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DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
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Testimony of County of Kaua'i, Department of Planning Ka'āina Hull, Director of Planning

Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
April 6, 2021 at 3:00 PM
Conference Room 229 & via Videoconference

In consideration of
Governor's Message 777
Relating to Gubernatorial Nominee of ALAN CLINTON to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service

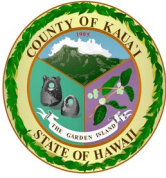
Honorable Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Honorable Members:

I am honored to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Alan Clinton's appointment to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. His continuous commitment to the communities in which he lives and the advancement of those less fortunate is second to none. Be it working to build homes with Habitat for Humanity or volunteering innumerable service hours to Kauai's response to the 2018 catastrophic flooding events, Alan has demonstrated an unparalleled professional work ethic and an uncompromising selflessness to the tasks at hand and their overarching goals to the greater community.

Alan worked for the County of Kauai Planning Department during our island's General Plan update in 2017 and 2018. During his time with us, he played an integral role in the community engagement and dialogue concerning long range land use policies. This was a robust 2-year process that ultimately resulted in the adoption of the Plan, as well as recognition as the 2019 National American Planning Association's highest honor for the advancement of the science and art of land use planning.

Alan continues his dedication to Hawai'i in his current role with the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency (KEMA) and its current efforts at combating the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. In the midst of this crisis and all that his duties encompass, Alan also serves in an array of additional roles, including as a steering committee member for Kauai's Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan. Alan's self-sacrificing work ethos, professionalism, and collaborative spirit make him an exemplary candidate for the Commission for National and Community Service.

I ask this Honorable Committee to advise and consent to Alan Clinton's nomination and forward to the full Senate for consideration. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.



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Before the
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In consideration of
**GM 776 and GM 777 Relating to the Appointment of
Alan Clinton
To the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service**

Honorable Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani and Honorable Members:

The Patrol Services Bureau **strongly supports** the nomination of Alan Clinton to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

We have worked closely with Alan over the last 12 months during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Alan has been an invaluable partner to us in designing and managing data systems used in our Covid management functions. He has interacted with our personnel in the field to guide them through the use of both hardware and software systems used in our daily operations with travelers. He has worked without complaint through all hours of the day, 7 days a week, and has always been available to us whenever we had operational needs or questions.

I have also observed Alan working with community members who were opposed to the development of a County project in Wainiha. He was an outstanding representative of the County; displaying patience and thoughtfulness in dealing with these protestors; while coordinating the needs of multiple government agencies and contractors, and maintaining the project's schedule.

Alan's concern for, and commitment to, the health and safety of our communities is unquestionable and battle-proven. I ask this Honorable Committee to **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to his nomination and forward to the full Senate for consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Testimony of Michael A. Dahilig
Managing Director, County of Kaua'i

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Honorable Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani and Honorable Members:

I am honored to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Alan Clinton's appointment to the **Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service**. Mr. Clinton's hands-on experience with volunteerism through AmeriCorps, and his continued commitment to public service and will bring depth and strength to this commission. He understands the meaning of service in an age where volunteerism is sorely needed.

I had the pleasure to supervise Alan as an intern in my office when I was Planning Director for the County. He had just completed a tour of duty with AmeriCorps supporting Kauai Habitat for Humanity in their pursuit to house those in our community. Immediately, I was impressed with his passion for service, and his tireless work ethic. His work impressed our staff so much that we hired him on as paid staff where he worked on the West Kauai Community Plan, and other GIS activities including emergency work during the 2018 Record Rain floods on our North Shore.

After completing his masters work in Urban Planning at Ohio State, he thankfully returned to us again in service to the Kauai Emergency Management Agency. Although he was hired to do mitigation work, his skill set proved invaluable as he was immediately shifted to create innovative solutions toward responding to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. While his bold efforts have helped keep our community safe, he will be the first person to shy from recognition or acknowledgement. He is the type of person that exudes humility and quietly takes satisfaction in knowing his service has helped others.

Many challenging issues will be coming before this Commission. I have no doubt Alan will remain a thoughtful, deliberative member making decisions from a perspective that it is the right thing to do. I ask this Honorable Committee to **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to his nomination and forward to the full Senate for consideration. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

KA'ĀINA HULL, DIRECTOR

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DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Testimony of Marie Williams

Long Range Planning Division, Planning Department, County of Kaua'i

Before the

Senate Committee on Higher Education

Monday, April 5, 2021; 3:00 PM

CR 229 & Videoconference

In consideration of

GM 776 and GM 777 Relating to the Consideration and Confirmation of Alan Clinton to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service

Honorable Chair Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani, and Honorable Members:

I **SUPPORT** Alan Clinton's appointment to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

I first met Alan Clinton in 2017 when he volunteered at the Planning Department. At first I did not expect much, given that he was only a student without a paid position. However, from the very first day, Alan devoted himself to the County's general plan update and volunteered upwards of 30 hours a week. He energetically completed each task and added value to everything he touched. While volunteering with the Planning Department, he dedicated time and effort to another organization: Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity.

His commitment to public service greatly impressed me and inspired everyone around him.

Alan represents the gold standard in community service and volunteerism. I ask this Honorable Committee to **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to Alan Clinton's nomination and forward the nomination to the full Senate for their consideration.

Sincerely,

Marie Williams

KAUA'I FIRE DEPARTMENT

STEVEN R. GOBLE, CHIEF



DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Testimony of Solomon K. Kanoho

Assistant Fire Chief, County of Kauai Fire & Ocean Safety Department

Before the

Senate Committee on Higher Education

Tuesday, April 6, 2021; 3:00 PM

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GM 776 and GM 777 Relating to the Appointment of

Alan Clinton

To the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service

Honorable Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani and Honorable Members:

I am honored to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Alan Clinton's appointment to the **Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service**. Mr. Clinton's hands-on experience with volunteerism through AmeriCorps, and his continued commitment to public service will bring depth and strength to this commission. He understands the meaning of service in an age where volunteerism is sorely needed.

I have been working with Alan Clinton at our Kauai Emergency Management Agency (KEMA) since February 2020, while serving as the Unified Commander for the Counties COVID19 response efforts. Alan is a very dedicated, insightful, and conscientious staff member, who continues to play a crucial role in coordinating our IT efforts during this prolonged response.

Alan completed his masters work in Urban Planning at Ohio State, and returned to the County to fill the role as a Disaster Assistance Recovery, Mitigation and GIS Officer at KEMA. However, his skill set proved invaluable, and our team immediately used his talents to create innovative solutions toward our COVID-19 pandemic emergency response. His efforts have helped keep our community safe, but he will be the first person to shy from recognition or acknowledgement. He exudes humility and quietly takes satisfaction in knowing his service has helped others.

I understand the many challenging issues that will be coming before this Commission and I have no doubt Alan will remain a caring, dedicated, team player. He continues do the right thing for our community and will continue to make sound decisions in this role. I ask this Honorable Committee to **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to his nomination and forward to the full Senate for consideration. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.

KAUA'I EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

ELTON USHIO, ADMINISTRATOR



DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Testimony of Elton S. Ushio 

Emergency Management Administrator, County of Kaua'i

Before the

Senate Committee on Higher Education

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Alan Clinton

To the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service

Honorable Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani and Members:

Aloha!

I am writing to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Alan Clinton's appointment to the **Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service**.

As Alan's direct supervisor in his current position with the Kauai Emergency Management Agency (KEMA), I feel that he will be an effective and valuable addition to this Commission.

His enthusiasm and work output have made him a key member of our KEMA team, with major contributions to our ongoing work in response to COVID-19 and flood recovery projects. I'm confident that he will apply himself just as effectively to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and for your Committee's consideration of Alan's nomination.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR

MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR



Testimony of Derek S.K. Kawakami

Mayor, County of Kaua'i

Before the

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Tuesday, April 6, 2021; 3:00 PM

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GM 776 and GM777 Relating to the Appointment of

Alan Clinton

To the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Honorable Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Honorable Members:

I am honored to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Alan Clinton's appointment to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Mr. Clinton's knowledge and experience will bring depth and strength to this commission.

I have had the pleasure to work with Alan on a day to day basis this last year during this COVID-19 pandemic in our Kauai Emergency Management Agency's (KEMA) Emergency Operations Center. Alan is always calm and even keeled, even in the most trying of times. He worked tirelessly in developing apps and online forms as we navigated through the many changes of our travel and quarantine policy. Alan listens to suggestions and adapts to make things better.

While on our Covid Response Team, Alan has also balanced additional KEMA work as the Project Manager for the Wainiha Community Resilience Center. This project involves mastering the multilayers of permitting, and communicating with engineers, designers, and community members. Alan's resolve is to be commended. Along with project, Alan is also a member of our County of Kauai Resilience Team.

Alan has a strong history with service projects, most notably with the AmeriCorp National and Kauai Habitat for Humanity and Purdue University's Habitat for Humanity. His experience has run the gamut from pounding nails to executive director. Alan will serve masterfully and with humble sincerity for our communities.

I ask this Honorable Committee to advise and consent to Alan Clinton's nomination, and forward to the full Senate for consideration. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.

GM-777

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 10:55:55 AM

Testimony for HRE on 4/6/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Milani Pimental	Testifying for Kauai Habitat for Humanity	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senate President Kouchi and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee,

I am submitting testimony in favor of GM776 and GM777 in my capacity as Executive Director of Kauai Habitat for Humanity, Inc. which is based in Eleele, Kauai. Our Habitat affiliate had the privilege of working with Alan Clinton during his AmeriCorps National Direct service term from September 2015 through August 2016. During that time, Alan assisted with the construction of the first group of 12 affordable Kauai Habitat homes in our Eleele Iluna subdivision. His role as a Crew Leader was to lead daily groups volunteers and homebuyers and teach them start-to-finish home construction methods. Alan came to Kauai Habitat with a great deal of experience having led a collegiate chapter of Habitat at his college, Purdue University. Our homebuyers and volunteers found Alan helpful and friendly, and learned many new skills from him. He has a great way of working with others, is honest, and truthful. In addition, he has great insight and problem solving skills and is an asset to any organization with which he is involved. After serving his AmeriCorps term, he continued to volunteer with our affiliate whenever possible during visits back to Kauai.

While others learned a great deal from him, it is clear he learned a great deal from his AmeriCorps experience with Kauai Habitat as well. He further developed his skills in working with others, navigating challenging situations, getting to know the Kauai community, learning more about the benefits and challenges of developing affordable housing.

After he completed his graduate studies, my colleagues and I were thrilled to hear he was to return to Kauai to work with the County of Kauai. It was certainly a proud moment for us to see one of our very own volunteers grow in his career and give back to a community he came to love. Since coming back to work with the County, Alan has contributed significantly to disasters beginning with the 2018 flood that ravaged the north shore. In my understanding from colleagues around the island, Alan is an integral part of the Kauai Emergency Management Agency team and he truly enjoys his work.

Alan has an impeccable record of service to communities all over the U.S. With his four years as a member and leader of Purdue Habitat for Humanity, a summer as a

participant in Bike and Build which helped to raise funds for affordable housing during a coast-to-coast bike trip across the U.S., his years of training as a Scout (eventually achieving Eagle Scout status), Alan definitely exhibits strong character and passion for building community. I strongly recommend the Senate Higher Education Committee confirm Alan's appointment to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. This body can greatly benefit from Alan's integrity, experience, enthusiasm, commitment, and desire to strengthen programs that make a huge impact to our Kauai community and statewide.

Respectfully,

Milani Pimental

Executive Director of Kauai Habitat for Humanity

GM-777

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 8:46:30 AM

Testimony for HRE on 4/6/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Milligan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today to offer my unequivocal support for Mr. Alan Clinton's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I thank you for the opportunity to give testimony. I have known Mr. Clinton for two decades. Throughout the years I have been continually impressed by Mr. Clinton's fine moral character, his unyielding emphasis on community service, and the proficiency with which he operates in everything that he does.

As a former AmeriCorps volunteer in Hawaii, Mr. Clinton brings real world experience in the programs that are overseen by the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Furthermore, it is due to Mr. Clinton's encouragement that I myself applied for, and subsequently served with, AmeriCorps VISTA in Tucson, AZ. Mr. Clinton has already acted as a champion for National Service, and through this appointment he will have a broader reach and greater impact.

Please accept my strong and unequivocal testimony in support of Mr. Clinton.

Sincerely,

Kevin John Milligan

GM-777

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 10:42:20 AM

Testimony for HRE on 4/6/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aslyne Rodriguez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I proudly and humbly submit this testimony in support of the Gubernatorial Nominee, Alan Clinton to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I first met Alan in 2019 when he volunteered his time and talent at the startup, social enterprise I once owned, EmpowerBus. EmpowerBus was a microtransit service that provided transportation to and from work, healthcare and education opportunities for struggling communities. Alan brought his knowledge and training in ArcGIS, but well beyond that Alan brought an energy that kept everyone going on a low day and the audacity to dream big with us.

I think the most powerful gift someone can possess within themselves is the ability to truly see someone else's humanity no matter their life or lived circumstances. The ability to see someone's humanity in tough times compels them to advocate harder, to reach out a hand and say, "how can I help" and "what more can I do for you." Simply put that is Alan Clinton. Alan sees the humanity in everyone. Alan will bring great organizational acumen, strong analytical skills, and the want to make our world a better place, which is why I believe Alan Clinton would be an outstanding choice for the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Testimony of Alan K. Clinton
Gubernatorial Nominee

Before the
Senate Higher Education Committee
Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 @3pm
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration of
GM 776 & GM 777
**The consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Commission for
National and Community Service, Gubernatorial Nominee.**

Aloha Chair Mercado, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee members,

It is with great pleasure and with a strong support that I write this testimony for Gubernatorial Nominee, Alan Clinton.

My name is Christel Joergensen, and I have known Alan most of his life from a personal point of view. Over the years I have followed his life choices of small and large meanings, which allows me to vouch for the person he is today.

Mr. Clinton's young age is an inspiration to anyone who is fortunate to be in his presence; he is a poised and charismatic millennial who aspires to make a difference. It's in his DNA! He is passionate about people and their communities, and he always cares and works for the greater good. He sees the value in contributing and giving back to the community by doing volunteer work for various causes. One to mention was his commitment to Habitat AmeriCorps, where he helped building affordable houses to less fortunate families. While living and studying in Europe, he also volunteered at shelters and food-stations when time permitted it. Apart from his genuine good heart, Alan is also highly intelligent and resourceful, articulate and carries himself well.

No doubt, Mr. Clinton's passion for technology and how sustainable, smart and agile thinking can benefit the future we are about to enter, is of great essence. In a time where changes happen rapidly, and where the importance to readjust and have a constructive mindset is key to survive and create growth, Alan is already thinking ahead and will grab any problem-solving challenge with enthusiasm.

Mr. Clinton has natural leadership skills and integrity, with a high and healthy working capacity. He is self-driven, works well in teams and has the capability to see the big conceptual lines as well as the necessary details. Alan's ability to connect and build relationships, both professionally and privately, across age groups, themes of interests and people from all walks of life, is one of his strong suits and this makes him an invaluable asset to any workplace and candidacy.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Oslo, April 2nd, 2021

Christel Joergensen,
Commercial Project Manager, Publicis Groupe Norway

GM-777

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 11:20:08 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/6/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is with enormous pleasure that I give Alan Clinton my full support for confirmation to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I have known Alan for eight years and in that time, he has consistently proven to be a hardworking dedicated person, who will always put a groups interest above his own. I worked with him when he was an undergraduate research assistant and despite not being part of his position he would volunteer to come in on weekends and make sure that projects were running in a smooth and orderly manner.

After I left the lab, the labs principle investigator contacted me about how impressed she was with him. Specifically, she was astounded that one day when no one else was available he volunteered to take the final measurements at one of her field sites. Despite having to do almost all the work himself, he took it upon himself to stay late into the night until the job was finished. Her experience working with him, matched my experience, no matter what the task is, Alan can be counted on to show up and make sure the work is finished to the highest quality. His strong work ethic and dedication to community service make him the perfect candidate for this position. Please reach out with any follow up questions you may have.

- Dr. Joseph F. Walker

GM-777

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 9:50:44 AM

Testimony for HRE on 4/6/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Joseph Hebert	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Nominations Committee,

Mr. Alan Clinton is one of the most exceptional people I have worked with during my career. In multiple capacities during his time as an Eagle Scout, at Purdue University's Habitat for Humanity, and in his capacity as an AmeriCorps Volunteer, Mr. Alan Clinton proved his abilities and dedication to serving others.

As a fellow AmeriCorps alumnus from the Montana Conservation Corps, I know first-hand the power of dedicating yourself to a life of service work. Mr. Clinton is a truly kind and generous person and I know that he will continue to be successful in working to help others.

Mr. Clinton has proven his ability to adapt to challenging circumstances, especially now during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

I wholeheartedly endorse Mr. Alan Clinton for this position within the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

B. Joseph Hebert, M.D.

