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Testimony of  
**MARK B. GLICK, Chief Energy Officer**

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

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1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 and Videoconference

In SUPPORT of  
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 603**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARY ALICE EVANS, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee, I support the appointment of Mary Alice Evans as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD). Mary Alice is particularly well prepared to serve in this role due to her extensive and varied state government roles and knowledge of State government and state planning policies and procedures.

Her two decades of direct experience at the highest levels of planning and management at OPSD makes her eminently qualified to serve as Director. Her specialties include economic development, social and intergovernmental, and Native Hawaiian issues. I had the opportunity to work closely with Mary Alice when she was Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, and deeply appreciated her great skills in dealing with complex procurement, planning and administrative matters.

I urge the committee to confirm the appointment of Mary Alice Evans as Director of OPSD.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.