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Governor's Message No. 143

Gary Gill

Gubernatorial Nominee as the Director of Environmental Quality Control

Senate Committee on Executive and Judicial Appointments

Public Hearing - March 28, 1995  
5:30 P.M. Room 504, SOT

by

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Our statement on this nomination does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

Foremost among the duties and powers delegated to the Director of Environmental Quality Control through Section 341-4, HRS, is the mandate to:

**Direct the attention of the university community and the residents of the state in general to ecological and environmental problems through the center and the council, respectively, and through public education programs.**

Since assuming the duties of Director of OEQC, Mr. Gill has initiated contact with the Environmental Center and has taken the time to elicit our opinions on matters relating to the determination and maintenance of optimum environmental quality. With the exception of Bruce Anderson, who met with Center staff at our offices while he was interim Director, Mr. Gill is the first Director of OEQC who has visited our office to learn the details of our operation since I became Environmental Coordinator in 1987. His hands-on style is evident in the frequent contact which now exists between our offices, and we welcome the dedication which he is bringing to the state's environmental quality management system.

From our perspective, the Director must possess both a solid understanding of environmental principles and a combination of familiarity with the public and private sector organizations and individuals engaged in environmental management and the sensitivity and tact to elicit their voluntary cooperation. In other words, the job requires both pragmatic and political awareness, and Mr. Gill has demonstrated an abundance of each. Thus he is well-qualified, and certainly fully motivated to be highly effective, and we strongly support his appointment and unreservedly recommend that he be confirmed.