

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

861

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 14 2013

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 668

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 668, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

KAHANA VALLEY LIVING PARK PLANNING COUNCIL

G.M. No. 668 BENJAMIN SHAFER,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2015,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Benjamin Shafer to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Benjamin Shafer from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Benjamin Shafer is the President of the Friends of Kahana, a non-profit organization, which is presently working on the restoration of Huilua Fishpond and restoration of the Koa Canoe in Kahana. He also has served with the Kahana Planning Council and Kahana Advisory Committee, among other community organizations.

Mr. Shafer previously served on the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council from 2009 to 2011 and currently serves as Chair of the Council. According to testimony, Mr. Shafer has supported and been actively engaged in interpretive activities to enhance the cultural enrichment of visitors to the Ahupua'a 'O Kahana State



Park. Your Committee finds that Mr. Shafer's knowledge, experience, and dedication to Hawaiian cultural values and practices qualify him for reappointment to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water and Land,



MALAMA SOLOMON, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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**Advise and Consent**

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| Governor's Message No.:*<br><b>GM 668</b>  | Committee Referral:<br><b>WTL</b> | Date:<br><b>3/7/13</b> |     |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision   |                                   |                        |     |          |
| The Recommendation is:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345                         |                                   |                        |     |          |
| Members  | Aye                               | Aye (WR)               | Nay | Excused  |
| SOLOMON, Malama (C)  | ✓                                 |                        |     |          |
| SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)   | ✓                                 |                        |     |          |
| DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.  |                                   |                        |     | ✓        |
| IHARA, Jr., Les  |                                   |                        |     | ✓        |
| RUDERMAN, Russell E.   | ✓                                 |                        |     |          |
| THIELEN, Laura H.  | ✓                                 |                        |     |          |
| SLOM, Sam  | ✓                                 |                        |     |          |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |                                   |                        |     |          |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:   |                                   |                        |     |          |
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