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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 777
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KĀNE'ŌHE
BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FREDERICK REPPUN,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2023**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 778 nominating Mr. Frederick Reppun to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

Pursuant to Section 200D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council was established to, among other things, facilitate the implementation of the Kāne'ōhe 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 Kāne'ōhe 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.

Mr. Reppun is currently the Education Coordinator with the He'ēia National Estuarine Research Reserve. He brings with him a background in Environmental Science, as well as a deep understanding of ahupua'a connectivity. The Department welcomes the wealth of knowledge and wisdom that Mr. Reppun will bring to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support on the confirmation of Mr. Frederick Reppun to serve on the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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Testimony of
Leimana DaMate, Executive Director

Before the Senate Committee on
Water and Land

Wednesday, May 13, 2020
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In **SUPPORT** of
GM 778, Frederick Reppun
Relating to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council

The Hawaii State Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) stands in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee, GM Frederick Reppun for consideration and confirmation to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC), for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

Born and raised in Waihole, Ko'olaupoko, Mr. Reppun is a gentleman who has been a farmer who was also brought up on the ocean and land. He specifically knows Kaneohe Bay well and is himself well-known and respected by the many communities he interacts with.

Mr. Reppun is the Education Coordinator of the He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve, attached to the University of Hawaii. As such, he coordinates the professional development of the Reserve, and focuses on place-based learning, instructing on the cultural importance of Moku O Loe, the island on which the Reserve office is located, and makes available all its assets. He is well-versed in environmental science and carefully watches over the unique and fragile ecosystem of Kaneohe Bay.

We believe Frederick Reppun is a pillar of the Kaneohe District and will use his considerable influence to benefit the mandates of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council which understands the strong relationship between the Bay, the watershed and the land. His life-long experience with farming and tending the ecosystem ensures the care that is needed to be an effective member of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure. We urge
Respectfully yours,

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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

By

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Interim Director

Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology

And

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Provost

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

GM 778 – Consideration and confirmation to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee, FREDERICK REPPUN

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

The University of Hawai'i (UH) offers strong support in favor of the appointment of Frederick Reppun to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC). Mr. Reppun will continue to uphold HIMB's distinguished reputation for service to the Kāneʻohe Bay community and the State of Hawai'i.

Mr. Reppun is a well-respected scholar and member of the HIMB faculty. He also has multi-generational ties to Kāneʻohe Bay and has dedicated his professional life to community-based environmental science, management and education, which will be of great value to the KBRC. His role as the Education Coordinator for the Heʻeia NERR will provide an excellent nexus with many other efforts aimed at helping to restore Kāneʻohe Bay, including strong connections to community groups active in the Bay. He will be a proactive and thoughtful member of the Council, and he will serve with the utmost integrity to uphold the principles of the Kāneʻohe Bay Master Plan.

He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve

Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu, Hawai'i

Testimony on behalf of He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve

**Strongly Supporting the gubernatorial nomination of Fredrick Reppun to the
Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council (KBRC)**

Senate Committee on Water and Land

May 12, 2020

Aloha Chair Kahele and the members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for the gubernatorial nomination of Fredrick Reppun to a seat as the representative of the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB) on the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council. I am the Reserve Manager for the He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) in Kāne'ōhe Bay, and I am in strong support of this nomination.

Fred is a member of a civically-active family with multi-generational roots in Ko'olaupoko. He grew up recreating and fishing in Kāne'ōhe Bay, so he is intimately familiar with the issues, challenges, and potential solutions relating to the region. He is also currently employed as the Education Coordinator at the He'eia NERR, and is tapped in with both DOE-based, science-based, and 'āina-based education programs that occur in the region. As a faculty member at HIMB he is well versed in the latest scientific research in Kāne'ōhe Bay, and can provide insights into how research can inform adaptive management in the region.

On top of all that, I can both personally and professionally attest to the fact that Fred is an honest man with the utmost integrity. He is held in high regard in the community, and his presence on the KBRC will lend credibility to that council. I hope that you will join me in supporting his gubernatorial nomination to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,



Kawika Winter, Ph.D.

Reserve Manager, He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve

From: Mahealani Cypher <malamapono744@aim.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Linda Menda <l.menda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Re: WTL GMs

Aloha mai kakou!

We are re-submitting our support for the following nominees to boards and commissions, for the Wednesday, May 13, 2020, meeting:

GM550 - Dawn Chang, LUC - SUPPORT

GM584 - Wesley Yoon, BLNR - SUPPORT

GM670 - Jonathan Scheuer, LUC - SUPPORT

GM756/757 - Frances Kaluhiwa, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM758/759 - Godfrey Akaka, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM760/761 - Keith Robinson, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM762/763 - Lewellyn Kaohelaulii, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM 764/765 - Manuel Kuloloio, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM 766/767 - Robert Luuwai, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM776/777 - Cedric Bertelmann, Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council - SUPPORT

GM 778 - Frederick Reppun, Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council - SUPPORT

GM7808 - Angela Hiilei Kawelo, Natural Area Reserves System Commission - SUPPORT

We had neglected to include the following two nominees:

GM752/753 - Anthony Pacheco, `Aha Moku Advisory Commission - SUPPORT

GM754/755 - Charles Young, `Aha Moku Advisory Commission - SUPPORT

We have attached letters for some of these nominees which apparently did not show up during our attempts to submit our testimony earlier.

Mahalo for letting us know of the mistakes in our submittals today.

A hui hou,
Mahealani Cypher, Chair
Government Relations Committee
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

GM-778

Submitted on: 5/13/2020 8:53:09 AM

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aulii Dudoit	Testifying for KEY Project	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senator Kahele,

The Administration of KEY Project strongly SUPPORTS Frederick Reppun for confirmation to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

The mission of KEY Project is to nurture and promote the cultural, environmental, social, economic and recreational well-being of the Kualoa-He'eia area by providing a vital grassroots civic resource that effectively serves the needs of our diverse multi-cultural community.

Mr.. Reppun has extensive professional work experience and ties to the community which makes him uniquely qualified for the position.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Aulii K. Dudoit

Executive Director

KEY Project

Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

GM 778 – Consideration and confirmation to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, FREDERICK REPPUN

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

I strongly **SUPPORT** the appointment of Frederick Reppun to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council.

Fred would be a great asset to the Council due to his unique blend of knowledge, relationships and interpersonal skills. I have known Fred since he was a young boy growing up on a farm in Waiahole. I also worked professionally with him as a Board member of Hui Ulu Mea ʻAi, a nonprofit community development organization, when he led a project to turn invasive seaweed from the Bay into useful agricultural products for local farmers.

I have been active in our community for decades, serving on the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board and the Heʻeia Community Development Authority Heʻeia district. I was involved in helping to develop the Kaneohe Bay Master Plan and chaired the Long Range Planning Committee. The purpose of the Kaneohe Bay Master Plan is to *“preserve and protect the unique natural resources of Kaneohe Bay for the continued enjoyment of the general public; to resolve conflicting use problems between recreational users of the Bay, the general public, and commercial ocean recreation operations; and to assess the environmental and ecological impacts of activities of the Bay”*. Fred would add value in fulfilling each of these purposes.

His educational background in environmental science and policy and his current role as Education Coordinator with the Heʻeia National Estuarine Research Reserve give him the technical knowledge to develop and implement sound policies and practices. He knows the Bay, not only from a scientific viewpoint but from his lived experience spending time on and around Kāneʻohe Bay for his entire life.

Beyond his technical knowledge, Fred brings positive relationships with diverse groups including farmers and fishers, scientists, educators and nonprofit organizations. While he comes from a long-time, well respected windward family...his grandfather was “Kaneohe’s family doctor”..., Fred has developed his own relationships, built on trust and mutual respect. These relationships are critical to both understand the needs and issues surrounding the Bay as well as to develop sustainable solutions.

Finally, maybe the most important asset that Fred would bring to the Council is his style and interpersonal skills. He is calm, listens deeply to understand viewpoints, is a team player and excellent communicator. Knowing how challenging diverse viewpoints around the Bay can be, having someone like Fred, who is well-respected and can facilitate difficult conversations to help find common ground, will be critical to fully implementing the Kaneohe Bay Master Plan. He will be an asset to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council and managing our unique natural resource of Kāneʻohe Bay.

Amy Luersen, FAICP