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JOAN LEVY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOAN PAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOANNA WEBER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOANNA WHEELERS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOE DALESSANDRO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOE KASSEL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOE RITTER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOE WILSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOEL BRUNGER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOEL GOLDFARB	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOSEPH KOHN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOHN FITZPATRICK	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOHN GELERT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOHN KAWAMOTO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOHN MARTIN JR	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOHN NAYLOR	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOHN NIX	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOHN OLSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOHN R HEIDEL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOHN RIEDER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOHN RITTER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOHN SCHAUMBURG	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOHN STONE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOHN YOUNG	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOLYN ROSA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JON JOKIEL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JON WICHMAN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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JONATHAN HANKS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JONATHAN LOTT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOSEPH K L CAMARA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOSEPH KOHN MD	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOSH FROHBERG	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOSH MORI	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOY BRANN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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JOY MARSHALL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOY SILVER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JOY WALL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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JUAN LUGO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE

JUAN WILSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JUDIE HOEPFNER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JUDITH C WHITE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JUDITH CUCCO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JUDITH KEARNEY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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JUDY ENKABO	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
JUDY J A LINDSEU	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JUDY LEMUS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JULIA & TYLER DEVRELL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JULIA FUJIOKA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JULIA NEMOTO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JULIA PARISH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JULIANNE WALSH	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JULIE & THOMAS PASQUALE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JULIE PAUL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JULIET LANGLEY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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KEA KAPAHUA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE

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KERRI MARKS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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KEVIN G LOPES	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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LIBBY KELSON-FULCHER	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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LIN TER HORST	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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LISA MARIA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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LUKE SARVIS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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LYNDA SAFFERY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
LYNELLE THOMPSON	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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MAILE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
MAKOTO LANE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
MALCOLM MACKEY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
MALISA GAMPONG	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Gehrke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to chair DLNR. He is not qualified for the position and he has a conflict of interest.

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Joan Lander	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joan Levy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Carlton Ching. He clearly is under qualified and has conflicts of interest which make him very wrong for this position.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Pan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: with little experience in natural resource conservation and management, i would feel uncomfortable with Mr. Ching's appointment. the lack of rationale from Governor Ige also concerns me.

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To Whom it May Concern - Aloha

I oppose the confirmation of Carleton Ching to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Mahalo from a

Voter, Citizen, and Tax-Payer who is concerned about our Land and People:

JOANNA WEBER

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanna Wheelers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I firmly oppose Mr Ching's nomination to chair DLNR because his record shows that he won't be the persons who will watch for Hawaii's interests in this arena. Please look for an adequate alternative. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joe Dalessandro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I respectfully oppose Mr. Ching's nomination to head the Hawaii DLNR. He is unqualified and has a conflict of interest. mahalo. Joe Dalessandro.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joe kassel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Appointing Carleton Ching is a classic example of the revolving door between business, lobbying and government, that generates ongoing concerns of bias and conflict of interest. mahalo and aloha dr joe kassel

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Joe Ritter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This appointment undermines the mission of DLNR. I vehemently OPPOSE David Ige's nomination of Carleton Ching for Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources. Do not approve this. Respectfully, Dr. Joe Ritter
Senate D6 House D11

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Esteemed Legislature members,

Regarding GM 514 –

I vehemently OPPOSE David Ige's nomination of Carleton Ching for Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I am a taxpayer, voter, and card carrying Democratic party member. I here must strongly state my disappointment with this wholly inappropriate nomination by David Ige.

The mission of DLNR is to: "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."

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII, Article XI Conservation, Control And Development clearly 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...."

- Appointing a developer to this position is wrong; it violates the spirit of our constitution.
- Appointing a Board member of the Building Industry Alliance thus willfully creating a conflict of interest is wrong.
- Appointing a Castle and Cooke lobbyist to protect the environment shows that the will of the developers is implemented not the will of the people.

The people can not and should tolerate appointee's who have, by encouraging development, repeatedly demonstrably sided against upholding the public trust doctrine, therefore neither should the legislature.

This appointment undermines the mission of DLNR.

Do not approve this. Further I urge this body to speak with David Ige and insist on the withdrawal of this appointment and more careful consideration of other appointments.

Respectfully,
Dr. Joe Ritter
Senate D6 House D11

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joe Wilson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a resident of Oahu's rural North Shore (Senate District 23 / House District 47), with over-development is a critical concern, I am strongly opposed to the nomination of Carleton Ching to chair the DLNR. Mr. Ching does not simply work for one of Hawaii's largest real estate developers but his professional career has to a great extent been focused on actively working to eliminate or weaken regulations intended to protect all that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is supposed to manage and protect. As a Castle and Cooke lobbyist, VP for the Land Use Research Foundation (LURF) and Board Member for the Building Industry Association (BIA) he serves in an influential leadership position in the effort to dismantle key elements now in place to protect public trust resources. His job at many levels over the past decade is/was to influence changes in public policy to increase the profitability of development interests via the diminishment of environmental, health, cultural and public land protections. As a Board Member of the Building Industry Association (BIA) Mr. Ching's fiduciary responsibility is to support the interests of: developers, general contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers, Realtors, architects and financial institutions. An even more alarming indication of the deep seated bias in support of development and opposed to environmental protections is his role as Vice President at LURF. LURF's mission is to "promote and advance the interests of the development community, particularly in the areas of land use laws and regulations." Obviously, Carleton Ching is not the best person for a position that requires a demonstrable history of working in the public interest, i.e. the interest of all who call Hawaii home, not just those here to make a profit at residents' expense.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joel Brunger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am deeply saddened by Governor Ige's recent nomination of Carleton Ching as the Head of Hawaii's largest department, DLNR. This is a blatant example of big money buying a government post. Though the DLNR deals with development projects involved with State properties, a large part of this job is protecting Hawaii's natural and cultural resources. I am not at all convinced that a developer has the knowledge or dedication to protect Hawaii's precious resources. Please vote "NO" to Carleton Ching's nomination. A vote of "yes" will cause myself and many other constituents to seriously doubt your dedication to protecting our lives, our environment, and our beautiful Hawai'i. Thank you for your time, Joel Brunger

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joel goldfarb	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Far from the right person for the DLNR! Someone with a record of SUPPORTING the DLNR or a recommendation from the Sierra Club is needed.

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Joseph Kohn MD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The BUILDING INDUSTRY ALLIANCE Wants To Close The STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION of the DLNR. CARLETON CHING is on the Board of the BIA. See why CARLETON CHING is a BAD CHOICE to Head the DLNR? Keep the FOX out of the HEN HOUSE

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Fitzpatrick	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Kakou, I am asking you not to confirm David Ige's selection, Carleton Ching, as the head of DLNR. The department of land and natural resources has a terribly difficult job of protecting our valuable forests and marine life statewide with just 8.1 million dollars. Although MR. Ching shares the same love and respect for Hawai'i as I do, I have concerns because we are selecting a Developer to head DLNR instead of someone that is deeply involved in conservation. There is already a distrust in government not working for the people and only for the large corporations. By appointing Mr. Ching you are continue to support the revolving door between government and large corporations. I feel we can do better and find someone that is well suited for this incredible task. Please don't confirm Carleton Ching to head our Department of Land and Natural Resources. It is like letting the fox guard the hen house! Mahalo, Fitz

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John Gelert	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Kawamoto	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Chair, Senate Water and Land Committee

Testimony on GM 514
Hearing at 10:00 on Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Chair Thielen and members of the Senate Water and Land Committee, my name is John Kawamoto. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on GM 514. I urge the committee to reject the nomination of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources because he is not qualified for the job.

A large part of the mission of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is to protect Hawaii's natural resources held in the public trust. The public trust includes 1.8 million acres of land, so the head of the department has a solemn responsibility. Mr. Ching's resume shows that he lacks relevant training and experience, and he does not have a meaningful track record. He is clearly unqualified for the job.

For that reason alone he should be rejected. However, there is another reason. Hawaii already has the lowest voter turnout in the nation because too many people have lost faith in government. They believe that it is all too common for elected officials to make decisions that are against the common good. So when Governor Ige nominated an unqualified person to be the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, faith in government dropped down a notch.

If you vote in favor of the Ching nomination, faith in government will drop down another notch. However, if you vote against the nomination, you will show the people of Hawaii that the checks and balances of government actually work. Faith in government will move back up.

I urge you to make government work. Vote against the nomination of Mr. Ching and have the Governor nominate someone who is qualified for the job.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
john martin jr.	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, I john Martin jr. Oppose GM514. I feel Carleton Ching is not the right person for the DNLNR chair. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John NAYLOR	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha All, I strongly am opposed to Mr Ching to head the DLNR, I believe he has a conflict of interest which disqualifies him from leadership of this vital department entrusted to protect Hawaii's Aina, Kai, and ALL the creatures including humans that dependent on our fragile environment. Please lets find the right person for the Job! It is NOT Mr. Ching! Mahalo, John Naylor Makawao

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Nix	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Olson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The chair of the DLNR should have a background in natural resources management and a demonstrated desire to protect the aina. The current nominee does not meet these criteria.

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I very stingily oppose the nomination of Carlton Ching to head the DNLR. The metaphor of "a fox in the chicken house" is very apt.

Rev. Dr. John R. Heidel
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Rieder	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I feel he has conflicts of interest and is unqualified to lead DLNR

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From: [John Ritter](#)
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Subject: Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Monday, March 02, 2015 6:28:52 PM

I strongly oppose confirmation of Carleton Ching to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

My reasons:

Working for land developers, Mr. Ching has actively worked to weaken regulations intended to protect the very land he would be asked to oversee in the public's trust as Director of DLNR. I fear he would be a disaster for those of us who wish to protect Hawaii's natural resources.

I join over twenty environmental groups are opposing the nomination of Mr. Ching to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Among the groups are the Conservation Council for Hawai'i, Defend O'ahu Coalition, Earthjustice, Friends of Lana'i, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, Hawai'i's Thousand Friends, Hui Ho'omalua I Ka 'Aina, 'Ilio'ulaokalani Coalition, KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance, Kanehili Hui, Kupa'a No Lana'i, Life of the Land, LOST FISH Coalition, MANA (Movement for Aloha No Ka 'Aina), Maui Tomorrow, O'ahu Chapter of Aha Moku Council, Progressive Democrats of Hawai'i, Puna Pono Alliance, Sierra Club, Surfrider Foundation, The Outdoor Circle, Wailua-Kapa'a Neighborhood Association and West Maui Preservation Association.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Ritter
Koloa, HI 96756

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JOHN SCHAUMBURG	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I cannot believe that our governor has recommended Charleton Ching as the director of DLNR. He has worked for a developer that continues to want to dismantle the proper systems for approving his projects for his own financial benefit. Charleton Ching should never be considered for this appointment unless you want to dismantle all of the good work done by previous directors. Please do not approve Charleton Ching for this or any other government post. Mahalo, John Schaumburg

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John Stone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR because of his lack of qualifications and his conflicts of interest.

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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
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Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

John Young
Waikoloa

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jolyn Rosa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching, whose work experience is as a developer, is NOT the person who should head the Department of Land and Natural Resources. DLNR needs someone experienced with protecting the environment, not developing it. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon Jokiel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: NO Carleton Ching! He lacks the knowledge, experience, and community ties necessary to the successful operation of DLNR. 2. DLNR needs a leader with a deep understanding of the histories and struggles from which Hawaii's obligation hold natural resources in trust arose, the political courage to enforce this public trust, and the vision to develop a plan to realize these crucial protections. 3. Carleton Ching is not this leader. Please deny his confirmation! PLEASE!!!!!!

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I am VERY opposed to Carleton Ching to be Director of the DLNR!!

Jon Wichman
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Arthur Kanoa Davis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not confirm Ching. The development process is as such so that we do not lose our island paradise by streamlining more and more development.

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Jonathan Hanks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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JONATHAN LOTT	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please consider someone else with expertise in conservation, not just in development. mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph K. L. Camara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe that the head of DLNR should have extensive experience in natural resource management and be an steward and voice against aina exploitation. Linda Lingle tried to sell ceded lands. Neil Abercrombie tired to establish the PLDC. I hope David Ige does not try his own version of State Land exploitation and development. I believe that there are many highly qualified candidates for the chair of DLNR within our state. David Ige should choose a candidate that will protect our land and natural resources against all threats and pressures, including development.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly Oppose confirmation of this stooge of corporations who does not have the best interests of the people or the islands as first priority and will act against Hawaii Constitutional Law. DO NOT APPROVE. We are no one's guinea pigs.
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Josh Frohberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is a clear conflict of interest; I oppose the nomination.

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josh mori	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Major conflict of interest and we are not stupid to the revolving door of the corporate/government system. Strongly Oppose.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Brann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha representatives Please heed caution and do not approve Carleton Ching's nomination to Chair DLNR. He is clearly unqualified and has an obvious conflict of interest. He is not able to objectively protect or manage our valuable public resources. I strongly oppose his appointment. Mahalo for your sincere consideration.
Joy Brann, MPH

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Mr. Ching's nomination as DLNR Chairperson.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Marshall	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Having observed Mr. Ching on numerous times, and read many of his actions in the various press and news releases, I adamantly oppose the appointment of him to Chair the Land and Natural Resources. He has had only one agenda as I can see and that is to develop, develop, preserving no natural resources of our beloved state.

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Joy Silver	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe that Carleton Ching is not qualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Wall, RN, MPH	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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I would like to extend my support for the Senate nomination of Carleton Ching to become the new director of DLNR.

I'm tired of hearing the vocal minority continue to bash him in public without taking the time to hear him out to see what he can bring to the table.

I feel his experience in the private sector can bring some long needed improvement to the administering of the department.

Very Respectfully,
JTM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Juan Lugo	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Much ado is occurring regarding the appointment of Carelton Ching to chair DLNR. Are the concerns of the citizens being heard or ignored? This appears to be for all practical purposes a vagrant conflict of interest...unless the interest(s) are geared for the developers and not the aina. I strongly oppose his appointment and confirmation (please forgive the redundancy)!

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Do not select this hack to protect land and natural resources.

Ching is quoted as saying;

"Land development is a part of land stewardship."

His career history qualifies him as an assistant to a lobbyist for a land speculator.

Juan Wilson
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judie Hoepfner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to Carleton Ching for head of DLNR because I don't feel he's qualified and more importantly he has a conflict of interest. Mahalo for considering my opinion.

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Aloha,

I strongly oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to the DLNR.

Mahalo,

Judith C. White
Kapaa, HI

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Judith Cucco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please be advised that I oppose the appointment of Charleton Ching as Director of DLNR as he lacks the necessary experience to carry out the DLNR mission. He has no demonstrated expertise, professional or volunteer experience, or apparent interest in the protection and stewardship of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources, including rare and endangered species, habitats, watersheds, Hawaiian and historic sites, iwi kupuna and other burials, Native Hawaiian water rights, the Public Trust Doctrine, public shoreline access, mauka access trails, outdoor recreation, or any other programs under the DLNR.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith Kearney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not believe Mr. Ching could possibly serve as an objective Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources considering his background. Despite his best intentions, I do not think it is humanly possible to divorce past experience with the mission of the Department. There is clearly a conflict of interest and the man could not be more unqualified for the position. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony. It is most appreciated. Aloha.

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From: [Judy Dalton](#)
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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 1:08:14 AM

Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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From: [Judy Engkabo](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Your Support is Needed on GM 514, Confirmation Hearing for Carleton Ching
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:00:00 PM

Dear Chair Thielen,

I truly support the confirmation for Carleton Ching. I have known Carleton for many years and can attest that he has all the qualities to be confirmed as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

We need diverse views when managing the State's natural and cultural resources; the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes most of the policy decisions for the Department with the Divisions and staff implementing those policies. The Chairperson of the DLNR oversees the proceedings of the Board, but only has one of the seven (7) votes on the Board.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Judy Engkabo
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From: [Judy Lindsey](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 2:43:52 PM

I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

The mission of the DLNR is to: "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."

Mr. Ching works for one of Hawaii's largest real estate developers. As a Castle and Cooke lobbyist, VP for the Land Use Research Foundation and Board Member for the Building Industry Association, his professional career has included efforts to eliminate or weaken regulations intended to protect all that the DLNR is supposed to manage and protect. Hawaii deserves a DLNR Director who will work toward preserving the resources and protecting the public trust, not someone who promotes increased development and profits by weakening public trust protections.

Mrs. Judy J. A. Lindsey
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From: [Judy Lemus](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Cc: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#)
Subject: Nomination of Carleton Ching as Director of DLNR
Date: Thursday, March 05, 2015 12:58:34 PM

I strongly oppose the appointment of Carleton Ching as Director of DLNR for the following reasons:

- * Mr. Ching is not qualified to serve in these important positions. He has no demonstrated expertise, professional or volunteer experience, or apparent interest in the protection and stewardship of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources, including rare and endangered species, habitats, watersheds, Hawaiian and historic sites, iwi kupuna and other burials, Native Hawaiian water rights, the Public Trust Doctrine, public shoreline access, mauka access trails, outdoor recreation, or any other programs under the DLNR.
- * Mr. Ching does not appear to have the energy or enthusiasm to lead the DLNR, which is what we need and deserve at this critical time given climate change and the invasive species crises we face. Mr. Ching did not apply for the position and initially declined the nomination.
- * Mr. Ching has spent a good part of his career working for large land development companies, lobbying for them, and serving on the boards of their lobbyist organizations. These organizations are committed to treating land and water as a commodity, and not to policies that protect the public interest and public trust.
- * Mr. Ching's perspectives are not aligned with the DLNR mission to "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."
- * It is inappropriate for Mr. Ching – a long-standing BIA director – to serve as DLNR Director and BLNR Chair. The BIA opposes DLNR's mandates under historic preservation laws and the State Historic Preservation Division within the DLNR.
- * The nomination of Mr. Ching will likely result in conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest relating to transit oriented development other land development in the state. For example, legislation this session proposes to use public funds, some dedicated to other purposes, to investigate potential land exchanges between the State and private landowners, Dole Food Company and Castle & Cooke, to build a new prison or expand the existing prison in Halawa, use conservation land for agriculture and watershed protection, and possible development by Dole/Castle and Cooke along the rail's path in Kalihi. Many other land exchanges and development projects along rail's path are in the works. DLNR will be expected to handle many of these matters, and it is inappropriate for Mr. Ching to lead the DLNR in these matters.

Thank you,
Judy Lemus
Kaneohe, Oahu

From: [Julia Devrell](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: "In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR"
Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 12:06:48 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the nomination of Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I deeply feel that the DLNR needs to be headed by someone highly educated in the field of natural resource management with the utmost expertise in land use planning and preservation of our highly unique ecosystem. Hawaii's natural resources are the driving force from which all aspects of life revolves. Hawaii's limited land base both provides and accommodates virtually all economic development, and all tourism, while at the same time harbors an extremely vulnerable biological diversity that is unique in the world. The quality of life it provides for both residents and visitors alike will be sorely lacking if not managed with utmost care, including both scientific and economic expertise.

Hawaii needs an exceptionally qualified individual with this type of expertise to best manage such a precious and limited resource. Our own University of Hawaii has been providing excellent education in Natural Resource Management for the past twenty years or more. We have a highly skilled resource base of individuals who meet the qualifications required for the position of Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Please seek candidates who possess the scientific qualifications needed for this critically important position.

Thank you,

Julia and Tyler Devrell
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GM514

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JULIA FUJIOKA	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is not qualified for this position and has a conflict of interest.

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julia Nemoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Council Members, I am strongly opposing Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR. His vita shows a strong conflict of interest in making decisions on land use in Hawaii. Kind regards. Julia Nemoto

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julia Parish	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe that Carleton Ching is a intelligent, hard working man but not the correct nominee to head DLNR. He does NOT have the natural resources management background needed to lead this important agency. Please consider if you would nominate someone to head the Department of Health who did not have a medical background, or someone chair the Department of Agriculture who was not familiar with the various issues related to agriculture in Hawaii. This will be a very steep learning curve for Mr. Ching and may cost Hawaii's natural resources significantly in delayed action.

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julianne Walsh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest. I strongly oppose his nomination.

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie and Thomas Pasquale	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We strongly OPPOSE Carleton Ching as DLNR Chair. He is unqualified and has a strong conflict of interest. This is one of the most inappropriate nominations that we've seen.

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Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 6:57:13 AM

I do not support Ching for the head of DNLR. He will represent the public's interest and the public does not support his appointment.

Julie Paul, R(B), CIPS, CRS, ABR
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From: [Juliet Langley](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Carelton Ching - wrong person for the job
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 6:34:26 PM

Hello,

I am writing to object to the nomination of Carelton Ching for the post of head of DLNR, Hawai'i's natural resource agency. I am very concerned that Mr. Ching lacks the familiarity with natural resources and commitment to conservation that is necessary to successfully lead DLNR.

Mr. Ching has not dedicated his career to cultivating an expertise in natural resources management. Quite the opposite, he has spent his career developing Hawai'i's natural resources. Mr. Ching lobbied for 3,500 homes on 575 acres of highly productive farmland. As DLNR Director, Mr. Ching would be expected to enforce the laws he had previously worked on his free time to weaken or abolish. This is setting up Mr. Ching and the department for major internal challenges - to say the least.

There are other choices that would be far more suitable, and bring the right experience and expertise for the job.

Regards,

Juliet Langley
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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Meilgaard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am in opposition to GM514. Carleton Ching, as a land developer, has a clear conflict of interest and would not be the best choice for the head of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, DLNR. He is also unqualified to fill that position when so many others who are committed to land resource conservation would be better a better choice. Please consider other candidates. Thank you, Justin Meilgaard

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/18/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
K. Hoku Cabebe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Protect our natural resources from developers please. This is NOT a position for a known lobbyist of desecration and destruction of our precious 'aina for buildings and concrete!

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaili Kosaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not allow the election of Carlton Ching as the chairperson for The Department of Land and Natural Resources. Being that Carlton Ching previously lobbied for developer Castle and Cooke, sat on the board of directors of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii, and served as vice-President of the Land Use Research Foundation; he does not have the background of a quality chairperson in this position. The DLNR chairperson is in charge of protecting our beautiful islands, not developing them. Carlton Ching is an irresponsible and irrational choice for DLNR chairperson.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/24/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kailianu Michaels	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kainoa Wilson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I feel that Mr. Ching is not qualified fo this position and that he would have a conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaitlyn McKee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a farmer and citizen of Oahu Hawaii I oppose Carleton Ching for Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalena Blakemore	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I adamantly oppose the appointment of Carleton Ching for this position. He is unqualified and as a lobbyist for Castle and Cooke this appointment presents a blatant conflict of interest in his ability serve and lead the Department of Land and Natural resources. Thank You-

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kallie Barnes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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GM514

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify against the nomination of Carleton Ching to the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) and Water Commission (WC).

My name is Kallie Barnes. I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to head DLNR. The mission of DLNR is to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations..."

As a lobbyist for Castle and Cooke – the largest land developer in the State – and board member for the Land Use Research Foundation and Building Industry Association, Carleton Ching worked to undermine protections on Hawaii's unique and limited lands. Carleton Ching is on temporary leave of absence from Castle and Cooke which means he intends to return. There will be pressure on him to do his company's and industry's bidding when matters are considered by DLNR. His personal and professional beliefs and motivations are diametrically opposed to the mission of DLNR. How can he run DLNR when he has an inherent conflict of interest?

One of the disturbing things I've read about the informational sessions Carleton Ching has been giving around town has been a demonstrated lack of understanding of Hawaii's native forests and coral reefs and the DLNR programs that manage them. His private sector obsession with short term profit and loss make him ill-equipped to manage DLNR programs whose goals are to increase the ability of aquifers to capture and store freshwater in a time of uncertain climate change, promote sustainable fishing practices for current and future generations, and ensure the survival of unique Hawaiian species on the brink of extinction – none of which generates any revenue but are important to our future. The sad reality is that many of the programs at DLNR – particularly in enforcement – are under-budgeted and under-staffed while the population of Hawaii grows, the number of visitors increases, and the use of natural resources intensifies. The last thing DLNR staff needs is a new administrative directive to provide quarterly profit and loss statements.

An examination of Carleton Ching's resume reveals that he is well qualified to run a real estate development firm or to lead a lobbying effort to tilt the land use process in favor of developers. But he is not qualified to run DLNR and should not be entrusted to protect Hawaii's unique and limited land and natural resources. For these reasons, I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching and urge you not to confirm his appointment.

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Kamealoha Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Date: February 22, 2015

Re: Letter of Opposition GM514

My name is Kamealoha Smith and I am a cultural practitioner on the island of Kauai. Professionally I am a Hawaiian Immersion teacher and I teach marine education in Wailua Bay. My family has to kuleana to fishing all around the island of Kauai, in four of the six moku – Puna, Ko'olau, Halele'a, and Napali.

Today I speak out in opposition to Mr. Ching being appointed the DLNR Chair for the State of Hawaii. Based on everything I've read and the number of people and organizations across the state I listened to, I have come to believe that Mr. Ching is the appropriate person to lead DLNR. Conflict of Interest is a huge factor as why I personally feel Mr. Ching should not be confirmed.

There isn't anything I read or heard from Mr. Ching or his supporters to the contrary regarding his general beliefs about the environment. Furthermore, I see no experience in his resume in dealing with Native Hawaiian issues as well. I would say that Mr. Ching's learning curve for this position is so incredibly high, I don't think he would ever be able to come to a point in "potential" tenure to actually do a credible job.

For the reasons stated above I humbly submit this testimony in opposition to the appointment of Mr. Ching. I hope we can find someone with real experience and real aloha for our 'āina and kai resources.

Me Ka Ha'aha'a

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanaloa A. Schrader	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I openly oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR as it is a direct conflict of DLNR's interest and mission to have a developer at the helm of this agency. How can the people of Hawaii trust that he will hold the unique environments and ecosystems of Hawaii interests above those of developers who seek to further their profits at the expense of the land and it's resources. We are the endangered species capitol of the world and need people who put this 'Aina and all of it's Native inhabitants first and unneeded development out of the equation altogether. I do not believe that Mr. Ching, a individual who has profited from the development, misuse, and distruction of the environment and Indigenous flora, fauna, and culture is capable of doing so.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanani M. Oury	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Sirs and Madams, I would kindly and humbly ask that you do not approve the appointment of Carlton Ching to the seat of DLNR. Considering Carlton Ching's association with development and his lack of experience in relationship to sustaining and protecting our "Land and Natural Resources" I cannot see how his appointment would be appropriate. I feel that nominating him for this appointment is a direct disregard and disrespect to the people of Hawaii and its lands. Appointing him, when there is obvious dissension among the constituents of the state when there are other choice that may be better suited to the position would be an even greater disregard for the people. Public offices, positions and representatives are an honor to hold and should be held by those that have the least possibility of ulterior motives, conflicts of interests, or ties to a conflicting or possible benefactor of those positions. The error of Carlton Ching as a suggestion for this powerful & influential position has been made, please do not make the mistake of completing, accepting or wrongly representing your people. You hold the power to ensure that these positions are awarded to individuals that will do right by the majority of our state and not by the corporations that they had previously worked for. Humbly, Sincerely and Desperately, Kanani M. Oury

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

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Testimony Re GM 514 Carleton Ching confirmation
From: Karen Chun, 87 Lae St. Paia HI 96779

Dear Chair Thielen and WTL Committee members,

I urge you to oppose Mr. Ching's nomination for chair of DLNR. I spent almost four hours with Mr. Ching at his Maui "talk story". Mr Ching is a nice person who seems sincere in his beliefs that the highest and best use of our conservation and DHHL lands is to build Castle & Cooke houses on them.

But I was amazed at how unqualified he was. He was honest and forthcoming to us but his most frequent answer was some variation of "I don't know. I'll have to get up to speed on that." But here's what is so alarming: At subsequent "talk stories" he had not come up to speed – even after being chastised in the print media on specific subjects. These are the things he didn't know:

Public Trust doctrine

Water user hierarchy

How to manage a large state administration

Natural resources law

The workings of DLNR

The funding challenges of DLNR

The fact that DLNR is **supposed** to protect and preserve our natural resources

The fact that DLNR is **not** supposed to make a profit – it isn't a private business

He kept talking about profit & loss and efficiency. I know from my talks with DLNR folks that they are making do with less funding than 7 years ago by doing things like coming in on their weekends with their own tools and materials to build offices for themselves.

To claim that "efficiency" is going to somehow squeeze more out of DLNR's inadequate funding is a slap in the face to everyone who works there.

Mr. Ching's only supervisory experience is over a ground crew of four. Heck, by this measure our neighborhood gardener is ready to chair DLNR!

Mr. Ching and Gov Ige have not identified any problems or solutions. They're just applying a generic "Let's put someone from the private sector in charge" cure to problems that they don't understand and haven't even identified. Since DLNR's biggest problem is that they are not adequately funded when our natural resources are what drives our tourist economy, I'm suspicious of Gov Ige's motives when I think back to him killing the \$3,000,000 that was supposed to be transferred from HTA to DLNR.

Since Gov Ige has appointed a first deputy who also has zero administrative experience and also knows nothing of DLNR workings and the law, who the heck is going to help Mr. Ching do his job?! Because he surely does not have the knowledge or experience to do it without substantial help.

I realize that the senators like David Ige and don't want to turn down his nominee, but I hope you will put aside your personal feelings and evaluate Mr. Ching on his merits. Being a nice guy is irrelevant as a qualification to effectively lead a large state agency like DLNR.

Mr. Ching is a developer lobbyist (who will presumably go back to Castle & Cooke after his stint at DLNR) and confirming him is like putting the fox in charge of the henhouse.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Luke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching does not have the experience to guide DLNRs mission. His working future is shaped by his previous experience, abilities, accomplishments with developers. He does not demonstrate a knowledge of natural resources, advocate for smart development, or participate in community activities for protection of the aina. His single thought of the world his children will live in, is insufficient to guide DLNR.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Masaki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I find it inappropriate, to say the least, that a person with such deep ties to the development industry and no visible interest in the environment could head the DLNR.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Murray	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the nomination of Mr. Carleton Ching as head of DLNR. I have watched with dismay the recent nominations made by our new governor whose experiences seem in direct conflict on the respective positions. This seems to be following the trend on the federal level with revolving door appointments in such agencies as the FDA and the chemical companies. This is truly corruptive to our society and should be opposed. Land and resource management for the future is much harder than streamlining financials for short-term monetary gain. The head of DLNR needs to be someone more passionate about preserving the life-giving relationship between live soils, beneficial microbes and fungi, and plants and animals, as well as maintaining a healthy environment in our coastal waters. This is often in direct conflict with development and we need someone able to withstand the onslaught of monied interests of bankers, realtors and the construction sector who would pillage our resources. We, in Hawaii, have worked hard in past decades to preserve our natural, untouched places. We have long understood the need for such places. Yet there are those who would look at those lands and not understand that they are untouched by design and wrongfully designate them as underdeveloped. This shortsighted view of land as commodity should take a back seat for any head of DLNR. Furthermore, we have watch as cranes extract huge boulders out of the ground in Kunia to build an oversized road, to where? We hope that there are no plans for an industrial park in Lualualei which would adversely affect our coastal waters. Many of us hope that any nomination to the head of DLNR would protect this area for the people of that area.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Petras	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching is in no way qualified for this position, and the conflict of interest his appointment would make is staggering. Even if he were to PERMANENTLY cut ties with Castle and Cook, instead of just being on a leave of absence, the opportunities for conflict are too numerous to make him a viable choice for the head of DLNR. Gov. Ige says that Ching would recuse himself from any issues involving C+C. Given that C+C is one of the major developers in HI, how could Ching possibly function effectively if he has to recuse himself so often? Further, Ching's only experience dealing with natural resources is in paving them over. Gov. Ige says Ching's staff could bring him up to speed on-the-job. By that "logic" my plumber should be able to successfully perform brain surgery just by taking tips from the operating room nursing staff. There are many other people who would be far better qualified for the position. Mr. Ige seems to have already forgotten who put him into office, and why. His nomination of Mr. Ching is a very dubious start to the new administration, and shows an astonishing lack of respect for the 'aina and the wishes of the people who voted for him. Mr. Abercrombie learned his lesson the hard way, and was a one-termer. Gray Davis of CA got recalled before his term was even up by voters who had no confidence in him. Is Mr. Ige on the same path? Putting Carleton Ching in charge of the DLNR would be a disaster for the state. PLEASE keep Carleton Ching (and other lobbyists) out of the administration!

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Karen Umemoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
karly williams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha! As a resident of O'ahus beautiful north shore, I wanted to express my STRONG opposition of the appointment of Ching. It is CLEARLY a conflict of interest to appoint a developer to chair the department of land and natural resources. It is important to preserve hawaiian land and natural resources- not develop it! Please appoint another representative who doesn't have their hands tied with conflicting interests. Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katharine Beutner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching as chair of the DLNR. We need a chair who will support and protect the land, not the rights of developers. Please do not support this nomination. Thank you!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Horgan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose confirming Carleton Ching as the chairperson of DLNR. He does not have the proper experience to fill this leadership position. he himself says he is unfamiliar with many of the specific requirements and will be basing decisions on consensus. We need a seasoned leader that can bring a high standard of leadership to DLNR. A developer does not have the necessary objective perspective on many issues that he may be faced with. Please choose someone more qualified and with a deeper understanding of the needs of DLNR and the people of Hawaii.

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Kathy Shimata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In my opinion, DLNR is one of the most important agencies in our state. Mr. Ching is both unqualified & on the side of the developers. There are far better people to head this vital department.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katie McMillan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support Carleton Ching's nomination to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. He is unqualified and has a conflict of interest. Mr. Ching does not simply work for one of Hawaii's largest real estate developers but his professional career has to a great extent been focused on actively working to eliminate or weaken regulations intended to protect all that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is supposed to manage and protect. As a Castle and Cooke lobbyist, VP for the Land Use Research Foundation (LURF) and Board Member for the Building Industry Association (BIA) he serves in an influential leadership position in the effort to dismantle key elements now in place to protect public trust resources. His job at many levels over the past decade is/was to influence changes in public policy to increase the profitability of development interests via the diminishment of environmental, health, cultural and public land protections. As a Board Member of the Building Industry Association (BIA) Mr. Ching's fiduciary responsibility is to support the interests of: developers, general contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers, Realtors, architects and financial institutions. An even more alarming indication of the deep seated bias in support of development and opposed to environmental protections is his role as Vice President at LURF. LURF's mission is to "promote and advance the interests of the development community, particularly in the areas of land use laws and regulations." LURF touts as some of its major accomplishments: *LURF fought hard to convince the U.S. Fish and Wild Life Service to reduce critical habitat designations and mandated conservation areas. *LURF successfully lobbied to reduce requirements for developer applicant reviews by the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR/SHPD). *LURF successfully lobbied to require the Department of Health (DOH) to delete various protections involving native Hawaii rights, historic preservation, coastal zone management and environmental impact reviews for storm water management permits. *LURF actively opposed the requirement of landowners to provide lateral access along the coast line. And LURF has been extremely active in what has almost become an annual effort to weaken HRS Chapter 343 (EIS Laws), they were core supporters of the Public Lands Development Corporation (PLDC) and numerous other efforts to exempt various development projects from environmental, health, planning and public interest laws now in place. The mission statement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is to: "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." We all have a bias and a unique perspective on life. Hawaii deserves a Director that is biased toward preserving the resource and protecting the public trust, not someone whose bias is clearly that of promoting increased development and profits while weakening those public trust protections. Over twenty environmental groups are opposing the nomination of Mr. Ching to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Among the groups are the Conservation Council for Hawai'i, Defend O'ahu Coalition, Earthjustice, Friends of Lana'i, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, Hawai'i's Thousand Friends, Hui Ho'omalulu I Ka 'Aina, 'Ilio'ulaokalani Coalition, KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance, Kanehili Hui, Kupa'a No Lana'i, Life of the Land, LOST FISH Coalition, MANA (Movement for Aloha No Ka 'Aina), Maui Tomorrow, O'ahu Chapter of Aha Moku Council, Progressive Democrats of Hawai'i, Puna Pono Alliance, Sierra Club, Surfrider Foundation, The Outdoor Circle, Wailua-Kapa'a Neighborhood Association and West Maui Preservation Association.

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Aloha, please see the attached letter of testimony for GM 514 submitting for consideration and confirmation of DLNR, Gubernatorial Nominee Carleton Ching.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Kaulana H.R. Park

Kaulana H. R. Park
665 Kealahou Street
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March 6, 2015

The Honorable Laura Thielen, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Written Testimony in Support of GM 514
Confirmation of Carleton Ching's Nomination as Chairperson
Of the Board of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Chair Thielen and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

My name is Kaulana Park, and I am writing in support of Carleton Ching's nomination as Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known of Carleton primarily during my tenure at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from 2003-2011, where he served as the Vice President of Community and Government Relations at Castle & Cooke Hawaii. Mr. Ching and his company were in strong support of DHHL's Kapolei Regional Plan developments that included both public and private projects. Mr. Ching worked with the private sector and the community to support the master plan of Kapolei, which included the building of affordable homes for thousands Hawaiians and non-Hawaiian residents.

Additionally, Mr. Ching brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in land management, is known to be an effective leader, and has always engaged with the community upfront and seeking to do what is pono.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony and urge your support and confirmation of Carleton's nomination.

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Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Kawelau Wright	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose appointing Carleton Ching as DLNR Chair - he is not qualified for this position.

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Kea Kapahua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Blatant conflict of interest.

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Kealii Makekau	Individual	Oppose	No

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Keith Ranney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Due to conflicts of interest, Carleton Ching is not qualified to chair the DLNR.

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To: Committee on Water and Land, Senator Laura Thielen, Chair

My name is Keith Robinson. I am a co-owner of the island of Niihau, and serve as Niihau's representative on the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC).

I also own and operate the Kauai Wildlife Reserve, a Hawaiian endangered species reserve that has managed to do certain conservation work that no one else has ever accomplished.

My purpose in writing this letter is to testify in favor of the confirmation of Carlton Ching as the Chairman of the Board of the state Board of Land and Natural Resources. This testimony is based on my following beliefs about Mr. Ching:

1. He has worked in the past for Hawaii's private sector, and understands its operation and its problems.
2. He is part-Hawaiian, he understands Hawaiian issues, and he also appears to have strong support within the Hawaiian community.
3. He is reputed to be honorable, and honest in his dealings.
4. I have met him and talked with him briefly (but we both had to rush off due to scheduling conflicts). He seems to be very open and approachable and easy to talk to.
5. He has the reputation of being a leader who is loyal to his employees.
6. He is known to be a strong, effective lobbyist—something that the DLNR desperately needs (and also the AMAC!).
7. He is reputedly a man of his word (see #3 above). Men like that are badly needed in the state government.

Therefore, for all the above reasons, I support this proposed confirmation of Carlton Ching as the next Chairman of the Hawaii State Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Keith Robinson

For the Kauai Wildlife Reserve (KWR)

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Kellen Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This clearly is a revolving door conflict of interest. Strongly oppose.

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March 2, 2015

Chair Laura Thielen,
Vice-Chair Brickwood Galuteria
And Members of the Water and Land Commission
State Capital
Honolulu, HI 96814

RE: GM514-Letter in Support of the Confirmation of Nominee, **CARLTON CHING**, to Serve as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Hearing: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 @ 10:00 am, Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Member of the Committee:

We are writing this letter in strong support of the nomination of Carleton Ching to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We have had the privilege of knowing and working with Carleton for over 10 years.

Having over 30 years of experience in both the private and public sectors, Carleton brings a wealth of knowledge in land matters to serve the people of Hawaii if he is confirmed as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Carleton is sincerely committed to the mission of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and will protect the interest of the people of Hawaii as well future generations.

Sincerely,

Leroy & Kelly Chandler
92-311 Kiowainui Place
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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelly-Anne Aipa	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Oppose this bill

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelvin Ho	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kelvin Ho
PO Box 769
Lawai ,Hawaii 96765
808 3327263

Feb 22, 2015

Dear Senate Committee

I am submitting testimony to strongly oppose the confirmation of Carleton Ching as head of DNLR. I believe he has a strong conflict of interest for the position and is unquestionably not the right person to steward the care of Hawaii's Lands. I humbly ask you to hear the unified voice of the people and do your part in upholding our state's motto.

Sincerely,

Kelvin Ho

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Burch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr.Ching is not qualified for this position because of his conflict of interest. I strongly oppose his nomination.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/20/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Stover	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/19/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Takahashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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February 19, 2015

The Honorable Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Thielen and Committee Members:

It is with honor that I submit for your consideration this testimony in support of your confirmation of Mr. Carleton Ching for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Mr. Ching for over forty years and have found him to be perceptive, honorable, articulate, hard working, and professional. I have worked with him and he has always conducted himself with the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

He is a true "Son of Hawaii" with strong local values, family ties and concern for protection of Hawaii's natural, cultural and historic resources. I believe he has the commitment to improve Hawaii and will strive to be his very best.

While his individual accomplishments are many and varied, his leadership abilities, negotiation skills and mindset to get things done in a timely manner will have positive impacts on the department and the people of Hawaii. I believe he has the qualifications and character that sets him apart, and I strongly urge you to confirm his nomination.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Takahashi".

Ken Takahashi
2734 Hipawai Place
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GM514

Submitted on: 3/3/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kenji Salmoiraghi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/18/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth A Likout	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Kenneth A. Likout and I am contacting you to respectfully request that you vote to reject the appointment of Carleton Ching to chair The Department of Land and Natural Resources... Mr. Ching is a lobbyist for the major real estate development firm Castle & Cook Homes, this in it self represents a Major Conflict of Interest...Putting "THE FOX IN CHARGE OF THE HEN HOUSE" if you will...In most recent attempts to streamline real estate development procedures Mr. Ching has been quoted saying "Just sign a document and tell us go," when asked by one senator how long should it take to approve a housing development...Hardly an individual that should chair the state department that is in charge of protecting the environment and natural resources, not to mention, with such a statement, the obvious and blatant disregard of the State Constitution for the interests of real estate development. On January 4, 2015, Mr. Ching wants an unobstructed path to real estate development and on January 23, 2015, He is being nominated to be the chair of the DLNR...There is something grossly wrong with this picture, again this represents a Major Conflict of Interest...can we count on his judgment on sensitive environmental issues...Mr. Ching has no demonstrated expertise in managing the cultural and natural resources that fall under the DLNR's purview, including but not limited to endangered species, iwi and burials, ceded land, water resources, forests, beaches, coral reefs, fishing and hunting resources, historic sites, and state parks...With all do respect I ask you,Please reject this appointment...PONO Kenneth A Likout Ha'iku, Maui

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Subject: Testimony: Consideration and Confirmation for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
Date: Monday, March 09, 2015 10:28:37 AM
Attachments: [CChing Testimony.pdf](#)

Dear Chair Thielen and Members:

Attached is my written testimony for consideration and confirmation for Carleton Ching, Gubernatorial Nominee, as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your acceptance of my testimony is very much appreciated.

Mahalo,
Kenneth Harada

Kenneth Y. & Marion N. Harada

1397 Aupupu Street

Kailua, HI 96734

March 9, 2015

The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair, and Members
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Confirmation of Carleton Ching (Written Testimony Only)
Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Chair Thielen and Members:

I have been a colleague and friend of Carleton Ching the past 30+ years. He is part Hawaiian, a true Kama'aina and a "Son of the Aina." This testimony is presented in support of Carleton Ching for confirmation as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Though Carleton is a "get it done" kind of a person, his character will not allow him to compromise State land, properties and resources for the sake of land development as some people believe. Unfortunately, the people who are voicing against Carleton's nomination don't know much about who he is.

Having worked in both the public and private sector he will bring both prospective to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. His wit, fortitude and character will not only bring out the best in his staff, but also, instill the trust from Hawaii's people.

Thank you for the opportunity to give this testimony in support to confirm Carleton Ching as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K. Harada', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kenneth Y. Harada
Retired

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/26/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth Hays	Individual	Oppose	No

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Testimony---GM 514

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Dear Hawaii Senate,

I am writing in regards to the appointment of a new DLNR Chairman. I urge you to carefully consider the appointment and remember that the DLNR Chair is also the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). Having the Chair of DLNR act as the SHPO, in the same person is not the best organizational structure, but since it is that way at this time, please consider and comply with the requirements of Chapter 6E-5 of the Hawaii HRS in that "The state historic preservation officer shall be appointed on the basis of professional competence and experience in the field of historic preservation and shall be placed in the department for the purposes of the state program." Section 6E does not state or allow for the DLNR Chair to rely on other subject matter experts within the state to substitute for a lack of qualifications.

Kenneth Hays
Island of Oahu, Hawaii

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth Ingham	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth Schmitt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please find a qualified person who does not have a significant conflict of interest.

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/2/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
keoki raymond	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am strongly opposed to mr Ching's nomination. I feel he is not qualified to fulfill the duties of the office and has a high potential for conflict of interest which will not allow him to do the job in an unbiased manner.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
keomailani von gogh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: he has a huge conflict of interest. He is not appropriate candidate for this position.

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/9/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerri Marks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: NO!

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Akiyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR.

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From: [Kevin Lopes](#)
To: [Sen. Laura Thielen](#)
Subject: DLNR nomination
Date: Monday, February 23, 2015 12:55:25 PM

Aloha Senator Thielen,

I am writing in opposition of Governor Ige's nomination of Carlton Ching to the position of Chairman of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I believe there are individuals who are qualified and well suited to fill the void left with by Mr. William Aila, but I do not feel that Mr Ching meets the qualifications needed to safeguard our precious 'aina. I believe having Mr. Ching as Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources would seriously endanger our ability to preserve this 'aina, given the State's position on increased development.

Mahalo a nui loa,
Kevin G Lopes

From: [KIHEI DESILVA](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: GM 514 - nomination of Carleton Ching as Chair of DLNR
Date: Monday, March 09, 2015 10:25:40 AM

To: Senate Committee on Water and Land
RE: GM 514

Aloha kakou,

We are opposed to the nomination of Carleton Ching as chairperson of the DLNR. Although we accept the opinion of several of our friends and colleagues that he is a nice man, "nice" is not enough. We can find nothing in his record of employment and affiliation to indicate a deep-seated commitment to the preservation of that which matters most to us: our land and water, our iwi kupuna, and our culture. Indeed, there is much in his record to suggest the opposite. We also find little evidence in what we've heard from his month of community meetings to indicate that he is committed to any course of action other than the more efficient management of the DLNR. This, in our humble opinion, is hardly the vision and mindset required of the lead steward of our precious and much-threatened lands and natural resources.

me ka ha'aha'a,

Kiheï and Mapuana de Silva
Halau Mohala 'Ilima
Kailua, O'ahu

We will not be present to give live testimony at the 3-11-15 hearing.

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/2/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Dillman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly urge you to oppose the selection of Carleton Ching as DLNR Chair. This person is not qualified to manage Hawaii's legacy, and has a track record that demonstrates a conflict of interest. Please vote NO to GM514. Mahalo.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Hoffman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha - I am greatly concerned about the Carleton Ching's nomination to chair the DLNR. He has not shown to be a viable candidate and has known conflicts of interest. I oppose his nomination. Mahalo.

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/1/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimberly Coleman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I will vote against any legislator in the next election who supports measure GM 514. I oppose Carleton Ching as head of DLNR.

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March 3, 2015

To our esteemed legislators,

My name is Kimberly Coleman, and I am submitting this testimony in opposition of GM 514, which asks for the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I strongly recommend that you vote against this measure. The DLNR's mission is to protect Hawaii's natural resources. For decades they have stood as the final check between developers who seek to profitize and corporatize natural resources like agricultural land and water aquifers, which should be publicly available for the common good of the citizens of Hawaii. The DLNR holds developers in check, and their mission is crucial for the preservation of a sustainable future for both Hawaii's people and lands.

Putting a developer, Carleton Ching, in charge of DLNR is diametrically opposed to this fundamental mission. Furthermore, Ching has no experience in running a state agency, protecting the environment, or in the appropriate management of natural and public resources. In fact he advocates doing away with DLNR's mission and "streamlining" developer permissions, signaling a clear intent to further developer interests over those of the common public.

Just as the legislature abolished the exploitive and disastrous Public Land Development Corporation, my hope is that you will similarly oppose this preposterous nomination. The state of Hawaii, and her voters, do not need yet another for-profit businessman corporatizing public resources for private gains. We need stewards of the land and people to secure a sustainable future.

Our governor has erred by making this nomination. Please vote in opposition of GM 514 and prevent Carleton Ching from becoming the chairperson of the DLNR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Coleman". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Kimberly Coleman

From: [Steinwascher, Kimo at ABP Kailua](#)
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Subject: Testimony for Carleton Ching re DLN&R
Date: Monday, March 09, 2015 8:08:28 AM
Attachments: [steinwascher testimony for ching.pdf](#)

Please find attached my written testimony regarding Carleton Ching.

Thank you,

Kimo Steinwascher
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Kailua, HI 96734
ksteinwascher@abkailua.com
(808) 548-0902

March 6, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing: Wednesday, 03-11-15 10:00AM in Conference Room 229.

Re: GM514 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

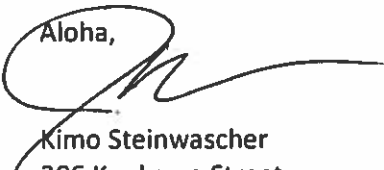
I have known and worked with Carleton Ching since the late 1980's. At that point in his career he was a key staff member for the State of Hawaii's housing agency, HFDC, which was charged to create public-private partnerships to increase the volume of affordable housing in Hawaii. I was an officer of a Hawaii based home building company that worked directly with this agency. With his assistance we were able to break ground on the first affordable housing project in Kapolei, now known as the Kumu Iki at the Villages of Kapolei.

Carleton was a key member in the State staff that allowed a successful partnership that ended up delivery over 500 homes to Hawaii's residents, 60% of them affordable.

Carleton is fair, honest, and professional, and would be a wonderful addition to the senior management of the State, particularly DLN&R.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Aloha,



Kimo Steinwascher
306 Kuukama Street
Kailua, HI 96743

From: [Kolja Rotzoll](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Hawaii State Legislature GM514
Date: Monday, March 09, 2015 11:56:48 AM

Aloha,

I strongly urge you to NOT confirm Carleton Ching as appointed leader to the Hawaii Dept of Land and Natural Resources. He is neither qualified nor experienced in managing and caring for our natural resources. To guarantee the sustainability of our assets, a longtime lobbyist for a major developer is certainly a terrible choice.

Ching has been an officer and director of groups representing builders and large landowners pushing to reduce and remove impediments to further development. There is no reverse process for land that has been developed. Rather keep protecting valuable farmland to secure food independence and preserve the natural beauty and environmental integrity of Hawaii.

Do you really think Ching is suitable to lead an agency charged with protecting and preserving our natural and cultural resources from development? Think about it. What we need is someone who is qualified and who holds the public interest highest in the stewardship of our land and natural resources. I have serious and legitimate concerns about his nomination.

Keep the Country Country! Not only on the North Shore!

Mahalo
Kolja Rotzoll
Haleiwa, HI 96712

From: [Konaneakamahina de la Nux](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Carleton Ching GM514
Date: Sunday, February 22, 2015 5:45:57 PM

Aloha,

I strongly oppose Carlton Ching's appointment for the head of DLNR. We need someone who is familiar with the importance of our natural resources. Carleton Ching displayed that he is not familiar with many things that have to do with Hawaii's natural resources when he came to Maui for a meet and greet. I am very afraid that all the progress that was made with the previous DLNR team will be ignored and cause is to be set back yet again. PLEASE DO NOT APPOINT CARLETON CHING AS DLNR CHAIRPERSON.

Mahalo,

Konaneakamahina de la Nux

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristie Reilly	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Ching has no demonstrated experience in managing the cultural and natural resources of Hawaii.

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From: [Kristin Castillo-Saem](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Your Support is Needed on GM 514, Confirmation Hearing for Carleton Ching
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 3:00:08 PM

Dear Chair Thielen,

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

We need diverse views when managing the State's natural and cultural resources; the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes most of the policy decisions for the Department with the Divisions and staff implementing those policies. The Chairperson of the DLNR oversees the proceedings of the Board, but only has one of the seven (7) votes on the Board.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Kristin Castillo-Saem
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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the the nomination for Clarence Ching to the DLNR, I believe his professional background is at odds with the sensitive requirements of the post.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristine Kubat	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Carlton Ching to head the DLNR. It is the responsibility of this department to preserve and protect the natural resources of the State of Hawaii and Mr. Ching does not have experience in this type of work. Preservation and related environmental issues can be very controversial; allowing the nomination will undermine public confidence and heighten the controversy. It is unfair to Mr. Ching to put him in charge of the department when so many people object to his leadership abilities. He will be constantly criticized and he is already being second-guessed.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Krystal Shon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I, STRONGLY OPPOSE, GM514! As a Native Hawaiian, I believe that there is a conflict of interest with hiring Mr.Carleton Ching. As it is, I think he is unqualified to be the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for Hawaii State given the unique nature of Native Hawaiian issues and concerns pertaining to the land and its resources.

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Date: Sunday, February 22, 2015 11:49:00 PM

Aloha mai. I strongly oppose GM 514, Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR.

As a career lobbyist for the development industry who has a record of calling for the elimination of cultural and environmental protections, Mr. Ching simply is not qualified for the job. In fact, he has a direct conflict of interest. We need a Director of DLNR who has a proven record of fighting to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources. Clearly Mr. Ching does not have the values, experience, background, or expertise to lead this department.

Me ke aloha pumehana, Ku

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Ku-A-Kanaka!
When Natives Thrive Everyone Will Benefit!

For those who have already created a Hawaii legislative account, go to <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx?billtype=GM&billnumber=514>

Don't forget to check OPPOSE. You don't have to write much. Just that he is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kuliaikanu'u Petzoldt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I STRONGLY oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR as he has a clear conflict of interest and is unqualified to protect our Land and Natural Resources.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/19/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
L. Osterer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There is a conflict of interest in a Castle & Cooke developer (lobbyist), Carleton Ching, being appointed as the head of Hawaii Dept of Land and Natural Resources. Kindly vote against his confirmation. We have seen this kind of unfair influence before in previous governor's appointments. It needs to stop. L. Osterer, Koloa, Hawaii resident

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
L. Ragan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha. Carleton Ching poses a conflict of interest as the proposed director of DLNR. Why, why would we want someone who doesn't value preservation, conservation, cultural and environmental protections in charge of our lands and natural resources??? As a concerned citizen, I OPPOSE his nomination. It is your kuleana to protect our state. Please vote NO on Carleton Ching. Mahalo for reading my testimony.

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lacey Phifer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 10:57:47 AM

In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR

He is biased toward over development Natural Resources need to be preserved! Protect what is important, the delicate ecosystems that are special to these beautiful islands!

Mahalo ~ Lana Shea

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/26/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lance Duncan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Members on the Committee on Water and Land I ask you to deny the confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. This agency is primarily responsible for conservation and preservation of our natural resources and it would be a misstep to confirm someone with such a pro-development background and apparent conflict of interest to this position. The people of Hawai'i, our future descendants, and the resources we need to steward for them to have a bright and vibrant future deserve a better appointment than this. Mahalo
Lance Duncan Pahoa, HI

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LANCE TANINO	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carlton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 9:30:36 AM

Please do not place our limited and unique natural resources (a major economic driver for Hawaii) at risk with the appointment of Carleton Ching as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Mr. Ching has shown in his talks with numerous organizations that he is neither academically trained nor adequately experienced to protect our limited and unique natural resources.

Mr. Ching's professional life has been devoted to the private sector and the development of land across the state. Mr. Ching actively tries to weaken and eliminate laws that protect and preserve our environment in favor of development, the polar opposite of his would-be duties as DLNR Chair.

Over twenty environmental groups are opposing the nomination of Mr. Ching to be DLNR Chair. Among the groups are the Conservation Council for Hawai`i, Defend O`ahu Coalition, Earthjustice, Friends of Lana`i, Hawai`i Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawai`i Wildlife Fund, Hawai`i's Thousand Friends, Hui Ho`omalua I Ka `Aina, `Ilio`ulaokalani Coalition Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance, Kanehili Hui, Kupa`a No Lana`i, Life of the Land, LOST FISH Coalition, MANA (Movement for Aloha No Ka `Aina), Maui Tomorrow, O`ahu Chapter of Aha Moku Council, Progressive Democrats of Hawai`i, Puna Pono Alliance, Sierra Club, Surfrider Foundation, The Outdoor Circle, Wailua-Kapa`a Neighborhood Association and West Maui Preservation Association.

He recently met with the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and could not articulate a BASIC understanding of the public trust doctrine or even show that he understands the mission of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Hawaii deserves an experienced natural resource manager who can immediately and professionally advocate for and protect and preserve our natural resources. Our natural resources are too important to risk by appointing a monumentally poor choice for DLNR Chair.

Please request that the Governor speak with the environmental groups above and work with them to find and select an appropriately trained and experienced natural resource manager.

Please oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to DLNR.

Lani Kawahara
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GM514

Submitted on: 3/2/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lani Kawahara	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Honorable Senators: Please do not risk our limited and unique natural resources (a major economic driver for Hawaii) with the appointment of Carelton Ching as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Ching has shown in his talks with numerous organizations that he is neither academically trained nor adequately experienced in environment resource management. Mr. Ching's professional life has been devoted to the private sector and the development of land across the state. Mr. Ching actively tries to weaken and eliminate laws that protect and preserve our environment in favor of development. Over twenty environmental groups are opposing the nomination of Mr. Ching to be Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Among the groups are the Conservation Council for Hawai'i, Defend O'ahu Coalition, Earthjustice, Friends of Lana'i, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, Hawai'i's Thousand Friends, Hui Ho'omalu I Ka `Aina, `Ilio`ulaokalani Coalition, KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance, Kanehili Hui, Kupa`a No Lana'i, Life of the Land, LOST FISH Coalition, MANA (Movement for Aloha No Ka `Aina), Maui Tomorrow, O'ahu Chapter of Aha Moku Council, Progressive Democrats of Hawai'i, Puna Pono Alliance, Sierra Club, Surfrider Foundation, The Outdoor Circle, Wailua-Kapa`a Neighborhood Association and West Maui Preservation Association. Please request that the Governor go back to the drawing board, consult with He recently met with the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and could not provide a BASIC understanding of the public trust doctrine or show he can professionally and appropriately execute the mission of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Hawaii deserves an experienced natural resource manager who can immediately and professionally advocate for and protect and preserve our natural resources. Please request that the Governor speak with the environmental groups above and work with them to find and select an appropriately trained and experienced natural resource manager. Please oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to DLNR. Lani Kawahara PO Box 1565 Kapaa, HI 96746

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lani Kwon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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To whom it may concern,

I am in opposition of GM514.

Carleton Ching, as a land developer, has a clear conflict of interest and would not be the best choice for the head of the Department of Land and Natural Resources DLNR. He is also unqualified to fill that position when so many others would be better suited.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lani Kwon

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/1/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lanilynn Tanoai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: carlton ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lars Lind	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching is not qualified for the position to chair the DLNR, and his appointment would be a conflict of interest. Please oppose his nomination to this position. Mahalo.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/24/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Berthold	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposing Carleton Ching's nomination to chair of DLNR. We need someone that doesn't just believe Hawaii is here to be developed. We need to protect our natural resources and prevent introductions of non-native species. We need someone who understands that conserving the environment is needed to sustain our community and tourism. Development is not the key. He is unqualified and has a conflict of interest. Thank you for your time.

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Subject: I oppose GM514 measure to confirm Carleton Ching
Date: Friday, February 20, 2015 5:07:36 PM

To whom it may concern,

I do not want Carleton Ching to be confirmed at the hearing 3/11/15 10am
rm. 229. He has close ties to developers and is not the right choice to
protect our precious natural resources. Please read my testimony, as I
can not be at the hearing. Mahalo for taking your duty to protect our
AINA seriously.

Sincerely,

Laura Gray R.N.

March 9, 2015

Chair Laura Thielen
Vice-Chair Brickwood Galuteria
and Members of the Water and Land Committee
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96814

Subject: GM514 – Support of the Confirmation of Nominee, Carleton Ching
Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources

Hearing: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 10:00am, Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice-Chair Galuteria and Members of the Water and Land Committee,

This letter is in strong support of the nomination of Carleton Ching in the position of Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Mr. Ching for over 20 years. His varied career experiences ranging from serving the public under the State of Hawaii to working for private firms provide him the knowledge, understanding and the ability to apply sound management practices in leading one of the state's largest agencies. His past experience including knowledge of land matters and working collaboratively with the community and government provides him a multi-dimensional perspective that lends itself to balanced decision making. Those attributes make him the right nominee for the job.

Mr. Ching is a collaborator and possesses leadership qualities that will serve the Department of Land and Natural Resources well. He is honorable and respectful. He is passionate about the things he is involved in. The State of Hawaii would be the fortunate beneficiary of his commitment to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and its mission.

I am the mother of two ten-year old boys and for the sake of their future, I too have a vested interest in the preservation of Hawaii's resources for future generations. For this reason I strongly support the nomination of Carleton Ching.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laura Kodama".

Laura Kodama
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Lee Wolf	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: While I am sure that Mr. Carelton Ching has many attributes and qualities which could be put to service by our state, I do not think DLNR is the department which is best suited to utilize his expertise and skills. It is at least an ill fit and at worst a conflict of interest given Mr. Ching's previous endeavors. I am certain a more appropriate use of his talents will be found, but not within the DLNR. Thank-you for taking my testimony in this very important matter. Sincerely, Laura Wolf

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Thompson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is sad that the Governor would suggest a person to lead DLNR whose whole background is devoid of respecting/conserving/protecting our Hawaii. Hawaiian lore speaks of Our Land being Chief and we its Servants. Developers don't know how to do that.

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This is to vote no to nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR and to oppose GM514.

Laurel Quarton

Kauai

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
laurenachitoff	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: unqualified and obvious conflict of interest

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
laurence rousset	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Friends, I have grave concerns about reappointing Carleton Ching as he has proven himself unable to fulfill basic legal requirements required of his position resulting in costly lawsuits. Also he has shown himself to be uninformed on sensitive cultural/historic issues which are part of his kuleana. Also his past actions as a member of the Building Industry of America' board undermine his credibility. Please find a candidate more suitable for the job. Mahalo Nui, Laurence Rousset Hana, Maui

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Subject: Carlton Ching appointment
Date: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 3:56:51 PM

This appointment is ill advised at best.

A lobbyist is no substitute for a person knowledgeable and well versed in natural resources management. I am so disappointed with Governor Ige's choice for this key job, makes me want to have Neil back. Neil's DLNR appointments were solid, whatever else he may have done wrong during his term.

Laurie Carlson

Sent from my iPad

From: [Laurie Steelsmith](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Please Do Not Confirm Carleton Ching as Director of DLNR
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 4:26:22 PM

Aloha Senators,

Please do not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). My understanding is that Carleton Ching has no direct experience managing natural resources (such as those we have in Hawaii), or an organization as complex as DLNR.

His history shows that he has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of DLNR - which is to protect our natural resources.

Please be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for considering my position.

Dr. Laurie Steelsmith
438 Hobron Lane, Ste. 315
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To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Mr Carleton Ching nomination
Date: Monday, March 09, 2015 9:09:56 AM

GM514 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018. **Testimony for Public Hearing**

Lawrence M Kiyabu
1022 Prospect Street
Honolulu HI 96822

Good Afternoon Department of Land and Natural Resources Committee Members. My name is *Lawrence Kiyabu* and I am a Retired citizen after 22 years in the private sector and 23 years in the public sector. I have known Mr Carleton Ching for more than 20 years and found him knowledgeable in all aspects of his scope of work and associated fields.

I understand the sacrifices made and the scrutiny placed on ones personal life when asked to enter the public sector after a successful career in the private sector. Mr Ching has been under the microscope due to his proficiency in his prior career and I am confident that Mr Ching will accomplish goals and expectations set by the Governor's office, and perform with ethics and moral standards befitting that position.

Governor Ige has proposed Mr Carleton Ching as Director of Department of Land and Natural Resources. I would like to support that nomination.

Thank you for your valuable time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M Kiyabu

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lea Minton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Carleton Ching does not have experience with the most important issues facing our state in regards to our lands and resources. He also has worked to redone agricultural lands in order to build housing, which is a direct conflict of interest when making decisions regarding the sustainability of our resources. I do not believe he will be able to make fair and unbiased judgements in relation to the protection of Hawaii's lands. As a business man, his focus will be the money and short sighted when it comes to the environmental and sustainable impact to our communities. Protecting our land and natural resources is not solely a business plan- it takes someone comfortable to make decisions that positively affect our future for years to come instead of putting money in someone's pocket short term, while limiting our future options due to destruction of remaining land and resources. Mr. Carleton Ching is not the leader for this position and I strongly oppose this appointment. I urge you to consider the direct conflict that he has within this position. The clear political play of this appointment can turn back so many decisions we have made progress with over the last several years. Let's keep our future in front of us.

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To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Your Support is Needed on GM 514, Confirmation Hearing for Carleton Ching
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 3:30:08 PM

Dear Chair Thielen,

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

We need diverse views when managing the State's natural and cultural resources; the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes most of the policy decisions for the Department with the Divisions and staff implementing those policies. The Chairperson of the DLNR oversees the proceedings of the Board, but only has one of the seven (7) votes on the Board.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lea Wong
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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leanne Fox	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony opposing Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR. I believe he is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Date: Monday, March 09, 2015 7:51:27 AM
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To whom it may concern:

Attached is testimony in support of Carleton Ching to be nominated for Chair of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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March 9, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM514 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my support of the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Carleton's professional background in both private corporate management and State Government equips him well to handle the many challenges that come before the Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resource, and to make reasonable decisions that recognize the delicate balance between economy and environment. Further, his personal qualities will enable him to work collaboratively with diverse individuals and groups to resolve conflicts in a fair and equitable manner.

It is unfair to judge Carleton by who his current employer is. Look deeper. Carleton is a person of character and commitment, and will dedicate himself to whatever mission he chooses to pursue. I consider myself fortunate, as a citizen of Hawaii, to have someone like Carleton, willing and able to devote the time and energy to responsibly implement the mission of the Department of Land & Natural Resources. He will look to find the best ways to enhance, protect and conserve the state's natural resources for his mo'opuna and all of the children of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.



Lee Jakeway
Makawao, Maui

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, March 11, 2015
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol - Conference Room 229

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 514, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND
NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CARLETON CHING**

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). I went to high school with Carleton and also worked with him professionally. I know him to be a very dedicated individual who brings a wealth of experience in the public and private sector. He will serve our community well and will be diligent in his efforts to help DLNR enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources.

I **strongly encourage** the Senate to confirm Carleton Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee T. Takushi', written in a cursive style.

Lee T. Takushi, P.E.

From: [Leighton Lee](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: GM 514 Submission of Testimony re Carleton Ching
Date: Friday, March 06, 2015 3:00:40 PM
Attachments: [Ching Carleton LKL Testimony.pdf](#)

Honorable Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land

Senators-Chair and Vice Chair:

Please accept the pdf letter attached to this email as testimony relevant to GM 514.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 808.531.3244 or hg0818@gmail.com

mahalo,

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Leighton Lee
Sent with Airmail

Leighton K. Lee
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Aiea, Hawai'i 96701
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March 6, 2015

The Honorable Laura H. Thielen
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

Re: Director/Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
Gubernatorial Nominee, **Carleton Ching**

Aloha Senator Thielen:

Thank you very much for taking on this important responsibility of overseeing the leadership positions of our Department of Land and Natural Resources. In concert with the wonderful people of our State, our land and natural resources truly make Hawai'i unique, awe inspiring, and special.

It is for this core reason, my love for our State, that I whole heartedly support and endorse Carleton Ching.

You are in a position of leadership, and know of many people who are or were leaders. With such experience and knowledge, you know that the true marks and distinctions of great leaders is found in their character. Integrity, humility, earnestness, and work ethic are some of the cornerstones of such leaders. Carleton Ching possesses all of these qualities.

I have personal knowledge about Carleton Ching. I have met him, talked story with him, and broken bread with him. I can testify that he has all of the characteristics of a true leader: integrity, humility, earnestness, and an incredible work ethic. He will give his heart to his responsibilities. Most importantly, he loves the People of Hawai'i, and the 'aina.

Judgement without knowledge.

Unfamiliar with Carleton's character, legacy, and heart, interest groups have labeled and judged this man. They have taken veneer from his employment, and have opined that this is all that you need to know about this man. These opinions are far from the truth.

Carleton Ching is an humble, honest, generous man, who is a local public school graduate (Kaimuki High School) that has never forgotten, and practices the lessons he received from his kapuna: steward what has been given to you or what has come to your kuleana. Respect others, guard well the relationships of all, and create ohana.

No one has questioned or challenged his character or integrity.

Everyone agrees that Carleton is a man of character and integrity. There has not been a single example of Carleton, the person, acting unfairly, prejudicially, or without thought and concern for others. He is a person who will listen, collaborate, be real and truthful about what can be done, make difficult decisions, and move the DLNR forward toward its Missions.

The DLNR.

The DLNR has 900 professionals dedicated to the Department's Mission Statement. Certain groups want to tell them what type of leader they need. The truth is, these caring professionals do not need one more person "from the top" telling them how important their job are. A director must be a person who believes in these professionals, their mission, and has administrative abilities and integrity to effectuate the work of these professionals, and move the Department forward.

Carleton Ching is a hands on realist that will listen and collaborate with his co-DLNR workers and all interested persons and parties. How do we know this? His entire life history tells this story: he has been an excellent steward and leader of his kuleana. If you allow him to make Hawai'i's land and natural resources his kuleana, he will, without fail, honor this role.

Carleton Ching understands that the People of Hawai'i, their children, their grandchildren, and all future generations will be affected on how we steward our lands. He is a person of true character.

I humbly ask that you allow him to take up this honor of Chairperson/Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leighton K. Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Leighton K. Lee

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leihua Savini	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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GM514

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leilani Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Developers develop land; they build - they do not farm. DNLR requires a person who understands that our land is not infinite. Housing development on agricultural lands do not feed people. Where will we farm when all we have on ag land is homes and/or shopping centers? Carlton Ching is a developer not a farmer. Thank you.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leilani Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to Governor David Ige's nomination of Carleton Ching as Director of the Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources. Carleton Ching does not have the experience, background, or expertise to lead that department and, as a lobbyist for Castle & Cooke, has clear conflicts of interest.

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/2/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leilani Warren	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching lacks the knowledge, experience, and community ties necessary to the successful operation of DLNR.

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GM514

Submitted on: 2/19/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Wheeler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Lennes N. Omuro, Esq.
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March 3, 2015

The Honorable Laura Thielen, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Written Testimony in Support of GM 514
Confirmation of Carleton Ching's Nomination as Chairperson
Of the Board of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Chair Thielen and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

I am writing in support of Carleton Ching's nomination as Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

As a practicing attorney in Hawaii, I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Ching on a number of occasions. I have found him to be honest, intelligent, dependable and very open to considering all sides of an issue. Mr. Ching's experience working for a developer should not be viewed as a detriment but rather as an asset as he brings with him an understanding of many relevant and important land and resource issues. The important consideration is not merely his employment background but his ability to act and make decisions on a fair and unbiased basis and there is no reason to question Carleton's ability in that regard. In fact, his experience in community and government relations puts him in a unique position of having to understand and consider the viewpoints of all sides of an issue.

I know that Mr. Ching has strong local roots and thinks and cares about people and the environment. I believe Carleton would bring a very balanced and reasonable view and approach to the need to both carefully preserve and carefully utilize our important and limited natural resources not just for today but for the future.

I urge your support and confirmation of Carleton's nomination.

Very truly yours,



Lennes N. Omuro

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/8/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Lenora Lorenzo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to the appointment of Mr. Ching as the Chair of the DLNR. Mr. Ching resume verifies his commitment to large land owners. His resume does not include any environmental advocacy or land conservation work. He is not the best person to serve the needs of our Hawai'i. Please do not approve his nomination.

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To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 4:21:02 PM

I oppose and am asking you to vote NO on hiring C. Ching to DLNR because we need better protections for our common natural resources. Ching would take away protections and create more development because he is associated with developers.

Please protect our L.and, A.ir, and W.ater. It is extremely unique and rare

Mahalo nui loa

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Brighten the Path
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GM514

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Libby Kelson-Fulcher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to the nomination of Carleton Ching as head of DLNR! This is such an important position and essential to have the right leader who can be a pivotal force for maintaining our natural resources well, as well as being progressive and a good liaison with the business community. Carleton Ching's past actions speak for themselves. it is unconscionable that the Governor is forcing his own personal choice upon us, despite an outcry from informed and educated opposition.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lili Bryan-Conant	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I respectfully oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to head DLNR - I believe there are better qualified candidates to head this vital Department, which is charged with protecting our natural resources, than the lobbyist for Castle & Cooke. This nomination is the wrong choice for Hawaii, and I pray that our legislators are listening.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lin ter Horst	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is totally unqualified. There is a serious conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda DeRohan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Carlton Ching for chair of the DLNR. Please nominate someone who has a background in conservation and care of the aina.

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From: [KayO](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Nomination of Mr. Carleton Ching
Date: Sunday, March 08, 2015 9:15:07 AM

I strongly oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to be Director of the DLNR. I feel that there is too much of a conflict of interest for him to be able to head such an important department.

Linda Kay Okamoto R (B)

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Legrande	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching might be a nice person with a whole lotta heart but we need a lion for this position, someone who has expertise in land planning and conservation. Please do not appoint him !!!

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THE SENATE
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
Senator Laura Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 11, 2015
10 a.m., Conference Room 229, State Capitol

GM 514

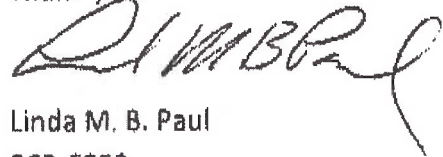
Relating to confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018

Chairperson Thielen, Vice Chairperson Brickwood, and members of the committee, my name is Linda Paul and I am testifying against the confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Board of Land & Natural Resources. After reviewing Mr. Ching's CV, he seems far more suited for an appointment that involves commercial real estate development rather than as a guardian and protector of Hawaii's natural resources.

While DLNR does house the Bureau of Conveyances, that is not its primary focus. If anything, it points out the need to move the Bureau of Conveyances to a more appropriate department. DLNR is too large as it is and has multiple conflicting mandates, which result in nominations such as this one.

Please thank and excuse Mr. Ching and send a message to the Governor to make a more appropriate nomination.

Thank you.



Linda M. B. Paul
262-6859

From: [Lisa And Poodles In Hawaii](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Opposition to GM 514
Date: Monday, March 09, 2015 10:23:24 AM

Aloha, I am a resident of Hawaii Kai and strongly oppose GM 514 - the nomination of Carleton Ching as the new Director of DNLR.

Mr. Ching is eminently unqualified to serve, having no expertise or volunteer experience in any of the areas a Director of DNLR should have.

Sincerely,

Lisa Bishop

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GM514

Submitted on: 3/8/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Galloway, PhD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to be Director of the DLNR.

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Hallett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha. Thank you for reading my testimony. I strongly oppose the appointment of Carleton Ching to the DLNR Chair position. I am shocked that he as a developer would be considered for the position. I believe him to be unqualified. There is a clear conflict of interest here. I find this nomination to be offensive and insulting. Please do not appoint Carleton Ching to this Chair position - thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Jaber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching due to his lack of knowledge with what it takes to manage Hawaii's natural resources, his history as a lobbyist for development, and his affiliation with Castle & Cooke who desire more gross development in the islands.

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Aloha Senators,

I thank you for serving our population, and ask that you continue to represent our interests. Opposition to Mr. Ching's nomination to the DLNR is wide and strong. Please respect the concerns of those who respected you enough to put you in office. I concur with the thoughts below in this regard, and urge you also to oppose GM514.

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Marten	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Senators. Carlton Ching is not qualified to head DLNR, and his background is at odds with the goals of this very important department. Please reject him and ask the governor for a qualified candidate. Mahalo, Lisa Marten

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
L.M. Holmes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: A man whose previous experience is as a lobbyist for developers is not the right choice for preserving natural resources. Please get someone who has natural resource management experience.

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lois crozer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lokelani Brandt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha to all in the Hawai'i State Legislature, I am requesting that you please do not confirm Mr. Carleton Ching as the head of the DLNR. Countless individuals and organization in Hawai'i have worked tirelessly for decades trying to implement laws and policies that strive to protect Hawai'i's unique natural and cultural heritage. Mr. Ching has a history of advocating on behalf of pro-development corporations like Castle and Cooke and the BIA of Hawai'i. He supported bills and efforts that promoted fast tracking development and bypassing state and federal laws that are in place to protect our environment and cultural heritage. We only have ONE Hawai'i in this world, and allowing someone who has showed a history of advocating for more development is a recipe for disaster. Too many of my ancestors have been dug up, boxed up, buried over and trampled on by pro-development companies. Let's not put the fox (Carleton Ching) in charge of the hen house (DLNR). We need someone who is has a history of protecting our natural and cultural resources and encouraging responsible development. I offer a possible solution! I do encourage you to nominate Kekoa Kaluhiwa as the head of DNLR. Mahalo for your time. Your decision in this matter is important to us today and to the future of Hawai'i. aloha, Lokelani Brandt

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Carlton Ching as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Loren Knappenberger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha kakou(greetings to all of us), Please do not appoint the Castle and Cooke lobbyist Carleton Ching to head the DLNR... Hawaii already suffers enough from the constant expansion of Honolulu and our trails and waterfalls are overrun with people who don't respect our 'aina (land) and trample our native and endemic species. Our natural resources struggle to survive as alien species and non native peoples who have no respect for our ecosystem come here to live. Our limu is ripped from rocks instead of cut. Our fish are over harvested with illegal nets. Even common hoi'o(warabi or bracken) fern groves that I have seen since I was a child are being raped till they can't be harvested anymore because of foreigners coming and exploiting what they see because they recognize it as edible. By the way I'm 30 so this has been happening for at least 20 years already but it is becoming more and more prominent. When is enough development enough? When we run out of land? When we run of forests? When we run out of resources that we were taught to go and harvest from the land so that one day everything must be bought from a market? Please do not capitalize on the things that make Hawaii beautiful, leave the land as forest and please don't appoint a person who's heart is in development as a steward of our natural resources. Your time and patience is greatly appreciated. Mahalo piha a me Ke aloha, (Whole hearted gratitude and love), Loren Leleo Teva Knappenberger

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Nakamura-Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Members of the Senate, Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony. I oppose the Gubernatorial Nominee, Carleton Ching to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, DLNR. If there ever was an individual with a resume chock full of conflicts of interest, Mr. Ching is that individual. Appointments like this only fosters further mistrust when corporate interests are seated in government positions to be easily compromised by those who know the system well as a lobbyist does. I urge you to please oppose Carleton Ching's appointment to the DLNR. Mahalo Nui!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorna Larsen-Jeyte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: CONFLICT of interest here! Please recognize that while Mr Ching may be a highly respected individual, he does work for a corporation specializing in development. His appointment is thoroughly questionable. I'm surprised at our new governor. Would have thought he'd know better.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LORNA POE	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in strong opposition of the appointment of Carleton Ching to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Please consider that Mr. Ching holds no background in the conservation of our lands in Hawaii but quite contrary to that, he has background in the development of land in Hawaii. Mr. Ching holds strong partnerships with Land Developers, Realtors, Contractors, Building Industry Associations, Architects.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorraine Kohn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Greetings, I am sure Carleton Ching would be an awesome person to participate in state or local government as he is a very accomplished businessman and a nice person too. However, since real estate development is his business he is not well suited to this position. Please use his talents elsewhere. Thanks!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorraine Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe Mr. Ching is unqualified to chair DLNR. He has no experience in the field except as a lobbyist to develop over our precious resources. We need someone who care for the aina and will work to protect for not only our own generation but those to follow. They will never know the beauty of Hawaii if it becomes another overdeveloped island like Hong Kong.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorraine Newman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please DO NOT confirm Carleton Ching.

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Aloha to all,

I am writing to ask the Senate NOT to approve Mr. Carleton Ching for the position of then Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I voted for Governor Ige as his platform seemed most in line with my own, so I am astonished by his nomination of Mr. Ching for this position.

Based on Mr. Ching's record, his position is clearly biased on matters concerning the environment.

His public record of advocacy is clearly pro-business.

There is very little of his record that shows he places the health of the environment at the top of his priorities.

Please do not confirm this nomination.

Mahalo,
Lorraine Newman
Kilauea, Kauai

From: [Lorraine Newman](#)
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Subject: Carleton Ching
Date: Saturday, January 31, 2015 5:40:27 PM

Aloha,

I am asking the state senate to NOT approve Mr. Carleton Ching for the position of Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I voted for Governor Ige as his platform seemed most in line with my own, so I am astonished by his nomination of Mr. Ching for this position.

Based on Mr. Ching's record, his position is clearly biased on matters concerning the environment.
His public record of advocacy is consistently pro-business.
There is very little of his record that shows he places the health of the environment at the top of his list of priorities.

Please do not confirm this nomination.

Thank you,
Lorraine Newman
Kilauea, Kauai

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Louis Dilberto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We need a leader who doesnt work for corporate interests.

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I am writing in STRONG OPPOSITION of this appointment by Gov. Ige. Hawai'i needs a strong, determined champion for the environment and protection of our water, fisheries, and lands. Carleton Ching does not have the resume that indicates that he is the person who Hawaii needs for the DLNR. Some might say his background indicates the EXACT OPPOSITE.

Me ke aloha,
Louisa Wooton
Kilauea, Kaua'i

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Lucia You	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Luke Sarvis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in strong opposition to the confirmation of Carlton Ching as Chair of DLNR. A chairperson with an extensive history of working in direct opposition to the mission of DLNR is the last person we need overseeing the department.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lydi Morgan Bernal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: E MAU KE EA O KA 'AINA I KA PONO

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Development IS NOT part of Land Stewardship of Hawaiian Kingdom Lands being
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynette Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I respectfully oppose the appointment of Carleton Ching as chair of DLNR. He does not have the experience and knowledge required for this position. I also believe that there is a conflict of interest, due to his prior positions with entities that may benefit from his appointment. Aloha, Lynette Williams

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Lynn B. Wilson, PhD	Individual	Oppose	No

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TESTIMONY for GM514—OPPOSING NOMINATION OF CARLETON CHING TO LEAD THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Hawaii State Senate

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

State Conference Room 229 at 10:00a

Submitted by Lynn B. Wilson, PhD

Senate Committee on Water and Land:

Laura H. Thielan, Chair; Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Greetings Senators! I agree with the many constituents across the state urging this Senate committee to reject the nomination of Carleton Ching to lead Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources, and I strongly urge you to oppose this nomination.

There is large agreement that Carleton Ching is a "nice person"—yet, "nice" is not a qualification in leading state efforts in the mission of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to ***"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."***

Carleton Ching is not qualified to lead DLNR. Ching has a history of lobbying for large corporate interests focused on real estate development, and he has not demonstrated expertise in advocating for sustainability and environmental protection, valuing preservation and the public trust, nor managing cultural and natural resources that fall under the department's jurisdiction.

I strongly agree with the overwhelming opposition of community, state, and national organizations to Carleton Ching's nomination, including: Conservation Council for Hawaii, Defend Oahu Coalition, Earthjustice, Friends of Lanai, Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawaii Wildlife Fund, Hawaii's Thousand Friends, Hui Hoomalu I Ka Aina, KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance, Kanehili Hui, Kupaa No Lanai, Life of the Land, LOST FISH Coalition, MANA, Maui Tomorrow, Oahu Chapter of Aha Moku Council, Progressive Democrats of Hawaii, Puna Pono Alliance, Sierra Club, Surfrider Foundation, The Outdoor Circle, Wailua-Kapaa Neighborhood Association, West Maui Preservation Association and Ilioulaokalani Coalition.

Thank you for opposing GM514 and the confirmation of Carleton Ching for this position.

With Respect & Aloha,

Lynn B. Wilson, PhD
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Lynn Onderko	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lynne matusow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please accept this as testimony strongly opposing the nomination of Mr. Ching as DLNR Director. Hawaii is the extinction capital of the world. We need a person with a strong knowledge of the environment and its accompanying issues in this position, not an experienced manager who knows nothing about the area he is supposed to head. Unfortunately Gov. Ige has not withdrawn this nomination, given the huge public opposition. I am appalled that this nomination has gotten this far. Ching is the wrong person for htis job. The Senate needs to kill the nomination now so the proper person can be nominated to fill it. Lynne Matusow 60 N. Beretania, #1804 Honolulu, HI 96817 531-4260

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As the youth as well as the future of this state and country, I kindly ask that you do not confirm Carlton Ching to head the DLNR. I believe a former developer is not the right kind of person to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
makoto lane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do not confirm Carleton Ching to DLNR as he has never worked to preserve the natural environment which makes Hawai'i so unique and draws visitors from around the world. He has no experience in protecting the environment. He has financially profited from destroying the environment and therefore has a strong conflict of interest. Makoto Lane V.P. Kaua'i Young Democrats

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GM514

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
malcolm mackey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is unqualified and has a huge conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malisa Gampong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a lifelong resident of Hawai'i I respectfully strongly request that you deny Governor Ige's appointment to the DLNR, Mr. Carlton Ching. He is the wrong choice for our State, and there is a definite conflict of interest in who he is, and who/what he represents and this important position. Please respect our aina and the people of Hawai'i in selecting a more appropriate candidate. This decision can be detrimental to the future of our State, and for our keiki for generations to come. I appreciate your time and attention, and careful consideration. Mahalo nui, Malisa Evans Gampong, MS, RN, RN-BC

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mapuana de Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Carleton Ching as the director of DLNR based on his previous job experiences and his lack of support and knowledge of our natural resources and our iwi kupuna. I do not feel he is qualified for this position. I strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maraya Ben-Jospeh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marci Whitman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed due to his lack of qualifications & his conflict of interest.

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