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Statement of  
**MARY ALICE EVANS, Director**

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

Friday, April 4, 2025, 1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of  
**GM 557**  
**NOMINATING DAWN HEGGER-NORDBLOM TO THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **strongly supports** GM 557 nominating **Dawn Hegger-Nordblom** to a seat on the Environmental Advisory Council.

Per HRS Chapter 341, the Environmental Advisory Council' mission is to determine an optimum balance between economic development and environmental qualify by appointing members representing education, business and environmental professions, including planning professionals.

Ms. Hegger-Nordblom has worked as a planner for the State of Hawaii, Maui County, and the City and County of Honolulu, in addition to the private sector. She brings a variety of job skills, achievements and core values to the job. In her time as an interim member of the Environmental Advisory Council, she has proved to be an effective representative of the planning profession who is familiar with natural and cultural resources. Ms. Hegger Nordblom is willing to take on demanding projects.

OPSD believes Dawn Hegger-Nordblom is eminently qualified to be confirmed as a member of the Environmental Advisory Council. We urge you to advise and consent to the nomination of Dawn Hegger-Nordblom.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**GM-557**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 1:00:57 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/4/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
penny levin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support.

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Submitted on: 3/26/2025 2:47:18 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/4/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary R. Begier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

Dear Senators, I had the privilege of serving with Dawn Hegger-Nordblom on the Information & Outreach Committee a sub-committee of the EAC before I was term limited. Together we produced several successful forums for the public. Dawn was a great resource, very well connected and respected in the environmental community. She worked hard to overcome the zero budget EAC has for such forums delivering professional communications consistently. Not only is Dawn a committed volunteer with a love for our aina but she is a lot of fun to serve with. She has all the qualities one looks for in a capable volunteer. Please re-appoint Dawn Hegger-Nordblom to EAC. The State of Hawaii is fortunate to have her willing to fill this role!

With sincere respect & Aloha, Mary Begier

**GM-557**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 12:55:49 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/4/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robin Kaye	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dawn would continue to bring experience, knowledge and perseverance to the EAC. I am in full support of her appointment.

**GM-557**

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 9:06:29 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/4/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bo Kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Sentate of Hawaii,

I am submitting this testimony in strong support of the consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Dawn Hegger-Nordblom, to the Environmental Advisory Council.

Dawn is a dedicated professional with deep knowledge of environmental issues. Her previous work with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, combined with having lived in Hawai‘i for the majority of her life, reflects her genuine understanding of and commitment to the needs of our local communities.

It is crucial that individuals appointed to these roles have firsthand experience living in Hawai‘i, as this brings a necessary perspective on how best to care for and protect our unique environment. Most importantly, Dawn brings valuable expertise in environmental processes and systems, which makes her exceptionally qualified for this position.

Mahalo for reading.

**GM-557**

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 12:03:56 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/4/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I have worked with Dawn Hegger-Nordblom in her capacity with the State of Hawaii and in our joint service on the Environmental Advisory Council. She is skilled at understanding the law and respects an inclusionary process with the public. Dawn brings specific expertise and experience to this position and has garnered good working relationships with agencies and communities, a valuable contribution to this position.

Please approve her nomination to the Environmental Advisory Council.

Me ka pono,

Makaala

**GM-557**

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 4:05:57 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/4/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Lefebvre	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I am writing in support of confirmation of Dawn Hegger-Nordblom for a position on the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Dawn has been part of the EAC in an interim position, and I have served with her in this position for the past 3 years on the EAC. She has been an valuable and engaged member of the EAC in this time, serving on multiple committees, and resulting in the EAC hosting multiple successful public forums. The EAC benefits from her experience and knowledge. I enjoy serving on the EAC with her and hope she will be confirmed.



**GM-557**

Submitted on: 4/3/2025 3:20:18 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/4/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ilima smallwood	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have worked with Dawn in a planning capacity and find her to be knowledgeable, experienced and fair in her opinions and assessments. I think she would be an asset to this board and to the community she serves.

**GM-557**

Submitted on: 4/3/2025 7:32:50 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/4/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
K. Piltz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Gabbard and Committee Members:

RE: For consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dawn Hegger-Nordblom, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

I support of nomination of Dawn Hegger-Nordblom for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Advisory Council.

Dawn has years of experience, working in both the public and private sectors on environmental issues. She has always been balanced in her approach to resource management. I believe she would be a great asset to the Environmental Advisory Council.

Thank you for your consideration in support of Dawn Hegger-Nordblom. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.