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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021
1:00 PM**

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 229

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 771
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KĀNE'ŌHE
BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CLIFFORD LOO, FOR
A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2025**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 771 nominating Mr. Clifford Loo to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2025.

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. Loo has served on the Kahalu'u Neighborhood board for over five years and currently serves on the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council. He has thirty-six years of experience in construction work as a laborer, truck driver, and heavy equipment operator. His experience and life-long dedication to Kāne'ōhe as a resident and advocate for the protection of the natural and cultural resources of the Kāne'ōhe Ahupua'a make him a valuable Council member.

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

SUZANNE D. CASE
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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Testimony of
Hawaii State Aha Moku

Before the Senate Committee Water and Land

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
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**Support for Governor Message 771, Clifford Loo
Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council**

Aloha Chair Inouye, and Members of the Senate Water and Land Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer strong support for Governor Message 771, Clifford Loo. This message is submitted for consideration and confirmation to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Participants in the Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) of the Ko'olaupoko Moku, Kakuhihewa (Island of O'ahu) supports this submittal.

Pursuant to Act 208, SLH 1990, the Legislature established the Kane'ohe Bay Master Plan with oversight of the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC). This Master Plan recognized the fundamental and deep-rooted value of Kane'ohe Bay, apart from its special natural resource value including a cultural and traditional Hawaiian resource, and a natural ecological treasure.

Of equal importance is the strong relationship between the watershed, the health of the Bay; and the protection of the cultural and traditional Hawaiian uses of endemic and indigenous flora that the ahupua'a of Kane'ohe Bay is known for. These endemic plants flourish because of the inter-action of the watershed, streams, wetlands and ocean of Kane'ohe Bay.

Born and raised in the Ahupua'a of Waihee, Mr. Loo is knowledgeable about the endemic and indigenous plant life and the relationship between the wetlands and its importance to Kane'ohe Bay. He is a respected member of the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board and a long-time member of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club. As such, and as an enthusiastic member of the community, Aha Moku strongly supports this nomination and urges this Committee to confirm Mr. Loo to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council.

Respectfully yours,

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Hawaii State Aha Moku

GM-771

Submitted on: 4/6/2021 12:51:56 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/14/2021 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Lu Ann Faborito | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Definitely support. As our organizer and kokua for Mauna Ala with the Association of Hawaiian civic clubs, Clifford is extremely passionate & committed.


OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
‘Ōlelo Hō‘ike ‘Aha Kau Kānāwai
Legislative Testimony

GM771

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kāne‘ohe Bay Regional Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee, CLIFFORD LOO, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ka Wai a me ka ‘Āina
Senate Committee on Water and Land

‘Apelila 14, 2021

1:00 p.m.

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM771, which would confirm Clifford Loo’s renomination as the Kahalu‘u Neighborhood Board representative on the Kāne‘ohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC).

As a longtime resident of Kahalu‘u, Mr. Loo has an established history of advocating for the protection of Ko‘olaupoko and its resources, including Kāne‘ohe Bay. His hard-work ethic and dedication to community service are exemplified by his kuleana for Mauna ‘Ala, which entails coordinating weekly cleanings of the Royal Mausoleum. As a member of the Ko‘olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, the Kahalu‘u Neighborhood Board, and because of his previous term on the KBRC, Mr. Loo is already very familiar with various issues affecting the Bay as well as the different stakeholders who have an interest in this important area.

OHA supports Mr. Loo’s reappointment and believes that the KBRC will continue to benefit from his wisdom and experience. Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM771. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to provide testimony.



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 25, 2021
Governor David Ige
Members of the Hawai`i Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Supporting the Re-Appointment of Clifford Loo to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council

Aloha,

I am writing to express the unqualified support of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club for Clifford Loo's re-appointment to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. Clifford has been a pivotal member of our Civic Club for decades and has proven, many times over, his dedication to protecting the resources of Kaneohe Bay and its surrounding areas. He is respected both by the community and decision makers and has a knowledge of the bay that only comes of having one's roots there. Clifford has effectively advocated for the preservation and appropriate use of our beloved `aina and we have full trust in his ability to continue to do so with the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

Thank you for this opportunity to communicate our support for Clifford Loo. We urge you to give positive consideration to his re-appointment to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

Mahalo piha,

Cheryl Prince

Secretary
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko'olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."

GM-771

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 4:59:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/14/2021 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Mo Radke | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Clifford Loo is an excellent representative of issues and actions relating to Kaneohe Bay. He's has served on the board previously. Mr. Loo is easy to work with and cares deeply for the aina.

I support his reappointment to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council

GM-771

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 7:34:57 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/14/2021 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Leatrice Maluhia Kauahi | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

As a life time member of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu and a Trustee for our Scholarship Fund, I met and worked with Clifford Loo within the Hawaiian Civic Club activities. Clifford is very dedicated to doing the right "actions" and do not hesitate with getting them done. His lifetime experience and living in the Kane'ohe Bay Ahupua'a embraces his dedication to transparency and educated recommendations and decisions. Please support Clifford as a member of the Kane'ohe Bay Council. Mahalo.



Committee on Water and Land
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Pō‘akolu, ‘Apelila 14, 2021
Via Leka
Ke Kapikala Moku‘āina
415 South Beretānia Street

GM 771 nominating Mr. Clifford Loo for reappointment to the Kāne‘ohe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2025.

Aloha Luna Ho‘omalū Lorraine Inouye, Hope Luna Ho‘omalū Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs whole-heartedly supports Governor's Message 771 nominating Mr. Clifford Loo to the Kāne‘ohe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2025. As the president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, I have known Mr. Loo for over 20 years. His numerous contributions to the Association are tremendous; from crafting stone bases for the Association’s Kukui Lama Kū awards to leading of the care and maintenance of Mauna‘ala – Hawai‘i’s Royal Mausoleum, to his dedication as a contributing leader and member of Ko‘olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club. A life-long resident of Ko‘olaupoko; Mr. Loo’s knowledge and aloha for the Kāne‘ohe Bay region lends itself well to his role as a member on the Council.

The civic club movement was founded in 1918 by Congressional Delegate Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole with the creation of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu; the Association was formally organized in April of 1959; and has grown to a confederation of sixty (60) Hawaiian Civic Clubs located throughout the State of Hawai‘i and the United States. The Association is the oldest Hawaiian community-based grassroots organization. The Association is governed by a 16-member Board of Directors; advocates for improved welfare of Native Hawaiians in culture, health, economic development, education, social welfare, and nationhood; and perpetuates and preserves language, history, music, dance and other Native Hawaiian cultural traditions.

Mahalo for allowing us to share our mana‘o and to assert the Association support of the nomination of Mr. Clifford Loo for reappointment to the Kāne‘ohe Bay Regional Council.

Me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hailama VKK Farden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hailama" being more prominent.

Hailama VKK Farden
Pelekikena