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GM679

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE
ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CHRISTOPHER
BAKER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021**
Senate Committee on Water and Land

April 12, 2017

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee will recommend that the Board of Trustees **SUPPORT** GM679, which would confirm Christopher “Kaliko” Baker as a member of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), representing the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (PKO).

Dr. Baker has served faithfully as a member of the KIRC since 2011 and has been a member of PKO since 1993, the year that the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve and KIRC were established by the legislature. He has led Makahiki ceremonies on Kaho‘olawe for many years. He places great emphasis on ensuring safe and meaningful access to and from Kaho‘olawe.

OHA notes that Dr. Baker brings to KIRC and the Native Hawaiian community a wealth of cultural knowledge and practice. He holds a Ph.D. in Linguistics and has taught ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i at the University of Hawai‘i since 1996. In his capacity at the University he established a huaka‘i program which has encouraged students to learn more about aloha ‘āina through practice and to develop relationships with and kuleana for Kaho‘olawe that will last them a lifetime. OHA believes that Dr. Baker will be of great value to KIRC, as it fulfills its mission to oversee the administration and stewardship of Kaho‘olawe.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM679. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Comments: Aloha. 'O au 'o Kaleimomi Dolera a 'akahi nō au a huaka'i i Kaho'olawe me Kumu Kaliko (Christopher Baker) mā. 'Oiai ua 'ike maka nō au i kā ia nei hana ma ka 'āina hiwahiwa 'o Kanaloa, kāko'o piha au i ko Kumu Kaliko noho hou 'ana ma ke 'ano he komikina o Kaho'olawe. He kanaka ku'upau a mākaukau loa 'o ia ma ia kuleana. Mahalo nui.

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