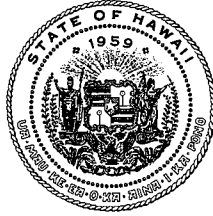


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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON**  
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Governor's Message No. 429 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, BONNIE K. KAHAPEA-TANNER, for a term to expire 6-30-2012

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON**  
**WATER AND LAND**  
February 20, 2008

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the confirmation of Ms. Bonnie K. Kahapea-Tanner as the member of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council representing the Kaneohe Bay Boating Association, as recommended by Governor's Message No. 429.

The Department notes that Ms. Kahapea-Tanner was unanimously recommended by the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council to serve for another term to expire on June 30, 2012.

Ms. Kahapea-Tanner was born and raised in Kaneohe and is a frequent user of the Bay. She has been involved, for the last 10 years, with the Makalii Voyaging Canoe. In 1999, she crewed the voyage to Micronesia, covering over 4000 miles of the Pacific, in honor of Master Navigator Mau Pialilug. She also worked for the Marimed Foundation aboard the Tole Mour.

The Department looks forward to working with Ms. Kahapea-Tanner to ensure that the concerns of the Kaneohe Bay Boating Association are addressed during the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council's discussions relating to improving overall conditions within Kaneohe Bay.

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**From:** bkahapea@aol.com  
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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** : GM # 429 Senate Confirmation Hearing  
**Attachments:** KBRC confirmation hearing letter

**LATE TESTIMONY**

Aloha. Attached is my testimony. I will be unable to attend due to work responsibilities.

February 19, 2008

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Confirmation of Bonnie Kahapea-Tanner (GM 429) on February 20, 2008 at 2:45 pm

Aloha Chair Hee, Vice Chair Kokubun and Members of the WTL Committee:

I am honored to be nominated for a second year term as the Recreational Boater Representative of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. Growing up on the bay nurtured an innate love and passion for the ocean. My first job in high school was working for the tourist industry on the bay and later, as a college student, I worked for the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology. After college, I got involved with the voyaging canoe Makalii and expanded my relationship with the ocean. This led me to work with the Marimed Foundation, an ocean oriented therapeutic treatment center for teens based in Kaneohe Bay. Currently I work at Halau Ku Mana Public Charter School where I am the captain and teacher for their canoe sailing and navigation program.

Being on the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council has been a unique opportunity to get involved in the community. Kaneohe Bay is a special place with characteristics and needs unlike any other ocean environment on O'ahu. We have been tasked to review the Master Plan as well as advise the DLNR on how to proceed with sensitive issues such as 'Ahu o Laka, or the Sandbar.

I believe that the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council plays an important role in the community and ensures that the Master Plan and Long Range Plan are upheld. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to represent the recreational boaters on the council.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Kahapea-Tanner

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Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hawai'i State Legislature  
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**Subject:** Confirmation of Bonnie Kahape'a-Tanner (GM 429) on February 20, 2008 at 2:45pm

Aloha Chair Hee, Vice Chair Kokubun and Members of the WTL Committee,

I support the reconfirmation of Bonnie Kahape'a-Tanner to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council as the Recreational Boating Representative. Ms. Kahape'a-Tanner is a lifelong steward of Kane'ohe Bay where she teaches her high school students sailing and life skills via her double hulled voyaging canoe Kanehunamoku of which she is the kapena (captain). She resides on the water's edge in Kahalu'u which keeps her very aware of the recreational boating activity in the area. She and her family continue to fish, sail, surf, swim, educate and care for this precious resource. Kane'ohe is her one hanau, her birthlands, which automatically creates her responsibility to care for it. This is a kuleana she embraces.

Her kuleana, presence and action within the Kane'ohe Regional Council will continue to directly benefit the precious ocean resource of Kane'ohe and exponentially benefit the community because of her dedication and passion to her one hanau.

Please support Bonnie Kahape'a-Tanner in this endeavor. You may contact me via email or on my cell phone 808-989-6119.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Kainani Kahaunaele  
Wainaku, Hawai'i

# LATE TESTIMONY

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senator Russell S. Kokobun, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water and Land  
William Kunstman  
Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Strong Support of GM 429, Bonnie K. Kahape'a-Tanner

Aloha Chair Hee, Vice Chair Kokobun and Members of the Committee:

I have worked in communities on both O'ahu and Hawai'i Island during the past thirteen years. I served on the Liliha/Alewa Neighborhood Board in Honolulu and currently serve on the Rural South Hilo Community Association Board. I strongly support the reconfirmation of Bonnie K. Kahape'a-Tanner to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council as the Recreational Boating Representative.

Bonnie is a conscientious and responsible person who also brings a Native Hawaiian perspective to the table. Bonnie grew up on the Bay and holds the long-term interest of the Bay foremost in her mind. To give you an idea of what role the Bay plays in Bonnie's life, I will share with you that on a recent outing to Ahu o Laka her one-year-old daughter was walking on the boat while we were underway both to and from the "sandbar."

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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