

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3380**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2024

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 586,
610

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 586 and 610, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

LAND USE COMMISSION

G.M. No. 586 NANCY CARR SMITH,
for a term to expire 06-30-2025; and

G.M. No. 610 BRUCE U'U,
for a term to expire 06-30-2028,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Nancy Carr Smith and Bruce U'u for service on the Land Use Commission.

NANCY CARR SMITH

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Nancy Carr Smith from the Land Use Commission, Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, County of Hawai'i Planning Department, two members of the Hawai'i County Council, Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation, Mauna Kea Resort, and twenty-two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Carr Smith's experience, background, and knowledge qualify her for appointment to the Land Use Commission. Your Committee notes

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that Ms. Carr Smith has more than thirty years of experience as a licensed real estate agent and broker and has operated her own real estate brokerage since 2011. Ms. Carr Smith has also served on various County of Hawaii volunteer boards and commissions, including the South Kohala Community Development Plan Board and Leeward Planning Commission. Over the years, Ms. Carr Smith actively engaged in the Hawaii community, currently serving as Secretary of the Waimea Community Association. Your Committee finds that Ms. Carr Smith thoroughly understands the role and responsibilities of commission members and her extensive experience as a licensed real estate agent and broker will be of tremendous service to the Land Use Commission. Your Committee therefore recommends that Nancy Carr Smith be appointed to the Land Use Commission based on her knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.

BRUCE U'U

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Bruce U'u from the Land Use Commission and three individuals.


Your Committee received testimony in opposition to the nomination for the appointment of Bruce U'u from one individual.

Upon your review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. U'u's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify him for appointment to the Land Use Commission. Your Committee notes that Mr. U'u graduated from the Hawaii Carpenters Apprenticeship Program in 1994 and served as an Apprentice Instructor at the University of Hawaii Maui College, fostering the next generation of skilled carpenters in the State. Mr. U'u has also served as a Field Representative for the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, representing the interests of carpenters at a regional level. Your Committee finds that Mr. U'u thoroughly understands the responsibilities of commission members and his extensive experience as a carpenter and history of working toward the development of housing and its component infrastructure will enhance the effectiveness of the Land Use Commission. Your Committee therefore recommends that Bruce U'u be appointed to the Land Use Commission based on his knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



