

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1858

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27 2021

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 683,
684, 685

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 683, 684, and 685, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

G.M. No. 683 MICHELLE PESCAIA,
for a term to expire 06-30-2025;

G.M. No. 684 ANELA EVANS,
for a term to expire 06-30-2024; and

G.M. No. 685 BENTON PANG,
for a term to expire 06-30-2024,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Michelle Pescaia, Anela Evans, and Benton Pang for service on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

MICHELLE PESCAIA

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Michelle Pescaia from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Hawaii State Aha Moku, Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, and thirteen individuals.



Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Michelle Pescaia's professional experience, background, and desire to serve her community qualify her for consideration for reappointment to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission as a member from a list provided by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana. Ms. Pescaia has been an Interpretive Park Ranger at the Kalaupapa National Historical Park since March 2014. Your Committee notes that Ms. Pescaia has a wealth of experience in community programs that teach and develop the Hawaiian language and values. Your Committee further notes that Ms. Pescaia was an active member in professional and community organizations, including the Molokai Island Burial Council from 2009 to 2012, and 2014 to 2018. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Pescaia has served as a member of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission since August 2019, and her knowledge and experience continues to enhance the effectiveness of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. Your Committee therefore recommends that Michelle Pescaia be reappointed to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission based on her background, knowledge, and desire to contribute to the community.

ANELA EVANS

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Anela Evans from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Hawaii State Aha Moku, Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, and twelve individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Anela Evans' background and desire to serve her community qualify her to be appointed to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission as a member from a list provided by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana. Your Committee notes that Ms. Evans is currently the Cultural Practitioner at the Four Seasons Resort on Lāna'i. Previously, she was an assistant manager for the Culture and Historic Preservation Division at Pūlama Lāna'i. She was also the Volunteer Coordinator for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission from September 2013 to September 2015. Your Committee finds that Ms. Evans has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of board members and her experience, knowledge of the Hawaiian culture, and dedication to public service will enhance the effectiveness of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. Your Committee therefore recommends that Anela Evans be appointed to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission based on her knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.



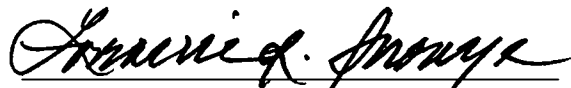
BENTON PANG

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Benton Pang from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Hawaii State Aha Moku, Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, Association of Hawaiian Civil Clubs, and twelve individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Benton Pang's background and desire to serve his community qualify him to be appointed to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission as a member from a list provided by a native Hawaiian organization. Your Committee notes that Dr. Pang is currently an Invasive Species Team Manager for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He has been working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since 1999. Previously, Dr. Pang was a Natural Resources Manager for Parsons-UXB, a joint venture company that was contracted to remove unexploded ordnance on Kaho'olawe Island. Your Committee further notes that Dr. Pang is an active member in professional and community organizations, including the Papahānaumokuākea Native Hawaiian Cultural Working Group. Your Committee finds that Dr. Pang has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of board members and his extensive background in botany, ethnobotany, and ecological restoration will enhance the effectiveness of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. Your Committee therefore recommends that Benton Pang be appointed to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission based on his knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



