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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Friday, April 13, 2018
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 606
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LEGACY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
KANOE WILSON, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports
Governor's Message 606, nominating Kanoe Wilson to the Legacy Land Conservation
Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2022.**

Pursuant to Section 173A-2.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), the Legacy Land Conservation Commission shall: 1) Advise the Department and the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) on any proposal, public or private, for the acquisition of any interests or rights in land having value as a resource to the State; 2) Advise the Department and the Board on any requests for grants from the fund to a qualifying state or county agency or nonprofit land conservation organization for the preservation of lands having value as a resource to the State; 3) Recommend to the Board the acquisition of interests or rights in certain lands having value as a resource to the State; and 4) Review and adopt rules relating to the criteria it applies in advising the Department and the Board and making recommendations to the Board regarding land acquisitions and grants made pursuant to Chapter 173A, HRS.

Kanoe Wilson is a professional educator and a Hawaiian cultural practitioner with strong passion and commitment for community-based land stewardship. She earned master's degrees in Education and Hawaiian Studies, won prestigious fellowships with Kamehameha Schools (First Nation Futures) and the University of Hawai'i (President's Emerging Leaders), and has worked as an interpretive park ranger, student development program coordinator, land legacy education specialist, and indigenous education officer. Kanoe communicates gracefully and

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compassionately with applicants for grants from the Legacy Land Conservation Program, and helps fellow commissioners and program staff to better understand the deeper significance of the native cultural landscape and related community concerns.

Overall, Ms. Wilson's knowledge and experience in 'ike Hawai'i and 'āina-based education, as shared and applied in her welcoming and pleasant style, fills a key niche on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. The Department requests that the Senate confirm her for a second term as a member from Hawai'i County who is knowledgeable about native Hawaiian culture (*see* Section 173A-2.4(a), HRS).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

GM-606

Submitted on: 4/11/2018 12:56:48 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Haase	Testifying for Molokai Land Trust	Support	No

Comments:

Kanoë Wilson provides critical representation from the Native Hawaiian viewpoint on the LLCC, and her continued service to the people of Hawaii as a Commissioner for the Legacy Lands Conservation Program is an asset for conservation efforts throughout the State of Hawaii. As such, Kanoë has the complete support of the Molokai Land Trust as well as myself, William "Butch" Haase, its Executive Director.

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April 09, 2018

The Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM606: Nomination of Kanoe Wilson to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission

2:45 p.m. April 13, Conference Room 224

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

I am writing this letter in STRONG support of the nomination of Ms. Kanoe Wilson to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Ms. Wilson brings a tremendous wealth of experience and institutional knowledge.

Ms. Wilson has worked on numerous boards and commissions which provides her with a deep understanding of the role and responsibilities that come with these positions. Having served in this capacity since 2016, Ms. Wilson will be quick to understand and contribute to the work of the Commission.

I have every reason to believe that Ms. Wilson will provide effective oversight of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, and the State of Hawai'i will benefit from her contributions and leadership.

Aloha Piha,



Susan "Sus" L.K. Lee Loy
Council Member, County of Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 4/11/2018 11:41:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/13/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tommy Sukanuma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of the Nominee Kano Wilson for the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Her Hawaiian Cultural knowledge is an asset to this DLNR program. Kano brings a fresh approach to the problems and issues facing the Legacy Land Conservation Commission and her contributions and input will enrich the way the lands are used, as well as a way of protecting unnecessary pillage of Hawai'i's lands that fall under DLNR's care.

Please approve her appointment for the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Mahalo,

Tommy Sukanuma

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Submitted on: 4/13/2018 10:42:41 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/13/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Theresa Menard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As chairwoman of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, I have had the opportunity to work with Kanoë Wilson these past two years. She is very knowledgeable in Hawaiian cultural practices. Please confirm her nomination to the LLCC.

Thank you,

Theresa Cabrera Menard

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Friday, March 30, 2018

Senator Karl Rhoads
Senate District 13
State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Rhoads:

Please find my written statement regarding my interest to continue to serve on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

1. Please describe your understanding of the role and jurisdiction of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

The Legacy Land Commission recently celebrated our 9 year anniversary and during that time has assisted in the allocation and protection of over 22,000 acres. The Commission primarily allocates funding through competitive grants process from the Legacy Land Conservation fund collected through the real estate conveyance taxes.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission?

I perceive the role of the commission to be a bridge between community stakeholder groups, local and state government. To insure the integrity of the Legacy Land grant process. Also, helping to find balance and alignment of the mission and goals of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, the State of Hawai'i and stakeholder groups.

3. Why do you wish to continue serving as a member of the Commission?

I have a deep passion to serve the Hawai' i island community and the State of Hawai' i through sharing my 'ike Hawaii or knowledge of Hawaiian culture. I strongly believe in the importance of connecting both science and culture epistemologies, especially in the management of our 'āina. I am honored to share an 'ike Hawai'i perspective as part of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

4. Please describe why you believe that you are qualified for the position of Commission member who possesses relevant knowledge of the Hawaiian culture.

5.

I received my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Hawaiian Studies from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa; a Master's in Education (M.Ed.) from Chaminade University; I am also a Hawaiian cultural practitioner in both hula and lua. My training in both of these practices taught me the importance of sustainable cultural practices as it pertains to managing our natural and cultural resources. Also, as a former Land Legacy education specialist, part of my duty was to screen applicants, develop measures and tools to seek

out the best collaboration that were aligned with KS' mission and values. I feel these experiences will contribute to my ability on serving on the commission.

6. What are some of your accomplishments as a member of the Commission and what would you like to accomplish during an additional term?

I hope to serve to the best of my ability, to represent my 'ohana, my community and the state of Hawai'i with integrity. I look forward to networking with other colleagues and individuals to protect Hawai'i's precious natural and cultural resources for future generations.

7. What issues do you believe that the Commission has handled well in the past? What issues do you believe that the Commission should address in the future?

The last couple of years the Commission has handled the budget ceiling issue patiently and able to still serve the purpose of the Commission. It was a difficult time given there were some mishaps, but I believe we over came these challenges and maintained the integrity of the program.

8. During your service on the Commission, were there any possible conflicts of interests involving you that arose? How were those potential conflicts addressed? If you were to continue to serve, can you foresee any other possible conflicts involving you?

No, I did not have any conflicts of interests during my first term. As an employee with Kamehameha Schools (KS), I could potentially foresee conflicts since KS is the largest private land owner. KS manages and stewards several thousand acres of conservation lands. I would disclose any potential conflicts to the commission and recuse myself from any voting to avoid any perceptions of conflict of interest.

9. Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered for your nomination?

I would like to share some qualities that best describe me are: 1) Mahalo ke Akua, nā kūpuna a me ka 'ohana. I am grateful to Ke Akua, I strongly believe in the importance of spirituality and honoring the elements of our 'āina. I feel honored to represent my ancestors and the 'ike they have shared and imparted upon me that I am able to share with others. I am grateful for the support from my 'ohana and friends who have been integral in my journey. 2) Mālama 'Āina means to care for and nurture the land, through lōkahi or harmony so that it can be sustained for future generations.

3) Aloha 'Āina means to "love the land" an important concept that is unique to Hawai'i through understanding the cosmological, ecological and cultural connections. It embodies a deep passion for the land, and is articulated through mele, song, chant, hula, mo'olelo (stories), cultural practices it also includes political action and civic engagement.

If you have questions, please call me at (808) 557-4580. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kanoe Sukanuma Wilson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

KANOE SUGANUMA WILSON