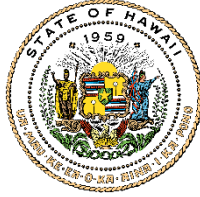


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**Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Monday, April 15, 2024
2:15 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 678
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY COMMITTEE,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DR. LINDSAY YOUNG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE
06-30-2028**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 678, nominating Ms. Lindsay Young to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2028.

Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 195D, the seven-member Endangered Species Recovery Committee (ESRC) serves as a consultant to the board and the department on matters relating to endangered, threatened species. The ESRC meets at least monthly to review all applications and proposals for habitat conservation plans, safe harbor agreements, and incidental take licenses. Based on a full review of the best available data, and in consideration of the cumulative impacts of the proposed action on the recovery potential of the species, the ESRC makes recommendations to the department and the board as to whether or not they should be approved, amended, or rejected. The ESRC also reviews all changes or amendments to plans and evaluates permitted plans annually to ensure compliance. The ESRC is responsible for reviewing and monitoring over 30 projects either currently permitted or in planning.

Dr. Young's background is in zoology, ecology and conservation biology. Since 2008 she has been the Executive Director and Senior Scientist at Pacific Rim Conservation, and she was recently selected by National Geographic as the Vice President of Research for the Pristine Seas program. She serves as affiliate graduate faculty at the University of Hawai'i, and in 2023 was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship through the US Department of State. She has worked for over 20 years to re-establish and conserve native seabirds throughout the Hawaiian archipelago, including Laysan albatross nesting at the Ka'ena Point Natural Area Reserve. She also has significant experience and knowledge of

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Hawai'i's endangered species laws and regulations. Dr. Young has an exceptional understanding of issues and conservation goals related to threatened and endangered species in Hawai'i, which makes her an ideal appointee to the ESRC.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments in support of Dr. Lindsay Young's nomination to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel M. Gluck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in strong support of Lindsay Young. She is brilliant, hardworking, and very dedicated to the mission of this Committee.

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Comments:

Aloha,

I write in strong support for Dr. Lindsay Young to serve on the Endangered Species Recovery Committee. I have known Dr. Young as a personal friend since 2015. She is dedicated, hard-working and deeply committed to our community.

Thank you,

Deborah Zysman