

GM 774

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAMANAMAİKALANI BEAMER, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL

April 9, 2013

Senator Leiomālama Solomon, Ph.D.
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**Re: Supporting Information for Kamanamaikalani Beamer's
Nomination for the Commission on Water Resource Management**

Aloha mai kākou:

I respectfully ask for your confirmation for one of the two open positions on the State Commission on Water Resource Management ("Water Commission"). As detailed in my curriculum vitae, my educational and professional backgrounds have provided a myriad of opportunities for me to develop significant experience in the area of water resource management throughout Hawai'i nei. Moreover, my cultural background and work have yielded substantial experience in Kānaka Maoli water resource management techniques and riparian usage.

I have bachelors' degrees in Hawaiian Studies and Philosophy, as well as masters and doctoral degrees in Geography. I am currently a professor at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, in the Hui 'Āina Momona program, where I teach courses and conduct research in: the ahupua'a system, water resource management and optimization, and Indigenous knowledge systems as they relate to resource management. My work has imparted greater knowledge of Kānaka Maoli resource management practices as they were done in ancient times, through the Māhele, and in today's society. I am confident that this knowledge base would be a valuable asset to the Water Commission.

For example, my Ph.D. dissertation, which is in the process of being published as a book, provides a new perspective on the Māhele and required many hundreds of hours of direct examination of Māhele documents and maps. I also helped to design a three-year research project on the Māhele for Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies faculty and students, which is ongoing. My intimate familiarity with the Māhele, and the Buke Māhele and supporting testimony in particular, would be hugely beneficial for the Commission's ongoing work to determine appurtenant rights. One thing I would like to accomplish in my role as Commissioner would be to share this foundational knowledge base with the Commission and its staff.

Along with my academic qualifications, I also have years of lived experience as a taro farmer in Waipi'o Valley. I have worked alongside my 'ohana to put back into production multiple acres of taro and as a result have first-hand knowledge of water resource management practices. Prior to accepting my present position at the University of Hawai'i, I worked in the Kamehameha Schools' Land Assets Division where I was the head of the 'Āina Ulu program. In that capacity, I was responsible for working with twenty-four diverse community groups spread throughout our islands to better steward some of Kamehameha's most valuable natural and cultural land assets, including traditional Kānaka Maoli and larger agricultural water systems. Through diligent effort we achieved success in diverse projects such as restoring fishponds, implementing best practices for traditional agriculture, engaging community to assist in monitoring, and implementing best management practices for ecosystem health and services. These rewarding experiences allowed me to gain valuable insight into the fundamental, yet, diverse role that water plays in each of these important resource management projects. I would be an honored to put my experience to work for our State Water Commission. I envision my role on the Commission as providing my lived and professional expertise to help make informed decisions to manage Hawai'i's water resources as a public trust while balancing and supporting reasonable and beneficial uses.

Anyone that has worked with me might identify three of my strongest qualities as: diplomacy, open-mindedness, and my ability work effectively as part of a team. I am a straightforward person who acts with integrity. Throughout my career, I have managed to work with different groups and achieve collaboration while bringing together units that had previously operated in silos.

The only potential conflict that might arise would be if my employer, the University of Hawai'i, filed an application or other action with the Commission. I do not foresee any other conflicts. In general, my open mind, analytical focus, and professional and cultural principles will ensure my objectivity in my work and public service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my interests and qualifications in greater detail.

Me ka ha'aha'a,



Kamanamaikalani Beamer, Ph.D.

Enclosures:

Curriculum vitae

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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**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2013
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 774
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KAMANAMAICALANI BEAMER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-17**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports the Governor's nomination of Dr. Kamanamaikalani Beamer to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management ("Water Commission") (Governor's Message 774).

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §174C-7(d) provides that an independent nominating committee composed of two (2) members selected by the Governor, one (1) by the Senate President, and one (1) by the House Speaker solicits applications by public notices published in newspapers statewide, in the Water Commission's monthly bulletin, and on the Water Commission's website. The Nominating Committee reviews applications and sends the names of at least three qualified individuals for each opening to the Governor for consideration.

HRS §174C-7(b) provides that the members must have "substantial experience in the area of water resource management." In addition, one member must "have substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage such as those preserved by" HRS §174C-101.

Following this nominating process, the Governor selected Dr. Kamanamaikalani Beamer.

Dr. Beamer is currently a professor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He teaches courses and conducts research in the ahupua'a system, water resource management and optimization, and indigenous knowledge related to resource management. Dr. Beamer's Ph.D. dissertation was on the Mahele. He helped to design a three-year research project on the Mahele for Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies faculty and students that is ongoing.

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Previously, Dr. Beamer worked for Kamehameha Schools where he helped twenty-four diverse community groups statewide to restore fishponds, implement best management practices for agriculture and ecosystem health and services, and help communities monitor the work. Dr. Beamer has also been a taro farmer in Waipio Valley.

Dr. Beamer's cultural background, work, and academic qualifications bring a wealth of knowledge in traditional water resource management practices and conventional agricultural water systems. The Department supports Dr. Kamanamaikalani Beamer's nomination and appointment to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
KAMANAMAICALANI BEAMER, TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017
Senate Committee on Water and Land

April 16, 2013

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Room 225

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs strongly **SUPPORTS** GM754, which would confirm Dr. Kamanamaikalani Beamer to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Water's importance to the Native Hawaiian people is captured in the 'ōlelo no'ēau "Ola i ka Wai (Water is Life)." Since the beginning of time, management of this precious resource and assurance of ma uka to ma kai stream flow provided sufficient water for food production, drinking water, healthy estuaries, ground water recharge, and other important traditional and customary practices.

The state of Hawai'i manages fresh water as a public trust resource for present and future generations. In spite of this important designation, water has been managed as a commodity to the detriment of the rights and interests of traditional and customary practitioners, subsistence and small scale farmers, appurtenant right holders, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and domestic users.

For these reasons, decisions of the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) have direct, long-term impacts on both Native Hawaiians and the larger community. In light of this, OHA advocates for compliance with the statutory requirements of HRS § 174C-7(b), which requires that the five members of the CWRM "have substantial experience in the area of water resource management; provided that at least one member shall have substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage such as those preserved by section 174C-101." **Dr. Kamanamaikalani Beamer easily fulfills these requirements and his confirmation would bring much-needed expertise in Native Hawaiian culture and traditional Hawaiian resource management to the commission.**

OHA believes that Dr. Beamer's extensive background and knowledge in water resource issues will serve as a tremendous asset to CWRM, should he be confirmed. His experience comes from his educational, professional, and personal background. Dr. Beamer is currently an assistant professor in the Hui 'Āina Momona Program at the University of Hawai'i. This program partners the College of Social Sciences, Hawai'inuiakea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, the William S. Richardson School of

Law, and other colleges within the UH Mānoa toward the goal of developing cross-disciplinary solutions to natural and cultural resource management, which includes water management. Dr. Beamer also has accrued on-the-ground water management experience through his leadership of the 'Āina Ulu Land Legacy Education Initiative with Kamehameha Schools. This ongoing initiative required Dr. Beamer to coordinate 20 community organizations working toward the broad goal of responsible resource stewardship, which includes stewardship over water resources. The initiative provided substantial opportunities for Dr. Beamer to engage in water management across Ka Pae 'Āina in kalo fields, fishponds, and streams. Finally, Dr. Beamer has spent extensive personal time implementing traditional water management techniques, particularly in kalo cultivation.

OHA views Dr. Kamanamaikalani Beamer's nomination as a positive step toward increased respect for the State's affirmative obligations to Native Hawaiians and urges this committee to **advise and consent** to his nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this important measure.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
ATTN: CHAIR MĀLAMA SOLOMON, VICE-CHAIR MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO

**Testimony in Strong Support of GM 774: Nomination of
Kamanamaikalani Beamer, Ph.D. to the Commission on Water Resource Management**

April 16, 2012, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 225

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

Though I am the Dean of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's William S. Richardson School of Law, I submit this testimony only on my own behalf in **strong support** of GM 774, nominating Professor Kamanamaikalani Beamer, Ph.D. to the Commission on Water Resource Management ("Water Commission"). I work closely with Dr. Beamer, am familiar with his qualifications, and am confident that he will make an excellent addition to our Water Commission.

Dr. Beamer exceeds the State Water Code's requirement of "substantial experience in the area of water resource management." Haw. Rev. Stat. § 174C-7(b). A review of his curriculum vita reveals significant experience working on water resource management issues on all of the major Hawaiian Islands. His efforts span the gamut from managing lands with plantation irrigation systems, spring-fed fishponds, and lo'i kalo (traditional wetland taro cultivation). Moreover, he is one of the most highly regarded experts regarding the Māhele, which instituted the current system of private property in Hawai'i. This expertise will greatly benefit the Water Commission and its staff, given the ongoing process of determining appurtenant rights (which is closely tied to the origin of title in the Māhele).

Beyond Dr. Beamer's sterling professional and academic credentials, he has years of personal experience farming kalo in Waipi'o Valley. In addition, his strong grounding in nā mea Hawai'i (things Hawaiian) will also benefit the Commission, given its constitutional mandate to protect traditional and customary Native Hawaiian rights and practices.

In sum, Dr. Beamer has my highest and most unconditional recommendation. I hope you will give him the opportunity to serve.

Mahalo nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aviam Soifer'.

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Dean and Professor

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Senate Committee on Water and Land
Attn: Chair Mālama Solomon, Vice-Chair Maile S.I. Shimabukuro

Testimony of Maenette K.P. Benham, Dean
Hawaiʻinuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge
University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa

In SUPPORT of GM 744
Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Kamanamaikalani Beamer to the
Commission on Water Resource Management

April 16, 2012, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 225

Aloha Chairperson Malama Solomon, Vice-chairperson Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

My name is **Maenette K.P. Benham**, Dean, Hawaiʻinuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge at the University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa, and I am submitting testimony **in support of GM 744** to confirm the appointment by Governor Neil Abercrombie of Kamanamaikalani Beamer to the Commission on Water Resource Management

Kamana Beamer is currently on faculty as Assistant Professor in Hawaiʻinuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, Hawaiian Studies Department (Kamakakūokalani) and the W.S. Richardson School of Law (Ka Huli Ao). The criteria for Water Commissioners is someone with "substantial experience in the area of water resource management; provided that at least one member shall have substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage."

Kamana clearly meets and exceeds the commissioner criteria given his research, scholarship, prior work with Kamehameha Schools, and his lived experience restoring loʻi in Waipiʻo Valley. His strong scholarship, teaching, and years of on the ground management of cultural stewardship and mālama ʻāina projects with the Kamehameha School is integral to the good works of the commission. Further, his expertise in archival research, the Māhele, and other land-based issues places him in a position of great service to Hawaiʻi.

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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

APRIL 16, 2013

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Water's importance to the Native Hawaiian people is captured in the ʻōlelo noʻeau "Ola i ka Wai (Water is Life)." The management practices of Native Hawaiians reaffirmed their recognition of water as a life-giving force. It has been well understood that without proper management of this precious resource life could not be sustained on these islands.

Our State law recognizes the importance of proper resource management in stating that fresh water is to be managed as a public trust resource for present and future generations. In spite of this important designation, water has been managed as a commodity to the detriment of the rights and interests of traditional and customary practitioners, subsistence and small scale farmers, appurtenant right holders, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and domestic users.

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Dr. Beamer is highly qualified for this position and will bring much needed insight into traditional water management practices to the commission. We **strongly encourage** this committee to advise and consent to his nomination.

'O ia ihola nō me ke aloha.

Davis Price

Legislative Committee Chair

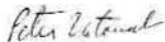
Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

To the Committee:

I strongly support the appointment of Dr. Kamanamaikalani Beamer to the State Water Commission. I have worked with Dr. Beamer in a number of ways, and have found him to be extremely intelligent, thoughtful, well-educated, and deeply devoted to the future of Hawaii. I believe his service on the Water Commission will be one of the first steps in a long line of public service to Hawaii.

My most extensive work with Dr. Beamer involved the First Nations Futures Program, which supports the development of indigenous leaders in the Pacific (including Hawaii, New Zealand, and Alaska). Dr. Beamer directed the program for Kamehameha Schools; I direct (for Stanford University) an on-campus Institute as part of the program. Working with Dr. Beamer has been a great pleasure; we present a workshop together on the past, present, and future of agriculture in Hawaii, and I learn more from him every year I work with him. He's strongly grounded in Hawaiian culture; he's knowledgeable about western best practices; he's eager to look for the best in other cultures, and to bring them to bear to make Hawaii a better place. As director, he was effective, organized, and passionate; the program ran beautifully under his leadership.

In addition to the First Nations Program, I've worked with Dr. Beamer on an academic publication that we are co-authoring – and I've worked in his family's taro fields, in Waipio Valley (as he has worked in sweet potato fields we are restoring in Leeward Kohala. He is an outstanding person and a great colleague. More to the point of this hearing – he will bring a lot of experience and passion to the Water Commission. He knows water as a taro farmer, as an expert in Hawaiian culture, as a professional geographer, and as someone with a broad perspective on (and deep devotion to) the future of Hawaii. He has my strongest support.



Peter Vitousek

Professor of Biology

Stanford University

Aloha kākou,

I am writing in support of Kamanamaikalani Beamer's nomination to the Commission on Water Resource Management. I met Kamana in September 2012, as a 2012-2013 First Nations' Futures Program (FNFP) Fellow. The mana'o and expertise he has exhibited in his capacity as a director of our program compels me to support in full Gov. Abercrombie's nomination.

I have had the pleasure of interacting with Kamana in a more academic setting as well as a more personal one. He has led discussions and lectures for FNFP which exhibit his vast knowledge of Hawaiian history as well as an astute understanding for how our historical land and legacies have very real effects on today's laws and policies. I have also interacted with Kamana in more personal settings where his love for this land and our people overflows.

Probably most telling for me of the capabilities he will bring to the Commission though was the time I got to spend with him and his family. In January 2013, Fellows had the privilege of staying and working in Waipi'o Valley on Hawaii Island. Kamana's wife, Lauae and her family mālama land in the valley. Kamana has worked tirelessly with his wife's 'ohana to bring this land to production of kalo. As we arrived in the valley, heavy rain storms appeared imminent. Kamana and his family looked up at the sky and led us in prayer anyway to open the space. He and his family knew almost exactly how long we had before the rain came. Then the next day, Kamana took us to one of the streams that feeds the land. He understood the effect of the rain, the way in which the water moved through the land, and what effects different actions have at different points of the stream have on the ecosystem. He shared with us the history of the valley, and in particular, the history of how the valley was fed by fresh water. Most importantly he valued the water systems and the 'āina itself with the utmost aloha.

I know that Kamana's tenure on the Commission will be marked by the same aloha he exhibited to our fellowship in Waipi'o Valley. It will also be marked by the thoughtfulness by which he lives his life as a professor, musician, and family man. I am confident that his intelligence, keen understanding of our islands, and love for his people and place will make him successful in his role.

I recommend him without hesitation. I am available for further questions or comments if necessary.

Mahalo nui,

Ke'ōpūlaulani S. M. Reelitz & Malia Ellis
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GM 774

**Nomination of Kamanamaikalani Beamer
to the Commission on Water Resource Management**

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Hearing on Tuesday, April 16, at 1:15 p.m.

Aloha Nui Chair Solomon, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Committee Members:

I write to express my **strong support** for the nomination of Kamanamaikalani Beamer for the State Commission on Water Resource Management. Kamana is currently an Assistant Professor at UH-Mānoa, with a joint appointment to the William S. Richardson School of Law and Hawai'inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge. At the Law School, he is part of the faculty of Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law. As an Associate Professor and the Director of Ka Huli Ao, I work very closely with Kamana and have the utmost respect for his ability, skills, and character. Kamana is not only an outstanding scholar and teacher, he is also grounded in the culture and knowledge of his Maoli ancestors.

Academically, Kamana has B.A. degrees in Philosophy and Hawaiian Studies. In 2005, he received his M.A. and, in 2008, his PhD, both in Cultural Geography. He is a former 'Ōiwi Ake Akamai doctoral fellow as well as Mellon-Hawai'i post-doctoral fellow, and a co-director of the First Nations' Futures Fellowship Program. His research publications and interest focus on Native Hawaiian land tenure, and the land and resource law of the Hawaiian Kingdom. He currently teaches courses on resource management, land tenure, and the Hawaiian Kingdom and is considered an expert on the Māhele, the mid-1800s process establishing a unique property system in Hawai'i. It is from the Māhele that appurtenant water rights are traced so this expertise should greatly benefit the work of the Commission.

Prior to joining the UH-Mānoa faculty, Kamana worked in resource management with the Kamehameha Schools Land Assets Division, and is the former director of the 'Āina-based Division of the Kamehameha Schools. His work there focused on linking community stewardship and capacity building with education across the more than 360,000 acres of Ke Ali'i Pauahi's Legacy Lands.

Kamana has been an active member of our community through his involvement with traditional Hawaiian resource management initiatives, political activism, and Hawaiian music. He has worked with his family restoring lo'i kalo in Waipi'o, Hawai'i Island, and as the Chair knows so well, is a songwriter and composer of Hawaiian music from a long line of Native Hawaiian educators and composers.

Finally and most importantly, as demonstrated above, Kamana's extensive background meets the State Water Code's requirement of "substantial experience in the area of water resource management."

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Kamana Beamer

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I submit this testimony in support of the nomination of Dr. Kamana Beamer to the Commission on Water Resources Management (CWRM). Dr. Beamer clearly possesses the "substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage," as required by the Water Code. He is intelligent, hard-working and a man of indisputable character and honor who would put the needs and welfare of the people of Hawai'i above all other considerations. I urge the Senate Committee on Water and Land to confirm him for this position.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Dr. Joseph Keola Donaghy

In support of GM774

I am in strong support of the nomination of Kamanamaikalani Beamer to the water commission. His expertise in traditional Hawaiian resource management will help the commission make informed decisions on best practices that have worked for our kūpuna for generations. And he will help the commission ensure that water is being managed in a sustainable way for the Hawai'i of our great-great grandchildren. They will need water, food, and a healthy home too, along with all their mo'opuna.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Kiele Gonzalez

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Christopher Kasak	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Water in Hawai'i is a public trust resource, protected under the state Constitution and Water Code. In spite of this important designation, water has been managed as a commodity, to the detriment of the rights and interests of traditional and customary practitioners, subsistence and small scale farmers, appurtenant right holders, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and domestic users. Kamanamaikalani Beamer would bring much-needed expertise in Native Hawaiian culture and traditional Hawaiian resource management to the seven-member commission if his nomination is confirmed by the state Senate. Native Hawaiian advocates also view his nomination as a positive sign for their efforts to push the water commission to follow the law, particularly as it relates to the State's affirmative obligations to Native Hawaiian. For instance, pursuant to state laws the commission has an affirmative obligation to consider the effects of its decisions on Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices. But despite the constitutional and statutory laws, the commission has been repeatedly criticized for failing to ensure adequate protection, which is critical to the perpetuation of Native Hawaiian culture. While the law provides specific protections for Native Hawaiians, more responsible water management would have long term benefits for all of the people of Hawai'i. A popular held view among Native Hawaiian advocates is that Beamer's addition to the water commission would provide invaluable context and experience, and ultimately lead to decisions that respect the Native Hawaiian people.

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Leatrice M. Kauahi	Individual	Support	No

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Diane Texidor	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: I am in support of the confirmation of Dr. Kamana Beamer and I believe him to be a good candidate to fulfill the seat reserved for a member with "substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage," as required by the Water Code. Thank you.

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Davis Price	Individual	Support	Yes

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Namaka Rawlins	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 'O wau 'o Nāmaka Rawlins, no Hawai'i moku-puni. Ke kāko'o nei au iā Kamanamaikalani Beamer 'o ia ka 'elele ma ke komikina kuleana mālama i ka wai. My name is Nāmaka Rawlins. I support the Governor's appointment and urge the confirmation of Kamanamaikalani Beamer to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

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Elisabeth Bluml	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please appoint Dr. Kamana Beamer to the Commission on Water Resources Management. He has substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage. Thank you very much, Elisabeth Bluml

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Sean Lester	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, As a 23 year resident of Maui, a hanai member of the Lindsey family and a resident of Keanae for several years, I highly support Dr. Kamana Beamer for this position. For too long the tears of the Hawaiian community have watered the ground for the loss of our water resources. Greed, corruption and corporate over-site has not allowed the word justice to enter into the realm of water rights. This appointment is a good step in the right direction. Please approve this appointment unanimously if possible to send a strong message regarding the direction the state of Hawaii is taking to right the confusion of the past. Mahalo, Sean Lester

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Michele Nihipali	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dr. Kamana Beamer will be the first member of the Commission to fulfill the seat reserved for a member with "substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage," as required by the Water Code. Please confirm him to the Commission on Water Resources.

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Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aunty Nona would be very proud of her mo'opuna Kamana. I strongly support his confirmation to the CWRM. Mahalo!

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Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

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Walette G. Pellegrino	Individual	Support	No

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