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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

APRIL 1, 2019
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 600
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE COMMISSION
ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WAYNE
KATAYAMA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

Chairperson Kahele and Members of the Committee:

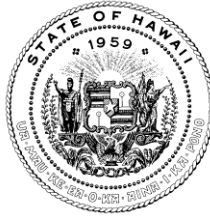
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 511, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM), Gubernatorial Nominee, Wayne Katayama, for a term to expire 06-30-2022. The Department strongly supports this measure.

Mr. Katayama has many years of experience in agriculture, including his work at Kauai Coffee Company and Kilauea Agronomics. He served in top leadership roles throughout his agricultural career and will bring an important voice to the issues taken by CWRM.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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

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

**Monday, April 1, 2019
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 511
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, WAYNE K. KATAYAMA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports the Governor's appointment of Mr. Wayne K. Katayama to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

The Commission is required under Section 174C-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to select commissioners through an open, competitive process. An independent nominating committee composed of two (2) members selected by the Governor, one (1) by the Senate President and one (1) by the House Speaker solicits candidates typically by placing an ad in the papers across the State, in the monthly bulletin of the Commission, and on the Commission's website. The nominating committee reviews the applications, conducts interviews if desired and sends the Governor the names of at least three individuals for consideration.

The nominees, by law, must have "substantial experience in the area of water resource management."

In accordance with this nominating process, the Governor selected Mr. Wayne K. Katayama.

Mr. Katayama has over 40 years of agricultural management experience in Hawai'i which involved cultivating, processing and marketing of various food crops on the island of Kaua'i while gaining substantial expertise in water resource management. He holds an MBA from the

University of Hawai‘i, is a retired Major in the Hawai‘i Air National Guard, and serves his community volunteering on numerous advisory committees and task forces.

From 2007 until 2016 Mr. Katayama served as the President and General Manager of Kaua‘i Coffee, Inc., where he managed a diverse agribusiness company that encompassed growing, processing, and marketing coffee through many supply chains. Under his leadership, Mr. Katayama implemented a dam inspection and emergency action plan for high risk reservoirs, implemented a pesticide management plan that reduced usage and drift, and converted their coffee drier from diesel fuel to liquid petroleum gas to reduce stack emissions and improve company sustainability.

Prior to joining Kaua‘i Coffee, Inc., Mr. Katayama was President of Kilauea Agronomics, LLC for 14 years. He successfully managed conflicting concerns among land owners, water purveyors and farmers and led his company to improve product marketability to the U.S. military and Japanese markets. He instituted cost reduction programs by developing innovative processes to improve farm transportation and processing efficiency.

From 1972 through 2007 Mr. Katayama worked in varied management positions in agribusiness companies including C. Brewer & Company, Ltd., and Olokele Sugar Company. During this time, he amassed knowledge and experience in hydrology, hydropower, irrigation system management, and water quality permitting; championed the improvement in process efficiencies; increased company sales through innovative marketing; instituted product quality control measures; and conducted financial analyses of company operations. Years of collaboration with various sectors of the community taught him to balance distinct interests and concerns among private and public entities, community and cultural organizations, and environmental groups.

Mr. Katayama brings extensive knowledge and experience in agricultural irrigation systems and water resource management. He would be a valuable asset to the Commission – especially when addressing matters regarding legacy plantation irrigation systems, hydropower, reservoirs and storage, and the Agricultural Water Use and Development Plan.

The Department strongly supports the nomination and appointment of Mr. Wayne K. Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this nominee.

DAVID Y. IGE
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JAMES J. NAKATANI
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STATE OF HAWAII
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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Monday, April 1, 2019
1:15 PM

GM 511 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, WAYNE KATAYAMA, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Aloha Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee,

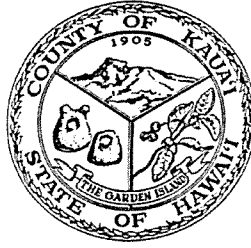
The Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) supports Mr. Wayne Katayama’s appointment to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Mr. Katayama is well qualified to be confirmed to the Commission on Water Resource Management. As former President of Kauai Coffee Company, Kilauea Agronomics, and Hawaiian Fruit Specialties, he is very familiar with agriculture policy and water resource issues. Additionally, he has a proven track record as a facilitator, partner and supporter of agriculture in Hawaii. For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your support of Mr. Katayama’s appointment to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 29, 2019

TESTIMONY OF FELICIA COWDEN
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
GM 511, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE WAYNE KATAYAMA
TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Monday, April 1, 2019
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of GM 511, consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a Member of the Kaua'i County Council.

I would like to voice my enthusiastic support for Gubernatorial Nominee Wayne Katayama for the Commission on Water Resource Management.

I have known Wayne for more than twenty years in a number of capacities that give me confidence that he is an appropriate match for the requirements of the position both technically and in temperament.

Mr. Katayama's life career has been in large and medium scale agriculture with Olokele Sugar on O'ahu and Kaua'i's Guava Kai Plantation (both C. Brewer) and Kaua'i Coffee have given him experience as an agricultural water user in a range of environments. His leadership position in the last two organizations have given him a comprehensive understanding of the physical management of reservoir water systems, as well as experience in the business and regulation compliance aspects of commercial water use. His tenure with Kaua'i Coffee had him graciously in the middle of the pesticide controversy on Kaua'i, in which we communicated amicably on opposite sides of that very difficult environmental debate.

Chair Kahale and Members of the Committee

Re: GM 511

March 29, 2019

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During his tenure with Guava Kai Plantation, Wayne and I were colleagues on the board of Kaua'i North Shore Business Council for roughly five years. As a small business owner, I was president, and Wayne with a great deal more experience and capacity was treasurer. The objectives of our organization at that time was most strongly directed at uplifting small and micro-businesses rising out of the collapse of an important localized boating industry. Wayne was respectful and encouraging while effectively working with people of less structured and educated backgrounds. He was a delight to work alongside. I have confidence that he would be able to listen constructively to people with differing viewpoints both on the commission, and with the public and applicants.

Wayne Katayama's six years on Kaua'i's Planning Commission was a venue in which he had broad policy exposure to the competing needs of infrastructure, development, and environmental interests. His ability to examine the laws and regulations and articulate their application to whatever project was under consideration will directly translate to statewide surface water management.

Importantly, Kaua'i has not had representation on the Commission on Water Resource Management for some time. It is deeply valued that this nominee will have a robust understanding of our county's needs.

Mahalo for your positive consideration of Wayne Katayama for a seat on the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of GM 511. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Felicia Cowden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'F'.

FELICIA COWDEN

Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHILIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Testimony of Michael Dahilig
Managing Director, County of Kaua'i

Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
April 1, 2019; 1:15 pm
Conference Room 229

In consideration of
GM511 Wayne Katayama Gubernatorial Nominee for the
Commission on Water Resource Management

Honorable Chair Kahale, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The County of Kaua'i **supports** the appointment of Wayne Katayama to the State of Hawaii Commission on Water Resource Management which has exclusive jurisdiction and final authority over matters relating to the implementation and administration of the State Water Code.

Throughout his career Mr. Katayama has distinguished himself as a leader who balances innovative operations with fiscal responsibility. His background in working with groups to resolve conflicts and develop successful action plans will be an asset for our state. Most importantly, Mr. Katayama's experience and understanding of the needs of all the stakeholders related to water whether urban, agricultural, cultural or environmental will add another level of expertise to supplement the commission.

We are confident in Mr. Katayama's ability to make sound choices in the water management of our state and support your appointment of him to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Thank you for your consideration.





**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Monday, April 1, 2019 TIME: 1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 229 State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street**

RE: Wayne Katayama's appointment to the Commission on Water Resources Management

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and honorable members of the committee:

The Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce writes in strong support of Mr. Wayne Katayama's appointment to the Commission on Water Resources Management (CWRM).

Mr. Katayama is a pillar of the Kaua'i community. He has a longtime record of public service and leadership including an appointment to the Kaua'i Planning Commission and having served on the boards of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the Hawai'i Coffee Association, and the Hawai'i Coffee Growers Association, where he led efforts to help mitigate the impact of the Coffee Berry Borer.

Mr. Katayama has experience that specifically qualifies him for a position on CWRM. He modeled water flow levels for the Olokele Stream and has managed the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program and monitored water quality during his time as an industrial engineer for the Olokele Sugar Company.

With over forty years of leadership on Kaua'i in agriculture, Mr. Katayama will balance diverse interests among private and public enterprises; community and cultural interests; and environmental concerns.

Thank you for giving him your full consideration.

Mahalo nui loa,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Perriello".

Mark Perriello
President & CEO
Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce



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Water Users' Cooperative**

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March 26, 2019

TO: **Hawaii State Senate**
President Ron Kouchi

RE: **Endorsement of Wayne Katayama for Commission on Water Resource Management**

President Kouchi:

My name is Jerry Ornellas and I strongly support the appointment of Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

I am the president of the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative which has managed the State-owned reservoir and ditch system in the Kapaa/Kalepa area for the past 17 years under a year-to-year revocable permit from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Wayne brings a lifetime of farming experience to the job as shown in his resume, and particular familiarity and expertise in the management of water resources. He has served for years in the upper management of major agricultural operations on Kauai. While with both Kilauea Agronomics and Kauai Coffee he has been involved in our local water issues with great success. We were delighted to hear of his nomination and believe he will do an excellent job.

I respectfully ask that you ratify Wayne's appointment.

East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative

Jerry Ornellas, President



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March 29, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON GM 511

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the member of the Commission on
Water Resource Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, WAYNE KATAYAMA

Room 229
1:15 PM

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Wayne Katayama as the member of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Mr. Katayama has an extensive experience in the agriculture industry, working on water systems and understanding the water code. Mr. Katayama held a myriad of positions in the Agricultural Industry; He has served as President and General Manager for Kauai Coffee Company, President and Vice President for Kialuea Agronomics, President Hawaii Fruit Specialties, and Industrial Engineer of the Olokele Sugar Company. Mr. Katayama has also served his community as a Board Member of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Board Member of UH CTAHR Advisory Committee, member of the Mayor of Kauai's Agriculture Advisory Committee, and a member of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, just to name a few. Mr. Katayama understands the public trust doctrine and is committed to serving the people of Hawaii and protecting our islands natural resources.

His experience is complemented by a strong work ethic and dedication that will undoubtedly to provide positive leadership for the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Please accept our strong support for Mr. Wayne Katayama as a member of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

GM-511

Submitted on: 3/31/2019 8:00:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Testifying for Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:



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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting GM 511 Gubernatorial Nominee Wayne Katayama
to the Commission on Water Resource Management
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Monday, April 1, 2019, 1:15 PM, Room 229

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which all life depends. The Conservancy has helped protect more than 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i and Palmyra Atoll. We manage 40,000 acres in 13 preserves and work in over 30 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs, waters and fisheries of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnership with government, private parties and communities to protect forests and coral reefs for their ecological values and the many benefits they provide to people.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) supports Wayne Katayama's appointment to the Commission on Water Resources Management.

TNC is the coordinator for the Kaua'i Watershed Alliance (KWA), which formed in 2003 to manage and protect the island's uppermost watershed areas. KWA consists of 11 public and private partners and encompasses more than 144,000 acres.

Our work with Mr. Katayama evolved from a KWA project at Kanaele on Alexander & Baldwin (A&B) property above Kalāheo. At that time, Mr. Katayama was the general manager of Kaua'i Coffee which was an A&B subsidiary. A&B was at that time and continues to be a KWA member. Mr. Katayama facilitated access to the Kanaele project area to enable TNC/KWA to conserve the last remaining low elevation Hawaiian bog. As he learned more about the KWA's watershed management work, his interest in our conservation projects grew to the point where he became an advocate for protective fence projects at Kanaele and in the Alaka'i Plateau; and included the KWA at Kaua'i Coffee events to help promote watershed protection and the work of the KWA.

Thank you for this opportunity to support Mr. Katayama's appointment to the Water Commission.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

GM 511

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, **WAYNE KATAYAMA**, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Monday, April 1, 2018 1:15 pm, Room 229

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I am a rancher and the Government Affairs Chairperson for the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 150+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **strongly supports** GM 511 nominating Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

I have personally known Mr. Katayama for over 20 years. During that time, I have always felt that Mr. Katayama was intelligent, well spoken, and very knowledgeable of the issues which affect the agricultural industry, and of the highest integrity. He is very knowledgeable about water issues in the State of Hawaii and will be an excellent member of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Mr. Katayama is not one to mince words and he is not a wallflower. He is not afraid to speak about what is on his mind. On every issue I have ever seen him deal with, he has been tough but always fair.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in strong support of GM 511 nominating Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management.





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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

GM 511

**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Commission of Water Resource Management, Gubernatorial Nominee,
WAYNE KATAYAMA for a term to expire 06-30-2022.**

April 1, 2019

Chair Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

My name is Stephanie Whalen. I am Executive Director of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC). I am testifying today on behalf of the center and our research and support staff.

HARC strongly supports the appointment and confirmation of WAYNE KATAYAMA, to the Commission of Water Resource Management via GM 511.

Wayne Katayama has been in the business sector most of his career. He has a strong background in land and water management. He certainly has the experience and knowledge to be a great asset to this commission.

We strongly urge you to support GM 511 and the appointment of Wayne Katayama to the Commission of Water Resource Management.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



March 28, 2019

**Testimony Before the Senate Committee on
Water and Land**

**Monday, April 1, 2019; 1:15 P. M.
Conference Room # 229**

Senate Bill No. GM511 – Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management

To the Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair; Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair; and Members of the Committee:

The purpose of this letter is to strongly support the appointment of Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management ("Commission").

Mr. Katayama is a leader in the agricultural industry on Kaua'i having spent his career in leadership positions with Olokele Sugar Company, C. Brewer and Co., Hawaiian Fruit Specialties, Ltd., Kilauea Agronomics LLC, and most recently with Kaua'i Coffee Company. Not only does he have a depth of understanding of the agricultural industry, but his experience with government -- having served on the Planning Commission and Agribusiness Development Corporation -- makes him a well-rounded candidate for a position on the Commission.

Grove Farm Company, Inc. is one of the larger landowners on Kaua'i, with 37,000 acres of land for development, conservation, sustainable energy, diversified agriculture, education, commercial, and industrial uses. There are a large number of water systems on Kaua'i and throughout the state that is overseen by the Commission. Ultimately, decisions by the Commission will impact the many users and public uses of these historic plantation era water systems including farmers, ranchers, the Waiahi Surface Water Treatment Plant – the primary source of drinking water for 15,000 Kaua'i residents, the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC), commercial, industrial, and civic center users.

It is critical that these important decisions regarding proper use of our water resources to meet the cultural, social and economic needs of our community be stewarded by those who have a strong understanding of the people and the land.

We strongly urge you to support the appointment of Wayne Katayama to a position on the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Warren H. Haruki
President & Chief Executive Officer

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GM511, Wayne Katayama
Gubernatorial Nominee to Commission on Water Resources Management
Senate WTL Advise and Consent Hearing
Monday, April 1, 2019
1:15 pm
Conference Room 229

Testimony by: Larry Jeffs
Position: Support

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate WTL Committee:

I am Larry Jeffs, owner and operator of Larry Jeffs Farms, LLC, which is part of our family-run business of farms on Oahu and Molokai, under the administrative umbrella of Sugarland Growers, Inc. We have more than 35 years of Hawaii farm experience on Molokai and Oahu. I am a volunteer director for the West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

I fully support Wayne Katayama's nomination to the Water Resources Management Commission. His experiences range from an industrial engineer who managed NPEDES permit and monitored water quality discharge (Olokele Sugar Company), to Senior Financial Analyst (C. Brewer & Company, Ltd), and executive leadership roles in agribusiness companies (Kilauea Agronomics, LLC; Kauai Coffee Company). This demonstrates his analytic acumen as well as deep understanding of agriculture.

Current water management issues that impact all of us include ground water recharge relative to climate change and water diversion issues. As a Commissioner, I believe that Mr. Katayama will bring a thoughtful approach to the Commission's charge of statewide water resource management, balancing conservation and sustainability concepts.

Your support of Wayne Katayama's nomination to the Water Resource Management Commission is appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony

GM-511

Submitted on: 3/29/2019 2:06:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bob Gunter	Testifying for Koloa Rum Company	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support Wayne Katayama's nomination to serve on the Commission on Water Resources Management. With forty years of leadership in agriculture and extensive experience in responsibly managing water resources on behalf of Olokele Sugar, Kilauea Agronomics and Kauai Coffee Company, he will be mindful of the importance of balancing responsible use of water while insuring protection of our environmental and cultural resources.

Wayne has served on important boards and commissions in the past: notably the Kauai Planning Commission and the Agribusiness Development Corporation. He will bring a depth of knowledge and experience that will allow him to make a significant contribution to the important work CWRM is doing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Gunter, President & CEO - Koloa Rum Company

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GM-511

Submitted on: 4/1/2019 11:13:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Metzler	Testifying for Mahukona Ranch	Support	No

Comments:

Please confirm this appointment to the Commission.

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GM-511

Submitted on: 4/1/2019 10:55:31 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan W Braley	Testifying for New Island Feed, Inc	Support	No

Comments:



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TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IN SUPPORT OF GM 511 – WAYNE KATAYAMA’S NOMINATION TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
April 1, 2019, 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 229

Chair Kahele and members of the committee:

LATE

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) strongly supports the appointment of Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management. As the former president of Kauai Coffee Company, Kilauea Agronomics, LLC, and Hawaiian Fruit Specialties, Wayne has tremendous experience as a leader within the industry.

Wayne’s prior experience has led to a great understanding of the need to balance the increasing consumptive and non-consumptive use demand for water with environmental and cultural sustainability. He is also active in the community serving on the boards of the Agribusiness Development Corporation and University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Advisory Committee, among other associations.

It is for these reasons we support Wayne’s appointment to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Respectfully,

Bennette Misalucha
Executive Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy economy.



Kalepa Koalition

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March 29, 2019

TO: **Hawaii State Senate**
President Ron Kouchi

RE: **Endorsement of Wayne Katayama for Commission on Water Resource Management**

President Kouchi:

We **strongly support the appointment of Wayne Katayama** to the Commission on Water Resource Management. The Kalepa Koalition is a Hawaii agricultural cooperative of the farmers and ranchers who hold long-term licenses on 6,500 acres of State land behind Kalepa Ridge on Kauai and under the administration of ADC.

Wayne brings a lifetime of farming experience to the job as shown in his resume, and particular familiarity and expertise in the management of water resources. He has served for years in the upper management of major agricultural operations on Kauai. While with both Kilauea Agronomics and Kauai Coffee he has been involved in our local water issues with great success. We were delighted to hear of his nomination and believe he will do an excellent job.

We respectfully request that this Mr. Katayama be confirmed.

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Leslie P. Milnes, President
Kalepa Koalition

GM-511

Submitted on: 3/28/2019 2:21:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John R. Gordines	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-511

Submitted on: 3/28/2019 4:39:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mae Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support Wayne Katayama as a nominee for the Commission on Water Resource Management.. His practical experience will be of significant value during deliberationsand his calm demeanor will help him work through contentious issues.

Please support the nomination of Wayne Katayama. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2019 9:01:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Greg Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Wayne is an excellent choice to be a member of this commission. His years of experience in management and water usage in sugar, guava, and coffee growing and production will provide valuable insight. He does a scholarly job on everything he does and I highly recommend him.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2019 9:34:56 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha members of the 2019 WTL (Water and Land) committee ~ Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony via email messaging! I would like to strongly support Mr. Wayne Katayama's nomination to the Hawaii Commission on Water Resource Management. I am a volunteer member of the Kauai Department of Water Board and long time Kauai County Farm Bureau member ~ I understand and value our water resources. I have worked side-by-side with Wayne on many issues and respect his thoughtfulness and ability to look at issues and strategize solutions to challenges we face as water resource managers. Living on islands, fresh water is a valuable resource, WE must ALL be educated "stewards" of our precious water resources. I ask you to consider allowing Kauai County of have a voice on the important Commission on Water Resource Managment. I believe Wayne Katayama will be a valuable asset to the water resource management commission ~ thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2019 10:36:16 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Emura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Chair Kahele,

We support Wayne Katayama's nomination to serve on the Commission on Water Resources Management. With forty years of leadership in agriculture and extensive experience in responsibly managing water resources on behalf of Olokele Sugar, Kilauea Agronomics and Kauai Coffee Company, he will be mindful of the importance of balancing responsible use of water while insuring protection of our environmental and cultural resources.

Wayne has served on important boards and commissions in the past: notably the Kauai Planning Commission and the Agribusiness Development Corporation. He will bring a depth of knowledge and experience that will allow him to make a significant contribution to the important work CWRM is doing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michelle Emura and Daryl Kaneshiro

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Submitted on: 3/29/2019 4:11:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Ono	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senators Kahele, Keith-Agaran, Nishihara, Fevella & Riviere,

I strongly support Governor David Ige's nomination of Wayne Katayama to serve on the Commission of Water Resources Management. I have worked with Mr. Katayama, and believe his over 40-years of extensive experience and leadership in public and private sector positions make this an outstanding selection. This is because Mr. Katayama will be mindful of the importance of balancing responsible use of water, while insuring protection of our environmental & cultural resources are best protected.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2019 9:52:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fred Cowell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Wayne Katayama's nomination to serve on the Commission on Water Resources Management. With forty years of leadership in agriculture and extensive experience in responsibly managing water resources on behalf of Olokele Sugar, Kilauea Agronomics and Kauai Coffee Company, he will be mindful of the importance of balancing responsible use of water while insuring protection of our environmental and cultural resources.

I've had the privilege of working with Wayne and know that he'll bring his years of experience and wisdom to this board. Wayne has served on important boards and commissions in the past: notably the Kauai Planning Commission and the Agribusiness Development Corporation. He will bring a depth of knowledge and experience that will allow him to make a significant contribution to the important work CWRM is doing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,

Fred Cowell,

General Manager, Kauai Coffee

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Submitted on: 3/30/2019 10:24:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2019 10:43:39 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beth Tokioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Wayne Katayama's nomination to serve on the Commission on Water Resources Management. With forty years of leadership in agriculture and extensive experience in responsibly managing water resources on behalf of Olokele Sugar, Kilauea Agronomics and Kauai Coffee Company, he will be mindful of the importance of balancing responsible use of water while insuring protection of our environmental and cultural resources.

Wayne has served on important boards and commissions in the past: notably the Kauai Planning Commission and the Agribusiness Development Corporation. He will bring a depth of knowledge and experience that will allow him to make a significant contribution to the important work CWRM is doing.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2019 4:11:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aileen K . F. Yeh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am firmly in support of the appointment of Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management. I have known him since he worked for C. Brewer in the seventies, and have always known him to be honest, fair, intelligent, and level headed.

Aileen Yeh

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Submitted on: 3/30/2019 4:59:35 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jimmy Gomes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2019 5:34:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Cabral	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2019 9:08:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan TenBruggencate	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Wayne Katayama is a thoughtful, considered individual, knowledgeable about Hawaiian agriculture. He will be an asset to the commission. Please support him.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2019 6:00:00 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles W Spitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mr. Katayama is an excellent choice for the commission since his wide experience with agricultural and water issues, coupled with senior business management positions and public service on county and state boards and commissions have well positioned him to deal with complex water matters.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2019 1:13:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support Wayne Katayama for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management. I have known and worked with Wayne for over a decade on various agriculture-related issues. He is a man of integrity, dedicated to community service, who is able to understand complex and emotionally-charged issues and find solid solutions that benefit all parties. He is very familiar with Hawaii water issues and will be able to assist in the critical review of important decision-making before the Commission.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2019 1:22:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Takemoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Kahele and committee members,

I am in strong support of Mr. Katayama's appointment to the State Water Commission. He is fair and balance and will serve the State well in preserving and enhancing our most valuable water resources.

Thank you,

Alan Takemoto

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Submitted on: 3/31/2019 3:04:51 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JoAnn A. Yukimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Kahele and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I am happy to support Wayne Katayama's appointment to the Commission on Water Resources Management. Having worked for over 25 years with Mr. Katayama, I know him to be a person of integrity, experience, knowledge and good judgment.

When I was Mayor of Kaua'i County from 1988-1994, Wayne served as the Chair of the Kaua'i Products Council, which was an initiative of my administration to promote products and crafts grown, manufactured, or created on Kaua'i.

Fast forward to 2013, the year of the famous or infamous GMO-Pesticide bill, Bill 2491. Mr. Katayama was the manager of Kauai Coffee, one of the companies targeted by the bill. Refusing to be influenced by the polarizing circumstances that tore our community apart, he was a level-headed and informative resource to myself, a councilmember, and to then Councilmember Nadine Nakamura. He helped us craft workable amendments to ensure better tracking of pesticide use without interfering with company operations in a major way.

Later, due to Mr. Katayama's leadership as a board member of Kauai Economic Development Board and to Kauai Coffee's sponsorship, KEDB's stellar Agriculture Business Plan Challenge allowed Kaua'i's agricultural sector and Kaua'i's agriculture companies to make significant leaps forward.

Finally, when he served recently on the County's Planning Commission, Mr. Katayama showed himself to be a thoughtful and independent commission member.

While Mr. Katayama has in-depth experience and knowledge in the area of ag water, he will have much to learn about the ecology of water resources and the sustainability principles of water resource management. I have confidence that he will learn what he needs to know quickly and will apply them with integrity and mindfulness in the difficult balancing process of determining the public interest.

Please vote to confirm Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resources Management.

Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2019 6:41:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Tai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Wayne Katayama's nomination to serve on the Commission on Water Resources Management. Wayne possesses over forty years of leadership in the agricultural landscape in Hawaii, including extensive experience in responsibly managing Hawaii's surface and ground water resources during his career at Olokele Sugar, Kilauea Agronomics and Kauai Coffee Company and while serving on myriad boards, committees, and initiatives that promote and protect our natural and agricultural resources (e.g., Agribusiness Development Corporation, Kauai Planning Commission, and the University of Hawaii's CTAHR Advisory Committee and Board.

Wayne has the unique and proven experience to balance the consumptive and non-consumptive usage of water along with environmental and cultural considerations in order to achieve highest and best use while protecting and conserving those water resources.

I've had the pleasure to work with Wayne for over 12 years in the economic development space within the agricultural industry cluster. He consistently exercises sound judgment when deliberating important decisions, great or small, and conducts his due diligence and judiciously leverages his vast network of knowledgeable and expert contacts to inform his decisions. Wayne asks the tough questions that need to be asked while consummately maintaining a high-level of open-mindedness and professionalism, exercises strategic decision-making in making his evaluations, and develops a framework and sets of solutions that align with existing laws and incorporate innovative problem-solving.

It is with the utmost of confidence that I support Wayne Katayama's nomination to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Thank you for your time and attention.

Susan Tai

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Submitted on: 3/31/2019 7:10:29 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Sakoda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, Senator Kahele and Committee Members,

I strongly support the nomination of Wayne Katayama to serve on the Commission on Water Resources Management. I have had the pleasure to work with Mr. Katayama in a variety of capacities and have seen his proven experience and extensive leadership that have served the communities of Hawaii well.

Wayne has an invaluable set of skills, knowledge, and networks that make him an excellent match for the mission and the goals of the Commission. Throughout his career and service to the community, he has demonstrated a commitment to the comprehensive understanding of the physical, business and regulatory understanding of agricultural systems and their appropriate usage. He puts in the time to conduct the proper research to understand the issues and the breadth and depth of responsibility in his roles on boards, committees and commissions. While serving on the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the Kauai Planning Commission and other vital roles, he has consistently shown the ability to advance the mission of the organizations while considering the environmental and cultural impact in his decision-making. He has shown strategic vision, critical thinking, open-mindedness, and his signature calm professionalism.

Wayne will be an excellent addition to the CWRM, providing thoughtful, informed leadership while being mindful of the vital need to balance the responsible use of water with the protection of our environmental & cultural resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ronald M. Sakoda

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Submitted on: 4/1/2019 6:17:54 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Farias Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello

My Name Is Bobby Farias, Owner of Hawaii Land & Livestock. I have been in Agriculture and Ranching all my life and have always made my living from it. I have personally worked with Mr. Katayama for 20 years. I strongly support his nomination for the Water Commission.

Bobby

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Submitted on: 4/1/2019 6:29:10 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bobby Farias	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello

My Name is Bobby Farias of Kunoa Cattle Co. We are a Local Ranching and meat company. I support nonination of Wayney Katayama for Water Commission. Mr. Katayama has been a great supporter of the local Agriculture industry for many years.

We Strongly Support this nomination.

Bobby Farias

President

Kunoa Cattle Co.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gregory Friel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/1/2019 6:59:28 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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The Honorable Kaiali‘i Kahele, Chair,
and Members of the Senate Committee on Land and Water
State Capitol
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Re: Gubernatorial Nominee, WAYNE KATAYAMA, to the Commission on Water
Resource Management

Chair Kahele and Members:

I write as a citizen and former mayor and councilmember.

I am a happy to support confirmation of WAYNE KATAYAMA as an appointee to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Having worked with Wayne Katayama in various situations over a period of 25 years, I know him to be a person of integrity, experience, knowledge and insight.

When I was Mayor of Kaua‘i County from 1988 to 1994, Mr. Katayama served as the Chair of the Kaua‘i Products Council, an initiative of my administration in promoting and encouraging products grown, manufactured or created, on Kaua‘i.

When the highly controversial GMO/Pesticide Bill 2491 was introduced in 2013, Mr. Katayama was president of Kaua‘i Coffee Company, one of the large agribusinesses targeted by the bill. Instead of allowing himself to be caught in the polarization of that time, Mr. Katayama worked collaboratively with myself (then a councilmember) and then Councilmember Nadine Nakamura. He willingly shared expertise and information that enabled us to propose and secure amendments allowing for better tracking of pesticide use without major interference to farming operations. He helped us better understand the realities of large scale farming.

Due to his leadership as a board member of the Kaua‘i Economic Development Board and Kaua‘i Coffee’s sponsorship, KEDB’s stellar Agriculture Business Plan Competition gave a major boost to farmers and to the agricultural sector on Kaua‘i.

As a member of the Kaua'i County Planning Commission, Mr. Katayama was thoughtful and independent on complex and controversial issues.

While Mr. Katayama has in-depth experience with ag water management, I suspect he will need to learn more about the ecology of water and the sustainability principles of water resource management. I am confident he will learn quickly and make decisions based on the public interest.

I urge your unanimous confirmation of Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resources Management.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JoAnn Yukimura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent loop at the beginning of the first name.

JoAnn A. Yukimura