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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Monday, June 29, 2020
12:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 836
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KĀNE'ŌHE
BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JEFFREY KALUHIWA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2024**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 836 nominating Mr. Jeffrey Kaluhiwa to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

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. Kaluhiwa has served on the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council since 2018. He has been an active and engaged Council member and we anticipate that he will continue to be a valuable asset to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council.

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

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Testimony of
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Before the Senate Committee on
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In **SUPPORT** of
GM 836, Jeffrey Kaluhiwa
Relating to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council

The Hawaii State Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) stands in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee, GM Jefferey Kaluhiwa for consideration and confirmation to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council, for a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Mr. Kaluhiwa is well-known, respected and esteemed on Ko'olaupoko, Kakuhihewa (O'ahu). He is a generational lawai'a practitioner with deep roots in He'eia. His dedication and commitment to the protection and sustainability of Kaneohe Bay is well known as he is a recipient of traditional and cultural practices of the Bay handed down for generations.

His knowledge of traditional and modern sustainable practices of Kaneohe Bay is deep, and he shares this knowledge with the communities of Kaneohe. Mr. Kaluhiwa is a leader with common sense, and practical implementation of practices. He works with traditional practitioners as well as commercial and recreational users of Kaneohe Bay.

We are deeply honored that this humble man has agreed to share his mana'o and 'ike with the people of Kaneohe and urge this committee to support and confirm him to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure

Respectfully yours,

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KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

June 26, 2020

TO: Senator Kaiali`i Kahele, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

FROM: Mahealani Cypher, Chair
Government Relations Committee
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

SUBJECT: Support for GM836 – Jeffrey Kaluhiwa
Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council

Aloha!

On behalf of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, we offer our strong support for the appointment of Jeffrey “Liko” Kaluhiwa to another term on the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council.

Our civic club is among the largest of the clubs in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and our members come primarily from the nine ahupua`a around Kane`ohe Bay. This bay is a valuable and important resource for our people and our community, and our members have been concerned about protecting the marine resources of this bay for many years. Some of our members were instrumental in helping to establish the Kane`ohe Bay Master Plan, and we have been monitoring activities on the bay for decades.

We believe it is vital that the KBRC has strong leadership and members who can help ensure the health and future of Kane`ohe Bay. It is our belief that this Council is an important community-government partnership to safeguard our marine resources for all stakeholders.

Liko Kaluhiwa and his family have lived in He`eia, right on the Bay, for generations. He has been connected to the Bay all his life, and knows it thoroughly. In our view, kupa`aina with his lifetime of experience and knowledge is what makes the K-Bay Regional Council so much more valuable to advise the DLNR on the conditions occurring in this Bay.

We urge you and your committee to approve GM836 and recommend to the Full Senate to give its consent to the appointment of Jeffrey Kaluhiwa to the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. One of the largest of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs, its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are “Hawaiian at heart”.