



GM730

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KĀNE'OHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JEFFREY KALUHIWA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020

Senate Committee on Water and Land

April 20, 2018

1:30 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee will recommend that the Board of Trustees **SUPPORT** GM730, which would confirm Mr. Jeffrey Kaluhiwa to the Kāne'ohē Bay Regional Council (KBRC).

The KBRC was established by the 1993 State Legislature to facilitate the management of ocean use activities in Kāne'ohē Bay. The Council advocates for Kāne'ohē Bay and also coordinates public and private activities in Kāne'ohē Bay. It serves as a repository and disseminator of information and facilitates community engagement to inform and develop public policy related to the bay. The KBRC makes recommendations to the State and the county on policy and legislation regarding the use of Kāne'ohē Bay by the general public and marine research programs as well as for commercial, recreational, and cultural activities.

Notably, the Ko'olaupoko ahupua'a surrounding Kāne'ohē Bay reflect the traditional Hawaiian self-sustaining land management system, which protects resources, including water and mauka-to-makai stream flow,¹ as a crucial component to the health and well-being of the land, ocean, and people. This system recognizes the importance of muliwai—or estuaries—where the kahawai (fresh water streams) meet the kai (ocean); the high levels of nutrients both in the water and the sediment make these areas among the most fertile natural habitats in the world.² Preserving the natural states of these fragile areas is critical to their surrounding ecosystems. Accordingly, a practical understanding of and appreciation for these ecosystem features, which are common in Kāne'ohē Bay, as well as the indigenous land management system that perpetuates them will be critical to the continued preservation of the bay, particularly as policy makers continue to balance varying uses with the sustainability of important natural and cultural resources.

OHA believes that Mr. Kaluhiwa will not only mindfully guide the KBRC in its responsibilities over Kāne'ohē Bay, but also specifically possesses a deep understanding of

¹ KU'IWALU CONSULTING, LLC, HE'EIA NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN 2016–2021 (2016).

² D.S. McLUSKY & M. ELLIOT, THE ESTUARINE ECOSYSTEM: ECOLOGY, THREATS AND MANAGEMENT (2004).

the traditional Native Hawaiian land management system that continues to be practiced in Ko'olaupoko, which will be of tremendous value to the KBRC's work. With deep family and personal ties to Ko'olaupoko and the He'eia ahupua'a, Mr. Kaluhiwa has a vested interest in the proper management and care of the lands and waters of Ko'olaupoko, including Kāne'ōhe Bay and its resources. Moreover, his last decade of work within the ahupua'a of He'eia demonstrates an appreciation for and dedication to the perpetuation of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in the contemporary context of sustainable resource management; OHA believes the knowledge and experience he has gained from both his professional work as well as from his kūpuna and family members make Mr. Kaluhiwa uniquely well-suited to serve on the KBRC.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM730, to confirm Mr. Jeffrey Kaluhiwa to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council . Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important appointment.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF
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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Friday, April 20, 2018
1:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 730
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
JEFFREY KALUHIWA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 730 nominating Mr. Jeffrey Kaluhiwa to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

Pursuant to Section 200D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council was established to, among other things, facilitate the implementation of the Kaneohe Bay Master Plan as it relates to ocean use activities and advise and make recommendations to the State and the County on matters regarding the use of Kāneʻohe Bay by the general public, marine research programs, and commercial ocean use activities, including legislative matters. Membership on the Council includes government officials, area neighborhood board members, and individuals representing user groups of the Bay.

The Department welcomes the wealth of knowledge and wisdom that Mr. Kaluhiwa will bring to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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Testimony of
Leimana DaMate
Hawaii State Aha Moku

Ke Kōmike no ka Wai a me ka 'Āina
Committee on Water and Land

Pō'alima, 'Apelila 20, 2018
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Lumi 'Aha Kūkā 224 / Conference Room 224

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BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JEFFREY KALUHIWA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

Gubernatorial Nominee, Jeffrey Kaluhiwa, is submitted as a Gubernatorial Nominee for consideration and confirmation to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

A keiki o ka Aina, Mr. Kaluhiwa is a native Hawaiian who has spent a lifetime learning the generational and traditional practices of the Kaneohe Ahupua'a within the Moku of Ko'olaupoko. He was raised to perpetuate Hawaiian values and practices, particularly those of Kaneohe Bay. He understands that the Hawaiian people of Ko'olaupoko are symbiotically connected to Hawaii's natural and cultural resources, particularly to Kaneohe Bay which has been used by native practitioners for generations. Understanding that the Bay is life to the many endemic flora and marine species, Mr. Kaluhiwa learned from his kupuna and his father how critical the health of Kaneohe Bay is to the health of the Ko'olaupoko Moku which also includes the Ahupua'a of Kualoa, Hakipuu, Waikane, Waihole, Kaalea, Waihee, Kahaluu, Heeia, and Kaneohe. All in this Moku use Kaneohe Bay in one way or another. Mr. Kaluhiwa is intimately aware of the impact that responsible use, protection, and sustainability of Kaneohe Bay resources have on the native Hawaiian culture, and on the public trust.

Mr. Kaluhiwa is a strong Hawaiian of integrity capable of seeing into the heart of Kaneohe Bay issues and concerns. He was involved in the original creation of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council as he and his father were consistently sought for their advice and knowledge of the Kaneohe Bay. He understands and knows the Bay, is an expert *lawaiia* (fisherman), knows the seasons, the currents, the tides, the species and everything that balances the Kaneohe Bay. He

learned that from generations of his family and from his father who, until a year and a half ago, was the Konohiki of Heeia Ahupua'a, one of the Ahupua'a that is attached to Kaneohe Bay.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony and we ask that this committee accept and confirm Jeffrey Kaluhiwa to the Hawaii State Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. No one is more suited to the protection, perpetuation, and sustainability of Kaneohe Bay. It is his birthright and his kuleana.

Mahalo nui loa!

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Testimony for WTL on 4/20/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:



Ko`olau Foundation

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April 18, 2018

To: Sen. Karl Rhoads, Chair
Sen. Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
And Members, Committee on Water & Land

From: Aaron D. Mahi
President, Ko`olau Foundation

Subject: GM730 IN SUPPORT: JEFFREY KALUHIWA – Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of this Committee:

The Ko`olau Foundation offers its strong support for the appointment of Jeffrey “Liko” Kaluhiwa to serve on the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council.

Our organization is a non-profit community organization dedicated to the preservation and protection of our cultural resources, and this kuleana encompasses advocating for wise stewardship of our island lands and waters. Kane`ohe Bay is one outstanding natural treasure that commands unified and effective management of this preeminent cultural and community resource.

As such, the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council’s role in this stewardship kuleana is amplified and very important. It is critical that practicing users and managers of the Bay serve on this Council to help the State of Hawai`i fulfill its important responsibility for management of Kane`ohe Bay.

We know Liko Kaluhiwa as an extremely knowledgeable cultural practitioner who has lived his entire life in and around Kane`ohe Bay. Having learned much of his knowledge about the bay and its environs from his father, Jerry Kaluhiwa, Liko would be a tremendous asset to the Council. He is an avid fisherman, boater, and canoe paddler. He would bring a cultural practitioner’s knowledge to strengthen the Council in its deliberations over activities on the Bay.

We urge your concurrence with this appointment and support for Jeffrey Kaluhiwa to serve on the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council.

Mahalo for allowing us to share our mana`o.



KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

April 20, 2018

Testimony in support of GM730 – Appointment of Jeffrey Kaluhiwa
Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council

TO: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair/Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
And Members, Committee on Water & Land

FROM: Alice P. Hewett, President
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Aloha mai kakou!

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club sends its heartfelt aloha to Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and all of the Members on the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

We wish to offer to you our strong support for the nomination of Jeffrey Kaluhiwa to serve on the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council. Mr. Kaluhiwa is a member of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, the Kane`ohe Canoe Club, and many other organizations in the Kane`ohe Bay region.

He is a knowledgeable Hawaiian cultural practitioner who has always had a passion and love for the reefs, shores and waters of the Bay. He is a recipient of generations of knowledge about proper stewardship of the bay, and he passes on his knowledge to his son Kealohi, a young man who is already learning about malama i ke kai, caring for the ocean.

It is our view that Jeffrey Kaluhiwa is an excellent choice for you to have serving on the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council. He is ever-watchful of what's happening in the bay, and quick to offer help when it is needed to address activities or problems created in and around the bay.

We urge your advise and consent on this appointment, and your support for his nomination.

Me kealoha pumehana.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko`olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."

April 3, 2018

Mr. Jeffrey Kaluhiwa
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Re: Nomination to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council

Dear Mr. Kaluhiwa:

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor David Y. Ige to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council. To assist the Committee with its preparation for the confirmation process, I am requesting that you submit to my office a written statement that addresses the following questions. As other Senate committees have done, I intend to make your responses public and post them with testimony on the State legislative website.

1. Please describe your understanding of the role and jurisdiction of the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council (Council). **The role as one of the members is to advise and be the voice for the community regarding issues and concerns for Kaneohe Bay to individuals who have the authority to make and pass law.**
2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Council? **I should hear all sides of all issues and treat everybody with equal respect. Hear them out before making any suggestions, judgments or decisions.**
3. Why do you wish to serve as a member of the Council? Please note if you applied to be nominated to the Council or if you were invited to apply.

Karl Rhoads

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I have been a resident of He'eia for over 50 years. My I see a lot that can be done in the bay. I was invited to serve.

4. Please describe why you believe that you are qualified to be a member of the Council including your designation as representing the Kāne'ohe Bay Recreational Boating Association. Please discuss any skills, expertise, knowledge, or volunteer involvement that would aid in your decision-making ability. My family has been living on the Ahapua'a for over 200 years documented. I am capable of doing the job at task. I am a boater, sailor, fisherman, Farmer, canoe paddler. I practice daily living and being self-sufficient from what is provided by both Mauka and Makai.
5. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service on the Council? I hope to accomplish better management of our resources here in Kaneohe Bay
6. What issues do you believe that the Council has handled well in the past? What issues do you believe that the Council should address in the future? Better monitoring of Ahu O Laka during heavy active use during 3 day weekends. There is still a big concern for the illegal boating and kayak business that pop up on the bay. They appear to go under the radar or attempt to look legal but have not respected the design and purpose of the master plan for the bay.
7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests involving you that could arise during your service on the Council? How would you address any possible conflicts of interest? First thing is to stop illegal boating and or recreational kayaking in the bay. Better managing of the dry dock waste that goes back into the ocean
8. Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered for your nomination? Yes, I am very present in the ocean and on the shoreline of He'eia. I am aware and observe the activities that are going on in this ahapua'a. Some things disappoint me make me sad and other things I am happy to see taking place. I would like to be able to make a difference in the lace that my family had helped and nurtured for generations.

Your prompt response by Friday, April 13, 2018 will ensure that the Senate confirmation process can proceed in a timely manner. You may provide your response by email to senrhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov or by mail to State Capitol, Room 204, 415 S. Beretania St., Honolulu, HI 96813. My office will be in contact with you about

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scheduling a one-on-one meeting with me and informing you of the date of the Committee hearing.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that any testimony submitted by other individuals on your behalf will be posted on the Legislature's website as submitted. It might be helpful to inform individuals who intend to submit testimony on your nomination of the public nature of the testimony. Testimony may be submitted once the Committee hearing on your nomination is scheduled.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at 586-6130.

Mahalo,

Karl Rhoads
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land

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