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**Testimony of
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Before the Senate Committee on

WATER & LAND

Wednesday, March 13, 2020

1:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 775 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION OF
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE SAUMALU MATAAFA**

Governor's Message No. 775 submits for consideration and confirmation, Saumalu Mataafa to serve on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) in the seat reserved for an official of Maui County. On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express my **strong support** and **recommend** his confirmation.

In his first year on the KIRC, Commissioner Mataafa made a significant contribution to the KIRC by first participating on the selection committee for the hiring the replacement of our long-time Administrative Officer and secondly as part of the commission's legislative working group.

Commissioner Mataafa works in the County of Maui's Department of Management. Before joining the KIRC, Saumalu was an analyst for the Maui County Council, specializing in housing-related topics. He also worked with the State Legislature where he helped draft policies to increase food sustainability, implement high-technology strategies, and manage infrastructure systems. Commissioner Mataafa was born in Honolulu and raised in Lahaina. After graduating from Lahainaluna High School he went on to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, where he received his bachelor's degree in Aeronautics and his master's degree in Human Factors and Systems. Prior to moving back to Hawaii, he worked on systems with the Federal Aviation Administration and completed space bioscience projects at NASA, in Moffett Field, California. He is also an alumnus of the McNair Fellowship Program and the Ka Ipu Kukui Fellowship Program.

Commissioner Mataafa addition to the KIRC continues the long and close working relationship the commission has with Maui County's administration. The KIRC is truly fortunate to have the support and advice of Commissioner Mataafa on the commission and strongly supports his confirmation.

Michael P. Victorino
Mayor

Sananda K. Baz
Managing Director



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May 8, 2020

The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

Re: Hearing of May 13, 2020; **SUPPORT** for **GM 775**, Relating to the Confirmation of Saumalu Mataafa as Maui County's Representative to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** for **GM 775** which submits for consideration and confirmation, the nomination of Saumalu Mataafa as Maui County's representative to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Mr. Mataafa has the desire, capability, and heart to serve as Maui County's representative to KIRC.

Mahalo for your consideration of **GM 775**.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael P. Victorino".

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO
Maui County Mayor

GM-775

Submitted on: 5/8/2020 12:41:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Michele McLean | Testifying for County of Maui | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

Please accept this testimony in support of Saumalu Mataafa serving as the Maui County representative on the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). I was formerly a staff member, then commissioner and chair of the KIRC, with Saumalu succeeding me last year as the County representative. In this time, he has worked well with his fellow commissioners and with KIRC staff, and has my full support to continue for another term. He has earned your support, too.

Mahalo for your consideration, and stay safe!

Michele McLean, AICP

Planning Director, County of Maui

GM-775

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 11:56:05 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Carol Marie Lee | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice-Chair Agaran and members of the Committee on Water and Land,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Saumalu Mataafa as a commissioner on the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. He brings a fresh outlook to the commission. His understanding of policy making and program analysis will assist KIRC staff in their planning.

I Ola Kanaloa!

Me ka ha`aha`a,

Ka`onohi Lee

Retired KIRC Staff

GM-775

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 3:18:00 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kyle Kajihiro | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

GM-775

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 3:23:55 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Robert Cole | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Ssamalu is the one for this job,

Aloha,

Robert

GM-775

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 4:54:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Andrew Fox | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 5/9/2020 5:08:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| kalani fukumoto | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Talofa tele Samoa uma

GM-775

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 8:12:13 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| johann winkler | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Kaho'olawe Commissioner Support

Aloha Chairs and Committee Members,

I support the nomination of Joshua Kaakua, Jonathan Ching, Michelle Miki'ala Pescaia, Saumalu Mataafa , Suzanne Case, Hokulani Holt, Carmen Hulu Lindsey, and Michael K. Noaho'opi'i for appointment of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Thank you for your time to consider my opinion,

Sincerely,

Pamela Zirker

GM-775

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 7:27:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Cassandra L. Smith | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

GM-775

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 7:46:48 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Dean Tokishi | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support the nomination of Saumalu Mataafa for appointment to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

GM-775

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 8:39:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| James Bruch | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

GM-775

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 9:03:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Lopaka White | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

GM-775

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 11:01:23 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Maggie Clark | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I offer my testimony as an individual citizen of Maui County, in **support** of the appointment of Saumalu Mataafa to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. Mahalo for the opportunity to offer testimony.