

**GM 508**

## KANOE WILSON



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### EDUCATION

Chaminade University, Honolulu, HI

**M.Ed. Master's in Education**

**2008**

Action research Project: Integration of Hawaiian Epistemology into classroom curriculum to support culture-based education programs

University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI

**[B.A. & M.A. Hawaiian Studies]**

**1999 & 2009**

Areas of Concentration: Historical perspectives, Malama Aina (Sustainable practices)

### AWARDS

First Nations Futures Fellowship, Kamehameha Schools

2009 – 2010

President's Emerging Leaders, University of Hawaii System

2009 – 2010

Student Equity Excellence and Diversity Grant, University of Hawaii

2007 – 2008

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Moenaha Site Program, Kamehameha Schools

**[Trainer – "Moenaha: Hawaiian Culture Based praxis and pedagogy"]**

**2013-**

**2015**

Developed training modules, overall training session content and implemented training.

University of Hawaii at Hilo, Hilo, Hawaii

**[Lecturer – "University 101: Pathways to Academic and Lifelong Success"]**

**Fall 2007, 2008, 2009,**

**2010**

[Developed syllabus and overall course structure, and administered all grades.]

**[Lecturer – "IS 294 (Interdisciplinary Studies): Hawaiian Leadership Protocol"]**

**Spring 2008**

[Developed syllabus and overall course structure, and administered all grades.]

**[Teaching Assistant – Dr. Kalani Makekau-Whittaker "Ola Na Iwi Summer Hawaiian Language Institute"]**

**2006-2007**

[Collaborated on curriculum, planned logistics, met with students upon request and during class period, assisted with lesson planning, and assisted with grading work.]

## RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Kamehameha Schools  
Hilo, HI

**Education Officer, Kauhale Kipaipai (PAI)****December 2013 –****Present**

- Under the direction of the manager, utilizes current, research-based,
- indigenously Hawaiian 'best practices' to facilitate teacher and school leader development, curriculum creation and alignment, instructional strategies, standards and benchmarks, and assessment implementation, and general school operations.
  - Provides support for all functions and duties of the program including planning, professional development, operations, and reporting. Works to coordinate KS initiatives in schools (e.g D.O.E., charter schools, HAIS, U.H.) to support Hawaii's public education. Attends and presents at conferences, reviews current literature, and regularly reports to PAI department current educational trends concerning elementary, middle, high school and post-high issues.
- Utilizes current, research-based, indigenously Hawaiian educational strategies to impact teacher and school leader development, curriculum creation and alignment, instructional strategies, standards and benchmarks, and assessment implementation, and general school operations.
- Works to coordinate KS initiatives in schools (e.g D.O.E., charter schools, HAIS, U.H.) to support Hawaii's public education.
- Reports to the manager and provides support for all functions and duties of the program including planning, professional development, operations, evaluation, and reporting.
- Supports department and division staff in the development, implementation and evaluation of department products, programs, and services.
- Attends and presents at conferences/workshops/conventions and supports strategic changes initiatives for the department and division.

Kamehameha Schools  
Hilo, HI

**Land Legacy Education Specialist, Program Manager Aina Ulu Hawaii Island**  
**December 2013**

**September 2010 –**

- Responsible for the development and management of Aina Ulu place-and culture based educational programs and collaborations for KS agriculture and conservation land portfolio 360,000 acres.
- Works with KS land asset managers, KS teachers, KS staff and program providers, community program providers, and community groups to design, plan, develop, enhance and modify eco-cultural educational activities to increase asset value, provide appropriate stewardship of KS natural resources, and offer positive experiences to achieve KS mission.
- Provides strategic and tactical direction for integration of educational activities and returns with other land asset management activities.
- Conduct research and benchmarking to identify and analyze eco-cultural education peer programs and industry practices.
- Responsible for the development of regional and thematic plans to assess and prioritize the alignment, availability, need and potential of educational programs.

University of Hawaii at Hilo, Hilo, HI

**Program Coordinator, Kaumoali Student Development Program**

**Research and Academic Support Specialist**

**2010**

- Coordinate high-quality and culturally relevant support program for Native Hawaiian students, that include; advising, personal career planning, financial aid counseling, tutoring and teaching.
- Monitor the academic performance of students,
- Supervise program specialist, hire, train and supervise peer mentors, a highly motivated team of 7-10 individuals.
- Coordinate Hawaiian cultural workshops and provide cultural development workshops on campus for Native Hawaiian students, faculty and staff and off-campus for Native Hawaiian community. Assist the Associate Director of the Kipuka Native Hawaiian Student Center with faculty and staff professional development activities.

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Volcano, HI

**Park Ranger GS-4**

**2006**

- Developed and implement interpretive thematic tours for Park visitors.
- Implemented guided ranger hiking tours and educational programs.
- Provided cultural education consultation for the Park and assist with developing culturally appropriate practices.
- Worked with Resource management personnel regarding cultural and natural resource management practices at the park.
- Assisted and implemented interpretive plan of cultural resource areas in the park.

**LEADERSHIP ROLES**

Kamehameha Schools, East Hawaii Regional ‘Ohana Planning Team Leader	2014-2015
Kamehameha Schools, Strategic Plan Facilitation team	2012-2014
Hawaii Environmental Educators Alliance (Executive Board Member)	2012-2013
Pūko’o Native Hawaiian Council (Executive Board Member)	2008-2010

Hanakahi Native Hawaiian Council (Executive Board Member)	2008-2010
Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo Public Charter School (Chairperson, Parent Rep)	2008-2010

## PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

*[Hawaiian Culture-Based Education in Classroom Practice: Instructional Practices and Student Outcomes]*  
 [Abstract approved and research presented at American Education Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting in Chicago, April 16-20, 2015]  
 2015

*["Using Culture-Based EXPERIENCES to promote Culture-Based EDUCATION: Moenahā Site Program"]*  
*Moenahā Site Program (MSP) is a three year collaboration between Kamehameha Schools and Hawai'i Department of Education designed to enhance teaching and learning through an application of Hawaiian Culture Based pedagogy and practice. This session will highlight lessons learned and program impact over the course of this journey.*  
 [Presenter at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Hawaiian Education Association (NHEA) March 23-24, 2015] 2015

*["He kumu ka 'āina, he haumana ke kānaka (The land is the teacher, the people are the students.) Engaging students through culture-based and 'āina-based curriculum"]*  
 [Presenter at the 2014 World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education, Honolulu, HI] 2014

*["Connecting Environmental Education Research with Practice"]*  
 [Presenter at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hawaii Environmental Education Symposium, Honolulu, HI] 2013

*["Advancing API & Native Hawaiian Women as Leaders – Partnerships for Lifelong Empowerment, Inspiration & Sustenance"]*  
 [Paper presented to the NASPA 2009 Annual Conference, Seattle, WA] 2009

*["Kipuka: A Model of Empowering Indigenous Student Success in Higher Education"]*  
 [Paper presented to the 2008 World Indigenous People Conference on Education, Darwin, Australia] 2008

*["Kipuka: A Model of Empowering Native Hawaiian Student Success in Higher Education"]*  
 [Paper presented at the 2007 Annual Native Hawaiian Education Association Conference, Honolulu, HI] 2007

## LANGUAGES

[English – native language]  
 [Hawaiian – speak fluently and read/write with high proficiency]

MEMBERSHIPS

North American Association for Environmental Education  
Hawaii Environmental Educators Alliance (Executive Board Member)  
Native Hawaiian Education Association (Member)  
First Nations Futures Fellowship Network  
Golden Key National Honor Society  
Huliauapa'a (Advisory Board Member)  
Nā Maka o Papahanaumokuakea (Advisory Board Member)

In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 508 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LEGACY LAND  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KANOE WILSON, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2018.

Brief bio:

Ms. Kanoë Wilson has a deep passion to serve her community of Hawaii Island by sharing her 'ike or knowledge of Hawaiian culture. Through her work at Kamehameha Schools Land Legacy education program she has worked with communities throughout the state to steward thousands of acres of conservation and agriculture lands. She is committed to supporting efforts in 'āina-based education, teaching and learning through 'āina. She envisions a future where, generations will understand and live the importance of mālama 'āina and aloha 'āina.

Personal statement that addresses the following questions:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission?

I have a deep passion to serve the Hawai'i island community and the State of Hawai'i through sharing my 'ike Hawaii or knowledge of Hawaiian culture. I strongly believe in the importance of connecting both science and culture epistemologies, especially in the management of our 'āina. I am honored to share an 'ike Hawai'i perspective as part of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission?

I perceive the role of the commission to be a bridge between community stakeholder groups, local and state government. To insure the integrity of the Legacy Land grant process. Also, helping to find balance and alignment of the mission and goals of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, the State of Hawai'i and stakeholder groups.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

I received my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Hawaiian Studies from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa; a Master's in Education (M.Ed.) from Chaminade University; I am also a Hawaiian cultural practitioner in both hula and lua. My training in both of these practices taught me the importance of sustainable cultural practices as it pertains to managing our natural and cultural resources. Also, as a former Land Legacy education specialist, part of my duty was to screen applicants, develop measures and tools to seek out the best collaboration that were aligned with KS' mission and values. I feel these experiences will contribute to my ability on serving on the commission.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to serve to the best of my ability, to represent my 'ohana, my community and the state of Hawai'i with integrity. I look forward to networking with other colleagues and individuals to protect Hawai'i's precious natural and cultural resources for future generations.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Legacy Land Conservation Commission?

The three qualities that best describe me are: 1) Mahalo ke Akua, nā kūpuna a me ka 'ohana. I am grateful to Ke Akua, I strongly believe in the importance of spirituality and honoring the elements of our 'āina. I feel honored to represent my ancestors and the 'ike they have shared and imparted upon me that I am able to share with others. I am grateful for the support from my 'ohana and friends who have been integral in my journey. 2) Mālama 'Āina means to care for and nurture the land, through lōkahi or harmony so that it can be sustained for future generations. 3) Aloha 'Āina means to "love the land" an important concept that is unique to Hawai'i through understanding the cosmological, ecological and cultural connections. It embodies a deep passion for the land, and is articulated through mele, song, chant, hula, mo'olelo (stories), cultural practices it also includes political action and civic engagement.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Legacy Land Conservation Commission?

In 2010, I was a fellow in the First Nations Futures Program, our capstone project for the year was looking at the feasibility of geothermal as a renewable energy resource as part of Kamehameha Schools' energy portfolio. As one of the project leads, I coordinated discussions with various stakeholder groups, including Hawaii island community members, cultural practitioners, University of Hawai'i faculty, members of the geothermal working group, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, State Department of Energy officials, Legislative leaders (Energy Committee), County Council members, utility companies, PUC, public and private entities. As part of the project, we consulted with each of these groups, planned and implemented a geothermal symposium where we invited all of the stakeholder groups to begin the process of engaging in critical dialogue to discuss the future development of geothermal as a renewable energy source for the state of Hawai'i.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

As an employee with Kamehameha Schools (KS), I could potentially foresee conflicts since KS is the largest private land owner. KS manages and stewards several thousand acres of conservation lands. I would disclose any potential conflicts to the commission and recuse myself from any voting to avoid any perceptions of conflict of interest.



DAVID Y. IGE  
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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

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

**Monday, February 29, 2016  
2:45 PM**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 508  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LEGACY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KANOE  
WILSON, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2018**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports  
Governor's Message 508, nominating Kanoe Wilson to the Legacy Land Conservation  
Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2018.**

Pursuant to Section 173A-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the Legacy Land Conservation Commission shall: 1) Advise the Department and the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) on any proposal, public or private, for the acquisition of any interests or rights in land having value as a resource to the State; 2) Advise the Department and the Board on any requests for grants from the fund to a qualifying state or county agency or nonprofit land conservation organization for the preservation of lands having value as a resource to the State; 3) Recommend to the Board the acquisition of interests or rights in certain lands having value as a resource to the State; and 4) Review and adopt rules relating to the criteria it applies in advising the Department and the Board and making recommendations to the Board regarding land acquisitions and grants made pursuant to Chapter 173A, HRS.

Ms. Kanoe Wilson has a deep passion to serve her community of Hawaii Island by sharing her 'ike or knowledge of Hawaiian culture. Through her work at Kamehameha Schools Land Legacy education program she has worked with communities throughout the state to steward thousands of acres of conservation and agriculture lands. She is committed to supporting efforts in 'āina-based education, teaching and learning through 'āina. Ms. Wilson's professional and educational background will be a valued addition to the Commission.

February 29, 2016

Senator Mike Gabbard  
Chair, Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture  
Senator Clarence Nishihara  
Vice Chair, Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture  
Hearing on GM508  
State Capitol, Conference Room 415

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

Oahu Economic Development Board stands in unwavering support of the confirmation of Kanoe Wilson to the Land Legacy Conservation Commission. In the midst of the struggles which are necessary to manage our limited resources of aina in Hawaii it is vital to have emerging leaders who will represent the best of our past with our current needs and eyes on the future. Kanoe will serve us well. Her credentials are solid however her value is much more, Kanoe's presence is so reminiscent of kupuna leaders who bring peace and wisdom to the boardroom. Respectfully I ask you to confirm Kanoe's appointment.

Mahalo,



Pono Shim  
President and CEO  
Oahu Economic Development Board

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**GM508**

Submitted on: 2/28/2016

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Don Aweau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Senator Mike Gabbard, WLA Chair

Senator Clarence Nishihars, WLA Vice Chair

WLA Members: Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Gil Riviere,

Russell E. Ruderman, Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Sam Slom, Laura H. Thielen and Glenn Wakai

Aloha mai e kakou,

RE: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KANOE WILSON, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

I, strongly support, the appointment of KANOE WILSON, to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

She is very experienced and qualified as she the former Legacy Land Educational Specialist of the Aina Ulu Program for Kamehameha Schools, Hawaii Island. She was responsible for the management and development of 360,000 acres of the 'Aina based educational program for Kamehameha School's agricultural and conservation lands. Presently, she holds the escalated position as the Education Officer of Kauhale Kipaipai (PAI) of KS.

Kanoë Wilson, is a an extremely independent professional, using tactful qualitative and quantitative skills to achieve positive results in evaluating as well as planning and designing high degrees of resolution. She is a very amiable individual and has a welcoming and pleasant personality, getting along and working with many different levels of peoples through her evidence of accomplishments in education within Kamehameha Schools and the broader communities spanning various variations of academia on Hawaii Island and beyond. She possess a passionate understanding of her Hawaiian culture and has a deep comprehension of Hawaii's 'aina with respect to it's relationship to its value, protection, conservation, it's sustainability and productivity to all peoples.

I humbly ask for your YES, vote to confirm KANOE WILSON as our Legacy Land Conservation Commissioner for Hawaii nei.

Mahalo nui loa, for your consideration and support, it's very appreciated!

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,

Jamie M. Kawauchi

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**GM508**

Submitted on: 2/22/2016

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jim cain	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in full support of Kanoe Wilson's nomination to the Legacy Lands Conservation Program commission. I have worked with Kanoe in helping provide educational programs for beginning and young farmers, and know she is committed to making sure our island home is cared for for future generations. She is professional, her integrity is never in question, and I know she will be a fine addition to this very important commission. Mahalo for your time, Jim Cain Waipi'o Valley, Hawai'i

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**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2016 7:29 AM  
**To:** Sen. Mike Gabbard  
**Subject:** Legacy Land Conservation Commission Nominee

Honorable Senator Gabbard,

Kanoe Wilson has been nominated to sit on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission for our State of Hawaii. I would like to express my complete confidence and support of Kanoe Wilson to serve our State on the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission. My experience with her in doing environmental and cultural outreach with her colleagues and community citizens in our forest watersheds and coastal areas has shown her to be a truly dedicated Makaainana. (a person with their eyes on the land with its best intent at heart) I have watched Kanoe move through groups of people of differing back grounds and levels successfully. Kanoe has my full support to be the peoples representative on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Thank you for your consideration of Kanoe Wilson.

Yours Truly,

John

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Before the Senate Committee on  
COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 508 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KANOE WILSON,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2018.

February 25, 2016

Dear Chairman Gabbard,

I am submitting this letter of support for your consideration of Kanoe Wilson to become a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

I have known Kanoe as a parent and a staff member at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo for several years. It was through these years that I can note unequivocally that Kanoe Wilson would be an excellent Commissioner for the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Kanoe's Curricula Vitae notes her Bachelor and Masters degrees, and illustrates how very qualified she is to be a Commission member.

I feel Kanoe would be an excellent Commissioner because of her abilities to understand complex issues, to realize the assets and qualities involved in an issue, and to then balance her perspective as a native practitioner and as an academician. She is very well versed in looking at issues and realizing the potential opportunities which lay unforeseen. Kanoe has proven to bring various stakeholders together on issues and to find common qualities each entity wants, and could bring to the issue. Compromise and support is then attainable, which leads to further discussions and a shared ownership of an issue.

If you want a dynamic Commissioner who will work hard to understand an issue, to educate others about the issue, and to communicate effectively for all stakeholders, Kanoe Wilson is that person. I am confident Kanoe will help to raise the bar of the Commission and to bring solutions others have not realized existed.

I am hoping you will look favorably upon Kanoe Wilson's achievements, and I recommend her to the Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture with no reservations.

Aloha pumehana,

*Kalua R. N. Robinson*

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**GM508**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators Gabbard and Nishihara and members of the Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture, I submit this testimony in strong support of Ms. Kanoe Wilsons nomination to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. I know Kanoe as the inheritor of a deep cultural and scholarly tradition in the Native Hawaiian community. She is also a loving mother, wife and advisor through her works both at UH Hilo and Kamehameha Schools. I also now Kanoe for her strong sense of aloha aina. The Legacy Land Commission is an ideal place for Kanoe to voluntarily serve our state. My prior work with the past commission in assisting the purchase of MA'O Farms land and preservation of unique cultural landscapes compels me to urge your approval of this nomination. Our state's recent support of public trust and native rights training for new commissioners and other positions of trust should be lauded. Even moreso, we should applaud the appointment of new and young leaders like Kanoe who embody these values- values necessary to the heart and soul of our community- without training. Also like many of the other nominees before you today Kanoe is one smaht buggah with a big heart. I think our state needs to start putting more smaht buggahs with big hearts on commissions that deal with aspects of our community that touch upon both. Aloha nui. Kevin Chang

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**GM 508, Kanoe Wilson**

Aloha Sen Gabbard and Sen Nishihara.

I very strongly support Kanoe Wilson for this position. I know her very well and consider her a friend. She is very qualified and she is a hard working responsible person. I support her confirmation unequivocally.

Aloha

Richard Ha

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tommie Suganuma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Kanoë Wilson is an articulate individual who is well qualified and capable to be a commissioner for the Land Legacy Commission. She is well versed in the Hawaiian language, culture, and aina. Kanoë will be a huge asset in the commission because she knows what it will take to protect, preserve, and care for the aina...she knows what is "pono" for the aina.

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