

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1970

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 22 2025

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 770

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 770, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

G.M. No. 770 HANNAH SPRINGER,
for a term to expire 06-30-2028,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Hannah Springer for service on the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Hannah Springer from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Hawaii State Aha Moku; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; one member of the Maui County Council; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Earthjustice; La'iohua 2020; Moku o Manokalanipō, Kaua'i Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Hui Kahuwai; Moana Ohana; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Mālama Loko Ea Foundation; Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club; Hui Maka'āinana o Makana; Trust for Public Land; Ko'olau Foundation; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; For the Fishes; We Are One, Inc.; Free Access Coalition; Hanalei Watershed Hui; Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Hui Aloha 'Āina o Honolulu; Kaheawai Media; Ka Ahahui Hawaii Aloha Aina; Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club; Makana No Ke Kasiaulu; Democratic Socialists of Oahu;



National Tropical Botanical Garden; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Green Party of Hawai'i; Maui Cultural Lands; Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders Association; Save Honolulu Coalition; Huliaupa'a; Hawai'i Wildlife Fund; Villages of La'iohua; Paepae o He'eia; Moanalua Gardens Foundation; Lāhainā Strong; Kūmano I Ke Ala; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Nā Kia'i Kai; Maui Tomorrow Foundation; Pō'ai Wai Ola; 'Ahahui o Hawai'i; Malama Makua; Ka Lāhui Hawai'i; CountryTalkStory; Hui Aloha Kīholo; and more than two hundred fifty individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Springer's experience and knowledge qualify her for appointment to the Commission on Water Resource Management as a member who possesses substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage. A native of Ka'ūpūlehu in North Kona, Ms. Springer has deep ancestral and generational ties to the lands and waters of Hawai'i Island. She has long served as a respected voice in policy discussions and community-based efforts focused on protecting the State's natural and cultural resources, demonstrating a deep commitment to sustainability, collaboration, and the integration of Hawaiian values and practices into resource management decision-making. Your Committee notes that Ms. Springer has an extraordinary record of public service that includes appointments to the Hawai'i County Planning Commission, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission, and Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Ms. Springer has also demonstrated thoughtful leadership through her involvement with nonprofit organizations, including the Akaka Foundation for Tropical Forests, Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo, and Ka'ūpūlehu Marine Life Advisory Committee. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Springer thoroughly understands the roles and responsibilities of commission members and her experience, knowledge of traditional Hawaiian water management practices, and community-based efforts will be assets to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Your Committee therefore recommends that Hannah Springer be appointed to the Commission on Water Resource Management based on her experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience,



and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

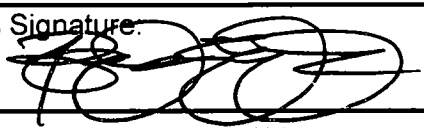
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"><div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340</div><div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345</div></div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted</div><div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</div></div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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