profit organizations growing up, and meet individuals who were all doing great things for Hawaii and their communities. For example, through her work at Kaho'olawe, she introduced me to her longtime friend, Dr. Emmet Aluli, who sadly passed recently. He became my mentor, allowing me to rotate with him at his clinic on Molokai, inspiring me to go to medical school, where currently I am in my last year of Family medicine residency through UH.

Just like my mom who has been selfless with her passion to malama and serve, this is my passion as well. After graduating in June, I will be completing a 1 year Geriatric Fellowship through UH, where I will become a Geriatrician, dedicating my career to serve our kupuna.

Many people know my mom through different parts of her life and career, but being her youngest son, I just know her as my mom, and she has always been an inspiration my entire life. And now having two sons of my own, I will pass on the values she has taught me, so I can help to create strong foundation for my 'ohana.

Mahalo,

Kapono Chang

March 31, 2023

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

My name is Nellani Asato and I **strongly support** GM516, which nominates Dawn Chang to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Ms. Chang has been a dedicated, longtime public servant. I have known her for the past 45 years and can attest to her competency, commitment to serving the public, and integrity. Her decades of experience as a social worker, Deputy Attorney General, and consultant gives her unique insight into operations of the State of Hawaii. Throughout her career, her aloha and kuleana for mālama ‘āina have been proven. I am proud to strongly support the first Native Hawaiian nominee to serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for considering our testimony in strong support.

Sincerely,
Nellani Kalaupapahiwa Asato

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 8:59:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Kahea Williams | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Kahea Williams and I am writing in high support of Dawn Chang, nominee for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Ms. Chang has the experience, knowledge, and relationships to ensure success in this vital role. In previous role as Deputy Attorney General she provided advice and counsel to the DLNR and specialized in Hawaii land law and Native Hawaiian rights. But the value I know Ms. Chang will bring to the role most vigorously, is integrity. She has shown that she is a woman of integrity and will always do what is best for the people of Hawaii. She is Native Hawaiian, a responsibility that she does not take lightly. I have personally known Ms. Chang for 18 years and not once would I question her character or moral compass. She has been a gleaming example not only within her family, but also the community. Her work with the KEY project in Ahupuaa O Kahaluu has improved the well-being in hundreds of keiki. Ms. Chang has the ability to zoom in to address the details of an issue, and then zoom out to ensure the greater good is cared for. Many people will shy away from contentious issues or things that they think will portray them in a bad light, Ms. Chang is the opposite. She will do what is right, regardless of public opinion. That is leadership, and that is something we need in this role. Since her start in the role of the beginning of the year, she has already been asked to lead various issues and problems. From the grounded boats at Honolua Bay and Lahaina to other DLNR issues, Ms. Chang has not been afraid to step up and lead from the front. She is committed to this role and has the acute understanding and emotional intelligence to be successful. There will always be issues and concern when a new nominee is asked to take on such an important and influential role. Ms. Chang not only has the experience and perseverance to ensure the State prospers, but she has the maturity that all sides are heard and aims to satisfy the greater good. With that being said, I fully endorse Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo,

Kahea Williams, 808-232-1471, bkwilliams32@gmail.com

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Written testimony of **Support for Dawn Chang** - Gubernatorial Nominee for Chairperson,
Department of Land and Natural Resources

March 24, 2023

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

Hearing Date and Time: Friday March 31, 2023, 1:00PM, Conference Room 016
Re: GM 516 –DLNR Chair Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG

Dear Senator Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elefante,

I have been a resident in Hawaii for 28 years. I have had the privilege of knowing Ms. Chang for over a decade, both professionally and on a personal basis. Ms. Chang's resume and background, on its own, qualify her for this position. However, as impressive as her background is, Dawn's honesty, intelligence, character and moral fiber make her the most qualified individual to Chair DLNR.

Hawaii's natural resources are the vital fabric of Hawaii's future. Stewarding those resources takes a very experienced person that understands the issues of all stakeholders especially when it comes to balancing sustainability and development. Dawn has the background to provide the needed balance and discernment of what is in the best interest for Hawaii's O'hana.

I want to offer my support for Dawn Chang and her nomination as the Chairperson for Department of Land and Natural Resources ("DLNR").

I ask you to **support** the Gubernatorial Nominee "Dawn Chang" as the new Chair Person for DLNR.

Mahalo for your consideration,



Jay Morford

Thomas L. H. Yeh
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March 27, 2023

Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Senate

Re: GM 516-Testimony in Support of Appointment of Dawn Chang as Chairperson, DLNR

Dear Chairperson Inouye and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

Please consider this letter of support for the appointment of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Ms. Chang brings to this important role a strong background in the law and native Hawaiian cultural practices. Her history at the Attorney General's office in dealing with the procedural aspects of administrative law, the unique cultural history and practices of Hawaii and real property matters are well suited to the role of the Chairperson.

While Ms. Chang has her detractors based on events that occurred over a decade ago, these experiences have undoubtedly added to Ms. Chang's heightened awareness of the issues that need to be addressed as Hawaii's land and water resources are being managed. Given Dawn Chang's devotion to her career to land law and native Hawaiian issues, she will serve the position well.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this strong letter of support For Dawn Chang.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Yeh', with a stylized, flowing script.

Thomas Yeh

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 1:34:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Jon Nouchi | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

My name is Jon Nouchi. I currently serve as the Deputy Director of the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services and formerly served as the Deputy Director of Planning, Environment, and Culture at the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation. I am currently a resident of Kaka'ako, living in the storied urban district of Honolulu home to many cultural, natural, and historic resources.

I am testifying today as an individual in strong support of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources.

In the past, I worked with Ms. Chang on the often-controversial Honolulu rail project. During this time, I watched her exercise her skills as a patient collaborator, an astute strategist, and a humble civil servant, always grounded in the foundation of both local and federal laws. She approached conflict and disagreement with a kind and gentle leo encouraging harmony, successfully connecting groups of differing opinions and bridging chasms between their dissenting positions to seek compromise and viable paths forward.

Her sense of ha'aha'a in the midst of conflict makes her an ideal candidate to lead DLNR through the often stormy conditions of our statewide land, water, and cultural resource concerns in these modern times. As a highly-educated and experienced Native Hawaiian wahine, she is an ideal candidate to steward the Department and support our State's duty to preserve, protect, and perpetuate our most precious resources.

Statement of
Greg Rocheleau
CEO
Makai Ocean Engineering, Inc.
before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Friday, March 31, 2023
1:00 pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
In consideration of
GM 516
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG.

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

I would like to express my **SUPPORT** for GM 516, which confirms Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

I am a lifelong resident, avid user of Hawaii's outdoors, and CEO of local marine technology business, Makai Ocean Engineering, headquartered in Waimanalo, Hawai'i. My interests are aligned with the protection of Hawaii's natural resources, and the economic and employment opportunities for our residents. Makai Ocean Engineering is a locally-owned and operated technology company based in Hawai'i for 50 years, providing research and development for a variety of innovative ocean technology projects including autonomous underwater vehicles and hardware systems, offshore renewable energy, and several software projects supporting our federal and international commercial customers.

DLNR is an important organization to Makai and other local businesses, as well as Hawaii's residents, and as such its leadership is important. Dawn Chang's background in Hawai'i land law, and native Hawaiian rights, is ideally suited for the chair of DLNR. As the first native Hawaiian woman to chair DLNR, and with her entrepreneurial and consulting background, I believe Dawn Chang will be able to address and protect the cultural, social, and environmental sensitivities while considering the perspectives of Hawai'i businesses and their employees.

This is why I **SUPPORT GM 516**, which confirms Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Greg Rocheleau, CEO/President Makai Ocean Engineering, Inc.

March 31, 2023
1:00 PM
Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in Support of GM 516

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

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

March 27, 2023

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

I am Linda Rosehill testifying as a private citizen and in the capacity of a consultant who has worked with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) throughout my career and as a friend of Chair nominee Dawn Chang. I strongly support her nomination.

I have known Ms. Chang for many years and am familiar with her work as an Attorney General at DLNR for the burial council, as an entrepreneur owning and managing her own consulting firm, and as a LUC Commissioner. She has demonstrated integrity as well a willingness to listen and ultimately find common ground and/or solutions to issues at hand. She does her homework, is a quick study on sometimes complex issues, and is not afraid of thinking out of the box.

All of the aforementioned qualities will serve her well in addressing the myriad of decisions that must be made as Chair of DLNR. Ultimately, it will be her ability to work with each of DLNR's varied constituencies and stakeholders that is key to successful decision making.

I have no doubt that Ms. Chang will act always in the best interest of the State, her Department, and the people of Hawaii. Therefore, I ask your kind consideration of her nomination.

Sincerely,



Linda Rosehill

March 27, 2023

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Legislature

RE: GM516: Consideration and Confirmation of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the
Department of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Senators:

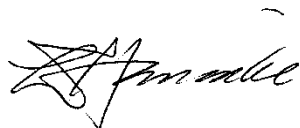
My name is Dona L. Hanaïke and I am speaking in favor of the Governor's nomination of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Dawn both professionally and personally for many years. While at the Attorney General's Office, she was actively involved in a fledging new program at the time which we now know as the Hawaii burial councils. Because it was new program, there were a lot of growing pains both organizationally and in terms of community acknowledgement. Her work, both in and out of the courtroom, helped establish the burial councils as reputable entities which deserved the time and recognition of the community, private landowners, and other governmental agencies. She also worked tirelessly with the State small boat harbors to clean up a long standing problem of illegal residential boating slips in Keehi lagoon that threatened the small boat harbor program as well as the lives of DLNR employees charged with enforcing the State small boat harbor laws.

While not afraid of a legal challenge, Dawn's talents lie in community organizing and facilitating which she honed working as a social worker for Liliuokalani Trust (prior to becoming an attorney). After she left the Attorney General's office, Dawn incorporated these skill sets in her private practice working to educate private developers on native Hawaiian and cultural issues and bring community interests "to the table".

Dawn Chang will bring an open and participatory focus to the management of the State's public lands and its natural resources. Please confirm her nomination as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dona L. Hanaïke". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "H".

Dona L. Hanaïke

Testimony of
Suzanne D. Case
Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Friday, March 31, 2023, 1:00pm, CR016 & Videoconference

In consideration of **GM516**
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026

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 Dawn Chang** as Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources.

When I learned of Dawn Chang's appointment as the new DLNR Chairperson, my own thought was, "That's a transition I can trust." Having spent the past eight years as DLNR Chairperson myself, I care deeply that the next Chair is committed and competent and brings her own unique helpful perspective and skills to the job, driven by a sense of kuleana and pono action. Dawn Chang has that, and that's why I believe she is an excellent choice for DLNR Chairperson.

I've worked with Ms. Chang on DLNR matters during my own term as DLNR Chair and have reviewed her prior work with DLNR as well. I also worked with her previously in my capacity as Hawai'i State Director for The Nature Conservancy.

Ms. Chang brings a strong legal background and understanding of Hawai'i real property law, water rights, environmental law, land use law, and native Hawaiian rights law, as well as administrative procedure – all of which are fundamental and essential to the work of DLNR in Hawai'i.

Beyond that, Ms. Chang has dedicated her professional career to community engagement and conflict resolution – areas in which DLNR is deeply involved and which will benefit DLNR significantly under her leadership in DLNR's approaches in outreach and engagement.

Ms. Chang's extensive work representing applicants on projects to help them comply with our numerous and complex laws is equally important background. We want people and institutions to understand and follow the many and complex laws of Hawai'i related to land, water, conservation, historic preservation, and native Hawaiian rights.

I urge your vote in support of Dawn Chang's nomination as Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 7:30:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Jason and Jeri Moniz | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

GM516

Dawn Chang

Friday, March 31, 2023, 1:00 PM

Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

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

We are Jeri and Jason Moniz, beef cattle producers who ranch on Sate General Lease 4475.

We **strongly support GM516** for the consideration and confirmation as the

Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

1. Chang resume portrays extensive experience and qualifications in land use issues with her various positions with the State Land Use Commission and as the Deputy Attorney General providing legal counsel for State Boards and Commissions.

We have had personal contact with Ms. Chang during her short tenure with the DLNR. She made herself available to meet and visit our ranch on a state pastoral lease, something no other Chair has done or even offered. She quickly absorbed information regarding the ranch, our business, our stewardship of the land and established a feeling of trust with us, something that has been missing with previous Administrations. She has also spent time to quickly gain on-the-ground first-hand experience with other ranches which is especially important during a time when misinformation is so easily spread. It's obvious that she has strong support for the DLNR's mission to protect and restore the aina and we believe she understands ranches play an important role to that effect. She provides us with a feeling of fairness, she is thoughtful, and appears committed to understanding all sides of issues that are impacting our lease and business.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, something we have never done before for a DLNR Chairperson nominee. We respectfully ask for your support of Ms. Dawn Chang for the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Jeri and Jason Moniz

Family Ranch Owners

KK Ranch, Inc.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 7:47:30 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Harry von Holt | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support Dawn Chang for Chairperson of DLNR.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:38:05 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

I support the consideration and confirmation of Dawn Chang to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Justice James E. Duffy, Jr. (Ret)

To: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Brandon J.C. Elafante, Vice Chair

Re: GM 516

Dawn Chang

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elafante, and Members of the
Committee,

I write to you in strong support of the nomination of Dawn Chang to the position of Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources. My support is based upon two independent bases: (1) as a person who has known Dawn for over 25 years; and (2) as co-owner with my wife Jeanne of ~~a~~ 4-I Livestock Co., a small, family livestock business.

First, as a person who has known Dawn for over 25 years in her various capacities as an attorney, consultant and advocate for community participation in land use matters, in my experience Dawn has been a person of the highest integrity, a vigorous advocate for Native Hawaiians, and a person who sees the "Big Picture" when balancing conflicting positions, and encourages ^{Process and} civility in community discussions among people with conflicting views, as ~~exemplified~~ ^{evidenced} by her panel presentation on "Resolving Community Conflicts" in June, 2022 in the 2022 Hawaii Access To Justice Conference.

Second, as co-owner of a small, family livestock business, I was happy to learn (but not surprised) that Dawn has gotten out of the office and actually visited with farmers and ranchers on their leasehold lands to learn first-hand about the problems they have regarding food production and financially with short-term leases, and see what good work they are doing as "Stewards of the Land". I respectfully submit that this "on-the-ground" experience is fundamental to understanding the balancing of interests between DLNR and the Department of Agriculture in increasing our food production and sustainability in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to have input.

Sincerely

Justice James E. Duffy, Jr. (Ret)

Chair Lorraine Inouye
Vice-chair Brandon Elefante
Senate Committee on Water and Land (WTL)
Friday, March 31st, at 1:00pm

Testimony In Support of GM516

Thank you, Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee, for the opportunity to present testimony in support of the confirmation of Dawn S. Chang as Director of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Dawn S. Chang and I first met in 1982 at the William S. Richardson Law School. After our graduation and certification by the Hawaii State Bar, we pursued our separate interests but with the same goal: to use law to defend the rights of people; to protect the interests of the larger community; and to use the law with care to find fairness and equity among competing interests.

Forty years ago, Dawn S. Chang committed her life and legal career to *Land*. To some people, land is simply dirt, but in Hawaii land is cultural, political, organic, and alive. It includes the sky and sea, mountains and rivers, myths and stories, people of all color. Who better to protect and administer these precious resources than Dawn S. Chang? She is a Native Hawaiian woman, with ancestral ties to the land at Kahaluu. She knows Hawaii law as it relates to land. She is skilled as a negotiator and has worked with diverse groups to bring not only settlement but also an understanding and appreciation of the life and culture of our land in Hawaii.

In confirming Dawn S. Chang as Director of the Hawaii State Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), your Committee is assuring the people of Hawaii that their interests will be protected by an administrator who cares as much as they do, for the life of our land in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Esther K. Arinaga
Retired Immigration Lawyer

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:23:08 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Mark Shultise | Testifying for LavaRock Farm | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support Dawn Chang for Chair of DNL. She will be perfect for the position.

Regards,

Mark Shultise

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
For Friday March 31, 2023, 1 pm Hearing on GM 516
Submitting Dawn Chang for Consideration and Confirmation as the DLNR Chairperson

Aloha. I am Christina Meller, a retired State planner. I worked with Dawn Chang when she was a deputy AG at DLNR. She is no stranger to working with the community to resolve issues.

She reviewed and contributed to a Hanalei boating issue report that I worked on as a planner in the Office of Planning, Coastal Zone Management Program. The boating issue pitted native Hawaiian families for and against the use of zodiac boats in Hanalei Bay; traditionally used by canoe paddlers, fishermen, and swimmers. The report described State and County roles on jurisdiction. We gave the Legislature a full account with recommendations on how to proceed.

I moved to DLNR and became program manager for the Na Ala Hele Trails under the Division of Forestry and Wildlife. Dawn assisted the program during my four-year tenure to:

1. establish cultural native Hawaiian access hunting, fishing and gathering rights over private lands;
2. gain access and management of private trails to protect endangered species via firebreaks;
3. defend public use of state trails from private interest bent on closing trails for their exclusive use and
4. indemnify landowners who allowed public access.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. If you have any questions, please feel free to phone my landline at (808) 595-8208.

William L. Moore
159 Halai Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

March 27, 2023

Committee on Water and Land
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Hawaii State Senate

Re: GM 516-Testimony in Support of Appointment of Dawn Chang as Chairperson, DLNR

Dear Chairperson Inouye and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

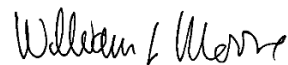
Please consider this letter of support for the appointment of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Her background in law and native Hawaiian cultural practices as well as her service at the Attorney General's office provides a unique set of experiences that she can bring to this critically important position.

While many of her detractors focus on her role in assisting past clients in dealing with complex and contentious matters, I believe that this is one of the strongest reasons to support her in this appointment. If anything, Ms. Chang has proven to be a strong advocate for her clients, which in this case would be the State of Hawaii. These experiences bring her heightened awareness of the issues that need to be addressed in the management of Hawaii's land and water resources.

She is a proven manager that can deal with the multiple facets and complexities involved in overseeing the myriad responsibilities of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Given Dawn Chang's devotion to her career to land law and native Hawaiian issues, she will serve the position well.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support For Dawn Chang.

Sincerely,



GM-516

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 10:52:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Ann M | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye and WTL Committee Members Elefante, Chang, Fevella, and McKelvey,

I didn't start out opposed to the nomination of Dawn Chang to serve as DLNR chair, but after watching her in action as the chair designate, HOLY MOLY what a train wreck she is! I've watched the last few month's board meetings to get a sense of her. To her credit, she is professional and courteous to those testifying before the land board. **Unfortunately for Hawaii, she doesn't know how to run a meeting that follows Sunshine Laws or the rules for contested cases. That is a huge problem, especially since she took an oath to uphold those laws. Maybe she should read them.**

For example, just last week, at a land board meeting (3/24/23), she denied a representative of an environmental non-profit the right to a contested case hearing. DLNR rules for requesting a contested case are provide that one requests it at the board meeting and then one has 10 days to submit their written petition explaining their reasons and standing for making the request. Subsequently, the approval or denial appears on a later BLNR meeting agenda, which must be properly noticed under HRS Ch 92. If so approved, the contested case hearing proceeds. The overriding purpose of the contested case procedures is to ensure that the best and most relevant information is presented to the decision-making body, thereby assuring that the various and often conflicting legal interests of the parties are considered.

However, the land board made a motion to dismiss the testifier's request for a contested case without even giving her the chance to submit her written petition, which she has 10 days to do. **Dawn Chang let her agency's rules take a back seat to expedite her own agency's proposal, and she didn't mind breaking the Sunshine Law to do it.** She allowed the motion to dismiss the contested case to come to a vote without publically noticing it as an agenda item, which denies the public the right to testify on the matter of dismissal.

So, in my opinion, Dawn Chang is going to get the DLNR in a lot of legal trouble should you vote to approve her as Chairperson.

Respectfully,

Ann M

TESTIMONY OF MILILANI B TRASK IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF DAWN CHANG AS
DLNR CHAIR

WHY I SUPPORT DAWN CHANG AS DLNR CHAIR

Aloha Legislators:

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, (DLNR) has not been a dependable friend of the Hawaiian Community during the previous administration. I know this from my personal experience in the struggle to protect Mauna Kea.

When the development of the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) for Mauna Kea began, I did not know Dawn Chang. And I certainly did not think of her as a friend. I wasn't even sure she could be trusted. Then, as I participated in the process in which a variety of people and groups from all over Hawaii Island and the state came forward to provide their mana'o on the future the mauna, I got to know Dawn.

I realized she was sincere about getting all community stakeholders involved in creating a plan that would appropriately govern the way in which Mauna Kea could be protected and cared for. I was especially impressed by her understanding of the cultural significance of the mauna.

She spent a year crisscrossing Hawai'i Island, meeting with cultural practitioners, environmentalists, Hawaiian community leaders, and representatives of the business and educational communities, as well as elected officials and other representatives of the public. Public meetings were held, and discussion grew heated, but Dawn proved a capable facilitator.

I and others had many discussions with Dawn during the community engagement process she designed and managed. We had many disagreements and passionate exchanges, but in the end, we achieved most of what we wanted, but we didn't get everything, at least initially. But I realized Dawn had the difficult job of balancing input from a variety of stakeholders.

It was in these discussions and meetings, I began to appreciate Dawn's skill in listening, letting people express their feelings and ideas, and maintaining a pleasant thoughtful presence, while guiding the discussion in an intelligent and respectful manner.

When I saw the initial draft of the CMP, I was heartened to see the first section was about protecting the mountain as a cultural resource and confirming the rights of Hawaiians to practice their religion and culture in this sacred place. Other sections established processes for managing natural resources, public access, activities and uses, and all types of structures on the mountain.

Dawn's work was the foundation for further negotiations that resulted in sub-plans proposing specific guidelines for cultural and natural resource management, along with a plan for decommissioning the Mauna Kea observatories.

Sadly, the University of Hawaii (UH) and DLNR did not implement these plans consistent with the cultural integrity and community engagement process that informed the CMP which Dawn helped facilitate.

This failure by UH and DLNR resulted in community outrage and led to the 25,000 people, including 60 kupuna, some in wheelchairs, going to the mauna to protect it from further harm. In response, the state mobilized and militarized law enforcement to intimidate the kia'i, the mauna's protectors, and try to drive them away. This was done at a cost of \$21 million to the taxpayers of the state and further degradation of trust in government, especially UH and DLNR.

If we had someone with Dawn Chang's integrity and capacity then at DLNR, we could have implemented the CMP in the culturally sensitive way that was intended. All of the anger, precious time and wasted taxpayer money could have been avoided.

Having worked with Dawn, I know she can be trusted, she has much-needed leadership skills, and she has no bias for or against any group. Her most important commitment has always been to a fair, inclusive and transparent process. That is why I believe she is the best person at this critical moment to chair the Department and Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo,



Mililani B. Trask

mililani.trask@icllchawaii.com

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 12:25:46 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| sydney smith | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I fully Support Dawn Chang as a person who appreciates and supports Hawaii's Agriculture producers.

Please confirm her nomination.

Sydney Smith

Maliko Esyate Coffee

Makawao, Maui, HI 96768

808-268-3646

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 12:36:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ramona Hussey | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to the confirmation of Dawn Chang as Chair of the Board of land and Natural Resources (BLNR). Her past conduct in representing corporations and developers in significant disputes about our public resources is deplorable. That is NOT the background of the person we want heading the DLNR, since the DLNR must PROTECT our public lands & waters.

I urge you NOT to confirm Ms. Changs nomination.

Thank you,

Ramona Hussey

Oahu Island

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 12:44:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Tina Lia | Individual | Oppose | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

I'm opposed to Measure GM516 "Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026."

Under Dawn Chang's leadership as Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) Chairperson, the BLNR has violated the public's rights to open governmental processes. Complaints have been filed with the Office of the Ombudsman requesting an investigation into the BLNR for interference with the public's ability to testify at the March 10, 2023 board meeting. An investigation into the BLNR for violation of the Sunshine Law at the March 24, 2023 board meeting has also been requested through the Office of Information Practices.

These investigations are of significant concern, as it appears the BLNR has attempted to silence discussion of very serious information provided in written testimony regarding a planned project that received final approval by the BLNR on March 24, 2023. The suppressed testimony includes peer-reviewed studies about the risks of the project to the environment, native birds, wildlife, and public health. It also includes documentation of procedural errors, specific conflicts of interest, potential interstate transport of pathogens and lack of permitting, failure to receive EPA approval for use of a biopesticide prior to assuring public safety, and EPA discreditation of the article cited in the Final Environmental Assessment asserting that the biopesticide poses no risk to human health.

Additionally, live video testimony at the BLNR meetings on March 10, 2023 and March 24, 2023 noted that both BLNR Chairperson Dawn Chang and Board Member Vernon Char have conflicts of interest regarding the agenda item and must recuse themselves from participating in any discussion or voting on the matter. The BLNR, under Chang's leadership, chose not to address those conflicts of interest at the March 10, 2023 meeting. At the March 24, 2023 meeting, both Chang and Char verbally denied their conflicts of interest and continued to discuss and vote on the agenda item.

The Board of Land and Natural Resources is a government agency that makes crucial decisions affecting the lives of the people of these islands, our environment, and our wildlife. Board members, and the Chairperson in particular, must serve with integrity and honor the laws and procedures enacted to protect the public's rights to open and fair government. Dawn Chang's actions as Chairperson do not qualify her for the position.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 1:09:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Sheila Okin | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dawn Chang's record does not protect Native Hawaiian land, culture, or rights. I find it hard to accept that she would honor process as she claims. She disregarded the process in the case of Kawaihao's iwi. And what a mess she left for descendants, church members, and OIBC to sort through!

Governor's Message No. 516
March 31, 2023

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

I strongly support the nomination of Dawn N. S. Chang as Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Chang in her capacities as a consultant, co-applicant/party, opposing counsel, and a third-party neutral in several matters involving land and water uses and traditional practices throughout Hawai'i. During each of the proceedings, Ms. Chang has conducted herself admirably and has shown respect and patience to all involved, and has managed to remain calm and objective under the most difficult of circumstances. While there have been occasions on which I or my clients disagree with her decisions or recommendations, we have never felt that we were treated unfairly or disrespected.

In addition to her even temperament, Ms. Chang has extensive knowledge and experience in the subject matters that will come before the Board, Department, and its divisions. While earlier media accounts contained critical statements voiced by a few, I do not believe that these sentiments are widely shared. I would also like the Committee to remain aware that in actually working within the highly charged and important subject areas under the authority of the agency, any decision will trigger emotions and passionate responses. Any qualified appointee will probably have proponents and detractors simply based on the reality that the appointee has had the courage and fortitude to make a decision. It is requested that all the testimony and information submitted to the Committee be reviewed and evaluated with these realities in mind.

In summary, I believe that Ms. Chang will be a wise and stable Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. She also brings a perspective as a Native Hawaiian steward of the resources that would be welcomed and needed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Randall K. Ishikawa

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 1:36:47 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| janice palma-glennie | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

it's with disappointment and deep concern that I am writing to urge you not to confirm the nomination of Ms.Dawn Chang as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR).

I've been involved in land use protection issues in all of my 40 years in Hawai`i. i know first-hand how a boardf chair can help or exacerbate sitautions that lead to the protection or decimation of our most precious Public Trust Resources. Ms. Chang's past actions and philosophy show a propensity to be more interested in protecting corporate interests over those of the public. you've already been provided with clear evidence that shows that the selection of Ms. Chang would be the wrong decision in upholding the State's Constitutional mandate to protect the environmental and cultural resources of Hawai`i. there is no room for a candidate who doesn't show that her heart if with the solemn promise to stand up for the Public's interest before that of big business or other special interests.

DLNR has often been plagued by weak leadership, tight budgets and under-staffing with multiple conflicts between offices and divisions, many due to conflicting mandates. i've seen first-hand and agree wholeheartedly with the Sierra Club's statements, "The chronic understaffing and underfunding leads to ineffectiveness and institutional frustration. The loss of institutional knowledge has led to a serious degradation of our cultural heritage."

Because of those reasons, BLNR has been weak on natural and cultural protection issues -- issues that will determine whether Hawai`i sinks or swims in a warming world. the Public has had to fight too hard, bring too much to light, and spent their volunteer time and effort to bring issues to the fore that the agency should be doing on its own, guided by a strong, visionary, dedicated leader. Ms Chang is not that leader.

Please say "NO" to her nomination as chair of the all-important BLNR.

Mahalo and sincerely,

janice palma-glennie

kailua-kona

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

Testimony in OPPOSITION to GM516.

I am concerned that the nominee has a litany of conflicts of interest and perceived conflicts that, as seen in Chair's self-recusal during the March 24, 2023 BLNR hearing on Mauna Kea Management Plan (Item K-1), GM516 will need to recuse herself very often and on very pivotal decisions.

This adds additional burden to the other members of the BLNR to carry the weight of the Chair in decision making, running the meetings, as well as limits the board in one less perspective, voice and vote. The Director's employment kuleana is to Chair the BLNR meetings, however in the case of many potential recusals, her kuleana will need to be shouldered by another volunteer board member. This is problematic for this position.

Mahalo for considering this, among the other reasons given in additional testimony, for WTL committee to not recommend Advise and Consent of GM 516.

Thank you,

Laura Acasio, Hilo Hawaii

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 2:31:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Mary Metcalf | Individual | Comments | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Senate Committee on Water and Land,

During the upcoming hearing on GM 516, it would be most helpful for the public to understand the nominee's hindsight on major concerns related to past actions and decision making by the nominee:

- Advice given to Kawaiaha'o Church to avoid an archeological inventory survey, which resulted in protracted litigation and the disturbance of hundreds of burials.
- Submitting a management plan to the BLNR for the Mauna Kea Conservation District that was deficient in the sections on natural and cultural management, decommissioning, and public access, and ignoring detailed advice provided by scientists, cultural practitioners and DLNR staff on preparing the plan.

Mahalo for your consideration in allowing full and transparent discussion of these major concerns associated with this nominee.

Edna Kealohapauole Ho'okano Shiroma
45-059 KaHanahou Circle
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Edna Kealohapauole Ho'okano Shiroma, mother to Dawn Chang. I am a Native Hawaiian, and I come from the Ho'okano 'ohana from Kahaluu who were taro farmers and fishermen. I am here to support Dawn's nomination for Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The public knows her as Dawn, but to me she is Naomi. Her father was Walter Shiroma; he served in the military. Naomi grew up in Kaneohe, she is the eldest of five children. She attended He'eia Elementary then graduated from St. Andrews Priory. She attended college in the mainland then came home to attend UH Manoa where she graduated with her masters in social work. She later attended law school at the Richardson School of Law.

My husband and I instilled the importance of family, community and state to our children. Naomi has always felt the need to serve our community and help Native Hawaiians. My Ho'okano 'ohana has kuleana lands up mauka in Kahaluu as well as land near the ocean by St. Johns by the Sea. Naomi has always valued and protected my family's kuleana land and has fought to preserve the land.

I know she will make a good chairperson for DLNR because she has the values and integrity to protect the ocean and all its resources. I am proud that she values education and is setting a good example for young girls, especially native Hawaiians who want to be leaders in our community and for Hawaii.

I strongly support her nomination for the Chairperson of Department of Land and Natural Resources. I thank Governor Green for having the confidence in Naomi to do what is needed to ensure our resources are protected for Hawaii.

Mahalo nui loa,
Edna Shiroma

Lynn Shiroma

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Lynn Shiroma, I am writing in support of Dawn Chang for the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources. I am one of her younger sisters, currently retired from Hawaiian Telcom after 33 years of service.

I believe my sister will do an outstanding job as Chairperson. She has always put the people and community first and has our best interest. Throughout her life she has faced difficult situations and decisions and has always tried to do what was best. I have admired her dedication to her profession while always raising a family.

I believe the state needs someone who will do what is right even when it is difficult. She has a passion for helping other, especially Hawaiians. I know she has worked so hard in her career and will do what is right for the people of Hawaii.

I am unable to attend her confirmation in person; therefore, I am providing written testimony. Please accept my letter in support of her nomination for Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you,
Lynn Shiroma



Testimony before the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Lorraine Inouye – Chair

Relating to the Nomination of
Dawn Chang, Director, Department of Land and Natural Resources
March 31, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Madame Chairperson and members of the Committee:

My name is Jennifer Sabas, and I am pleased to submit testimony in strong support of Dawn Chang to serve as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. She is seasoned, experienced, never shies away from tough issues, and will always balance the interests with the best of Hawaii in mind.

I first met and had the opportunity to work with Dawn when she served as the Deputy Attorney General assigned to the return of Kahoolawe. I was working for U.S Senator Dan Inouye and part of the legislative team navigating the island's return. Emotions were running high. There was significant funding required, and a maze of legal and legislation to complete. Dawn was firm, and resolute in her negotiations on behalf of the State of Hawaii, but with the mutual goal of returning Kahoolawe.

In the years that followed, Dawn assisted many organizations and communities with her fair and knowledgeable facilitation - from the Iwi Kupuna along the rail route, to very recently assisting Readiness & Environmental Protection Integration (REPI), an expanding DOD program in Hawaii, with developing a community outreach strategy. These were not without a degree of difficulty for which she navigated and guided the parties fairly and responsibly. Dawn is now bringing her decades of experience, skills, lessons learned, some painfully so, to public service and the people of Hawaii.

In writing my testimony and thinking about Dawn, it reminded me of our beloved Hawaii Island Mayor Billy Kenoi - "It's not No-Can, but How-Can." I recommend Dawn Chang to serve as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources fully and without reservation.

Aloha,
Jennifer Sabas
Owner and President
Kaimana Hila

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 3:08:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Lorraine Robinson | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am writing in protest against the appointment of Ms. Dawn Chang for the position of Chairperson on the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has stewardship over both the natural and cultural resources of the Hawaiian Islands. It is a position that should be filled by someone whose environmental sensitivity, cultural sensitivity, honesty and moral integrity is beyond question. In my opinion, Ms. Chang does not qualify.

Ms. Chang supposedly helped to write the burial laws for Hawai'i. She subsequently advised, encouraged and aided Kawaiaha'o Church, for the purpose of new construction, in a deliberate move to circumvent the very laws she helped to create for the protection of burials. A judge had ordered that, by law, the church must conduct an Archeological Inventory Survey before any construction began. Ms. Chang advised and aided the church to circumvent this law by seeking a Blanket Disenternment Permit for Unknown Burials from the Department of Health. As a result, disenternment began. It was not until an Intermediate Court of Appeals ruling that excavations stopped, but the greatest damage had already occurred. Her actions resulted in hundreds of historic graves being desecrated and the disenternment of hundreds of human remains. It is obvious that, anyone who actually cared about cultural resources would *never* have given the church such terrible advice.

I would further like to remind all legislators and state government officials, that as a country we now face terrible threats to democracy on a national level due to people in government with no real public concern, no moral fiber, and no common decency who lie with ease and who are not being held accountable for their actions. It is therefore more important than ever that people can look to their state government and count on public concern, truth, integrity and an investment in what is morally right. Please faithfully fulfill the roles for which you have been elected and do not approve the appointment of Ms. Dawn Chang as chairperson of the DLNR

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Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

March 6, 2023

Subject: GM516 – In Support of Nomination of Dawn Chang as BLNR Chairperson

Dear Honorable Senator Inouye:

I write you this letter to express my **strong support** of the nomination of Ms. Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I am an attorney at law licensed in the States of Hawai'i and California. I have been employed with DLNR for 17 years, 15 years of that period as its Administrative Proceedings Coordinator in the Office of the Chairperson. In this position, I have closely worked with DLNR's Chairpersons and their Deputies and am familiar with DLNR's mission, business and daily operation. My job duties include the management of three administrative actions at DLNR: 1) contested case proceedings, 2) the Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA) proceedings, and 3) the Civil Resource Violations System.

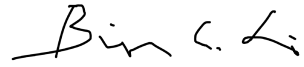
In my official capacity, I am familiar with Ms. Chang's previous work with DLNR as a hearing officer in our contested cases. I was personally involved in selecting her as the hearing officer in four contested cases. I personally know each of those cases and their proceedings and filings, including Ms. Chang's proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. I found Ms. Chang to be a fair, unbiased, detailed-oriented and professional arbiter in those cases. In my opinion, her case reports are articulate, comprehensive, considerate of competing viewpoints, and both factually and legally sound.

Since her nomination and appointment in December 2022, I've had the opportunity to work with her and can testify that she is very devoted to and passionate of this job. In addition, she demonstrated her deep knowledge of the issues faced by DLNR and proactively approached them. In particular, she shows deep concerns about DLNR's enforcement actions and has come up with some specific ideas of gearing up DLNR's enforcement.

I believe Ms. Chang is the right person for the job. DLNR and the State and its people are fortunate to have such a well-qualified leader and uniquely-suited expert in natural and cultural resources management and enforcement.

Again, please vote YES for Dawn Chang's nomination as BLNR's Chairperson. Mahalo nui loa for your consideration!

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bin C. Li". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bin C. Li, Esq.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 3:38:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kamuela Kalai | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha. I am opposed to the appointment of Dawn Chang to lead the Dept of Land and Natural Resources. Ms. Chang engineered the desecration of hundreds of iwi kūpuna at Kawaiahao Church as a paid consultant. Dawn Chang advised the church to circumvent the burial laws resulting in the digging up, the desecration and the disturbance of over 700 iwi kupuna burials. Dawn Chang knew better. Dawn Chang knows better. Dawn Chang decided to break the law anyway.

On behalf of the hundreds of iwi kupuna who have been waiting for more than 12 years to rest in peace and the families who continue to suffer in pain and heartache for their kūpuna, do not allow Dawn Chang one more minute to lead this department which has the responsibility of protecting and caring for our kūpuna to the highest degree of pono. Dawn Chang has shown that she is not capable of following the burial laws or upholding this important responsibility. Our kūpuna deserve much better. Mahalo. Kamuela Kala'i

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 4:19:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Mark A. Koppel | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

ANOTHER HUGE MISTAKE. ANOTHER CORPORATE SHILL.

I'M NOT SURE HOW YOUR SO-CALLED "LEADERS", DELACRUZ, KIDANI AND KOUCHI HAVE INSTRUCTED YOU TO VOTE,BUT MS. CHANG NEEDS TO BE SENT PACKING.

NO MORE CORPORATE SHILLS!!!!

MAHALO

Mark A. Koppel

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Myle | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support and believe Dawn Chang is qualified to be chair of DLNR. Her professional background is just something she has worked hard for and has given her a strong background for the work to come. It is my belief that it is her character and her ethics will take her even farther. That is not something anyone can possess. She is full of heart, humility, compassion, wisdom, and knowledge.

GM-516

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Nancy Picicchio | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

To the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I am writing to oppose the confirmation of DAWN CHANG as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nancy Picicchio

Keauhou, Hawaii

GM-516

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| MaryAnn Omerod | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose the confirmation of Dawn Chang.

My name is Edward Halealoha Ayau, Executive Director of Hui Iwi Kuamo‘o, a non-profit organization dedicated to the repatriation and reburial of ancestral Hawaiian skeletal remains and funerary objects.

Without hesitation, I oppose the confirmation of Ms Dawn Chang for Chair of DLNR.

I helped organize efforts to sign two petitions, an on-line petition through Change.org, which garnered 923 signatures and 82 comments in opposition to Ms Chang’s confirmation and a hard copy petition, which has 56 signatures in opposition to Ms. Chang’s confirmation.

I have attached the 4 aforementioned documents as part of my testimony to demonstrate that nearly 1,000 people opposed Ms Chang’s confirmation based on the following:

- 1) A Pro-Development Consultant should not lead DLNR if land, water and ocean are to be protected. Then Senator Josh Green courageously raised the same concern in 2015 regarding DLNR nominee Carleton Ching who was not confirmed, yet ironically now governor Green nominates a candidate with far worse credentials regarding the protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources.
- 2) Ms Chang advised her client Kawaiaha‘o Church to circumvent the law for which the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals ruled against the action which resulted in nearly 900 ancestral skeletal remains being unnecessarily disinterred, the majority of whom are still awaiting reburial while Ms Chang has moved on to seek higher office.
- 3) In an enforcement case involving the bulldozing of 60 ancestral burial sites at Mapulehu, Molokai, then Attorney General Dawn Chang failed to uphold the law letting the violator off with a minimal fine when she was facing fines up to \$600,000 for the violations.
- 4) As a private consultant, Ms Chang submitted an inadequate Comprehensive Management Plan for Mauna Kea, falsely claiming she consulted with cultural and environmental parties and then failed to include an already developed natural resource plan, which the DLNR had to require her to include. Chang’s actions are particularly telling with regards to her lack of character vis-à-vis the land and natural resources of Hawai‘i and consistent with her pro development stance.
- 5) The bottom line issue is this nominee has repeatedly failed to uphold the integrity of law and failed repeatedly to honestly and accurately represent Hawaiian cultural interests codified in the law. This is not about Ms Chang’s (1) gender or her (2) ethnicity--- **it is about her lack of (3) integrity** to uphold the law for all.
- 6) Ms Chang’s past work experience creates several **conflicts of interest** for her in terms of burials, certain water issues and Maunakea and proceeding to confirm her given these conflicts seriously undermines public confidence in the legislative process and this administration.
- 7) The Governor should have exercised the wisdom to have nominated Deputy Laura Ka‘akua as the DLNR Chairperson, since she clearly meets all three criteria.

Kū'e Petition to Oppose Confirmation of Dawn Chang (as Chair of DLNR)



[Hui Iwi Kuamo'o](#) started this petition

We the undersigned, oppose the Senate's confirmation of DAWN CHANG, nominee for the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) based upon serious concerns as to the integrity of her character and ability to uphold the law. We respectfully request Governor Green to withdraw DAWN CHANG's name and nominate a person who demonstrates (1) respect for the law; (2) awareness of Hawaiian culture; and (3) character of the highest morality and integrity. Our opposition is based on the following record of Ms Chang's disturbing behavior:

1. Governor Green should not nominate a pro-development Consultant

In 2015 then Senator Josh Green said in his opposition to the DLNR Chair nominee Carleton Ching, "We need a Director of DLNR who has a proven record of fighting to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources, not a career lobbyist for the development industry who has a record of calling for the elimination of cultural and environmental protections," Green said. "This nomination is the wrong choice for Hawai'i, and we should not move forward with it." Indeed, Dawn Chang also lacks "a proven record of fighting to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources" and like Carleton Ching, she is "the wrong choice for Hawai'i." Dawn Chang worked for General Growth Properties, Howard Hughes, McNaughton Group, Outrigger, Sandwich Isles, Turtle Bay, and Cades Schutte. She worked on the Walmart Ke'eaumoku project, the Lāna'i big wind project, the

comprehensive management plan for Mauna Kea, and rail. She is a developer's consultant. Her job has been to obtain community support for development projects. There were highly qualified candidates who demonstrated clear awareness of the law, strong personal principles and integrity for the proper stewardship of our 'āina, wai, and iwi kūpuna on the short list for the Governor's selection. He chose the candidate that has proven repeatedly that she will sell her influence to a developer.

2. Dawn Chang Advised Her Client to Circumvent the Law.

In 2005, Ms Chang advised Kawaiaha'o Church to circumvent the historic preservation law. Although the law required that the Church prepared an archaeological inventory survey, Chang used her connections as a former deputy attorney general to secure a closed-door meeting with officials at the State Historic Preservation Division. She helped persuade state officials to circumvent the law and use an expedited process. As a result, hundreds of iwi kūpuna were unlawfully removed at a cost of sixteen million dollars. The ancestral remains have not yet been reburied.

3. Mapulehu Burials (60 Individuals Disturbed)

In 1991, there was a disturbance of at least 60 burials at Mapulehu, Molokai. An investigation was conducted. As Deputy Attorney General, Ms Chang was charged with enforcing the legal protections afforded to iwi kūpuna in which violators who cause burial disturbances are held accountable via civil fines and other forms of punishment.

HRS Chapter 6E-11 provides a civil fine of up to \$10,000 for burial disturbance and the minimum number of individuals disturbed at Mapulehu was 60. The maximum fine faced by the violator therefore was \$600,000. State Historic Preservation Division staffer Edward Halealoha Ayau recommended a fine of \$300,000. Chang ignored his recommendation.

Rather than uphold the letter of the law to protect unmarked burial sites, Ms Chang imposed a fine equal to a single violation (\$10,000) and community service hours.

4. Maunakea Comprehensive Management Plan

In 2009, as principal of Ku'iwalu Consulting, Ms. Chang was charged with developing the Mauna Kea Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP). Ms. Chang drafted and presented an inaccurate CMP. After a public hearing before the BLNR in Hilo with dozens of public testifiers -- including Sierra Club members pointing out the plan's deficiencies. The BLNR members determined that the CMP was insufficient because it lacked critical management policies and approved the plan with reservations. In summary, Ms. Chang prepared a wholly inadequate plan for managing Mauna Kea that lacked basic provisions for natural and cultural management, decommissioning, and public access. BLNR determined that the plan was deficient. The delay in approving the missing critical pieces of the plan led to delays in the Conservation District Use Permit Application for the TMT construction, and the process by which it was drafted and approved undermined the public's trust in BLNR and the University of Hawai'i.

5. Lack of Integrity is the Issue, Not Race or Gender

The misguided narrative that emphasizes Ms Chang's nomination as an uplift to Hawaiian women ignores the third most important component: righteousness. There are many wāhine mana and kāne who meet all three criteria. Unfortunately, in his failed wisdom, the Governor choose to ignore pono in this nominee's character. We require it. Our opposition is not about race or gender, it is about the lack of integrity:

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| Desiree Moana Cruz | Hilo | HI | 96720 | US | 1/13/2023 | "I fully support and stand with the experienced, educated, culturally sound advice of Native Hawaiian attorney Edward Halealoha Ayau. We do NOT need or want a pro-development consultant. We need leaders who are pono and akamai who honor the 'ike of our kupuna while working to protect the present and future of Hawai'i. Kū'ē ! A'ole Dawn Chang!" | |
| Jamison Rosehill | Hilo | HI | 96720 | US | 1/13/2023 | "I feel she doesn't have Kānaka best interest at heart. As a homestead Hawaiian I would hope for this core value in the leader of DHHL" | |
| Diane Fitzsimmons | Haleiwa | HI | 96701 | US | 1/13/2023 | "From Dawn Chang's consulting the Church on how to develop their property, my ancestors are among the 900 Iwi Kupuna who were desecrated at Kawaiaha'o Cemetery." | |
| Mahealani McClellan | Kailua | HI | 96734 | US | 1/13/2023 | "I am a descendant of kupuna who were among the many who were disinterred from their resting places at Kawaiaha'o Church. The fact that Ms. Chang manipulated the law and this horrific event eventually occurred is unbelievable and unforgivable. Our kupuna are still waiting to be at peace! Ms. Chang has demonstrated through this action as well as others outlined in this petition that she lacks respect for the law, lacks an understanding of Hawaiian culture and lacks moral character. I oppose Ms. Chang being confirmed in the position of Chair of DLNR." | |
| Julie Higa | | | | US | 1/13/2023 | "We do not need a lawyer who helps those who circumvents our environmental and preservation laws." | |
| Laura Lili'u Eckart Tomasello | Waimanalo | HI | 96795 | US | 1/13/2023 | "My kūpuna were among those who were removed from their eternal resting place for the purpose of building a multi-purpose center at Kawaiaha'o. Dawn Chang KNEW they were there and advised Kawaiaha'o to circumvent the law in order to speed up the process of building. I am against the confirmation of Dawn Chang as chair of the DLNR." | |
| Alexander Akau | Kailua | HI | 96733 | US | 1/13/2023 | "As a lineal descendant to Iwi Kupuna at Kawaiaha'o Church cemetery, irreparable harm and disrespect for our ancestors has been done. I am in opposition of the permanent appointment of Ms. Chang as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources based on the aforementioned statements. My kupuna are among those still waiting for their day to have eternal rest again!" | |
| Maki Morinoue | Holualoa | HI | 96725 | US | 1/13/2023 | "This is not the correct choice and path for a regenerative future. Dr. Greg Asner put his name in last year and was not appointed. We need more community leaders with mega performance credit sitting in our Boards and Commissions. Stop nominating developers and realtor as majority to vote on our land use and natural resources! Not Pono, not climate change choice leader and not an indigenously progressive choice." | |
| Raymond Galdeira | Bellflower | CA | 90707 | US | 1/13/2023 | "All resources and customs belonging to ingenious people should be protected and respected." | |
| Selina Higa | Waipahu | HI | 96797 | US | 1/15/2023 | "Selina Higa" | |
| Scott Wong | Manoa | HI | 96822 | US | 1/15/2023 | "Scott Wong" | |
| Lona Kainoa | Evans | GA | 30809 | US | 1/15/2023 | "Her standing are not right. Things need to be open not sneaking behind close doors." | |
| consuelo apolo-gonsalves | Lahaina | HI | 96761 | US | 1/15/2023 | "It's very important we find someone other than her suitable for this job" | |

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| Ursula Chong | Kailua Kona | HI | 96740 US | 1/15/2023 | "In the past and now going into the future her support for projected plans for our Hawaii lands and our people do not promote sustainable growth for our well being. She is not suitable to fill the position." |
| Kēhaulani Fergerstrom | Kāneohe | | 96744 US | 1/15/2023 | "Dawn is not the right fit." |
| Debra Lee-Jackson | Huleia | HI | 96766 US | 1/15/2023 | "These islands have limited resources. Chang's pro development choices will destroy what little is left." |
| Deborah Ward | Kurtistown | HI | 96760 US | 1/15/2023 | "I was involved with the Mauna Kea CMP from the beginning, and Ms Chang was unresponsive to our concerns and falsely claimed that she had consulted with us. She failed to include an already developed natural resource plan, and the BLNR then required that it be included." |
| Christopher Dean | Kapaau | HI | 96755 US | 1/15/2023 | "Capitalism is based on exploitation of land and labor. It's locked humanity in a bitter and vicious competition for ever increasing land development. The problem is, we live on a sphere floating in an infinite sea of death. Already 70% of the land on Earth has been developed, taken from the other plants and animals we share this planet with. At some point, we have to say enough, or we're doomed to extinction, because we can not survive without the other animals on Earth, nor do we want to and nor do we deserve to. Hawaii is like the canary in the coal mine, due to our exceedingly limited land mass. Instead of showing the world the truth about land development through our bitter demise, let's show them there's a better way, by protecting and restoring the land to its former glorious beauty. No to developers in the DLNR. Yes to protectors." |
| Mary True | Hilo | HI | 96720 US | 1/15/2023 | "Please, let's keep the foxes out of the hen house. Aloha and mahalo" |
| Jodi Mercier | Kealakekua | HI | 96750 US | 1/15/2023 | "To quote Josh Green when opposing Carleton Ching as being named DLNR director in 2015 "we need a director of DLNR who has a proven record of fighting to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources, not a career lobbyist for the development industry who has a record of calling for the elimination of cultural and environmental protections," The same is true here. To add insult to injury is her past history of helping a client circumvent the law regarding iwi kūpuna. Dawn Chang is absolutely the wrong choice for this position." |
| Michele Herras-Fazzi | Marysville | CA | 95901 US | 1/15/2023 | "1) It's a conflict of interest.2) She lacks integrity.3) DLNR is already corrupted." |
| Catherine Kealiinohomoku (Cathcart) | Sunnyvale | CA | 94095 US | 1/15/2023 | "I believe that the right person should be someone who doesn't have money in development but an interest in preservation." |
| lokepa Kaeo | Hilo | HI | 96720 US | 1/15/2023 | "Dawn has violated our kupuna Iwi at kawaihao church and she was also supporting the desecration of maunakea.She is sale-out. ✘" |
| Ingrid Peterson | Kailua | HI | 96734 US | 1/16/2023 | "We need someone not biased towards developers and circumventing the laws, someone who prioritizes protecting the aina, wai and iwi. The arguments presented convinced me to sign." |
| Sylvia Dolena | Pahoa | HI | 96778 US | 1/16/2023 | "There appear to be some integrity issues with this nominee. We need a Native Hawaiian of highest integrity to fill this position!!!" |
| Tom Coffman | Kaneohe | HI | 96744 US | 1/16/2023 | "The nominee is an unabashed supporter of t u" |
| Constance Keoahunui Uale Warrington Honolulu | | HI | 96817 US | 1/16/2023 | "Dawn Chang lacks "a proven record of fighting to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources". Her history is reflects community work only to gain support for large corporate developments! She's not the right fit for what is needed in this position." |

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| Don Fujiyama | Honolulu | HI | 96815 US | 1/16/2023 | "It's important to care for Hawaiian Land and the people who came before us." |
| Christopher McCullough | Honolulu | HI | 96816 US | 1/16/2023 | "Aloha'Aina is important to me." |
| James Rodrigues | Waianae | HI | 96792 US | 1/16/2023 | "I oppose Dawn Chang appointment. Compromise to move forward has desecrated Hawaiian culture and historic treasures. Trust is key for anyone entrusted with protecting Hawaiian resources. Dawn Chang has always compromised at the expense of Hawaiian most precious resources IWI and Aina. NO to Dawn Chang." |
| Kerri Marks | Hilo | HI | 96720 US | 1/16/2023 | "Dawn Chang not pono" |
| John Kaneholani | Los Angeles | CA | 90044 US | 1/16/2023 | "John W. Kaneholani our kupuna needs to be respected." |
| Shayna Podlewski | Makawao | HI | 96768 US | 1/16/2023 | "I do not agree that Dawn will be a good candidate for DLNR. Please reconsider placing Dawn in this position for Hawaii's DLNR." |
| Earl Keouakalanikupuapa Ikaika Lani nt Kealakekua Ko HI | | | 96750 US | 1/17/2023 | "It is more than obvious that Mrs. Chang records speaks for itself how incompetent she is to lead the head of a Department of natural resources that is kuleana is to protect our Lands From desecration. Instead she played an important role on Maunaawakea to allow TMT to do exactly that !! Not to mention opinion of the burial councils recommendations ! She is HEWA NUI!!" |
| Sione Funaki | La'ieawai | HI | US | 1/17/2023 | "Because Dawn Chang is not the right person for the job. She is untrustworthy, and a proven liar and snake in her various positions that directly harm Hawaiian people and the environment." |
| Ramona Hussey | Honolulu | HI | 96734 US | 1/17/2023 | "It is critical to have appointees who represent the people's interest -- not developers or corporations." |
| Michelle Steuermann | Kula | HI | 96790 US | 1/18/2023 | "She is a very poor choice. Surely you can find someone who cares about the aina and isn't bought by developers." |
| Robin Kaye | Lanai City | HI | 96763 US | 1/18/2023 | "of my experiences with Ms. Chang during the Big Wind struggles on Lāna'i. I found her neither fair nor unbiased." |
| Marina O'Brien-Gamble | Pearl City | HI | 96782 US | 1/19/2023 | "I care about Hawaiian Culture and preservation of traditions, history, and religion." |
| Katie Kealoha | waianae | HI | 96792 US | 1/19/2023 | "This position is far too important to allow anyone who has not proven wholeheartedly that the preservation of Hawaii's unique species, ecosystems and culture is the top priority. Connection to developers should disqualify any party, and a background in conservation or culture should be required." |
| Blake McElheny | Haleiwa | HI | 96712 US | 1/19/2023 | "The Governor should find a better candidate for this important position." |
| Gloria-Ann Muraki | Kailua-Kona | HI | 96740 US | 1/19/2023 | "I am opposed to the appointment of Dawn Chang who progresses for the good of development only, demonstrating no respect for the Hawaiian culture!" |
| Dana G. Moss | Kapaau | HI | 96755 US | 1/19/2023 | "We need someone who will completely respect the people and culture of our people and Aina first. Not a pro developer consultant to take power over what makes Hawaii, Hawaii. We do not need to keep going down this insanity road of more and more destruction of our land and natural resources and view planes that sit so empty. When I just read that there are iwi kupuna that have not been returned to our aina respectfully. I was shocked! At the level of disrespect of the culture of our aina and our ancestors. Obviously with only leveling a 10,000 fine out of 600,000 potential fine is abuse of power favoritism for developers. This sets a precedent to them that it's fine to break the laws. Because we will not hold you accountable to the highest extent of the law. I strongly oppose Dawn Chang's Nomination!!!" |

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| Richard Passmore | | CA | 91354 US | 1/19/2023 | "It is crucial for members of government to listen to the voice of Kanaka Maoli, and to finally respect that they cannot manage stolen land! I sign this eruption for Mauna Kea. I sign this petition for Aloha 'Aina!" |
| nadine robertson | mountain view | HI | 96771 US | 1/19/2023 | "Nadine K Robertson" |
| Barb Barry | Ha'iku | HI | 96708 US | 1/19/2023 | "We need a candidate who has Aloha 'Aina principles. No big developments mentally." |
| Richard Passmore | | CA | 91354 US | 1/19/2023 | "The unlawful government of Hawai'i must listen to Kanaka Maoli voices, and cease "managing" land they have no right to manage. I sign this petition for Mauna Kea. I sign this petition for Aloha 'Aina. I sign for Hawai'i Nei, free from oppressors!" |
| Ron Nichols | Honolulu | HI | 96825 US | 1/19/2023 | "We dont need development interest and lobbyist at the head of BLNR" |
| Maya von Geldern | Portland | OR | 97217 US | 1/20/2023 | "We can't keep selling our our 'aina to big developers, further pushing out the ability of Kānaka Maoli afford to stay in Hawai'i. This has to stop." |
| Dr. Joel Fischer | honolulu | HI | 96816 US | 1/20/2023 | "We are strong supporters of Gov. Green, but we believe this appointment is contrary to his own values, and contrary to the well-being of Kanaka Maoli. Please reject this appointment. Thank you." |
| Joy Loo | Hilo | HI | 96720 US | 1/20/2023 | "Based on Ms Chang's work history, it would appear she would NOT serve the best interest of the Hawai'i communities. I strongly oppose her confirmation for any position at DLNR." |
| Robert Slavin | Honolulu | HI | 96814 US | 1/20/2023 | "We need one one with more integrity" |
| joe henderson | kingwood | TX | 77339 US | 1/20/2023 | "Being Kanaka Maoli forced to live mainland because of poor policies, bad politics, and worse politicians who side step laws for monetary gain in favor of foreign interests, I see it as a duty and a privilege to oppose someone who would not uphold what little of my heritage is left." |
| John K Gamman Gamman | Santa Cruz | CA | 95060 US | 1/20/2023 | "Ms Chang's historical ties to the development industry preclude any possibility she will be objective and fair. For these reasons her nomination should not go forward." |
| Drena Rodrigues | Hilo | | 96720 US | 1/20/2023 | "We need someone who will represent Na Kanaka and not big business. Just because you are Hawaiian doesn't mean you have our people's best interest in mind. How many people have been appointed only to put money before the people of Hawaii. We have seen how this has worked out for the Hawaiian people in the past." |
| Lynda Williams | Sebastopol | CA | 95472 US | 1/20/2023 | "What's not mentioned on this petition is that Dawn Chang and her company represented the Pentagon and the missile defense agency in their attempt to build the monstrous homeland defense radar system. She cannot be trusted to protect Hawaiian land and trust with military destruction and development. The US Army must not have a lease renewed for Pohakuloa, and it needs to start restoring the land to return it to the people. Dawn Chang will not be the person to lead this effort. She does not represent the mission to protect Hawaiian lands for Hawaiian people." |
| Tanya Aynessazian | Pahoa | HI | 96778 US | 1/20/2023 | "we need a Director of DLNR who will fight to protect and preserve natural and cultural resources. Dawn Chang is a consultant to developers of big projects and is not in alignment with the proper stewardship of our land, water and iwi kupuna. Pro-development = not pono = not for the health and wellness of our land and people. Period. I strongly oppose the confirmation of Dawn Chang for the Chair of DLNR." |
| Gloria woodwell | Kealakekua | HI | 96750 US | 1/21/2023 | "That nominee does not have the best interest for the populace, just another sell out like the guv" |
| Haydn Huntley | Makawao | HI | 96708 US | 1/22/2023 | "I'm sorry, but we need someone who is more honest." |

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| Patrice Choy | Honolulu | HI | 96822 US | 1/22/2023 | "We need a protector, defender of the land, people, ocean." |
| Lanning Lee | Honolulu | HI | 96813 US | 1/22/2023 | "I am interested in appointing someone less biased toward big development." |
| Marisa Plemer | Haleiwa | HI | 96712 US | 1/23/2023 | "From what I've read, this appointment of Dawn Chang is a big mistake. As Nelson Ho said, "We cannot have a fox guarding the hen house!"" |
| John Bond | Ewa Beach | HI | 96706 US | 1/24/2023 | "Have had direct experience with Dawn Chang at HART PA meetings. She is pro-developer, anti Hawaiian cultural preservation. All part of the DLNR-SHPD rubber stamp with Pua Aiu and SHPD imbeds. Green showing him being a pawn of PRP, Carpenters Union." |
| Chens Haa | Keaau | HI | 96749 US | 1/25/2023 | "We need to fill these positions with people who support land conservation and Hawaiian culture! We are already becoming too overdeveloped and do not want to be another Maui or Oahu overrun with foreign investors, mainland buyers and monstrous development while our native people are chased out of Hawai'i due to the rising cost of living!! This needs to STOP!!!" |
| Emily Burt | Captain Cook | HI | 96704 US | 1/25/2023 | "There are candidates better qualified to hold this position which should be one of conservation. DLNR should be headed by a person with a serious commitment to preserving our resources for future generations. Dawn Chang's historical record is one of growth at all costs. Please withdraw her name." |
| janice palma-glennie | kailua-kona | HI | 96745 US | 1/25/2023 | "Ms chang has proven that her heart is not with protecting and nurturing all that makes Hawai'i livable for its residents and unique in the world." |
| Brian Ogawa | Keaau | HI | 96749 US | 1/25/2023 | "Nuff development for the rich." |
| Adam Takaki | Honolulu | HI | 96816 US | 1/25/2023 | "Adam takaki i live 200 yards from third lava. We do not need developers tearing up our back yard. Me n my family hunt and fish in this area. This is our kuleana. Stop the development" |
| Linda Carroll | New Orleans | LA | 70118-4 US | 1/26/2023 | "Hawaii's fragile ecosystems are being overwhelmed by excessive development. They deserve and need protection, not greater exploitation." |
| Annette Rauch | Berkley | MA | 2779 US | 1/27/2023 | "the Chair of the DLNR should not be pro-development; The chair needs to preserve Hawaii's natural and cultural treasures." |
| Aulii Mangauil Kaipo | Kailua Kona | | 96740 US | 1/27/2023 | "I care" |
| Tom Coffman | Kaneohe | HI | 96744 US | 1/27/2023 | "After Nelson Ho's Op Ed, I went to Dawn Chang's web site and read the info for myself. The depiction of her as a developer's consultant is perfectly accurate. Her site, www.kuiwalu.com, has been taken down! This is a tough battle, but we must take it on, given the stakes. The next phase of DLNR is fundamental to resource preservation and restoration. /s/ Tom Coffman" |
| Lisa Andrews | Kapaau | | 96755 US | 1/29/2023 | "Governor Green, you can do better than this. We need an appointee that has respect for resources, law, and culture." |
| Michele Nihipali | Hauula | HI | 96717 US | 1/30/2023 | "Dawn Chang always represented private interests, not those of the people of Hawaii." |
| Debra Javar | Captain Cook | HI | 96704 US | 1/31/2023 | "She's not the kind of person to head this department. There are many other native Hawaiian people who are truly concerned and committed to help our Native Hawaiian beneficiaries." |
| Verna Loosli | Kailua Kona | HI | 96740 US | 1/31/2023 | "Her past unethical behavior should exclude her." |
| Charles Keoho | Wailuku | HI | 96793 US | 2/3/2023 | "Kanaka needs to stand up against tyranny." |
| Sandra Castell | Bellevue | WA | 98006 US | 2/3/2023 | "I am kanaka maoli residing in 'Ewa Beach. I agree with Edward Halealoha Ayau that Ms. Chang is conflicted." |

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| Alesa Kneubuhl | Honolulu | HI | 96824 US | 2/12/2023 | "Dawn Chang lacks integrity and I don't believe she has the best interests of kanaka oiwī, our culture and the safety of preserving iwi kupuna. She has shown over and over again she will take money from any project and justify the hewa she is taking a part in creating and carrying it out. She is pilau." |
| Monette Kaakimaka-Kamelamela | Kaunakakai | HI | 96748 US | 2/19/2023 | "Monette Kaakimaka-Kamelamela" |
| Heidi White | Kailua-Kona | HI | 96740 US | 2/24/2023 | "I oppose the choice of appointing Dawn Chang as nominee for Chair of the DLNR, as past behavior shows a disrespect for the law and lack of character toward all things moral and including all things Hawaiian. I oppose this choice of Ms Chang for this position. Heidi White, Kona HI" |
| Kimi Davis-Tafaomalo | Keaau | HI | 96749 US | 2/28/2023 | "Dawn Chang does not represent the interests of the native Hawaiians. I strongly oppose her nomination." |
| Momi Subiono | Kailua Kona | HI | 96740 US | 3/28/2023 | "I grew up with her but I do not trust her in this position. She hasn't done much for kanaka. I oppose everything Josh Green does." |

2023 KŪ'E PETITION:

Oppose the Confirmation of Dawn Chang as Chair of DLNR

We the undersigned, oppose the Senate's confirmation of DAWN CHANG, nominee for the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) based upon serious concerns as to the integrity of her character and ability to uphold the law.

We respectfully request Governor Green to withdraw DAWN CHANG's name and nominate a person who demonstrates (1) respect for the law; (2) awareness of Hawaiian culture; and (3) character of the highest morality and integrity.

Our opposition is based on the following record of Ms Chang's disturbing behavior:

1. Governor Green Choose a Developer's Consultant

In 2015 then Senator Josh Green said in his opposition to the DLNR Chair nominee Carleton Ching, "We need a Director of DLNR who has a proven record of fighting to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources, not a career lobbyist for the development industry who has a record of calling for the elimination of cultural and environmental protections," Green said. "This nomination is the wrong choice for Hawai'i, and we should not move forward with it." Indeed, **Dawn Chang also lacks "a proven record of fighting to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources" and like Carleton Ching, she is "the wrong choice for Hawai'i."** Dawn Chang worked for General Growth Properties, Howard Hughes, McNaughton Group, Outrigger, Sandwich Isles, Turtle Bay, and Cades Schutte. She worked on the Walmart Ke'eaumoku project, the Lāna'i big wind project, the comprehensive management plan for Mauna Kea, and rail. She is a developer's consultant. Her job has been to obtain community support for development projects. There were highly qualified candidates who demonstrated clear awareness of the law, strong personal principles and integrity for the proper stewardship of our 'āina, wai, and iwi kūpuna on the short list for the Governor's selection. He chose the candidate that has proven repeatedly that she will sell her influence to a developer.

2. Dawn Chang Advised Her Client to Circumvent the Law.

In 2005, Ms Chang advised Kawaiaha'o Church to circumvent the historic preservation law. Although the law required that the Church prepare an archaeological inventory survey, Chang used her connections as a former deputy attorney general to secure a closed-door meeting with officials at the State Historic Preservation Division. She helped persuade state officials to circumvent the law and use an expedited process. As a result, hundreds of iwi kūpuna were unlawfully removed at a cost of sixteen million dollars. The ancestral remains have not yet been reburied.

3. Mapulehu Burials (60 Individuals Disturbed)

In 1991, there was a disturbance of at least 60 burials at Mapulehu, Molokai. An investigation was conducted. As Deputy Attorney General, Ms Chang was charged with enforcing the legal protections afforded to iwi kūpuna in which violators who cause burial disturbances are held accountable via civil fines and other forms of punishment. HRS Chapter 6E-11 provides a civil fine of up to \$10,000 for burial disturbance and the minimum number of individuals disturbed at Mapulehu was 60. The maximum fine faced by the violator therefore was \$600,000. State Historic Preservation Division staffer Edward Halealoha Ayau recommended a fine of \$300,000. Chang ignored his recommendation. Rather than uphold the letter of the law to protect unmarked burial sites, Ms Chang imposed a fine equal to a single violation (\$10,000) and community service hours.

4. Maunakea Comprehensive Management Plan

In 2009, as principal of Ku'iwalu Consulting, Ms. Chang was charged with developing the Mauna Kea Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP). Ms. Chang drafted and presented an inaccurate CMP. After a public hearing before the BLNR in Hilo with dozens of public testers -- including Sierra Club members pointing out the plan's deficiencies. The BLNR members determined that the CMP was insufficient because it lacked critical management policies and approved the plan with reservations. In summary, Ms. Chang prepared a wholly inadequate plan for managing Mauna Kea that lacked basic provisions for natural and cultural management, decommissioning, and public access. BLNR determined that the plan was deficient. The delay in approving the missing critical pieces of the plan led to delays in the Conservation District Use Permit Application for the TMT construction, and the process by which it was drafted and approved undermined the public's trust in BLNR and the University of Hawai'i.

5. Lack of Integrity is the Issue, Not Race or Gender

The misguided narrative that emphasizes Ms Chang's nomination as an uplift to Hawaiian women ignores the third most important component: **righteousness**. There are many wāhine mana and kāne who meet all three criteria. Unfortunately, in his failed wisdom, the Governor choose to ignore pono in this nominee's character. We require it. **Our opposition is not about race or gender, it is about the lack of integrity:**

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

My name is Corianne Lau. I am a partner at the law firm Dentons US LLP (formerly known as Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing) and have been a licensed attorney in Hawai'i for 38 years. I am a former President of Hawai'i Women Lawyers and the Hawai'i Women's Legal Foundation but I submit this testimony in my individual capacity in support of Dawn Chang's nomination for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

I have known Dawn for 40 years, since we were in law school. I cannot think of a more well-suited person to lead DLNR, which is such a critically important arm of the State. Dawn spent 14 years at the Department of the Attorney General as senior legal counsel in the Land/Transportation Division advising the state on real property law, administrative law, native Hawaiian rights, water rights and environmental laws. She advised State Boards and Commissions like the Land Board, Island Burial Councils, and Water Commission, and provided training to State employees and agencies on native Hawaiian rights, including PASH and burial laws. She has extensive litigation experience in ceded lands, burial laws, historic preservation laws, real property transactions, and quiet title actions.

Her work with the State is well-balanced with 21 years of private sector work as a principal at Ho`ākea LLC, dba Ku`iwalu, a woman-owned, Native Hawaiian business that specializes in strategic planning and facilitating culturally sensitive issues for public and private sector projects. She consulted on cultural resource management and historic preservation issues, including native Hawaiian burials. She gained years of experience in coordinating and managing public meetings, crisis management, and government relations, working with federal, state, and county government agencies. Dawn also conducted training in native Hawaiian rights, traditional and customary practices, and administrative processes.

As a State Land Use Commissioner for six years, Dawn ensured that areas of State concern were addressed and considered in the land use decision-making process. As a Commissioner, she worked on establishing the district boundaries for the entire State and acted on petitions for boundary changes submitted by private landowners, developers and State and county agencies. She also has experience in acting on requests for special use permits within the agricultural and rural districts. Dawn greatly impressed me with innovative solutions to hold developers accountable for promises they make for public improvements.

Above all, Dawn has the personal skills needed to succeed as the head of DLNR and a leader of a department faced with multifaceted issues. Not only is Dawn intelligent, insightful and thoughtful, but she truly seeks solutions to problems. As long as I've known her, Dawn has always looked for what unites people rather than what divides them. She knows how to bring people together and to ensure they are heard. Her love for Hawai'i and its people motivates her in her personal life, and enables her to inspire others to work together to find common ground.

I truly cannot think of a better person to lead DLNR in these difficult times. We are so fortunate to have someone like Dawn agree to undertake this challenging public service.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Dawn Chang for Chairperson of DLNR.

Sincerely,

Corianne Lau

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| Michelle Ellis | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am writing to urge you to not to confirm the nomination of Ms.Dawn Chang as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR).

The basis for my opposition to this appointment is that Ms. Chang’s approach to the pressing issues of our time has been too narrowly focused on meeting the needs of her corporate and organizational clients when the focus needs to be on protecting the public trust.

The context for my concerns is the kuleana of the BLNR. While I am sure that you are aware of that responsibility, a reminder is in order given the importance of the appointment being considered.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, headed by an executive Board of Land and Natural Resources, is responsible for managing, administering, and exercising control over public lands, water resources, ocean waters, navigable streams, coastal areas (except commercial harbors), minerals, and all interests therein. The department’s jurisdiction encompasses nearly 1.3 million acres of State lands, beaches, and coastal waters as well as 750 miles of coastline (the fourth longest in the country). It includes state parks; historical sites; forests and forest reserves; aquatic life and its sanctuaries; public fishing areas; boating, ocean recreation, and coastal programs; wildlife and its sanctuaries; game management areas; public hunting areas; and natural area reserves.

A summary of that kuleana is protecting the public trust.

Given this tremendous responsibility, the selection of a Chair should be guided by the highest principles. There is ample evidence that the selection of Ms. Chang does not demonstrate an adherence to that fundamental requirement.

The candidate should have demonstrated unquestionable integrity, a profound understanding of Hawaiian history and, a deep respect for the traditional Hawaiian civilization.

While Ms. Chang's work has been involved in a wide range of relevant areas, an examination of her record in those involvements discloses a bias that disqualifies her from holding the BLNR position. Ms. Chang's career is repeatedly characterized by decisions that ignore the mandates

of history in order to facilitate the colonial mindset of facilitating economic exploitation, rather than acting as a protector of Hawai'i's future. Her long list of corporate clients is the visible manifestation of her true professional commitments. Her company belongs in the company of businesses that prepare environmental assessments and environmental impact statements which give developers the cover of a document that says what the developer needs to justify the project at issue.

There are other questions about the fitness of Ms. Chang. Some of her actions appear to be unethical, such as advising clients on how to avoid taking legally required actions. For example, she advised Kawaiaha'o Church that its proposal to construct a multi-purpose center did not require an archeological inventory survey, which the law clearly required. Ms. Chang's advice was to ignore the legal requirement to avoid increasing the project cost.

Her advice resulted in lengthy litigation and the illegal disturbing of hundreds of burials.

One of the major issues BLNR must address is the future of Mauna Kea. On that issue, Ms. Chang was responsible for preparing a woefully inadequate comprehensive master plan. Her plan was missing provisions for natural and cultural management, decommissioning, and public access. BLNR determined that the plan was deficient. The delay in approving the missing critical pieces of the plan led to delays in the CDUA for the TMT construction. The BLNR had to step in to require compliance with the law lacking in Ms. Chang's plan.

DLNR is currently plagued by weak leadership, with multiple conflicts between offices and divisions, many due to conflicting mandates. The chronic understaffing and underfunding leads to ineffectiveness and institutional frustration. The loss of institutional knowledge has led to a serious degradation of our cultural heritage.

Ms. Chang does not demonstrate the skills to address these issues, and could serve to exacerbate the problems. Ms Chang is not the right person to be confirmed as Chair.

I ask you to oppose her appointment.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

I thank you for this opportunity to provide my personal testimony in support of GM516 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026. I strongly support this nomination and confirmation.

I wish to start by saying that while I am a professor at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, I offer this as personal testimony and do not speak on behalf of the University.

I have worked with Dawn Chang through her facilitation of a number of public processes for our Ko'olaupoko community over the past ~20 years that I have known her. I always found her to be a consummate professional who organized, led, and facilitated a wide range of public meetings that I participated in as a community member or UH research faculty member over the years. I really got to know Dawn well when we worked closely on the designation process for the He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). I had the privilege of being the scientific lead for the designation and then serving as the Acting Manager for the He'eia NERR until permanent staff could be hired. Throughout the five-year designation process, I worked closely with Dawn to move through the site selection, development of the nomination package, public scoping meetings for the NEPA process, and development of the management plan. Dawn organized and facilitated numerous focus groups to develop community priorities for research, teaching, management, and outreach as well as the proposed boundary for the He'eia reserve. She consistently went above and beyond to reach out to groups that she felt should have a voice in the process and was consistently fair, open, and always willing to listen and incorporate all input that was offered.

The He'eia NERR was the first Research Reserve in the nation to be community led and explicitly focused on restoring traditional practices instead of a return to pre-human conditions. It was a constant challenge to communicate the importance of Native Hawaiian perspectives to the federal bureaucrats who ran this process, and Dawn assisted in every step of that process. As a result of that action, not only was this the first National Estuarine Research Reserve to focus on Indigenous management and cultural practices, it was also the fastest designation to complete the process in the history of the system. Dawn facilitated all the public meetings and focus groups that helped to develop the Reserve Management Plan, which seeks to remove alien invasives, replant native species, and restore cultural practices throughout the site. The major goal of the management plan is work with the site partners to restore the He'eia NERR to a functional ahupua'a and determine whether the restoration activities, by changing the land use and management practices, results in a more productive and resilient watershed where human and natural communities thrive on the 'āina momona. This was not a typical process for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and it took considerable effort and coordination to pull it off. Dawn was outstanding throughout the process and I am not sure it would have succeeded without her.

Following on the publication of the 1992 Kāneʻohe Bay Master Plan, the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council was established in statute by the 1993 State Legislature. One of the recommendations in that document was the establishment of a Natural Estuarine Research Reserve in Kāneʻohe Bay, but it took until 2017 for this recommendation to come to fruition. Dawn's facilitation of that prolonged process resulted in constant input from Heʻeia site partners, including, Koʻolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, Koʻolaupoko Foundation, Paepae O Heʻeia, Kākoʻo ʻŌiwi, and Kamaʻāina Kids, as well as the neighborhood boards and a wide swath of the local communities. It is testament to her skills as a facilitator that the process was completed in record time, and it is testament to her dedication and passion for cultural resource management and historic preservation that it is the only reserve in the federal system to focus on Indigenous practices. The Heʻeia NERR brings in Federal funding to support the efforts of local community groups to restore Heʻeia and to document traditional Native Hawaiian practices realized under the ahupuaʻa system provides a better strategy for sustainable management of ʻāina momona than what has been implemented in recent history. Heʻeia NERR is now leading the country in being the first site to explicitly incorporate culture into the reserve design and management, and Dawn was a large part of that effort.

I believe that Dawn has the experience, aptitude and skillset to be an excellent Chairperson. She is consistently fair, open-minded, professional and passionate about this place, its people, history, culture and natural resources. In my experience she has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty, and is deeply committed to Hawaiʻi, its natural resources and its people. I can think of no better candidate for the nomination for this position.

In closing, I would like to reiterate my most enthusiastic possible support for GM516 and confirmation of Dawn Chang for Chairperson to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). I want to thank your committee for the opportunity to offer this testimony.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Toonen, Ph.D.
Professor & Ruth D. Gates Endowed Chair of Coral Reef Systems
Hawaiʻi Institute of Marine Biology
University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa

GM-516

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Kaulana Chang | Individual | Support | In Person |

Comments:

Dawn Chang is a wahine of character and integrity. She stands up for what she believes in and is passionate about what she does. She has the work ethic like no other and has tremendous grit. She isn't shy about showing her passion or emotions but as the sametime is able to make sound logical decisions. Dawn has always fought and spoke up for those that didn't have a voice.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 3:36:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Hanalei Pi'imanu Vierra | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am writing to urge you to not to confirm the nomination of Ms.Dawn Chang as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR).

The basis for my opposition to this appointment is that Ms. Chang's approach to the pressing issues of our time has been too narrowly focused on meeting the needs of her corporate and organizational clients when the focus needs to be on protecting the public trust.

The context for my concerns is the kuleana of the BLNR. While I am sure that you are aware of that responsibility, a reminder is in order given the importance of the appointment being considered.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, headed by an executive Board of Land and Natural Resources, is responsible for managing, administering, and exercising control over public lands, water resources, ocean waters, navigable streams, coastal areas (except commercial harbors), minerals, and all interests therein. The department's jurisdiction encompasses nearly 1.3 million acres of State lands, beaches, and coastal waters as well as 750 miles of coastline (the fourth longest in the country). It includes state parks; historical sites; forests and forest reserves; aquatic life and its sanctuaries; public fishing areas; boating, ocean recreation, and coastal programs; wildlife and its sanctuaries; game management areas; public hunting areas; and natural area reserves.

A summary of that kuleana is protecting the public trust.

Given this tremendous responsibility, the selection of a Chair should be guided by the highest principles. There is ample evidence that the selection of Ms. Chang does not demonstrate an adherence to that fundamental requirement.

The candidate should have demonstrated unquestionable integrity, a profound understanding of Hawaiian history and, a deep respect for the traditional Hawaiian civilization.

While Ms. Chang's work has been involved in a wide range of relevant areas, an examination of her record in those involvements discloses a bias that disqualifies her from holding the BLNR position. Ms. Chang's career is repeatedly characterized by decisions that ignore the mandates

of history in order to facilitate the colonial mindset of facilitating economic exploitation, rather than acting as a protector of Hawai'i's future. Her long list of corporate clients is the visible manifestation of her true professional commitments. Her company belongs in the company of businesses that prepare environmental assessments and environmental impact statements which give developers the cover of a document that says what the developer needs to justify the project at issue.

There are other questions about the fitness of Ms. Chang. Some of her actions appear to be unethical, such as advising clients on how to avoid taking legally required actions. For example, she advised Kawaiaha'o Church that its proposal to construct a multi-purpose center did not require an archeological inventory survey, which the law clearly required. Ms. Chang's advice was to ignore the legal requirement to avoid increasing the project cost.

Her advice resulted in lengthy litigation and the illegal disturbing of hundreds of burials.

One of the major issues BLNR must address is the future of Mauna Kea. On that issue, Ms. Chang was responsible for preparing a woefully inadequate comprehensive master plan. Her plan was missing provisions for natural and cultural management, decommissioning, and public access. BLNR determined that the plan was deficient. The delay in approving the missing critical pieces of the plan led to delays in the CDUA for the TMT construction. The BLNR had to step in to require compliance with the law lacking in Ms. Chang's plan.

DLNR is currently plagued by weak leadership, with multiple conflicts between offices and divisions, many due to conflicting mandates. The chronic understaffing and underfunding leads to ineffectiveness and institutional frustration. The loss of institutional knowledge has led to a serious degradation of our cultural heritage.

Ms. Chang does not demonstrate the skills to address these issues, and could serve to exacerbate the problems. Ms Chang is not the right person to be confirmed as Chair.

I ask you to oppose her appointment.

Aloha Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in support of Dawn Chang as the next Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Dawn Naomi Chang for many years. She is knowledgeable, experienced and proficient in leading the DLNR. Although many of those characteristics result from her representation of the BLNR as the Deputy Attorney General assigned to the department, her passion as a native Hawaiian woman who is a practicing attorney provides her with insight that is intrinsic, inherent and essential to leading DLNR forward particularly when Hawaiian issues are at the center of the concern.

That others passionately disagree with her is a testament to her fundamental belief in making decisions she believes in is necessary in support of the people of Hawai'i and in accordance with the laws and the Constitutions for which she is sworn to defend. Although the decision may be difficult I am certain many of you have also similarly experienced making judgments with which many disagree. Your job as a member of the Senate often requires choices and determinations that results in passionate responses both in support and in opposition.

The job of leading the Land Department is not easy. The job requires someone willing to meet with those who viscerally disagree with and it demands of an individual with complete dedication every day - weekends and Holidays included. The job obliges its Director to be accessible and fair with all who ask for assistance or who wish to offer advice. It requires the Hawaiian values of ho'omanawanui and 'ahonui: patience and dedication to persevere.

The Dawn Na'omi Ho'okano Shiroma Chang that I know will not "kick the can down the road". If you ask her a question, she will give you an answer, regardless that you may not appreciate the answer. She is determined to do a good job and empathetic to those who may disagree with her. She understands that this state department can be controversial and believes that to be a part of the duties and responsibilities in service to all of the people of Hawai'i.

She will do this job that she is eminently qualified for.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Dawn Chang as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Yours truly,

Clayton Hee

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 7:47:14 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Committee Chair Dela Cruz and members of the WTL. I am writing in strong support in the approval of Governor Green's appointed Nominee Dawn Chang to the position of DLNR Chair. I see Dawn as a strong supporter of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and all the departments within her kulena. My interaction as a BLNR member with her since she started has been open and welcoming to the community as well.

She has taken the position to use the tools provided to the Department like the DLNR communication division to provide the residents with updates on issues and concerns (i.e. the Stranded Nakoia; DOCARE graduation; the importance of natural preservation & resources, like the recent BLNR approval of the FONSI to suppress the invasive mosquitoes thereby reducing the transmission of avian malaria to the Hawaiian endangered forest birds and restoring the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center, etc).

I encourage each of to approve Ms. Chang and her expertise to put a positive spin on the DLNR

Mahalo,
Karen Ono (Kauai)

Member of the Senate Nomination Committee:

Re: GM 516 – Nomination of Dawn Chang

I write this letter in support of the nomination of Dawn Chang for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Ms. Chang since 1985 when she succeeded me as the law clerk for the Honorable Walter Heen, Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I then had the opportunity to work beside her at the Attorney General's Office for a number of years, where we were co-workers in the Land/Transportation Division. We also had a law partnership for a short time, Chang, Ishida & Yamada. I also had the privilege of working at her company, Kuiwalu.

Ms. Chang is an excellent candidate as Chairperson. As a Deputy Attorney General, she has counseled the Department of Land and Natural Resources on numerous issues. Ms. Chang also represented the Department in many contentious litigation situations. She has a wealth of knowledge. She has a calm demeanor. She is patient and will fairly listen to all sides of a dispute. She is an excellent public speaker and will be a tremendous advocate for the Department.

Throughout her career, Ms. Chang has always balanced her work with her duties as a mother and, now, a grandmother. She will be a beaming example that nice people can finish first.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this very important nomination.

Lane T. Ishida, Esq.

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Dayna Williams, I am here in support of Dawn Chang, the gubernatorial nominee for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Most know her as Dawn, but to me she is mom. My mom raised my brothers and I to be independent thinkers, to do what we believe in, and to find a passion. But the most important virtues she has instilled are to help give a voice to those who may not have one and to do what is right even when it is hard.

She has spent her career empowering Native Hawaiians while also protecting and preserving our lands and resources making her the right person for this position. My mom is thoughtful, compassionate, and fair, all necessary qualities in a great leader. In her short time holding this position she has made tough and just decisions while maintaining her integrity and that of the DLNR.

My freshman year of college was a tough year. I remember calling my mom everyday crying and begging her to let me come home; the mainland was a huge adjustment for an island girl. But no matter how many phone calls and tears shed, my mom always told me "stay the course, trust that this is where you need to be even though it is hard." There aren't enough words to express my gratitude to her for making me feel heard and loved and for helping me to persevere.

In closing, I humbly ask you to confirm her nomination as Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

And to my mom, I am proud to be your daughter, "stay the course, trust that this is where you need to be even if it's hard."

Mahalo,
Dayna

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:40:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Calvin Pang | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I write in strong support for Dawn N. Chang, whom I have known for over forty years, first as a classmate at the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i at Manōa, then as a collaborator on a variety of activities through the decades.

This long view allows me to observe a consistency in her orientation, behavior, and spirit. Always, she has brought a positive problem-solving approach into the room. This begins with a habit of listening to others from all corners. I have never seen her impose her solutions as a starting point. For sure, she will have thoughtful opinions, which she shares in due time.

She is realistic about what cannot be quickly solved and requires a leaning into. She understands the frailty of the human condition, which includes making mistakes or being plain haughty. Knowing this, she comes with patience, acceptance, and humility, qualities that I think come naturally to her.

She’s not a push-over. I think of her as “upright” not only in her desire to find the correct approach to a problem, but in the way she back-stops those who are vulnerable and need support, courage, and empowerment. She stands so others can too.

I am proud to count Dawn Chang as a friend and colleague. While I am contemplating retirement, she is committed to serving our state as a key member of Governor Green’s cabinet. It speaks to her well of strength and grounding. Leading the DLNR is no flower bed, and I am certain Dawn understands this. Yet, she sees this as an opportunity to wed her broad professional experiences and deep personal values with a position that offers the promise of advancing our state and, in particular, our Native Hawaiian communities. So, once again she stands. I respectfully ask that this Committee stand with her. Thank you.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Governor's Message 516 – Dawn N.S. Chang

DATE: Friday, March 31, 2023

TIME: 1:00pm

PLACE: State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Committee Members,

My name is Tina Roback. I am a retired Bank Officer. I am writing in strong support of a dear friend of mine, Dawn N.S. Chang. I'd like to share information with you about her character and I respectfully ask you to support her confirmation for Chairperson of DLNR.

I met Dawn, (known to me by her middle name Naomi) and her family 36 years ago when both of our spouses were Police Officers. Naomi has strong family values, morals, principles, and supports her community, which makes her the perfect candidate to lead as Chairperson for the DLNR.

Naomi is not afraid to take on challenges and make tough decisions for the State of Hawaii. As a businesswoman and Native Hawaiian, she specializes in strategic planning and facilitating culturally sensitive issues with people. She knows how to bring a team together. I am proud of all her accomplishments and honor our many years as friends.

In closing, I humbly ask the committee to confirm Dawn N. S. Chang as Chairperson of DLNR. She has the experience needed to manage and control State public land and water areas. I am proud to know that Naomi would be the first Native Hawaiian women to chair the DLNR.

Mahalo,

Tina Roback
(808)265-1849

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 10:28:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Teddi Anderson | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am honored to write this recommendation letter for Dawn Chang for the position of Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). I have had the pleasure of working with Dawn for over twenty years on a variety of land projects, and I have seen firsthand her exceptional leadership and dedication to preserving Hawaii's natural resources and cultural heritage.

Dawn has a wealth of knowledge in both cultural and legal issues related to land and natural resources. She has provided valuable guidance to clients and has been quick to advocate for Hawaiian and local people, ensuring that their voices are heard and respected. Her expertise and experience have been instrumental in mending relationships in the community, turning detractors into partners and allies.

Dawn has worked in both the public and private sectors, giving her a unique perspective on the intricacies of kūleana to the Hawaiian community and the relationship with the state in upholding its laws. She has worked with all levels of regulation within the state, county, and federal governments and has been on both sides of the aisle for development with developers, landowners, and the community.

Dawn's exceptional leadership, professionalism, and dedication to preserving Hawaii's natural resources and cultural heritage make her an ideal candidate for the position of DLNR Director. I strongly recommend her for this role and believe she will excel in leading the department in achieving its mission.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 10:59:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Marvin Kaleo Manuel | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Committee Members,

I am Kaleo Manuel, Deputy to the Chairperson for the Commission on Water Resource Management, but I am testifying today in my individual capacity. I strongly support GM 516 nominating Dawn Chang as the Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

As you will hear her state consistently, Dawn is a process person. I have watched her throughout my professional career lean into and hold space for our Native Hawaiian communities on divisive and controversial issues. In these discussions, she ensures there is an equitable process for engagement and supports having voices at the table that have been historically disenfranchised from these spaces. While it's challenging for any person to facilitate in these types of environments, I watched Dawn bring compassion and empathy into all of the places she is a part of. I believe these attributes and her focus on process will help her lead DLNR in the years to come.

Dawn is solution oriented. With huge issues and decisions at DLNR's doorstep like military leases and the climate crisis, protecting and managing our public lands and resources will need strategic and comprehensive solutions. In these past three months, I watched her take complex issues that have been languishing for resolution and break them down into short, mid, and long term solutions for consideration and action by staff. This type of "how can we" versus "we can't" approach is not only refreshing but is something needed at this time in the agency; no more kicking the can down the road.

Lastly, as a kanaka wahine, I believe Dawn is the most ideal candidate to lead at this time. She is committed to protect the public trust and our collective resources. One small example is her dedication to institutionalize Ka Pa'akai in DLNR and meet our constitutional mandate to protect traditional and customary practices of Native Hawaiians. As an alaka'i with ample education and professional experience, she will leave a legacy here at DLNR.

I would be honored to serve alongside Dawn Chang to protect and manage our natural and cultural resources and I humbly and respectfully ask for you to support and confirm her as our next Chairperson of DLNR.

Ola i ka wai,

Kaleo Manuel

Testimony of
Ken C. Kawahara

Before the Committee on
Water and Land

Friday, March 31, 2023
1:00 P.M.

State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Conference Room 016

In consideration of
GM 516
APPOINTMENT OF DAWN N.S. CHANG

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

I respectfully testify in strong support of the consideration and confirmation of Dawn Chang to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

As a former Deputy Director of DLNR, I understand the demands of leading a department that is responsible for managing over 1.3 million acres of State public lands in forests, parks, and other natural areas, 3 million acres of state ocean waters and small boat facilities, all fresh water, historic and cultural resources, watersheds, regulations of dams and reservoirs, endangered species, and invasive species control and regulating 3 million acres of land in conservation districts. I believe Ms. Chang understands the challenge and can effectively lead such a department.

Ms. Chang has vast experience working with Ho'akea LLC, volunteering on the State Land Use Commission, being a member of the Accord3.0 Network, serving in the Department of the Attorney General, clerking at the Intermediate Court of Appeals, and serving as a social worker at the Lili'uokalani's Children Center. She is a member of the Hawai'i Bar Association and Native Hawaiian Bar Association. Ms. Chang is a trained facilitator and mediator with the Mediation Center of the Pacific and was a Certified Continuing Education Instructor with the Real Estate Commission on Native Hawaiian Land Laws. In addition, Ms. Chang volunteered her free time as a former chair of the board of directors for the KEY Project, former board member of the Historic Hawai'i Foundation, and former board member of the Girl Scouts of Hawai'i.

I am confident that Ms. Chang will make significant contributions as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and strongly support her nomination based on her knowledge of Hawaii's lands, historic and natural resources, professional experience and understanding of the department, having served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Land/Transportation Division.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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March 29, 2023

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair, Committee on Water and Land
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair
Senator Stanley Chang
Senator Angus McKelvey
Senator Kurt Fevella

Re: Dawn Chang, Chair Dept of Land and Natural Resources (GM516)

My name is Riley Smith. I am writing in support of Dawn Chang, Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Dawn for over twenty years, but have recently had the opportunity work with her, as the Hawaii island representative on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

It has been a refreshing experience to work with Chair Chang on issues that pertain to our entire State, and especially those on Hawaii island. I have found that she works long hours, listens well, has much aloha for everyone she deals with; whether she agrees with them or not. She treats everyone in the Board room, as well as those she meets on the street, with the same aloha and respect that we all deserve.

During our short time on the Board of Land and Natural Resources, she has shown me that she has the skills, drive and ability to resolve conflicts, by looking for win-win solutions, that all sides can walk away from issues, knowing that they were listened to and treated fairly. A few examples:

- a. She has come to Hawaii island, met with the livestock/ranching community, listened to their concerns, understands their need to have long term leases, so that they can invest in the infrastructure (fencing, water systems, roadways, facilities, etc.) that is required to ensure food security in our State. She is moving forward on the requirements of Act 90, even though it has languished for years.
- b. She visited the Country Club Condo project on Banyan Drive, before the decision to move forward on a long-term lease was voted on (3/24/23), so that she could see first-hand, the concerns raised by the residents of that facility and from members of our community. She was able to

obtain approval from the Board to renovate this aging facility and ensure that it is an asset to our residents, as well as the Hilo community.

- c. On the recent yacht grounding at Honolua Bay (Maui), she was there on that Sunday, along with Mayor Bissen, to monitor the salvage operations, to gain first hand knowledge that our natural resources were being protected, during this less than ideal situation.
- d. Chair Chang, due to her legal background, as well as that as a facilitator and mediator, is able to explain to the rest of us on the Board, the consequences of our decisions and how we must all focus on the best interests of the State, in how we vote on matters that come before us. When we've all heard the evidence and discussion is done, under her leadership, we are all ready and able to make those critical decisions.
- e. One of her current goals, is to bring our Board meetings out to the communities in which we serve. Her plan is to schedule off Oahu meetings, so that we decide issues that pertain to each community, in front of that community. BLNR has not typically conducted its meetings in this manner, even though the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Land Use Commission and Commission on Water Resource Management does. Her desire to be transparent and open in decision making is commendable. Each member of the Board will benefit from listening to public testimony, in person, in front of those that are impacted by the decisions we are tasked to make.
- f. Sometimes we overlook the importance of the host culture in how we conduct business in Hawaii. Chair Chang is a native Hawaiian. Her two deputies are also Hawaiian. All seven members of the Board are also part Hawaiian. Making difficult decisions, with compassion and aloha is part of our culture and is how we should all conduct ourselves. Dawn exemplifies this trait in everything she does.

For the above reasons, I wholeheartedly support Dawn Chang as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Very truly yours,



Riley W. Smith, P.E.
President/Chief Executive Officer

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 11:21:49 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Regina Gregory | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

It's good to have a Hawaiian in this position, but her background suggests a strong pro-developer bias, as opposed to a strong defense of our public trust resources.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 11:48:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Shannon Rudolph | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

OPPOSE.

I'm a 40 year resident paying attention. This is a very bad choice for what the DLNR needs.



March 28, 2023

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 516 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Ms. Dawn Chang

Dear Chair Inouye and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I am in STRONG SUPPORT of the appointment of Dawn Chang as Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and do so with the utmost confidence that she will be a worthy addition to this important state department.

In the years that I have known Dawn, I have found her to be a diligent, compassionate and capable leader who possesses the intelligence and technical knowledge relevant to land issues and regulatory requirements, the environment and public policy.

In all of her various responsibilities, as a community volunteer, businessperson and member for various governmental boards and commissions, Dawn has demonstrated a sense of fairness, common sense and good judgment. Her strong consensus-building skills will also prove to be invaluable.

I am pleased to provide support of Ms. Dawn Chang to chair the board and believe that she is the right person for this position.

Accordingly, I ask for your favorable consideration of Ms. Dawn Chang's appointment to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo,

Lance Wilhelm

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 12:25:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Ted Bohlen | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Support

GM-516

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Denise E Antolini | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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

I write in support of Dawn Chang for Chair of DLNR.

Despite some important concerns that have surfaced with respect to Ms. Chang's prior professional engagements, I hope and expect that, in her new role as Chair of DLNR, she will set her compass solely and firmly on the critical natural and cultural resources protection mission of DLNR and its important divisions -- and that she will make the public trust her North Star.

She has strong qualifications to lead the Department, particularly her legal and facilitation skills.

Since her nomination, after a bit of a rough start, she has demonstrated improved leadership abilities and made it up part of a steep learning curve - in committee meetings at the Legislature and BLNR hearings - showing a promising understanding of how DLNR can continue to grow and thrive.

DLNR Chair is an incredibly difficult job that is incredibly important to all of Hawai'i nei.

I want her to succeed and build on the strong legacy of prior DLNR Chairs and the wisdom and expertise of her Deputies and staff.

I wish her the best of luck.

Mahalo,

Denise Antolini

GM-516

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| Michael Donnelly | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha, I am submitting my testimony in support of Dawn Chang for the Chairperson of DLNR. Ms. Chang is a fair, honest and savvy business woman who will steer the department in the right direction. Her background and experience speak volumes and the State of Hawaii residents, especially kanaka maoli, will benefit tremendously from her leadership. The Department of Land and Natural Resources has a massive responsibility to the local residents of Hawaii. Dawn Chang is the right leader to chair this prestigious and important position. I encourage the committee to approve her nomination.

Mahalo, Mike Donnelly

TESTIMONY ON GM 516
CONFIRMATION OF DAWN CHANG AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES AND DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT

Aloha, Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the confirmation of Dawn Chang as Chair of the BLNR and Director of the DLNR. I come before you to strongly urge her confirmation.

There are many reasons to support Dawn's confirmation, but my experience working with her tell me that the following merit highlight:

1. Dawn has a calm about her during the most chaotic of times; a calm that always quiets the storm and gives confidence to those involved, whether pro or anti. DLNR is a very large department with many assignments and many constituents pulling in all directions. It requires a Chair that can function clearly in chaos and ambiguity and still lead. It requires strength and patience. Those describes Dawn Chang well.
2. I have heard criticism that Dawn's work with Kuiwalu over the last 20+ years has included such a wide and varied portfolio of public and private clients, that one cannot trust her politics. That's not the Dawn Chang I know. I expect that if confirmed as Chair, her private portfolio will be closed and her guidance will come first from DLNR's mission as articulated in the State's Constitution, from the State laws and regulations, from the Legislature and from the Governor. Her constituents are the residents of Hawaii and I expect her loyalties will only lie there.
3. Dawn has the experience of working with the department as its deputy attorney general and over the years has interacted with the department in many areas. There is no learning curve with Dawn Chang. She can start fast and she will not be distracted.

Dawn Chang is an excellent choice as Chair of the Board and Director of the Department. I strongly urge your confirmation.

Ray Soon

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March 29, 2023

Re: Governor's Nomination of Dawn Chang for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

As a practicing civil litigation attorney 1978-2014, professor of conflict resolution 1995-2013, and civil mediator and arbitrator since 1985, I am pleased and honored to submit this letter in support of the Governor's nomination of Dawn Chang for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Dawn Chang for over 15 years and I am familiar with her professional knowledge and skills and her personal character. I can attest to her exceptional intelligence, integrity, dedication, professionalism, responsibility and research, writing and speaking skills, as well as her ability to build strong and effective working relationships with others in her work, with special emphasis on conflict resolution. To my knowledge, Ms. Chang has manifested high levels of professional and personal quality in all those factors and in all respects.

I believe that Ms. Chang is the best choice to lead DLNR now and for the coming years. Perhaps the central point is that I know Dawn Chang to be a person of unshakeable conscience, courage and character, with a depth and authenticity of respect and understanding for Native Hawaiians, especially those who have been far too disrespected, mistreated and disserved, in virtually every sector of their own homeland. I believe that Ms. Chang is the best hope for DLNR under her leadership to reverse that history and tide of mistreatment, and to substantially expand the opportunities and resources for Native Hawaiians, especially as regards land, natural resources, and both the natural and human environment. I also know that Ms. Chang is exceptionally attentive to people, situations and choices, and if there are past actions or choices that others may fault her for, without understanding the full context of how those circumstances transpired or her role, she has always been one who has deeply and astutely learned from her experiences and from others. We can also all recognize that the deeply multi-faceted, and often divided, Hawaiian community here has experienced too many with leadership authority to affect their lives, who have misused that authority far less than would be responsible and beneficial for the Hawaiian community. Added to all that and more, Ms. Chang have learned and mastered the very complex, intricate and demanding human art of conflict resolution, and can bring to the table insights, aptitudes, knowledge, skills and values that can enhance the possibilities of fair, just and durable resolution for Native Hawaiians on issues that affect them most deeply and long-term. As a good friend with many years in a State Department leadership role said, "When we get the really tough problems, we call on Dawn."

It is a pleasure and honor to fully support her application. If there are any questions or any more information is desired, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Respectfully,



Charles W. Crumpton

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| Athline Clark | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Testimony in Support of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

I am submitting this testimony in support of Governor Green's nomination of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). I have known Dawn since I worked at DLNR and she was a Deputy Attorney General. Over the years I have had the privilege of working with her on many projects involving community input and considerations of conservation and restoration of both natural and cultural resources. She is someone who has been willing to take on the tough issues to provide a fair and impartial perspective for all who were engaged in the various discussions. Her approach is to always lead first and foremost through a cultural lens bring sensitivity and compassion to each project.

She has upon occasion, held herself to a difficult but high standard doing her utmost to maintain a neutral stance even when her own heart and passions were affected. I have worked with her when she did her best to reach out to all lineal decedents on a project in Maui to ensure that all of their voices were heard and their concerns addressed in a proposed restoration project at a culturally significant site. Over 80 members of these families attended our public meeting due to her efforts.

I feel she has the background and compassion to be a good leader and work to not only complete ongoing important projects within DLNR but to bring a new and culturally-based orientation to the Department.

Mahalo for your consideration. Athline M. Clark

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March 29, 2023

To: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chairperson, Committee on Water and Land
Re: Testimony in favor of Dawn N. S. Chang, Governor's Nominee for
Chairperson Department of Land and Natural Resources

Aloha Chair Inouye and committee members,

I wholeheartedly and without any reservations support the confirmation of Dawn N. S. Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Dawn for over 40 years, we are graduates of the William S. Richardson School of Law, class of 1985. Our class had many second career students, Dawn and I entered law school with a background in social work so we were kindred spirits from the moment we met. After law school a group of us remained very close sharing the joys and heartache of work, family and life.

Dawn has led her life guided by the principle of "pono." Living her life with balance, harmony and integrity. Her legal career has focused on the preservation of the 'aina and the empowerment and inclusion of all people. Her considerable experience in the law and policy in both state government and the private sector make her the ideal person to lead the DLNR. She is courageous and compassionate and possesses a moral compass that always points to truth and justice. I respectfully urge this committee to confirm her appointment.

Mahalo and Aloha,

/s/ William M. Domingo

William M. Domingo
District Judge, First Circuit Court
State of Hawaii

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| Sara To | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dawn Chang is incredibly competent for this position. She was an incredible help when we were trying to navigate a situation in our area where people in the neighborhood were fearing renovation over a historic home and navigating those relationships. Dawn was extremely helpful and just very giving of her time to help our family, a native Hawaiian family, as we tried to preserve the historic architecture in the Kaimuki neighborhood. My family has known Dawn for many years and we can attest to her capabilities, thoughtfulness and acumen for this role for the government. We strongly endorse her as a person for this role. Mahalo.

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| Rana Lynn Kennedy | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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

I humbly submit my written testimony and kindly ask your support for Ms. Dawn Chang to be the next chair of the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources.

An attorney and mediator, Ms. Chang brings to the position her extensive experience in Hawai'i environmental law, real property law, and Native Hawaiian rights. Her previous work as deputy attorney general in the Land/Transportation Division and as commissioner on the State Land Use Commission serves her well in her familiarity with interagency coordination in the state government.

Most importantly, those who support her look forward to her historic appointment as the first woman of Native Hawaiian descent to hold the position as chair of the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources. Her confirmation would be a professional and personal culmination of her life's work--her kuleana to oversee and manage Hawai'i's cherished natural resources.

Mahalo nui for this chance to submit my written testimony in support of Ms. Chang's confirmation.

Rana Lynn Kennedy

Statement of
LEO R. ASUNCION, JR.
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday, March 31, 2023
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of

Governor's Message (GM) 516

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

I strongly support the nomination of Dawn Change to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

I have known and worked with Ms. Change for over 20 years, and she continues to demonstrate competency of the broad range of topics facing Hawai'i, as well as nationally and globally, in terms of our island environment, cultural resources, land conservation, and community collaboration. With her varied experience in state government, the private sector, and non-profit organizations, it is my opinion that Ms. Chang is the right type of leader that the DLNR needs to advance critical initiatives for our island state and its residents.

I have worked with Ms. Chang and her colleagues at Kuiwalu as they assisted the Koolaupoko, Oahu community and State Office of Planning in creating and establishing the He`eia National Estuarine Research Reserve, one of 30 Research Reserves across the nation. Her assistance in collaborating with community was key in going through the federal designation process in approximately 18 months. This is in comparison to the other 29 Research Reserves, who averaged between 24-48+ months to go through the same designation process.

I have witnessed (and appeared before) Ms. Chang as a Commissioner on the State Land Use Commission where she always advocated for the communities, and natural and cultural resources impacted by proposed development projects that required a State land use district boundary amendment. Her diligent work on the LUC ensured that impacts that a proposed development created were addressed and mitigation actions carried out.

Ms. Chang possesses that right demeanor and collaborative nature to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and she continues to demonstrate the highest level of leadership. Dawn has gained my trust as a colleague and a friend, and I have the utmost confidence that she will serve our State well.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to advise and consent to the nomination of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 516.

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| tiare lawrence | Individual | Support | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

Aloha,

I respectfully request your support of Dawn Chang as chair of DLNR. I believe Dawn Chang will work with the community in seeking solutions.

mahalo

Tiare Lawrence

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| kai nishiki | Individual | Support | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

I support Dawn Chang as head of DLNR, she has demonstrated her commitment to protecting our public trust resources. Her leadership skills on the BLNR are remarkable and she is genuinely curious, thoughtful, and kind, even in the most challenging situations. I appreciate that she carefully considers testimony of the community from sister islands when issues that greatly impact us are being considered.

Mahalo,

Kai Nishiki

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| Donna Thompson | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

I'm **opposed** to Measure GM516 "Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026."

I was witness to lack of leadership and understanding of meeting protocols for contested case during a recent BNLN meeting run by Ms. Chang who failed to look deeper into critical testimonies that contained peer reviewed studies and government documentation that lends itself to serious concerns for human health and the environment.

Under Dawn Chang's leadership as Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) Chairperson, the BLNR has violated the public's rights to open governmental processes. Complaints have been filed with the Office of the Ombudsman requesting an investigation into the BLNR for interference with the public's ability to testify at the March 10, 2023 board meeting. An investigation into the BLNR for violation of the Sunshine Law at the March 24, 2023 board meeting has also been requested through the Office of Information Practices.

These investigations are of significant concern, as it appears the BLNR has attempted to silence discussion of very serious information provided in written testimony regarding a planned project that received final approval by the BLNR on March 24, 2023. The suppressed testimony includes peer-reviewed studies about the risks of the project to the environment, native birds, wildlife, and public health. It also includes documentation of procedural errors, specific conflicts of interest, potential interstate transport of pathogens and lack of permitting, failure to receive EPA approval for use of a biopesticide prior to assuring public safety, and EPA discreditation of the article cited in the Final Environmental Assessment asserting that the biopesticide poses no risk to human health.

Additionally, live video testimony at the BLNR meetings on March 10, 2023 and March 24, 2023 noted that both BLNR Chairperson Dawn Chang and Board Member Vernon Char have conflicts of interest regarding the agenda item and must recuse themselves from participating in any discussion or voting on the matter. The BLNR, under Chang's leadership, chose not to address those conflicts of interest at the March 10, 2023 meeting. At the March 24, 2023 meeting, both Chang and Char verbally denied their conflicts of interest and continued to discuss and vote on the agenda item.

I do not feel Ms. Chang's actions qualify her in a leadership role as Chairperson. The Board of Land and Natural Resources is a government agency that makes crucial decisions affecting the lives of the people of these islands, our environment, and our wildlife. Board members, and the Chairperson in particular, **must serve with integrity and honor the laws and procedures enacted to protect the public's rights to open and fair government.**

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March 29, 2023

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

Re: GM 576 SUPPORT Dawn N.S. Chang, Chair D.L.N.R.

Aloha Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elefante,

Mahalo for the opportunity to support Gov. Josh Greens nomination of Dawn Chang for the Chair of DLNR. I recently had the opportunity to participate in a Zoom conference call hosted by Hawaii County Councilwoman Sue Lee Loy in which the Chair nominee gave the Hilo community an opportunity to discuss issues critical to our economy.

What a pleasure it was to hear of her anticipation and enthusiasm for working WITH the East Hawaii business community. For far too long the commercial, resort, and economic public lands have been neglected to the point where the lessees give up on their improvements and the properties fail. The situation at Uncle Billy's Hotel site, which will cost the state a significant amount of money, was not caused by a lack of restrictions in the lease, it was caused by a lease that did not allow the lessee to amortize improvements as the property aged. We need a Chair that can understand that public lands used for economic purposes need to meet those markets requirements for the leases to be economically viable.

We need a Chair that can hear both sides of an argument before they make up their mind. We need a Chair who can balance the interests of the community and the interests of staff. We need a Chair who is focused on improving all the areas within DLNR's responsibility, not just one particular area or another.

Dawn Chang came across as interested and committed to getting her boots on the ground on the Banyan Drive, in Hilo, and around the state. That's the kind of Chair we need at DLNR.

Imua Dawn Chang !

Sincerely,

James McCully

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF DAWN CHANG RE GM 516 2023

I have known Dawn Chang since 1982 when we were first year law students, and have always been very impressed with her. She is intelligent, kind and full of Aloha for Hawai'i. She is extremely qualified to be the head of Hawai'i's Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Her experience working for Judge Walter Heen at the Intermediate Court of Appeals for two years, and then as a deputy attorney general in the land and transportation division including much litigation, has given her the legal knowledge necessary to help find and navigate solutions to the many land problems facing our state. She knows the role of attorneys and their fiduciary duty to their clients, and that first-hand knowledge will be an added asset. As a business owner she impressively and ably navigated the business climate of Hawai'i.

When we were raising our young children, she was a role model for my own parenting, since her kids were a few years older than mine. She always showed her care for Hawai'i's land, culture and its people, and her love for her children and those they interacted with. She acted with grace and kindness.

I can't think of a better appointment for the position! She's not only highly qualified, she works hard and has an exemplary character.

Sincerely,

Jodie Roeca

Honolulu, Hawai'i

GM-516

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| Barbara Wiedner | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

SHARE - SHARE - SHARE!!!!!!

This is Crucially Important!

OPPOSE DAWN CHANG

via Deborah Ward

I am writing to urge you to not to confirm the nomination of Ms.Dawn Chang as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR).

The basis for my opposition to this appointment is that Ms. Chang's approach to the pressing issues of our time has been too narrowly focused on meeting the needs of her corporate and organizational clients when the focus needs to be on protecting the public trust.

The context for my concerns is the kuleana of the BLNR. While I am sure that you are aware of that responsibility, a reminder is in order given the importance of the appointment being considered.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, headed by an executive Board of Land and Natural Resources, is responsible for managing, administering, and exercising control over public lands, water resources, ocean waters, navigable streams, coastal areas (except commercial harbors), minerals, and all interests therein. The department's jurisdiction encompasses nearly 1.3 million acres of State lands, beaches, and coastal waters as well as 750 miles of coastline (the fourth longest in the country). It includes state parks; historical sites; forests and forest reserves; aquatic life and its sanctuaries; public fishing areas; boating, ocean recreation, and coastal programs; wildlife and its sanctuaries; game management areas; public hunting areas; and natural area reserves.

A summary of that kuleana is protecting the public trust.

Given this tremendous responsibility, the selection of a Chair should be guided by the highest principles. There is ample evidence that the selection of Ms. Chang does not demonstrate an adherence to that fundamental requirement.

The candidate should have demonstrated unquestionable integrity, a profound understanding of Hawaiian history and, a deep respect for the traditional Hawaiian civilization.

While Ms. Chang's work has been involved in a wide range of relevant areas, an examination of her record in those involvements discloses a bias that disqualifies her from holding the BLNR position. Ms. Chang's career is repeatedly characterized by decisions that ignore the mandates of history in order to facilitate the colonial mindset of facilitating economic exploitation, rather than acting as a protector of Hawai'i's future. Her long list of corporate clients is the visible manifestation of her true professional commitments. Her company belongs in the company of businesses that prepare environmental assessments and environmental impact statements which give developers the cover of a document that says what the developer needs to justify the project at issue.

There are other questions about the fitness of Ms. Chang. Some of her actions appear to be unethical, such as advising clients on how to avoid taking legally required actions. For example, she advised Kawaiaha'o Church that its proposal to construct a multi-purpose center did not require an archeological inventory survey, which the law clearly required. Ms. Chang's advice was to ignore the legal requirement to avoid increasing the project cost.

Her advice resulted in lengthy litigation and the illegal disturbing of hundreds of burials. One of the major issues BLNR must address is the future of Mauna Kea. On that issue, Ms. Chang was responsible for preparing a woefully inadequate comprehensive master plan. Her plan was missing provisions for natural and cultural management, decommissioning, and public access. BLNR determined that the plan was deficient. The delay in approving the missing critical pieces of the plan led to delays in the CDUA for the TMT construction. The BLNR had to step in to require compliance with the law lacking in Ms. Chang's plan.

DLNR is currently plagued by weak leadership, with multiple conflicts between offices and divisions, many due to conflicting mandates. The chronic understaffing and underfunding leads to ineffectiveness and institutional frustration. The loss of institutional knowledge has led to a serious degradation of our cultural heritage.

Ms. Chang does not demonstrate the skills to address these issues, and could serve to exacerbate the problems. Ms Chang is not the right person to be confirmed as Chair.

I ask you to oppose her appointment.

Thank you Barbara Wiedner

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| Darcy Oishi | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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

I am writing to support the nomination of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have worked on several projects with Chair Chang as an entomologist to great effect. My first experience was working with Dawn on communication issues revolving around biological control. We even did a workshop together at the Hawai'i Conservation Conference. Dawn and I also worked on the develop of the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture's Interagency Biosecurity Program where we worked together to create a comprehensive, guiding document for Biosecurity. In all of my experiences with Dawn, she has been a positive collaborative force. She has a strong grasp of a myriad of subjects, brings an acute and critical mind coupled with excellent communication skills. She has a uniquely balanced background for the myriad issues that will confront anyone leading the Department of Land and Natural Resources and I believe she is imminently qualified. I also feel her confirmation will see a higher level of collaboration and indeed cooperation between DLNR and the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture.

For these reasons, I strongly encourage the members of this committee to recommend Dawn Chang for confirmation from the full Senate as the Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo,

Darcy Oishi

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| Monica M Chang | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support Dawn Chang as DLNR Chair.

Testimony in Support of GM516

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG.

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

Hearing Date: 3/31/2023

Room Number: CR229

I am writing in support of the nomination of Dawn Chang for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the State of Hawaii.

Ms. Chang's resume demonstrates that she possesses an impressive grasp of the issues past and present that the DLNR faces in these challenging times. She has a diverse background which is an asset as the Chairperson in a multifaceted agency such as the DLNR. The State will benefit for her diverse background, professional accomplishments and commitment to service.

I have known Dawn as attorneys working in the Department of the Attorney General's office. She was assigned to the land division. Her knowledge and commitment to providing the legal advice to her clients was admirable. It was my honor to work with Dawn on the issues following the return of Kahoolawe to the State of Hawaii. I've witnessed her commitment to her culture as she negotiated with the Navy on cultural issues. She possess a commendable and demonstrated commitment to serve. She has an impressive educational background that she can draw upon to fulfill her responsibilities and duties as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

March 30, 2023

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

I am writing this letter in support of Ms. Dawn Chang, nominee for Chairperson to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Ms. Chang has been a personal friend for over 45 years as we first met during graduate school at the University of Hawaii, School of Social Work. Although our professional careers veered in different directions as she pursued a degree in law, we maintained a very close friendship allowing me to observe the admirable personal attributes that define her when we were students and to this day.

Ms. Chang has always been a highly organized and industrious individual. Establishing her own law firm while raising 3 children, is evidence of her ability to organize and implement both her professional career and family. She is humble, compassionate, dedicated to others and her integrity is exceptional. With her many years of experience and expertise, she will be a tremendous asset to our State. I strongly believe that Ms. Chang will be an excellent Chairperson to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for taking the time to review my testimony.

Sincerely,

Judy Seminara

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| Kekoa Kaluhiwa | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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

I write in **strong support** of Dawn Chang to serve as Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Having worked with Dawn and served on various nonprofit boards with her over the years, I have witnessed and have been inspired by her passion toward serving Hawaii's people and in caring for our natural and cultural resources. She is a skilled facilitator who ensures everyone's voice is respected and heard in any given process, no matter how difficult the topic. Dawn understands the importance of community talk story sessions and authentic engagement. DLNR's kuleana is immense, and it is imperative that its leader sets the example in ensuring Hawaii's people are engaged and that the hardworking department staff are appreciated and supported. As a prior First Deputy for the department, I have much aloha and respect for DLNR's mission and staff and understand the pressure placed upon its leaders. I believe Dawn has all the experience, skills and passion towards service to others to be an amazing Chairperson for DLNR. I wholeheartedly support her nomination.

Mahalo,

Kekoa Kaluhiwa

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| Russell Kato | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support the nomination of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Board and Natural Resources.

I am an attorney with Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, a law firm in Honolulu. I have known Dawn professionally for years. Dawn is well suited to be the chair. She is more than qualified. Dawn has an extensive background in public lands regulation, including conservation and natural resource management. She also has a deep knowledge of native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices.

As important, her character is impeccable. She is even tempered, fair and compassionate, works hard, is open-minded, will listen to all sides of any question and has integrity. I would trust Dawn to decide what is best for the future of Hawaii.

I urge the Senate to confirm the appointment of Dawn Chang.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Russell Kato

GM-516

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| Robert Fishman | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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

Happy to send this enthusiastic endorsement of Dawn Chang to be Chair, Dept. of Land and Natural Resources. I have know Dawn for over a decade as a fellow member of Accord3.0, a respected group of mediators and dispute resolvers in Hawaii and on the US Mainland.

Dawn is a compassionate leader and thinker who has earned the respect of everyone she engages, even those who view issues from different perspectives. She is respected by everyone as an individual of the highest integrity, and her accomplishments are invariably laced with transparency and candor. She commands a deep knowledge of the issues surrounding land use and its close relationship to Hawaiian culture, and she has proven herself to be a trustworthy and effective leader.

She will be a superb member of the governor's cabinet. I strongly support her confirmation by your committee and the entire Senate.

Very respectfully,

Robert J. Fishman

My name is Livia Wang. I am the former Chief Counsel for the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, and a former staff attorney with the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation. I am submitting this testimony as an individual in support of Dawn Chang's confirmation as DLNR director.

I have known Ms. Chang for over 40 years in a personal and professional capacity. Therefore, I can assure you during these 40 years Ms. Chang has always worked in the interests of the Native Hawaiian and local communities, as well as in the interests of our state's lands and resources. She has the heart, expertise, and competency to successfully direct the DLNR.

There has been criticism of her as a consultant for private developers. However, please remember that her role in those instances was as a facilitator - ensuring that the Hawaiian/local communities were able to fully express their concerns, opposition, and/or suggestions about various projects. As a facilitator, she was not in a position to disapprove or advocate for or against any projects, despite what might have been her personal position. Instead, she effectively made sure developers heard what the community's opposition/concerns were.

As head of DLNR and chair of the BLNR, Ms. Chang is now in a position to be an advocate on behalf of Native Hawaiian communities, our state's lands and waters and the environment. She is a strong supporter of community based resource management, especially since the DLNR currently lacks the funding and manpower to oversee all of our lands and waters. Currently, she has strictly enforced laws to protect our shorelines from private seawalls and encroachments, as well as our coastal waters from destruction by wayward tourists and vessels.

For these reasons, I urge you to confirm Ms. Chang's appointment as DLNR director.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 9:32:01 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Steve Roy Kaiser | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha and I fully support Dawn Chang as chairperson. Certainly a breath of fresh air as I find her a person who listens and is open to new ideas and sharing her position in educating others. She is a consensus builder who takes the time to listen to all view points. And she takes the time to explain her position. And her background is open and not beholdng to any group which we could not say about the past chairperson. Hearing comments from those against her nomination lets be clear, the money and depth of the enviromental groups who are against her is large. And with much of the money coming from outside of hawaii is monstrous and should concern us all. And for the last four years the department has not been balanced nor has it been open to all ideas and possibilities. Many of the programs proposed and initiated have been one sided and in many cases have not even been supported by science of their own departments. Clearly what we need is a chairperson open to new ideas and not decided behind closed doors and intiated from the top. I have been impressed with Dawns ability to meet and discuss with those who have new ideas and questions. And her openness to explain her position and reasoning is clearly what we need in a leadership position as chairperson of DLNR. So I urge you to confirm her as chairperson

Steve Kaiser

Hawi Hawaii

GM-516

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| MELIA LANE-KAMAHELE | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair and members of the committee - Testifying in my personal capacity and as a member of this community, I support the nomination of DAWN CHANG as the Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). The position is challenging and not without controversy regarding the tough decisions that will be made and will impact our culture, community, and resources - and remember that none of us have made perfect decisions throughout our lives or careers. That said, I feel that she brings a wide range of experience to the job and will listen with an open mind, give consideration to all options, and make pono decisions. Mahalo to Dawn for her courage to step forward and lead, and for the opportunity to provide my mana'o.

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March 30, 2023

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

Re: GM 516

Dear Senators:

I write in favor of confirming Ms. Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the DLNR.

I am an attorney and have been practicing in Honolulu for over thirty years.

I have known Dawn both professionally and personally for over twenty years. Throughout that time, I have always been impressed by Dawn's honesty and integrity. As an attorney for the DLNR, she never took the easy way out of anything, always choosing to do right. She worked extremely hard – late into the night, through the weekends – to make sure the DLNR was properly represented. Dawn worked smart too – her experience, both as an attorney and in life, has given her skills that allow her to get to results quickly. Her dedication to the DLNR and the State of Hawaii could not be questioned.

I have also been very impressed with Dawn's ability as a conciliator. In her private practice, Dawn's ability to find common ground and bring opposing sides together to achieve common goals was apparent. Especially considering that the issues involved were cultural, religious, and deeply personal, the ability to successfully navigate those waters is uncommon.

In short, Dawn is the right person for this job. She brings cultural knowledge and sensitivity, combined with legal knowledge and experience and personal integrity. On top of that, she brings true dedication to the DLNR's mission. You could not ask for a more qualified person to head the DLNR.

That is why I am pleased and honored to write in favor of Dawn Chang. Please vote to confirm her nomination.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

/s/ David W. H. Chee

David W. H. Chee

TESTIMONY OF
KEITH A. REGAN
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023, 1:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 016
GM516

Honorable Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee on Water and Land, I am providing testimony in support of GM516, the confirmation of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. As a highly qualified candidate with years of experience in environmental and natural resources management, Ms. Chang's credentials and passion for preservation and sustainability make her the perfect candidate for this critical role.

Ms. Chang's resume highlights her extensive experience working in public and private sectors on issues related to real property law, native Hawaiian rights, water rights, and environmental law. Her work at Ku'iwalu and the State Land Use Commission, where she focused on cultural resource management and land use, reflect her deep commitment to her core principles and values of public service and cultural preservation.

In addition to her professional experience, Ms. Chang has also demonstrated a commitment to community service. She has served on numerous boards and committees focused on developing future community leaders and historic preservation. Ms. Chang's commitment to the future while also preserving the past is a trait that is incredibly valuable as the Chairperson since many of the issues facing the DLNR include finding a balance of preservation and growth.

If confirmed as the Chairperson, I am confident that Ms. Chang will bring her expertise, leadership, and commitment to environmental stewardship to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Her deep knowledge of the issues facing Hawaii's natural resources and her ability to develop and implement effective programs to address these challenges will be invaluable in this role.

For these reasons, I humbly ask you to please support the confirmation of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Regan
Honolulu, Hawaii

March 31, 2023

Aloha nui Madame Chair Inouye and esteemed members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Re: Testimony in support of the confirmation of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources

Aloha kākou,

My name is Lani Ma`a Lapilio and I am writing you to humbly ask for your support for Dawn Chang as the next Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I believe Ms. Chang has earned your support given her work experience as a deputy attorney general for the State of Hawai'i Land and Transportation Division, and in private practice, as one who has demonstrated her passion for the ancestors of the first people who settled these islands. Ms. Chang is willing to make difficult decisions knowing she may endure criticism which speaks to her courage, skills, and confidence.

I am also a native Hawaiian woman licensed to practice law in Hawai'i. I know intimately the challenges and difficulty in making decisions I believe is consistent with the laws by which we are governed, regardless that the decision is sure to invite the wrath of those who often times are native Hawaiians who are equally passionate and disagree with my position.

The fact that native Hawaiian issues and decisions may infuriate and anger people is not a new phenomenon. Native Hawaiians and others continue to experience the trauma of the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893. That native Hawaiians continue to occupy the lowest rung of the ladder on political, social, economic and justice issues are not new. I believe the passion expressed by native Hawaiians are a reflection of the way Hawaiians have been treated through history.

How the resentment and ire is received and handled is a different issue altogether. Ms. Chang has always been a professional in these matters. I note here for the record that the nominee and I have disagreed on issues; however, that disagreement has been professional and handled as professional native Hawaiian women. We are also former business partners and remain good friends to this day regardless that we may at times differ, on issues regarding the treatment of 'iwi kūpuna.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Governor's message 516. Mahalo for your favorable support of Dawn Chang for DLNR Chair.

Testimony of
CHRIS J. SADAYASU
to the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday, March 31, 2023
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of
GM 516
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN
CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.**

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

I support the appointment of Dawn Chang to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Ms. Chang has an extensive leadership background in both the public and private sectors and has collaborated with a number of government agencies. She served as a Commissioner with the State Land Use Commission and had a key role in the land use decision making process. In addition, Ms. Chang was a Deputy Attorney General with the Department of the Attorney General and served as the senior legal counsel with the Land/Transportation Division. She is also a fellow graduate of the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law.

I respectfully ask for Ms. Chang's confirmation as the Chairperson to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-516

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| Ross Wilson Jr. | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

While i'm a Native Hawaiian i'm not support Dawn for that reason.

I firmly believe that she's the right person for the job.

I've worked with Dawn Chang on a public process involving DLNR and the Land Board years ago on Hawaii Island. She was always open and transparent and willing to listen to all points of view. She was always respectful to all parties.

Dawn will bring a lot of sunlight to DLNR and I look forward to a new era.

Please join me in supporting Dawn's nomination and voting for her confirmation.

mahalo,

Ross Wilson Jr.

Kailua-Kona

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 9:11:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Dr. Chip Fletcher | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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

My name is Dr. Chip Fletcher, and I am testifying in my individual and personal capacity. I wholeheartedly support GM516 which nominates Dawn Chang to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Currently, I serve as the Interim Dean of the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology at the University of Hawai‘i and as the Director of the Climate Resilience Collaborative.

Dawn Chang is well-informed about issues related to and caused by climate change. Ms. Chang has repeatedly demonstrated her knowledge about how sea level rise will affect Hawai‘i’s iconic beaches and coastlines. Ms. Chang has also demonstrated her willingness to work dilligently and transparently with stakeholders from all sectors while steadfastly maintaining her fiduciary obligation to conserve and protect natural resources for present and future generations.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of Dawn Chang to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

GM-516

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Margaret Pulver | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

To the Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

I fully SUPPORT the nomination and confirmation of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson for DLNR.

Respectfully,

Margaret Pulver

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 9:24:51 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Megan Blazak | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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

I support the confirmation of Dawn Chang for DLNR Chair. Ms. Chang's impressive professional background, including her legal knowledge and experience as a Commissioner of the State Land Use Commission, make her a highly qualified candidate for this important leadership position. I urge you to confirm her for the position. Mahalo.

Megan Blazak, MBA

Hilo, HI

GM-516

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Richard S "Rick" Towill | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Senator Inouye and Senator members of the Committee on Land and Water,

My name is Rick Towill and am providing my testimony herewith, in support of the confirmation of Dawn Chang as nominated by Governor Josh Green to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resource.

Both Dawn and myself were born and raised in the rural country communities of Kane'ohe and Waihe'e on the Windward side of O'ahu; we were both blessed with loving, hardworking, and humble parents, and those values were an everyday part of our respective upbringing.

We are proud of Dawns scholastic persuites that culminated ultimately in the law degree that she earned. While beginning and raising our respective families, we served on the board of KEY Project (Kahalu'u Ecumenical Youth Project), for many years; each of us leading the board as chair over that time. Dawn earned my utmost of respect over those year as a caring and thoughtful, but decisive leader.

Dawns native Hawaiian heritage through the Ho'okano line, has made her a deep and caring descendant of all things Hawaiian, and she cares deeply abou that special heritage. Additionally, Dawns mastery of Law, has given her the ability to provide leadership within our State and Federal governments here in Hawai'i Nei.

Given this background, I humbly urge you to confirm Dawn as our next chairperson to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources! We are and will continue to be confronted with overuse, abuse and disrespect of or back country and watershed areas on land, as well as the same of our nearshore waters and ecosystems. In addition we will face the daunting challenges of sea level rise, and how best to adjust our shoreline lifestyles based upon the current science and data that projects the consequences.

This is clearly the most difficult leadership role in our Star Goernment, and no matter how one wades thru it all, not everyone will be left happy and satisfied; the good news is that Dawn is up for the challenge, and will be very successful in this role.

Please confirm Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources!

Respectfully submitted with much Aloha,

Richard S "Rick" Towill

Puananionaona Patria Thoene

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

Friday, March 31, 2023
1:00 pm
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

in **SUPPORT** of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE (GM) 516
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON,
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
DAWN CHANG

March 30, 2023

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

I submit this testimony in **SUPPORT** of GM 516, appointing Dawn Chang as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for a term to expire on December 31, 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 Dawn in my capacity as an attorney practicing before the State Land Use Commission (LUC) while she served as a member of the LUC. Dawn was very professional as an LUC commissioner. Her questions and comments for the parties indicated that she carefully reviewed the materials submitted and put great thought into her consideration of the matters before the LUC. This left an impression on me both as an attorney representing clients before a volunteer commission, but also as a member of the public who serves as a volunteer on the Council. Most volunteers for state and county boards and commissions hold full time jobs outside of their civic roles, so it is greatly appreciated when a member takes the time necessary to meaningfully review pleadings, exhibits, and testimony that the parties spend so much time preparing.

Another great quality that I observed in Dawn is her ability to analyze the evidence presented before her and to make decisions based on that evidence and the criteria for the permit or approval before the LUC, rather than solely based on personal passions or pressure from outside forces. Furthermore, Dawn has the temperament to effectively lead the DLNR. She is thoughtful in her deliberations and patient when listening and speaking with others. These are qualities that will be required in her role as Chairperson of both the DLNR and the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have also gotten to know Dawn outside of her role as an LUC member. Last year, she invited me to speak with her and several others on a panel about the *Ka Pa'akai* case and analysis. Our preparation sessions for the panel presentation gave me an opportunity to better acquaint myself with Dawn's perspective on the role that the *Ka Pa'akai* analysis should play in state land use decisionmaking. Although Dawn and I may disagree on certain points, our interactions were respectful. She is able to work gracefully with folks who hold very different viewpoints and find common ground.

Dawn's professional and community service experience is impressive. In addition to serving as an LUC commissioner, Dawn has extensive legal experience as a former deputy attorney general practicing in the areas of law that the DLNR deals with, such as environmental law, administrative law, native Hawaiian rights, and water law. Dawn also has private sector experience as the principal of her consulting firm which focused on cultural resource management, among other things. The expertise that Dawn has obtained over the years working for the State, in the private sector, and with community and environmental groups make her a well-rounded candidate for Chairperson of the DLNR. Dawn is willing to serve the State in this capacity and is certainly qualified to do so.

For these reasons, I support GM 516 and ask that this Committee please vote in favor of confirming Dawn Chang's appointment as Chairperson of the DLNR.

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

GM-516

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| Makai Freitas | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair In Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the Hawaii State Senate. I am writing today to express my endorsement of Dawn Chang for Director of the Dela of Land and Natural Resources. I feel she has the capacity to do great job in that position. She will definitely put the people of Hawai'i first. I humbly ask for your support.

Mahalo,

Makai Freitas

GM-516

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| Stanford H. Masui | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dawn Chang has a long history of rigging deals for Rail TOD and blocking historic and Hawaiian

cultural sites. This "nice lady" is really a very crafty and cunning backroom lobbyist and will

be in control of DLNR- Hawaii State Preservation to rig everything for developers. She is a sellout of Hawaiian cultural preservation. This nominee is inappropriate to lead this department, and any disclaimers that her past dealings will not influence her decisions should not be believed.

Thank you for voting "NO"/

From: [Richard Ha](#)
To: [Brad Knowlton](#)
Subject: Strong support for Dawn Chang of DLNR Chair
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:40:02 AM

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Aloha Sen Inouye

Dawn Chang is Governor Josh Green's nominee to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). She would be the first native Hawaiian woman in that position and would make us proud as chairperson of the DLNR.

I know her personally and have seen how she works with people. It didn't take long to realize that her values were the same as mine. Dawn is an honorable person with the best interests of the Hawaiian people at heart, and I support her appointment one hundred percent.

I would stake my reputation on her.

Dawn Chang is an expert on land issues and regulatory requirements. She's been Deputy Attorney General for the DLNR, served on the State Land Use Commission, and worked with the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center. She also ran Ku'iwalu, which helped communities, especially Native Hawaiian ones, ensure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations.

I asked her to tell me what she brings to the DLNR appointment and wanted to share with you what she told me.

Dawn Chang's family and work background

My mother's last name is Ho'okano, and we come from the ahupua'a of Kahalu'u on O'ahu. I have been grounded in Hawaiian cultural values. My mother's family were lawai'a, fishermen. We also had kuleana lands. We were embroiled in 25-year litigation on our kuleana lands to get access.

Professionally, I started as a community organizer with the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center. My passion was to work with the Hawaiian community for self-empowerment, but as a social worker doing community organizing in Waimanalo, I realized that there were systemic problems, whether they were housing, education, or health, that required a much broader intervention. More than social work.

I am so grateful for Chief Justice Richardson, who established UH's Richardson School of Law, because he had two missions, at least in my mind. The two missions were to provide access to affordable legal education, primarily to local residents, including native Hawaiians. Then the kuleana or responsibility was to provide access to legal services as a graduate.

She says it's a time for healing

The DLNR cannot steward 1.3 million acres by itself. We need to do that in partnership with

the community, but the community has not trusted government. In particular, native Hawaiians have felt disengaged from the public process. It's a time of healing with the community, especially the native Hawaiian community, whether it be about Mauna Kea, marine resources, or forestry lands.

What Dawn Chang wants for DLNR

I realized as deputy attorney general that many people would come before the Board of Land and Natural Resources or the Water Commission, and that's the first time they heard about a controversial project. I said, There's got to be a better way. It cannot be checking off the box and people just come to DLNR decision-making, because they're angry at that time.

So I dedicated my practice, a small consulting firm, not as a lawyer but as a consultant, to design and facilitate culturally sensitive proactive outreach plans. For example, when I did the comprehensive management plan on Mauna Kea, I met with 200 small group talk stories before we had any public meetings. I'm willing to do a lot more engagement to go out to the communities to meet with people. The community needs to feel a sense of partnership with us in the management of these public lands.

I also want to see greater coordination internally within DLNR. It's our obligation to be much more coordinated and much more transparent, and engaging with the community. We're going to work very hard to reestablish trust.

I'd also like us to spend a lot more time on education rather than just regulations and enforcement. These are sort of long-term goals, but they are some of the major initiatives I'd like us to move into.

Opposition to her nomination

I think people don't understand the roles I've played. I have taken on extremely contentious issues. My role was to design a process that first educated the client – a private client, a private developer or government agency – about the need to do more than check off the box and have a public meeting when you have an environmental assessment. It's a need to go out into the community and really talk to people, to understand their connection to this land and why they are so angry.

I really tried to create a sensitivity because, I said, somebody is going to do these meetings. And isn't it better that we have someone who comes with some cultural sensitivity and creates a safe space for a community that has been historically disenfranchised from the public process?

I think Mauna Kea and the kia 'i movement have demonstrated that many in the community, particularly the Hawaiian community and younger generations, have somewhat drawn a line in the sand and said, Enough, we're not going to take it anymore. Is that constructive? It has brought a lot of issues up to the front, but in the long run, we really need to do a better job of communicating and engaging the community in meaningful ways.

So that's what I'm hoping to bring to my term, assuming I get past confirmation. There are people who oppose my confirmation, mostly, I believe, because they don't understand the role I've played. I also understand, because it comes with the territory, that the higher the risk, the

more criticism. I'm willing to do it because I think the time is right for these kinds of skillsets to work with our community towards healing.

I couldn't have more confidence in Dawn Chang and hope you will take this into consideration.

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GM-516

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Doreen Canto | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support the nomination of Dawn Chang as the Chairperson.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:27:54 AM

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| John Sabas | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support the nomination of Dawn Chang to the position of DLNR Chair because she is honest, open minded, caring, works hard and fair. Mahalo. John sabas

GM-516

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| Deborah Ward | Individual | Oppose | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

Questions for Dawn Chang

1. “Property rights” of ceded land beneficiaries (Mauna Kea) (cite Supreme Court)

A native Hawaiian practitioner whose great grandparents resided on the slope of Mauna Kea, and who today uses traditional ceremony and ritual practices for healing in the Conservation District of Mauna Kea recently requested a Contested Case Hearing regarding the Supplement to the Comprehensive Management Plan, based on her property interest in the ceded land held in trust by the State of Hawaii for native Hawaiian beneficiaries. DLNR staff submittal stated that...

““To have a property interest in a benefit, a person clearly must have more than an abstract need or desire for it. He must have more than a unilateral expectation of it. He must, instead, have a legitimate claim of entitlement to it.”³ In this instance, the Petitioner cannot show a property interest in the 2022 Supplement or that the 2022 Supplement will affect any property in which the Petitioner has an interest.

The staff submittal also states that the “owner” of the land in question is the State of Hawaii.

QUESTION: What is your position regarding the rights and property interest of native Hawaiians on Crown and Government lands held in trust, and the fiduciary duties of the DLNR toward the beneficiaries? How will you assure that these rights are addressed and protected? What about DLNR’s approach should be improved?

Do you believe that the State of Hawaii “owns” the land in question, or does it have a trust relationship. How would you approach the fiduciary responsibilities as a trustee?

1. Rights of Hawaiian traditional and customary practitioners (application of Ka Pa`akai ruling)

The Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) Supplement does not address the concerns you raised in the review of the 2009 CMP review, regarding consultation with native Hawaiians. In

fact, the Supplement treats all visitors to the UH Managed Lands the same, without regard to the traditional and customary practices of native Hawaiian practitioners.

QUESTION: Would you support the development of a subplan for Mauna Kea, or the development of a management document for all the stolen lands to address the constitutional rights of native Hawaiians?

1. Enforcement and fines for violations

Peaceful protectors including local residents and kupuna with ancestral ties to land were arrested for holding a vigil in front of a road already closed by order of the governor. Their cases were dismissed after months of litigation and tremendous cost to both the state and the arrestees.

QUESTION: How do you view the rights of native Hawaiian protectors making peaceful statements regarding the lands being held in trust for their benefit? How would you recommend that DLNR handle such a case in the future?

1. Freedom of spiritual practice

Native Hawaiian practitioners constructed `ahu on Mauna Kea Lands traditional used and recognized as a heritage site and TCP. The `ahu were removed by UH personnel. They sought no advice from burial council, sought no permit to deconstruct, and made no record of the location.

QUESTION: Do you believe that a native Hawaiian spiritual practitioner should be required to have a permit to build a `ahu on lands held in trust, as set out in the Mauna Kea comprehensive management plan you wrote?

1. Climate change management

The immediate and impending effects of climate change are reflected in increased storm surges, king tides that flow into previously higher ground, and sea level rise affecting infrastructure and facilities along the shoreline. The fluctuations of temperature and rainfall are leading to intense droughts, heavy flooding, and generally warmer temperatures. These changes are affecting near-shore coastal waters and the organisms that live there, as well as birds, insects, and plants unique to Hawaii that are under challenge of extinction.

QUESTION: What steps should DLNR be taking to address the lands held in trust to mitigate these challenges?

1. Marine reserves and community -based management

QUESTION: Do you support community-based management of marine reserves? How should DLNR better protect the near-shore coastal fauna and coral reefs to address the rights of native Hawaiian gatherers?

1. 65 year leases along shoreline (Waiakea peninsula)

A former hotel now managed as decrepit accommodations for houseless residents has been proposed for a 65-year lease and renovation. The bottom floor, now used as a meeting area, has been inundated with wave wash repeatedly, and the building is within several feet of the shoreline. The county SMA rules would not permit new development this close to the shoreline.

QUESTION: Do you believe that a 65 year lease makes sense in the Waiakea peninsula, given sea level rise and storm surge predictions?

1. Aquarium collecting vs Hawaiian cultural gathering (West Hawaii)

Commercial aquarium collecting takes close to a million fish a year from our near shore reefs for sale to a worldwide trade. Despite marine reserves, the populations of coastal fish for subsistence gathering have declined, to the detriment of local residents and native practitioners.

The cruel treatment of captive fish, and the high mortality of these animals is not addressed.

QUESTION: Now that West Hawaii EIS has been approved, but is subject to court challenge, would you support allowing permits for aquarium collecting to be issued by DLNR?

1. Transfer of DLNR managed land to DOA for ranching (Kapapala)

There is demand from the cattle ranching interests to transfer DLNR managed lands to the Department of Agriculture. These lands can be comprised of native forest and provide watershed services, keeping a diverse overstory of vegetation more resilient to effects of climate change. Conversion of forest lands to grassland would not provide the same ability of the land to absorb and hold rainwater, particularly when grassland is subject to invasion by invasive insects such as the two-spotted leaf hopper currently decimating grasslands on the Big Island.

QUESTION: How would you propose that DLNR evaluate these requests for transfer from DLNR management to DOA management? Would you require that public hearings be held on the island of proposed transfer?

10) Respect for `iwi and Hawaiian culture

Dawn Chang advised Kawaiaha‘o Church that its proposal to construct a multi-purpose center did not require an archeological inventory survey, which the law clearly required. Ms. Chang’s advice was to ignore the legal requirement to avoid increasing the project cost. Her advice resulted in lengthy litigation and the illegal disturbing of hundreds of burials.

QUESTION: How would you address the issue of `iwi protection and respect if you were chair of DLNR?

DLNR is currently plagued by weak leadership, with multiple conflicts between offices and divisions, many due to conflicting mandates. The chronic understaffing and underfunding leads to ineffectiveness and institutional frustration. The loss of institutional knowledge has led to a serious degradation of our cultural heritage.

QUESTION: What changes would you make to address DLNR’s current situation?

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| Michael Golojuch Jr | Individual | Comments | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Makakilo

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| Lanny Sinkin | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Testimony regarding Senate GM 516

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March 30, 2023

To: Members of Hawai'i Senate

Re: Appointment of Dawn Chang

I am writing to urge you not to confirm Dawn Chang to be Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). I know that you will be hearing deep concerns about that appointment from many people, who consider this nomination to be a threat to protection of the natural environment and to the rights of those engaged in practicing the traditional Hawaiian faith.

The context for those concerns is the kuleana of the BLNR. While I am sure that you are aware of that responsibility, a reminder is in order given the importance of the appointment being considered.

"The Department of Land and Natural Resources, headed by an executive Board of Land and Natural Resources, is responsible for managing, administering, and exercising control over public lands, water resources, ocean waters, navigable streams, coastal areas (except commercial harbors), minerals, and all interests therein. The department's jurisdiction encompasses nearly 1.3 million acres of State lands, beaches, and coastal waters as well as 750 miles of coastline (the fourth longest in the country). It includes state parks; historical sites; forests and forest reserves; aquatic life and its sanctuaries; public fishing areas; boating, ocean recreation, and coastal programs; wildlife and its sanctuaries; game management areas; public hunting areas; and natural area reserves."

Given this tremendous responsibility, the selection of a Chair should be guided by the highest principles. There is ample evidence that the selection of Ms. Chang does not demonstrate an adherence to that fundamental requirement.

The candidate should have demonstrated unquestionable integrity, a profound understanding of Hawaiian history and, a deep respect for the traditional Hawaiian civilization.

Recently, the a majority of the BLNR denied a request for a contested case involving the Comprehensive Management Plan for Mauna Kea. In doing so, they accepted the staff's position that Native Hawaiians have no property interest in the lands in question. While Ms. Chang recused herself from the Board's discussion of the contested case request, she should be asked at this point whether she agrees with the Board's embracing this profound misunderstanding of the law and history. If so, that position would be sufficient in and or itself to disqualify her from being confirmed as Chair.

While Ms. Chang's work has been involved in a wide range of relevant areas, an examination of her record in those involvements discloses a bias that disqualifies her from holding the BLNR position. Ms. Chang's career is repeatedly characterized by decisions that ignore the mandates of history in order to facilitate the colonial mindset of facilitating economic exploitation, rather than acting as a protector of Hawai'i's future. Her long list of corporate clients is the visible manifestation of her true professional commitments. Her business belongs in the company of businesses that prepare environmental assessments and environmental impact statements which give developers the cover of a document that says what the developer needs to justify the project at issue.

There are other questions about the fitness of Ms. Chang. Some of her actions appear to be unethical, such as advising clients on how to avoid taking legally required actions. For example, she advised Kawaiaha'o Church that its proposal to construct a multi-purpose center did not require an archeological inventory survey, which the law

clearly required. Ms. Chang's advice was to ignore the legal requirement to avoid increasing the project cost.

Her advice resulted in lengthy litigation and the illegal disturbing of hundreds of burials.

One of the major issues BLNR must address is the future of Mauna Kea. On that issue, Ms. Chang was responsible for preparing a woefully inadequate comprehensive master plan. Her plan was missing provisions for natural and cultural management, decommissioning, and public access.

BLNR determined that the plan was deficient. The delay in approving the missing critical pieces of the plan led to delays in the CDUA for the TMT construction.

The BLNR had to step in to require compliance with the law lacking in Ms. Chang's plan.

The current status of the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope is a standoff. The politics of that issue are intractable. Either the telescope will be built or it will not. There really is no middle ground. The new Authority cannot change that reality.

Addressing the issue of the Mauna will require great sensitivity on the part of BLNR leadership and a Chair that is trusted by the community, particularly the Hawaiian community. Ms. Chang's record will preclude that needed trust, as her corporate bias is transparent.

There is also the potential for significant damage to the community, if there is an attempt to forcibly remove those who gather to prevent any attempt at construction. Bringing in law enforcement personnel from other islands will only make the political situation worse.

There is a heightened need for a Chair that is not tainted by prior demonstrable bias. Ms. Chang is not the right person to be confirmed as Chair.

Aloha

March 31, 2023

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** for 516 GM Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

My name is Dolan Eversole, I am a faculty member of the University of Hawaii Sea Grant Program but I am testifying today as an private individual IN SUPPORT of Dawn Chang's nomination as the Chairperson of the DLNR.

Ms. Chang's experience, professionalism and demure are well-suited to serve as the Chairperson of the DLNR. I had previously served as an technical, science and policy advisor to the DLNR from 2003 to 2010 under 3 different Chairs of the DLNR. I feel I have a qualified understanding for the position and the skills and experience needed to successfully conduct this role.

Ms. Chang is an expert on land issues and regulatory requirements. She served 14-years as Deputy Attorney General with the Hawai'i Office of the Attorney General-Land/Transportation Division and counsel to various State Boards and Commissions such as the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resources Management, Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Na Ala Hele Trails and Access system, Natural Area Reserves program, and Island Burial Councils. During her tenure with the Attorney General's Office, she litigated cases that were heard in state and federal courts. In 2016, Ms. Chang was appointed and confirmed to the State Land Use Commission and served until 2022. She is a former social worker with Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center where she was a community organizer in Waimanalo and counseled orphaned and disenfranchised Native Hawaiian children and families. She received her law degree from the Richardson School of Law, a MA in Social Work from the University of Hawai'i, and a BA in sociology from the University of Hawai'i. Ms. Chang is a member of the Hawai'i State Bar Association and Native Hawaiian Bar Association. She has served on the boards of the Kualoa-He'eia Ecumenical Youth, Historic Hawai'i Foundation, Girl Scouts of Hawaii, Camp Mokule'ia with the Episcopal Church, William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association, Waimanalo Teen Project, Hawai'i Youth Opera Chorus, Ho'okano Family Land Trust, Planned Parenthood, and Pacific Islands Land Institute.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.

Respectfully,
Dolan Eversole

GM-516

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| Bobbie Patnode | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support Dawn Chang.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
TESTIMONY OF KANANI KEALALIO
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 516
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
DAWN N.S. CHANG, CHAIRPERSON
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Friday, March 31, 2023
State Capitol, Room 016

Dear Senator Inouye, Senator Elefante and Members of the Committee:

I testify in **strong support** of the nomination of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department).

I have known and worked with Dawn at Ku'iwalu Consulting for the past 20 years. I believe that her educational and professional qualifications speak for itself, and she is no doubt qualified to lead the Department.

Allow me to talk about Dawn, the individual who is willing to take the reins of such a large, and many times controversial Department. She will mention time and again of being a process person. This process consists of many hours of comprehensive and thoughtful research for each project that she agrees to participate in. While some would see her as just another paid consultant on a project, those familiar with Dawn know that she does not advocate for a project, *she advocates for a process* that includes genuine community engagement, with emphasis on engaging with the Native Hawaiian community. Dawn's style of engagement is to encourage open and candid dialogue in a comfortable and safe setting, and it always includes seeking the input from stakeholders, especially the mana'o from kupuna of the project area.

Dawn's honesty and integrity are beyond reproach, and in my humble view, there is no better time than now to have someone with her skillset guide the Department and its extremely skilled employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support in favor of Dawn Chang.

Respectfully submitted,



Kanani Kealalio

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 11:27:37 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Bill Stormont | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and member of the Senate Committee on Water and Land. I write today in strong support of the appointment of Ms. Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I support her appointment confident she will bring an extraordinary combination of knowledge, skills, and experience to the Department, and the unique and remarkable natural and cultural resources under its charge. Her legal background, including significant tenure as a Deputy Attorney General in the Land/Transportation Division, as well as her work as a consultant on a wide array of cultural and natural resource projects and issues, provides her with an unparalleled vision for the role. This experience, combined with a confident, calm, professional, personable, and respectful approach with people on any side of any particular issue will serve the position extremely well.

Mahalo nui.

Date: March 30, 2023

To: Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair, Committee of Water and Land
Members of the Committee of Water and Land

From: Tavia Oshiro

Re: Hearing on Governor's Message No. 516 (GM516)
Friday, March 31, 2023

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Dear Senator Lorraine Inouye and Members of the Committee of Water and Land:

Aloha, my name is Tavia Oshiro, and I am submitting my written testimony in **strong support** of Dawn Chang for the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As a Native Hawaiian and a parent raising children in Hawaii, I understand and acknowledge the extreme importance of the DLNR and the tremendous responsibility the DLNR has in protecting our Hawaii. Dawn Chang is my aunty so I am offering testimony on a very personal level to help other Native Hawaiians and community members understand who she is and what motivates her.

My aunty has always been a person that you can count on to be there when you need her, to listen fairly and provide you with sound guidance, and to always be the calm and confident presence no matter how difficult a situation may be. She has always been entrusted with difficult jobs because she will calmly, fairly, and expeditiously gather all the information she can to best understand a situation and make the best decision or provide the best guidance possible and in a transparent manner. Her motivations are selfless and pure. I am confident that she will be an effective leader and diligently work towards protecting Hawaii and its people and supporting all who work to further the DLNR's mission.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to provide my testimony. I respectfully ask for your consideration of my testimony and sincerely hope that you will support the nomination of Dawn Chang.

Tavia Oshiro

Testimony of MICAH DOANE
Aha Moku Representative
Lineal Descendant of Mākua

Before the COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday, March 31, 2023, 1:00pm – State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of

GM 516, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

POSITION: SUPPORT

I would like to submit this testimony of support for Governor’s nominee Dawn Chang for the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

As an Aha Moku Representative, I have had the pleasure to work with Ms. Chang on multiple occasions before and after her nomination for Chairperson. Through my experiences working with her on culturally sensitive issues, Ms. Chang has been always presently engaged in community conversations, putting the preservation of the environment and native Hawaiian culture and values as a priority. Her years of professional experience makes her an excellent candidate for the position she has been nominated for. She is able facilitate conversations at both departmental and community levels, listening to the voice and concerns of the people and integerating this to create positive change at a higher level. Ms. Chang demonstrates the qualifications that have been desparately needed to lead DLNR.

I faithfully believe that Ms. Chang will be an asset to DLNR and support her as the Governor’s nominee for Chairperson.

Mālama pono,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Micah Doane", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Micah Doane
Aha Moku Representative
Lineal Descendant of Mākua

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 12:15:19 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Frances Lum | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support the nomination of Dawn Chang for DLNR chair. She is a principal individual.

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

**Monday, March 31, 2023
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

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

I am writing to support the confirmation of Dawn Chang as Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. As program support for the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC), I have had the pleasure of meeting with Ms. Chang on several occasions to discuss invasive species issues and priorities over the last few months. The Hawai'i Revised Statute 194 which establishes the Council designates the current chairs of the Departments of Agriculture and Land and Natural Resources to co-chair the Council. The Chairs of the Council play an important role in providing leadership on statewide policy direction, coordination, and planning for the prevention and management of harmful invasive species in Hawai'i.

Ms. Chang has an extensive background working on natural and cultural resource issues for Hawaii, many of which are contentious and complex. Her background facilitating such discussions make her the perfect candidate to Chair the DLNR and she facilitated discussions that led to the creation of the 2017-2027 Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan. She understands the resources and communities that are impacted by the decisions and the work carried out by DLNR.

In our recent meetings discussing the Council, Ms. Chang has shown a willingness to learn and work toward productive solutions to address Hawaii's most pressing invasive species issues with the current nominee for Chair of HDOA and HISC co-chair, Sharon Hurd. I see both nominees as great leaders for our Council. Invasive species issues are complex and can sometimes be overwhelming, but Ms. Chang has a history of problem-solving for challenging issues. I am confident that Ms. Chang can meet the challenges of this position and as co-Chair of the HISC.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide my support for Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo,

Chelsea Arnott
Program Support
Hawai'i Invasive Species Council

Testimony of
Charleen M. Aina

Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Friday, March 31, 2023, 1:00 p.m., CR 016 & Videoconference

In consideration of **GM 516**
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director, Department of Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 12-31-2026

TO: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Dawn Chang's nomination and appointment to serve as the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources. As a colleague and friend, I believe she is exceedingly qualified to direct the Department's work for the next four years.

Much has already been said about Dawn and her nomination. I'm sure you know that after graduating from the Richardson School of Law in 1985 and serving as a law clerk in the State's Intermediate Court of Appeals for two years, she advised and represented the Chairperson and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and DLNR's staff, as a deputy attorney general for fourteen years. It's likely you also know that as a consultant and principal of Ku`iwalu for the last 20+ years, she gathered information, conducted and facilitated public meetings, prepared written reports, and advised private clients, as well as federal, state and county agencies about matters related to the use of public and privately owned lands in Hawaii, and that she recently completed almost two full terms as a member of the State's Land Use Commission. In a nutshell, she has worked on matters related to Hawaii's lands and natural resources for more than 30 years, and I believe it's fair to say she knows and understands what the BLNR and DLNR are required and expected to do.

What you may not know, however, is that before she went to law school and became a lawyer, she was trained and worked as social worker, and knows how to empower people to value what they do, and to do it well. For as long as I've known her, she also has gathered and based her decisions on information, and most importantly made a conscious effort to create space at the proverbial table or microphone at a public forum, and in her office to allow others to share information and their points of view with her. She has done this because she believes involving others in the process strengthens the community and, in turn, the work government is responsible to do for the community.

Dawn Chang asked to serve as DLNR's leader because she believes in our community, and wants to work with its staff and the community to do the best for the community. I believe she can and will do this if her appointment is confirmed. Thank you.

GM-516

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Shenell Caldeira | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha and mahalo for this opportunity.

I am opposing Gov. Josh Green's nomination of Dawn Chang for DLNR Chair.

Actions speak louder than words. Her actions are not pono.

I find it an extremely poor choice as I learn more about her past and her leadership to be very extractive of our land and natural resources as well as breaking the **Hawai'i State Constitution** (managing natural and cultural resources for Hawaiians to have for generations to come) as well as not in line with our state motto **Ua Mau ke Ea o ka Aina i ka Pono (the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness)**. She is a developer through and through that has neglected cultural and indigenous rights, burial sites, archaeological surveys, environmental impact and more.

Mahalo for your time,
Shenell Caldeira
96740

GM-516

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| John S. Pritchett | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Oppose

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 4:13:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Maki Morinoue | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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I am opposing Gov. Josh Green's nomination of Dawn Chang for DLNR Chair.

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I find the application process non transparent. We as residents are unable to advocate for better leadership. I find this the same with commissions for each County. One might suspect an echo of colonial residue left behind from the overthrow to make land use overwhelming and riddled with developers, urban planners, real estate agents and people that lack the right mindset and heart as that is who we see being nominated time and time again. This nominee echoes the patter of destructive decision making.

[Dr. Greg Asner](#) applied for a position last year for DLNR. This is the type of leadership this island needs immediately, today, in order to address climate change, coral collapse and food supply chain collapse prevention. What we do on land impacts the very foundation of life in the ocean which gives us 50% OF OUR OXYGEN via the smallest creatures, planktons. Coral is the building block of our food chain that sustains ALL life. The herbivore fish protects and cleans the coral via symbiosis. While we overdeveloped, over graze and create fire on land. Dr. Asner has scientific knowledge for both land and sea. Furthermore he places culture before science in order to bring a more indigenously progressive future that benefits us ALL.

I would love to hear Gov. Josh Green's team approach Dr. Asner to see if he is willing to reapply for this particular position. To actively seek the right leadership when we live in a state with great education in Hawaiian studies, archeology, marine biology, ecology, agriculture, environmental politics and more. We have no excuse at finding the right leadership.

I am a 4th generation kama'aina and have directly observed and impacted by this state's negligence for the land and its people by choosing leaders with backgrounds far from regenerative.

Mahalo for your time,

Maki Morinoue
96725

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Lynda Williams | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose the nomination of Dawn Chang to head DLNR and BLNR. I encountered Ms. Chang when her company represented the Department of Defense project to try to build the Missile Defense Agency's Homeland Defense Radar in Hawaii. She is very patronizing and has openly said that as long as people feel heard then agencies can go ahead and do whatever kind of development they want to. My experience of Ms Chang was that is patronizing and condescending and can not be trusted. She is pro development & promilitary and I do not think she holds the public interest as her priority. At this crucial time, when we are faced with environmental crises, we need a pro environment not pro development leader at DLNR. The governor needs to nominate a true steward of the Aina.
please reject her nomination.

thanks.

GM-516

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Janet Ashman | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support Dawn Chang's confirmation to Chair the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

GM-516

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| Mary True | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I do not think Dawn Chang will work in the public's best interests.

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| Karen Luke | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

TO: Honorable Lorraine Inouye and Members of the Committee

FM: Karen Luke, Ewa Beach Resident

Please oppose Dawn Chang's nomination because her past speaks for itself. Every day we are reminded of her work in Kakaako and the little she did to support the Kamehamehas Schools to provide for the education of our children.

Rather than a consultant with ties to big business, I would rather see a working person such as Alexander Gaos, a biologist-ecologist, vetted for a job with DLNR.

Mahalo for your consideration to oppose Dawn Chang's nomination.

Karen Luke

GM-516

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| Bryan Yee | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Dawn Chang for Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have appeared in front of her many times at the Land Use Commission and have found her to be both a respectful and powerful voice for the community. She has consistently advocated for the need to have robust community input into projects before decisions are made, and ensured that developers consider the larger impacts of their projects on the State as a whole, not just the impacts on their bottom line.

We did not agree on everything. But I believe the measure of an individual is taken not by the degree to which you agree on issues, but rather on the manner in which you disagree about them. Dawn Chang reads the materials carefully, educates herself on the facts tirelessly, listens to all sides with an open heart, asks probing questions courteously, and then fearlessly makes her decisions based on what she believes to be pono. Even when we have disagreed, I have found her decisions to be reasonable, supported by the facts, and respectfully made.

I understand that some object to her confirmation because they disagree with some of her consulting work. But as Teddy Roosevelt said: The only person who never makes a mistake is the person who never does anything. Given her lifetime of advocacy for the communities of Hawaii, please confirm her appointment.

I strongly support her nomination.

Chairperson Inouye and members of the Committee on Water and Land, my name is Rodney Keawe Kaulupali. I am a native Hawaiian on the list for Hawaiian Home Lands, retired after working for over 20 years in the telecom industry and also worked for 20 years as a professional engineer. I am in support of the nomination of Chairperson Dawn Chang as the permanent Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

During my work in the telecom industry, I had the fortunate opportunity to work with Chairman Chang and her consulting company Ku'iwalu. Ku'iwalu assisted the company I worked for with establishing a working relationship with the island Burial Councils to address their concerns with the construction of a statewide fiberoptic network. Ku'iwalu was knowledgeable in the regulations regarding inadvertent discoveries during construction and they assisted with developing memorandums of agreement with each island's Burial Council. Ku'iwalu also provided key support with community outreach among the native Hawaiian communities.

I believe that Chairman Chang's 21 yrs. as principal of Ku'iwalu is beneficial to her job as DLNR's chairperson because of the myriad of cases that will come under the department's purview. The department's job is to assure that private and public entities adhere to State regulations that protect the environment and the 'aina. Together with her 6 yrs. as a State Land Use Commissioner and 14 yrs. as a Deputy Attorney, Chairperson Chang is well qualified for the permanent position as Chairperson for DLNR.

Please approve Chairperson Chang for the permanent position as Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo,

Rodney Keawe Kaulupali

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 2:39:20 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Bronze Fonoimoana | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose Dawn Chang as chair for DLNR!!!!!!!!!!

GM-516

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| Tom Coffman | Individual | Oppose | In Person |

Comments:

Madame Chair and committee members, our nature home is in a multicrisis of warming, rising seas, species endangerment, and the incessant pressure of development. The miconia is growing, ohia is dying, we rebuild the fishponds and they fill with mud, and In our short lifetimes, beaches disappear before our eyes. From an environmental viewpoint, nominee Dawn Chang, good person that she is, is a mismatch because of her numerous and long-standing business relationships with developers. Although I accept her theme of conciliation and empowerment as genuine, this great challenge is not about gender, ethnicity or the legislature’s relationship with the new Governor. We need a proactive leader, teacher and champion, and for this reason alone, I am testifying for a “no” vote.

Chris Yuen
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chrisyuenz@hotmail.com
March 30, 2023

RE: GM516: SUPPORT FOR DAWN CHANG AS DLNR CHAIR

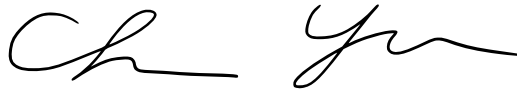
Sen. Loraine Inouye, Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

I'm writing to support the nomination of Dawn Chang to be chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I first met Dawn when I was a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources from 1990-1998. She was a bright light among the attorneys assigned to the DLNR. I especially remember work that she did establishing public shoreline access in the Hamakua district of the Big Island with her work on historic trails.

More recently, she worked with the Turtle Bay Resort on the sale of land to the State and the down-sizing of the resort. This initiative enjoyed broad public support and was eventually approved by the BLNR and the State.

The job of DLNR chair is extraordinarily broad and complex. There are a host of difficult and controversial issues. It's crucial that the DLR chair be a balanced person with the ability to listen to various sides. Dawn will bring this ability to the job, as she has already shown in the past few months.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Yuen", written in a cursive style.

Chris Yuen

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 1:47:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Sherrie Sato | Individual | Comments | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I emphatically support Dawn Chang's nomination as Director of DLNR. Her life's work has focused on the relationship between citizens and this paradise of a state. With years of experience from Kaho'olawe, to her 14 years as a Deputy Attorney General, to the multi-varied land use boards and Hawaiian associations she has served with, there is no one more qualified and deserving of this position than Ms. Chang.

Sincerely, Sherrie Sato

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| penny levin | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this nomination for two key reasons. DLNR is responsible for protection our most fragile ecosystems and our surrounding waters. Ms. Chang has a decades' long track record of being a developer's facilitator (one that many of us have experienced); of "gathering input" but dismissing rather than honoring or putting the needs of aina, Native Hawaiians, or local communities, first; not even close to doing what is pono. Her conflicts of interest will be too many to be an effective chair and will cost DLNR dearly in the number of challenges to her decisions for it (and cost us tax dollars and time to deal with). Recusal from issues that come before the BLNR will not mean she will be giving up decision making to the appointed representative in her place and it is a disingenuous response. We all know better than that.

DLNR deserves a chair with good knowledge and understanding of the many facets of responsibility and work of the agency. The kuleana of the agency demands a level of pono and aloha at the deepest roots of their meaning.

Ms Chang lacks an understanding of what it takes to control invasive species, protect the rarest of the rare and Hawaii's unique ecosystems, protect and restore our watersheds, kuleana rights, and reefs. She has not engaged in protecting the places our communities love for our communities, or sacred sites, or iwi kupuna, nor in preventing them from being overrun or disrespected by visitors, destroyed by developers. Her track record suggests she would bypass those protections given the opportunity. What does she know about the rules and laws that govern the agency and that she must abide by? About finding critically needed funding beyond the state to support the needs and work of the agency? The biggest question of all is, why would we appoint someone that agency staff will have to spend not only an immense amount of time educating, but also running check on so she doesn't violate the rules and laws of her own agency, when they already have full plates? This is not a wise or thoughtful use of staff time, energy, or morale.

I urge you to vote in OPPOSITION to this nomination. Mahalo.

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Debbie Hecht | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha and mahalo for this opportunity.

I am opposing Gov. Josh Green's nomination of Dawn Chang for DLNR Chair. Her actions have not been respectful of natural and cultural resources. She is a developer;s representative. There must be a better choice that is more in line of caring for public lands on behalf of all of the citizens of Hawaii.

Mahalo!
Deborah Hecht

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Chair Lorraine Inouye
Vice Chair Brandon Elefante



Senate Committee on Water & Land

Friday, March 31, 2023
1:00PM

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO GM516 SUBMITTING FOR
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON,
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, DAWN CHANG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2026**

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

My name is Jun Shin. I am a recent graduate of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and a member of the Hawai‘i State Youth Commission, testifying as an individual in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to **GM516**, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dawn Chang, for a Term to Expire 12-31-2026.

In 2015, Governor Josh Green said this about the failed nomination of development lobbyist Carleton Ching to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources while as a member of the Hawai‘i State Senate, “We need a Director of DLNR who has a proven record of fighting to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources, not a career lobbyist for the development industry who has a record of calling for the elimination of cultural and environmental protections”¹. In full agreement with the Governor, I must respectfully oppose his nomination for the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

While I have a lot of respect for Ms. Chang’s background as a social worker, for the past decade Ms. Chang and her firm Ku’iwalu has been working on behalf of the interests of clients that include the United States Department of Defense, General Growth Properties, Howard Hughes, NextEra, the Kobayashi-McNaughton Group, Dow Agrosiences, Turtle Bay Resorts, Outrigger and Cades Schutte (of Ke‘eaumoku Street Wal-Mart infamy). **The nominee has spent the last decade, not on the side of working people and/or those fighting to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources, but actively working on the side of overdevelopment, military, real-estate, corporate, and agrochemical interests, attempting to diffuse oppositional views.** Interests that have at different points fought or sought to evade our labor, environmental, and cultural laws and regulations.

Those relationships will carry on when the nominee becomes not only the chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources, but also chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) which makes decisions on a wide range of issues including land uses (like

¹ <https://www.civilbeat.org/2015/02/sen-green-calls-on-ige-to-withdraw-nomination-of-carleton-ching/>

the Army leases which end in 2029) and Conservation District Use Permits (which projects, like the one the Thirty-Meter Telescope, need to obtain in order to build on conservation lands). The Director of DLNR is also the chair of the Commission on Water Resources Management (CWRM). CWRM works on important issues like groundwater contamination at Red Hill and setting standards for keeping enough water in our streams to support healthy ecosystems including native aquatic life and cultural practices like kalo farming. Will the nominee be willing to stand for our water and against real estate, development, and military interests, even if it involves previous clients?The DLNR Director also serves as the chief historic preservation officer who is in charge of, amongst other things, the protection of iwi kūpuna. This is particularly concerning given Ms. Chang's past contracts with developers who have desecrated burials at places like Kawaiaha'o Church and the Ke'eaumoku Wal-Mart.

It is true that Ms. Chang states that she will disclose any potential conflicts and will even appoint someone other than herself to the newly formed Mauna Kea Stewardship Oversight Authority². **Where will the opportunities for public oversight be when she chooses a delegate? With a substantial client list of some of Hawai'i's most controversial projects, we can expect lots of disclosures, delegations and recusals.** How will any work get done? The DLNR is in serious need of principled leadership that is dedicated to the public trust and willing to get to work in order to address existing conflicts as well as the issues of underfunding and understaffing that is plaguing the department.

I ask that your committee recommends that the Senate **NOT CONSENT** to the nomination of Ms. Dawn Chang to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Jun Shin,
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Email: junshinbusiness729@gmail.com

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Emma Yuen | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

While I am a DLNR employee, this is my personal testimony. I am so excited about the leadership team nominated for our Department. Dawn is incredibly hardworking, knowledgeable, and capable. She has so much aloha for Hawaii's nature and culture. She has a unique gift as a communicator and I have frequently heard her described as "masterful" - which she truly is. Please confirm her. Mahalo.

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Nadine Ando | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I write to submit testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Dawn Chang to the position of Chairperson for the Department of Land & Natural Resources. In my dealings and interactions with her since her appointment to the position, she has demonstrated commitment and strong leadership skills to apply her extensive background to lead DLNR over the next 4 years.

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| clairee | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

This person has no business being in the position of land and water management as there has been a gross mismanagement of kanaka land and land resources in the past. NO.

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| John Culliney | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dawn Chang's background as a consultant to land developers in Hawai`i is not appropriate for leading the State Department of Land and Natural Resources. She has little or no understanding and no experience needed for managing the *natural* resources of Hawai`i. This is especially true regarding the remaining unique biodiversity in these islands that is such a valuable part of our state's natural heritage and a point of pride in the world at large.

Respectfully submitted,

John Culliney

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| K. Piltz | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Chair Inouye and Committee Members:

I am testifying in strong support of Dawn N.S. Chang, Esq., for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

I have worked with Ms. Chang and found that she is equally passionate about her work as she is about our culture. When she has a job to do, Ms. Chang finds ways to integrate the western practice of law with the equally important practices of our Hawaiian culture. She has skills that are necessary when dealing with the many diverse divisions at DLNR and is balanced in her decision-making.

Thank you for your consideration of Ms. Chang, Esq., as the Chairperson to DLNR and ask for your strong support of her nomination. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Mira Gurung | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha and mahalo,

I am opposing Gov. Josh Green's nomination of Dawn Chang for DLNR Chair.

I find it an extremely poor choice as I learn more about her past and her leadership to be very extractive of our land and natural resources. She is a developer through and through that has neglected cultural and indigenous rights, burial sites, archaeological surveys, environmental impact and more.

Mahalo for your time,
Mira Gurung
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March 30, 2023

Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Water and Land
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Re: Governor's Message 516
Nomination of Dawn Chang, Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural
Resources

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the Committee,

I write in strong support of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Over the last 15 years I have (1) worked with Ms. Chang in developing the Mauna Kea Comprehensive Plan, (2) sought her advice on land use projects, and (3) appeared before her at the Land Use Commission. In all of those situations she has been meticulously prepared, appropriately aware of and an advocate for Native Hawaii culture practices and constitutional rights, and spot on about the law. She could not be more qualified to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I humbly ask that you vote to confirm her nomination.

Very truly yours,

Ian L. Sandison

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| jeanne wheeler | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please consider a more suitable candidate! Mahalo, JW

LATE

March 30, 2023

Hawaii State Legislature
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair WTL
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Senator Inouye and committee members,

Re: Thirty-Second Legislature (2023-2024) DLNR Dawn Chang

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony. I will keep my testimony brief. I have worked at DLNR for over sixteen years. If allowed, I would like to get Interim Chairperson Dawn Chang's opinion:

How important is it for the Chairperson to trust his/her Division Administrators? How would you discipline a DLNR Division Administrator if needed?

Yours,



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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Hannah Hartmann | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha nui,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. My name is Hannah Hartmann and I am a graduate student in Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science (TCBES). I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to Gov. Josh Green's nomination of Dawn Chang for DLNR Chair. Actions speak louder than words, and her actions are **NOT** pono.

I find it an extremely poor choice as I learn more about her past and her leadership to be very extractive of our land and natural resources as well as breaking the **Hawai'i State Constitution** (managing natural and cultural resources for Hawaiians to have for generations to come) as well as not in line with our state motto **Ua Mau ke Ea o ka Aina i ka Pono (the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness)**. She is a developer, always has been and always will be, that has neglected cultural and indigenous rights, burial sites, archaeological surveys, environmental impact, and more.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Hannah Hartmann

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Diane Ware | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye and Committee Members,

I ask you to carefully consider and then oppose the nomination of Dawn Chang for DLNR.

This nomination is the wrong choice for Hawai'i, and we should not move forward with it. Indeed, Dawn Chang lacks "a proven record of fighting to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources" and like Carleton Ching, she is "the wrong choice for Hawai'i." Dawn Chang worked for General Growth Properties, Howard Hughes, McNaughton Group, Outrigger, Sandwich Isles, Turtle Bay, and Cades Schutte. She worked on the Walmart Ke'eaumoku project, the Lāna'i big wind project, the comprehensive management plan for Mauna Kea, and rail. She is a developer's consultant and therefore lobbyist. Her job has been to obtain community support for development projects not to protect and preserve natural and cultural resources to uphold the Public Trust Doctrine. There were highly qualified candidates who demonstrated clear awareness of the law, strong personal principles and integrity for the proper stewardship of our 'āina, wai, and iwi kūpuna on the short list for the Governor's selection.

Please vote pono for our 'aina and deny this nomination.

Respectfully,

Diane Ware from the Moku o Ka'u, 99-7815 Kapoha Volcano

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Puanani Rogers | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly oppose the appointment of Dawn Chang as DLNR Chairperson or for any government leadership positions. We have known and seen her actions in the past and clearly she is not for our peoples benefit but for your own corporate reasons. No to Dawn Chang's appointment!

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Richard Spacer | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I OPPOSE the confirmation of Dawn Chang.

I will not repeat previous media comments about Kawaiihau Church, David Frankel handled that very well. And I agree with him.

My opposition is more broad. Dawn Chang is documented as wanting to give credence to both sides of an argument or dispute. That is invalid. Only one side is right and one is wrong. How is she going to uphold public rights with that biased attitude?

Please ask Dawn Chang the following. If confirmed will she immediately and instantly change the rules at BLNR to allow ANY and ALL petitions from the citizens to be heard as agenda items at public BLNR hearings? This is not the case at present as you must know. BLNR/DLNR strives to control the public debate on issues by allowing their Division Administrators the sole exclusive power to approve which citizens get to have their matters before the BLNR. That is WRONG. I had a formal request for an agenda item denied by the Administrator of Forestry and Wildlife to have a hearing on what DLNR will do to protect our legal right to walk our public ala loa trail on Kauai blocked by Mark Zuckerberg and his Kauai property manager Shawn Smith. That denial of an agenda item and hearing is anti-democratic and hostile to the public. There must be unconditional and automatic acceptance of any request for a BLNR agenda item submitted by a citizen. I do not believe Dawn Chang will ever support this.

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kamalani Keliikuli | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose this nomination

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Submitted on: 3/31/2023 3:58:09 AM
Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM



| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| William J Aila Jr. | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chairman Inouye and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

I write to support GM 516 and ask that you confirm Dawn Chang as Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Dawn for for than 20 years. During that time as a Deputy Attorney General, Native Hawaiian Consultant, and friend.

Dawn has the knowledge,experience, understanding, passion, and balanced decision making ability to lead DLNR. DLNR is one of the largest State departments interms of complexity and areas of jurisdiction. Her work in many of these areas of jurisdiction has prepared her for this moment and Kuleana.

As a former Chair of DLNR and DHHL, I know she has the qualifications, temperament, and desire to lead DLNR.

Mahalo for the oppportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Dawn Chang as Chairperson of DLNR.

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Davis Price | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dawn Chang’s track record of advising her clients to undermine and circumvent the laws intended to protect our natural and cultural resources does not reflect the values alignment that the Native Hawaiian community has been clearly calling for in the management of public trust resources. The Green administration has failed to hear the voices of Native Hawaiian experts across sectors identifying better suited candidates that do NOT have a track record of undermining the law and our community. As we navigate pathways forward coming out the COVID-19 pandemic, the notion that any Native Hawaiian will suffice to appease the Native Hawaiian community is not acceptable. It is harmful for Governor Green to amplify a celebratory message in nominating a Native Hawaiian woman that has caused much harm amongst the interests of the community she identifies with by choosing to further the interests of paid clients who have no problem desecrating kūpuna and bulldozing the rights of the Native Hawaiian people.

LATE

Moses K. N. Haia III's Testimony in Opposition to the Nomination of Dawn Chang as Chair of BLNR, GM 516

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of Committee on Water and Land. Aloha and mahalo for providing me with this opportunity to testify in strong opposition to the nomination of Ms. Dawn Chang as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

On or about August 16, 2005, while a staff attorney with the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, Dawn Chang, through her business Ku'iwalu, recommended to the Board of Kawaiahao Church, her client at the time, that "it is very likely that known and unknown archaeological, historical and cultural resources, including native Hawaiian human burial remains will be discovered on the Project site." Using her knowledge of the system as a former deputy attorney general for the State Historic Preservation Division (hereinafter, "SHPD"), Dawn Chang warned Kawaiahao Church that it "may not be able to relocate the human remains discovered if an archaeological inventory survey (hereinafter, "AIS") of the proposed project site was performed and burials were discovered via that process. She, as such, proposed the following action, "[w]e may want to ask SHPD to reconsider" the requirement to prepare an archaeological inventory survey.

Knowing that most burials identified through an AIS would likely be preserved in place and result in some potentially devastating consequences on their project, Dawn Chang suggested they attempt to convince the SHPD to do a monitoring plan instead as any burial discovery would be considered by SHPD an inadvertent find, which could allow a quick approval to relocate those remains. Dawn Chang clearly chose to game our H.R.S. Chapter 6E system for her client by recommending they work the system to ensure a process excluding Hawaiian descendants of the burials from meaningfully participating in decisionmaking.

As the Intermediate Court of Appeals observed after reading these same emails, Dawn Chang "advised Kawaiaha'o Church that preparation of an AIS would be costly and take considerable time. In particular, the consultant advised that any human remains found during an AIS would be considered 'previously identified,' a designation that would require publication of notices and consultation with lineal and cultural descendants, involve the OIBC, and could preclude the relocation of human remains and require their preservation in place." *Hall v. Department of Land and Natural Resources*, 128 Hawai'i 455, 459, 290 P.3d 525, 529 (ICA 2012). The Church and SHPD violated the law. Dawn Chang's emails speak volumes. She advised her client to circumvent the law, arranging a behind closed door meeting with regulators to fast-track the project. As a former deputy attorney general, she obviously knew better. She should not be given the privilege of running the Department of Land and Natural Resources, which is charged with enforcing the law and protecting historic sites.

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Micah Hicks | Individual | Oppose | In Person |

Comments:

TO the honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

With apologies for tardy nature of this testimony.

I oppose the nomination of Dawn Chang to this position. While undoubtedly a woman of merit and accomplishment, it is that same accomplishment that disqualifies her for this position. Chang is not someone suited to lead an agency who's primary task is conservation because her accomplishments are in defeating conservationists.

Her actions as acting head reflect this. The most concerning item is her cancellation of the 30x30 plan for nearshore ocean conservation. This program, as reported by CivilBeat and others, was broadly supported by the public and fishermen alike. Indeed, the critique most keenly leveled in a CivilBeat article on the initiative from November 2022, *A Massive Effort To Manage Hawaii's Nearshore Waters Just Launched On Maui*, was that it was not enough. A more recent poll found 80% of voters want more conservation of near shore resources. And no wonder: near shore fish stocks have declined by as much as 50%.

Despite this acting Director Chang ended the initiative, cancelling 8 years of work, and has no plan to replace it. This is a travesty that demonstrates that despite her clear competence, her expertise is in clearing a legal path for bulldozers: not in protecting our environment.

Another concerning example of this is the recent grounding of Nakoia. While the grounding itself can hardly be blamed on acting Director Chang, and the lack of enforcement that lead to is a problem systemic to the agency, the subsequent botched removal can and revealed a lack of systematic planning. Despite the fact that any ship grounded for so long is at substantial risk of sinking, no plans were made for this. Videos on social media after the sinking showed insufficient preparation for this eventuality: deck chairs, cushions and other fixtures of the ship floated on the surface generating additional pollutants as a final insult from the entire affair. While the sinking may have been inevitable, it is clear that the DLNR--under Chang's direction--did not even consider the possibility and so did not ever direct that the ship be prepared for that eventuality.

It represents a shocking lack of foresight and basic planning on part of DLNR. The lack of basic planning going into an environmental crisis with high visibility and indeed the near invisibility of the Chang's leadership through that crisis speak to a leader who just doesn't get conservation.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify and hope that you weigh the short sighted actions of acting Director Chang appropriately in considering whether or not to accept her nomination.

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| Nadine Pomroy | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

In strong support.

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Honorable Senators:

I submit this testimony in favor of the nomination of Dawn Chang as the head of the DLNR. I have known Dawn since 1981 when we were both students at the Richardson School of Law. She has always been a person who is dedicated to the betterment of the people of Hawaii. She has a deep sense of duty towards our state. She has great knowledge of the power and responsibility of the DLNR. As a deputy AG, she was the lead attorney advising the Department on all legal matters.

Most importantly, Dawn is a good person, honest, hardworking and dedicated. She is highly qualified to lead the DLNR through all of its challenges. She will always do what is best for the State. She is and will be able to balance the varying interests presented to her.

There is no doubt in my mind that Dawn is the right choice for the job. You will not regret confirming her. Thank you for allowing to share my belief in Dawn.

Very truly yours,

Edsel M. Yamada

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Testimony for WTL on 3/31/2023 1:00:00 PM



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| Ursula Retherford | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

We need someone with a far stronger commitment to the protection of our fragile natural resources than Dawn Chang. We oppose her confirmation.

Ursula & Robert Retherford

42 N. Kainalu Drive

Kailua, Hi 96734

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| tlaloc tokuda | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha and mahalo for this opportunity.

I am opposing Gov. Josh Green's nomination of Dawn Chang for DLNR Chair. Actions speak louder than words. Her actions are not pono.

I find it an extremely poor choice as I learn more about her past and her leadership to be very extractive of our land and natural resources as well as breaking the **Hawai'i State Constitution** (managing natural and cultural resources for Hawaiians to have for generations to come) as well as not in line with our state motto **Ua Mau ke Ea o ka Aina i ka Pono (the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness)**. She is a developer through and through that has neglected cultural and indigenous rights, burial sites, archaeological surveys, environmental impact and more. I may have copied the words but they ring TRUE and HISTORY doesn't LIE!!

Mahalo for your consideration,

Tlaloc Tokuda

Kailua Kona HI 96740