

# GM 705

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, REED KISHINAMI, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Report Title: Board of Land and Natural Resources

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**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson**

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

**Thursday, March 28, 2013  
1:15 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 705 –  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF  
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, REED  
KISHINAMI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017.**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message (GM) 705, nominating Reed Kishinami to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 171-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the BLNR shall be composed of seven members, one from each land district and three at large. Mr. Kishinami, if confirmed would serve as the Oahu District board member.

Mr. Kishinami has a B.S. in Finance from the University of Colorado and is a graduate of Mid Pacific Institute. Mr. Kishinami currently serves as the member/owner of the Resort Monument Group Companies. Mr. Kishinami has previously worked for the PARCON Group, UNIFAB Industries LLC, Takano Nakamura Landscaping, the Hawaii Community Development Authority, Castle & Cooke Homes, and as an analyst for the State House of Representatives Finance Committee.

The Department feels that Mr. Kishinami's background in land development and finance would contribute greatly to the BLNR. As such, the Department looks forward to the prospect of working with Mr. Kishinami and asks this Committee to recommend his confirmation to the BLNR.

**WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSIONER OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

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KAIHOLEAWAI LAND RESERVE COMMISSION  
LAND  
STATE PARKS**

TESTIMONY  
OF  
DEAN H. SEKI

TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
WATER AND LAND  
ON  
March 28, 2013

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 705

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF  
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, REED  
KISHINAMI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017

Chair Solomon and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 705. I strongly support Mr. Reed Kishinami's confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Kishinami for approximately twenty years since I first worked with him as staff members for the State House of Representatives Committee on Finance. Over the course of Mr. Kishinami's professional career, he has acquired extensive experience in various areas of construction management and consulting and currently serves as one of the founding members and owners of a mid-size company with over 100 employees specializing in Resort, Commercial, Golf Course, and High-End Residential Landscape Construction, Maintenance, Interiorscape, and Nursery operations.

As with all of his undertakings, it is readily apparent that Mr. Kishinami is a highly motivated individual with a strong work ethic, who takes a proactive approach to problem solving, seeks input and consensus on issues, quickly grasps complex issues, and communicates effectively in a positive and encouraging manner.

Without reservation, I truly believe that Mr. Kishinami possesses the requisite professional and people skills necessary to serve the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the people of Hawaii with honor and distinction.

I strongly support Mr. Kishinami's confirmation and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

**Committee on Water and Land**

**Hearing**

**Thursday, March 28, 2013 1:15 p.m.**

**Conference Room 225**

**Senator Malama Solomon, Chair**

## **Testimony on GM 705 Board of Land & Natural Resources**

**Reed Kishinami**

Dear Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee:

As a Plant Health Safeguarding Specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), I have had the pleasure of working on various Federal agriculture quarantine issues with Mr. Kishinami for the last 10 years. As owner of Resort Management Group (RMG), Mr. Kishinami has demonstrated a great understanding and respect for USDA Federal agriculture quarantines.

While operating his landscape contracting business in Hawaii and Guam, Mr. Kishinami has on multiple occasions inquired with USDA Compliance Officers and the USDA Plant Inspection Station about various Federal quarantines. When shipping or importing propagative plant material and used construction equipment for RMG projects, Mr. Kishinami consistently takes the initiative to educate himself and his employees on the applicable quarantine regulations to prevent the spread of animal and plant diseases, insect pests, and invasive species.

I strongly support Mr. Kishinami's nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources based on his genuine concern for Hawaii's ecosystems and demonstrated stewardship of the land.

Sincerely,

Chris Tokumaru

Plant Health Safeguarding Specialist

United States Department of Agriculture, APHIS, PPQ

Port of Honolulu, Hawaii



## Hawaii Transfer

March 22, 2013.

Senator Malaria Solomon  
Chair, Committee on Water and Land  
Senatorial District 4  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 210  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro  
Vice-Chair, Committee on Water and Land  
Senatorial District 21  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Mr. Reed Kishinami's Nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources

Honorable Senators:

I am writing in support of Mr. Reed Kishinami's nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have the privilege of knowing Mr. Kishinami on both a personal and professional level. He possesses integrity and diligence with a moral fortitude I've witnessed on countless occasions, driving him to be a prudent decision maker and an honorable individual.

I've served on various boards and projects with Mr. Kishinami, and he has relevant experience in dealing with the public and private sectors on both the local and national landscapes. He also has experience in various business and non-profit arenas that provide for a well-rounded knowledge base and diverse background. Mr. Kishinami is a proven, respected and upstanding leader of the community who would be a fine addition to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and I strongly support his nomination.

Sincerely,

Mare Okumura  
Hawaii Transfer Company, Ltd.

March 26, 2013



The Honorable Senator Malama Solomon, Chair  
Committee on Water and Land  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 210  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: GM705 – Submitted for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, REED KISHINAMI**

Dear Senator Solomon and Members of the Committee:

This letter is being submitted in support of the confirmation of Reed Kishinami to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have been involved in the real estate developments in North Kona for the past 22 years, and have known Reed professionally and personally for the past 12 years. His company has been one of our key contractors in the implementation of sound cultural and environmental practices and management in our developments and several other land projects state-wide. In addition, we both serve on the Board of a non-profit organization that works to improve the health and quality of the life for Pacific islanders.

Reed, along with his partner, has grown RMG Pacific into a diversified company with offices and employees on Oahu, Big Island, Maui, and Guam. By nature, the landscaping industry within which they work helps improve Hawaii's natural and historic venues and perpetuates the beauty and value for future generations and visitors. By intent, their business practices have made a positive difference in how that is done.

Through his background and experience with working with major developments and landowners, Reed has gained practical insight and a broad perspective and knowledge of the impacts, consequences and benefits associated with land entitlements. He is aware of the roles that both the private and public sectors play in dealing with the many challenges and opportunities involved in land stewardship and resource management. Moreover, Reed's financial and organizational strengths, as well his background in legislative and governmental services, and his private business acumen, are qualities that he will bring as a member of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Mr. Reed Kishinami.

Sincerely,

  
Samuel E. Anslie  
President & CEO

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**ITC** Water Management, Inc.

March 25, 2013

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair  
Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretainia Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: Reed Kishinami's Nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (GM705)

Dear Chair Solomon and members:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Reed Kishinami for over twenty years and have watched him grow from a bright, energetic young adult to an accomplished businessman. Mr. Kishinami's early work experience with both the Hawaii Community Development Authority and the Hawaii legislature followed by a progressive private sector career make him a strong candidate for this important board position.

I believe the Board of Land and Natural Resources will be strengthened by the confirmation of Mr. Kishinami.

Regards,



Harold Edwards  
President & CEO



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March 20, 2013

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair  
Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 210  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Governor's Message 705, Nomination of Reed Kishinami to the Board of  
Land and Natural Resources

Senator Solomon and Members of the Committee:

This letter is written in support of the nomination of Reed Kishinami to serve as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Reed for over 10 years and have seen the professional manner that he conducts himself and his business. Two of the businesses that I am involved in retain his services and have maintained an on going business relationship for several years. During that time, I have had the opportunity to watch his business grow and expand with offices in Honolulu, Kona, Maui and Guam.

The reputation of Reed's firm is excellent and is well deserved. They conduct business with integrity, are always seen as acting in a spirit of fairness and provide excellent service. I have no hesitation in recommending Reed's firm to resorts, clubs, contractors or high-end homeowners. The firm reflects the ethic of Reed in providing quality service to his clients while at the same time serving the various communities he does business in. To that end, we have seen him as an active participant in community charities and activities here in West Hawaii.

Senator Solomon  
March 20, 2013  
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It is a real pleasure to see that the Governor has recognized the integrity and ability expressed by Reed by nominating him to serve the State in such an important manner. I am pleased to have the occasion to write this letter in support of that nomination. The State will be well served if he is confirmed and afforded the opportunity to serve as a Member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carl A. Carlson, Jr.", written in black ink.

Carl A. Carlson, Jr.  
President



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March 11, 2013

Senator Malama Solomon, Ph.D.  
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Senator Maile Shimabukuro  
Vice-Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 210  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Nominee: Reed Kishinami - Board of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Senator Solomon, Senator Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

I am honored to recommend Reed Kishinami for the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Mr. Kishinami for the past 18 years in the Construction Landscape Industry.

He is a proven leader, not only in his industry but in the community as well. From supporting the Boys Scouts of America to volunteering his time as Board of Director for Oceania Community Health, his sincere commitment to building a stronger community is unwavering.

Professionally accomplished and civic minded, indeed, but perhaps the most important aspect of Mr. Kishinami is his character. In all of his circles, he is highly respected for his integrity and intelligence. I value his straightforward and no-nonsense style. As a kama'aina, an entrepreneur and dedicated community leader, I strongly recommend Mr. Kishinami for the BLNR.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Ken Ota  
President



*Robert K.U. Kihune  
Vice Admiral, USN (Retired)  
1428 Aunauna Street  
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March 13, 2013

Senator Malama Solomon  
Chair, Water and Land Committee  
Senatorial District 4  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 210  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: **GM705, Gubernatorial Nomination of Reed W. Kishinami**  
to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, for a term to expire June 30, 2017  
**Hearing Date: March 28, 2013, 1:15 pm, Conference Room 225**

Aloha Chair Solomon, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

My name is Robert K. U. Kihune, a former Trustee of the Kamehameha Schools and a member of a stakeholder group that has raised funds and are repairing and renovating *Mauna Ala*, the Royal Mausoleum located in Nuuanu, where a number of Hawaii's Alii are buried. One of the companies that was hired to do a major landscaping work at *Mauna Ala* was the Resort Management Group. Mr. Kishinami is one of the founders and owners of this company.

I was extremely pleased to learn that Mr. Kishinami has been nominated to serve as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). There is no question that the BLNR would truly benefit from the appointment of Mr. Kishinami to this position and I most strongly recommend his appointment.

Mauna Ala, being the burial site of many of our Hawaiian Alii, is one of the most sacred areas for native Hawaiians. All of the work that has been done at Mauna Ala does not happen without the close scrutiny and approval of the State Historical Preservation Division of DLNR as well as the involvement of the Hawaiian stakeholders such as the Kamehameha Schools, Office of Hawaii Affairs, Liliuokalani Trust, Hawaiian Civic Clubs, etc. Cultural awareness and sensitivities of work crews were essential. Mr. Kishinami and his work force were not only well versed in the protocols, sensitivities and respect that was an essential part of ensuring that the work was done right, but the job that his company did to restore the grounds through landscaping was outstanding.

Senator Malama Solomon  
Chair, Water and Land Committee  
March 13, 2013  
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I had to deal with Mr. Kishinami on a routine basis over a six month period and found that he is a well-rounded business person who possesses strong leadership and respect not only from his workers but also from among his peers. He is experienced in development, landscaping, and financing – all of which will serve him well to make the proper decisions that is expected of the BLNR.

In summary, I strongly recommend that Mr. Kishinami be appointed as a member of the BLNR.

Sincerely yours,



Robert K. U. Kihune

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March 27, 2013

Chair Malama Solomon  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Vice Chair Maile S.L. Shimabukuro  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Senate District 21  
Hawaii State Capitol Room 222  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee Reed Kishinami

Dear Chair Solomon and Vice Chair Shimabukuro:

As a personal friend of Mr. Kishinami for several years and as one of his trust and business lawyers, I can say without hesitation that I can think of no one better suited to be a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

In my opinion, an effective Board member spots issues, expedites problem solving, and deals with any associated administrative issues. Mr. Kishinami's 20+ years of successful experience in building and/or managing complex businesses and projects is a clear indication of his executive level management and decision-making abilities. The fact that his experience has been in the areas of landscaping, construction, construction management, project planning, real estate, and finance only further lends itself to Mr. Kishinami being an invaluable resource for the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my strong support for gubernatorial nominee for the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Reed Kishinami.

Very truly yours,

  
Derek T. Kamiya  
Shea & Kamiya, A LLLC

March 20, 2013

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
415 S. Beretania St.  
State Capital Room 210  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Malama Solomon,

It is with great honor that I respectfully convey my support of the nomination of Mr. Reed Kishinami to the Board of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Mr. Kishinami for over 26 years and have observed his development from a young college intern to the owner of a successful construction/development company. His resume indicates a diverse career not only in his chosen field but also in managerial positions with the Hawaii Community Development Authority and as a staff financial analyst under Representative Calvin Say and the state Legislature.

As one who has worked in both the public and the private sectors, I can attest to the difficulty of encouraging qualified individuals to volunteer for public service positions. With Mr. Kishinami, we have a nominee who is in the prime of his life who is ready, willing and able to devote the necessary time and energy to the Board.

I have no doubt that Reed Kishinami has the qualifications, level of experience and a strong willingness to serve and become a contributing member of the Board.

Your favorable consideration and approval of his nomination would be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Wally Miyahira  
President, Castle & Cooke Hawaii (Retired)

**Piikea Tomczyk**

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**GM705**

Submitted on: 3/25/2013

Testimony for WTL on Mar 28, 2013 13:15PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas S. Witten, ASLA	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I strongly urge your support and confirmation of Reed W. Kishinami to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Mr. Kishinami on a professional basis for many years and he would bring a breadth of professional and business knowledge and experience to the Land Board. Mahalo for considering my testimony in support of Mr. Kishinami. Thomas S. Witten, ASLA President PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc. (Apologies if this is a duplicate testimony...but was not sure if the first one got submitted electronically)

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Testimony of  
Jon Okudara  
on  
**GM 705**  
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the  
Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee  
Reed Kishinami  
Committee on Water & Land  
Thursday, March 28, 2013  
1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 225

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Reed Kishinami to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Reed will bring an energy and experience to the Board, particularly in the areas of management and administration of such assets as public lands, state parks, forests, and historical sites. I've known Reed as a tireless worker, who will totally immerse himself in a project to develop an understanding of what is going on and making an informed decision in a timely manner.

A decision to recommend Reed for confirmation will be the right decision.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

March 27, 2013

The Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair,  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

RE: Testimony supporting the nomination of Reed Kishinami to the  
Board of Land and Natural Resources (GM 705)

Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee,

I have known and worked with Reed Kishinami for over twenty years and can speak to his character, competence, and experience.

Reed has a successful record of leadership and accomplishment in the public and private sectors. He worked as a planner and project manager with the State, as a general manager of a sheet metal fabrication facility, owner of a construction management and consulting firm, and over the past ten years, as a founder and manager of a landscape construction and management business. I believe he can bring a unique and valuable perspective to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Reed is a person of integrity. He does what he says he will do and is a well-rounded and grounded individual. Reed is worthy of your consideration and support. I believe the Board can benefit from his leadership, intellect, experience, and knowledge of land use in Hawaii.

I strongly recommend your support of his nomination.

Sincerely,

Gary Caulfield

Chris J. Kanazawa  
1080 S. Beretania St., #105  
Honolulu, HI 96814

March 22, 2013

Senator Malama Solomon  
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 210  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro  
Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: Senate Committee on Water and Land – Consideration and Confirmation to  
the Board of Land and Natural Resources  
Gubernatorial Nominee – Reed W. Kishinami**

Dear Chair Solomon and Vice Chair Shimabukuro,

Pursuant to the Senate Committee on Water and Land's consideration and confirmation of gubernatorial nominee Mr. Reed W. Kishinami to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, I am respectfully submitting my strong endorsement of his nomination.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Kishinami for over ten years both personally and professionally. As a person, I can attest that he has been consistent in conducting himself with the highest degree of integrity, moral character, and respect for others. Professionally, Mr. Kishinami has demonstrated a track record of success in his business activities and continues to maintain a well respected reputation in the business community.

Specific to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Mr. Kishinami would serve the Board with an invaluable set of skills and experiences. With his experience in land and natural resource issues, holding leadership positions in both the private sector and in state government, and his sensitivity to community and environmental interests, Mr. Kishinami is well equipped to be a positive contributor to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I am confident that he will bring a professional, balanced, and collaborative approach to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I strongly encourage your favorable consideration of Reed W. Kishinami as a highly qualified nominee for the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

For your reference, I am presently a White House appointee as the State Director for the USDA Rural Development Hawaii/Western Pacific State Office. Prior to this appointment, I previously held positions of President for the Real Estate Division for Amfac/JMB Hawaii, President and CEO of Coldwell Banker Commercial, and President and CEO of Parker Ranch, Inc.

I would be more than willing to respond to any questions from the committee members or offer further elaboration on my comments.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris J. Kishinami". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

**Committee on Water and Land  
Hearing  
Thursday, March 28, 2013 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 225**

**Senator Malama Solomon, Chair**

**Testimony on GM 705 Board of Land & Natural Resources  
Reed Kishinami**

Dear Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee:

My testimony is in STRONG SUPPORT of GM 705, Reed Kishinami to BLNR. My name is Lynn McCrory and I am the Vice President of Government Affairs with Lana'i Resorts, LLC. I was also the Kauai member of the Board of Land & Natural Resources for eight years from 1996 to 2004.

I have known Reed Kishinami for over fifteen years. He is knowledgeable on a wide range of issues that affect our islands of Hawaii. This knowledge comes from multiple years of working on Hawaii, Maui, and Oahu. He understands the differences in the islands and the priorities that are island specific. His knowledge of landscape and plants will add important details for issues with endemic and endangered species. His knowledge of construction and project management will greatly assist Board decisions that deal with State projects on State land and those that individual owners bring to the Board.

Reed strongly holds his commitment to accepting the nomination to BLNR. He will be ready for the meeting by doing whatever homework is necessary for him to understand the Board submittals before the meeting. His understanding of complex issues, and ability to ask questions that obtain all the relevant information will very important to address numerous issues that come in front of the Board. He can convey his positions clearly and accepts further information to come to a solid decision that will be in the best interest of the State of Hawaii.

I humbly ask for your consideration for SUPPORT of GM 705. Mahalo!

Me ke aloha pumehana  
With warm aloha,



Lynn P. McCrory  
60 N Beretania Street #3606  
Honolulu, HI 96817

March 23, 2013

The Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 210  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 705; Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Reed Kishinami to the  
Board of Land and Natural Resources, for a term to expire 6-30-2017

Dear Chairperson Solomon and Members:

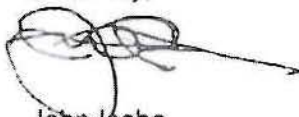
I would like to offer my enthusiastic support for the confirmation of Mr. Reed Kishinami to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Reed is an individual of high moral and ethical character with exceptional decision and policy making abilities. He is very approachable, intelligent, willing to listen, open-minded, and knowledgeable of the interrelationships between government and business. His background and experience allows him to quickly distill information and provide realistic strategies for possible implementation.

Reed truly cares about the betterment of our State. He is acutely aware of the need to balance economic diversification, social well-being, and environmental conservation in making our community a better place to live. He has the ability to see and understand the "big picture". Yet, he has a special sensitivity of our unique community values that only comes from being raised in Hawaii.

I know that Reed will be an asset to the Board of Land and Natural Resources but more important, his contributions will benefit the people of our State for generations to come. It is without hesitation that I humbly ask for your support in unanimously recommending Mr. Reed Kishinami for confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Isobe", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Isobe  
185 Pahaa Place  
Kapaa, Kauai, HI 96746

## TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, REED W. KISHINAMI before the Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Water and Land.

By Michael Kawaharada, Principal, Englekirk Structural Engineers, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair and Honorable Members of the Senate Water and Land Committee:

I testify in support of Mr. Reed W. Kishinami's nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I, Michael Kawaharada, have been a practicing structural engineer in Honolulu for the past forty-one years. I have also served on the Board of Managers for the Atherton (University) YMCA for the last forty-three years, the HCDA Board for eight years (1994 – 2002) and have been a lecturer in the School of Architecture at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa for twenty years (1978 – 1998).

I met Reed in 1995 when I became a member of the HCDA Board and he worked for the Authority as a project manager. He has since entered private industry and I have continued our personal and professional relationship. I have always been impressed with his willness to take stands on what he believes to be right, but also is willing to listen to others and take the time to research facts before making a final decision.

I believe that Mr. Kishinami can be a valuable contributing member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources as his experiences at HCDA and in private industry as a landscape contractor will serve him well as he deliberates the many land issues that will surely shape the future of Hawai'i.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Kishinami's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate with a positive recommendation.