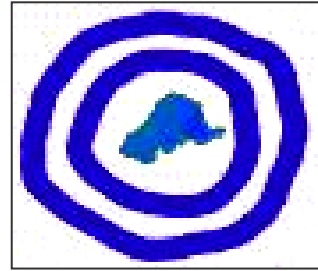


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Senate Committee on Water and Land
Testimony of Noa Emmett Aluli, M.D on behalf of the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana
in SUPPORT of GM 679
Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Dr. Christopher Kaliko Baker to the
Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission

Aloha e Chairperson Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chairperson Mike Gabbardn and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land. On behalf of the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (‘Ohana), I am submitting official testimony in **support** of GM679 Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, CHRISTOPHER KALIKO BAKER, to serve on the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

Pursuant to HRS 6K-5(a)(2) that states, “Two members shall be appointed by the governor from a list provided by the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana,” Dr. Baker was originally appointed to the KIRC by Governor Neil Abercrombie in June 2011.

Dr. Baker is a strong asset to the KIRC in managing the reserve through a Native Hawaiian cultural lense. Throughout the past 24 years, Dr. Baker has demonstrated a sincere dedication to heal and restore the natural and cultural resources of Kaho‘olawe in his role as kua (group leader) in the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana. He is also the leading mo‘olono, the group of men who have kuleana to conduct the sacred Lono ceremonies and rituals in annual Makahiki cultural practices on Kaho‘olawe.

Dr. Baker has been a kumu of Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language since 2002. He is a leader in the movement to perpetuate our Hawaiian language and has hosted Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana Hawaiian Language Immersion huaka‘i or accesses to Kaho‘olawe.

The Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana enthusiastically supports the re-appointment of Dr. Christopher Kaliko Baker to the KIRC.

Aloha ‘Aina
Noa Emmett Aluli, M.D.



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

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017
2:45 P.M.
State Capitol, Room 224**

**GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE 679 – SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE CHRISTOPHER KALIKO BAKER**

Governor's Message No. 679 nominates Christopher Kaliko Baker to serve on the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) in the seat reserved for a representative of the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (PKO). On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express **my strong support and recommend his confirmation.**

A graduate of Castle High School and the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM), Commissioner Baker is a PhD candidate in Linguistics and an instructor of Hawaiian at UHM’s Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language. As a long-time member of the PKO, Kaliko has been part of Kaho‘olawe’s history from the Navy’s return of the island to its transition to State management of its natural and cultural resources. In addition, he brings to the commission his expertise in Hawaiian language and Hawaiian cultural traditions as a noted Hawaiian language playwright and lead cultural practitioner for the *makahiki* ceremony on Kaho‘olawe.

Commissioner Baker has been serving as a member of the KIRC since his initial appointment on May 13, 2011. Since that time, Commissioner Baker has taken on the role of guiding and expanding the cultural use of the Reserve.

Commissioner Baker’s dedication to perpetuating the native Hawaiian language and culture is in alignment with the KIRC’s vision for Kaho‘olawe; “where the people of Hawai‘i cares for the land in a manner which recognizes the island and ocean of *Kanaloa* (an ancient name for Kaho‘olawe) as a living spiritual entity. *Kanaloa* is a *pu‘uhonua* (place of safety) and *wahi pana* (storied place) where Native Hawaiian cultural practices flourish.”

**FACULTY AND STUDENT SUPPORT FOR GM 679
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION FOR KIRC GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE- CHRISTOPHER BAKER**

LĀ 11 'APELILA 2017

Aloha mai kākou,

On behalf of the students and faculty of Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani, I strongly support the confirmation of Christopher Kaliko Baker to be a member of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

We are familiar with Christopher Baker's steadfast qualities as a Hawaiian language speaker and educator. We recognize his long-term efforts to care for Kaho'olawe. In these efforts to care for Kaho'olawe, he has also included our Hawaiian language speaking faculty and students in his efforts. We have also recognized the development of our students and faculty in their field studies on Kaho'olawe with Dr. Baker because of his dedication to Kaho'olawe and the Hawaiian language.

Please confirm Christopher Kaliko Baker, Gubernatorial Nominee as a member of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Grandinetti	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Puakea Nogelmeier	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the nomination of Christopher Baker to serve on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission until 2021. Mahalo, Puakea Nogelmeier.

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Davianna McGregor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dr. Kaliko Baker is eminently qualified to serve on the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). His insights, knowledge of our ‘Ōlelo Makuahine and his experience as a kua and mo‘olono with the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana are invaluable. I enthusiastically support his re-appointment to the KIRC. Mahalo nui loa.

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Kylee Mar	Individual	Support	No

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Keiki Kawaiaaea	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Kaliko Baker's confirmation to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

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Eric Keli'i Beyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the consideration and confirmation of Chris Kaliko Baker for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. I have known Chris for years now and have a real respect for his drive, his knowledge and his leadership ability with the PKO and as a professor at UHM. He has helped bring focus to the spiritual practices we have on Kahoolawe and inspires others to practice and perfect their understanding of being Hawaiian.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michele McLean	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the re-appointment of Christopher "Kaliko" Baker to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission. I have worked with Kaliko for several years on the KIRC, and he is dedicated and diligent, and makes important contributions to the commission and to the management and restoration of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve. While I serve as the chair and the Maui County representative on the KIRC, this testimony is being offered in my personal capacity. Kaliko is much needed and deserves your support. Mahalo!

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Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hearing Date: 03/14/17
Hearing Time: 2:45 pm in Conference Room 224

By
Ron Kekeha Solis,
Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

GM 679 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee

Aloha mai e Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard and members of the committee:

My name is Ron Kekeha Solis, an Associate Professor at Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawai'i Mānoa.

I stand in support of considering and confirming Christopher Baker to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. Christopher Baker has a sincere desire and determination to work and care for Kanaloa. There is no doubt in my mind that he will do all that he can to do what is right for Kaho'olawe.

I reiterate my support for Christopher Baker to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at rsolis@hawaii.edu.



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