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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022
1:00 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 775
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KĀNE'ŌHE
BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ELENA BRYANT, FOR
A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2025**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 775 nominating Ms. Elena Bryant 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.

Ms. Bryant is an attorney with Earthjustice and has an extensive background in native Hawaiian law and policy. She currently serves on the Kāne'ōhe Neighborhood Board District 30, Subdistrict 6 as the Environmental Committee Chair and Planning Committee Co-Chair. Ms. Bryant has also been active in working groups to update the Kāne'ōhe Bay Master Plan. The Department welcomes the expertise and perspective that Ms. Bryant will bring to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support on the confirmation of Ms. Elena Bryant to serve on the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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LAND
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Submitted on: 4/5/2022 9:44:39 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/6/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Sakoda	Testifying for DLNR	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am available for questions to DLNR. Please allow me Zoom access.

Subject: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION ICO ELENA BRYANT FOR KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL (KBRC)

To Senator Inouye – Chair & Senator Keith-Agaran – Vice Chair

1. As a Board Member on the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board, I have the privilege of working closely with Elena Bryant. I have direct engagement with Elena on the board with her serving the greater Kaneohe area.
2. Elena brings several outstanding talents and characteristics that would serve the KBRC extremely well. As comments have been made by other board members, I would just like to add that she is engaging and pragmatic with her actions and follow up. She is a strong communicator and has shown that she listens intently to others while formulating proactive measures to benefit our community.
3. The continued success of the KBRC will be bolstered through selections of outstanding residents like Elena Bryant. Please accept my recommendation for Elena to serve on the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Carstensen
Kaneohe Neighborhood Board Member 2022

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Submitted on: 4/1/2022 2:35:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/6/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Nakamura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to support the appointment of Elena Bryant to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. I know Elena through various community movements as well as through a few community organizations. I have seen some of the work Elena has done and have participated in meetings where we were all able to share ideas and discuss things that are important to us in our community. I believe that Elena has a passion for doing what is right for our aina and people but also believe she sees the fragility of the "here and now" where we all exist. I believe that Elena will be fair and just in serving this role and do believe that she has the best interests intended for the people of Ko`olaupoko and Hawaii in general. She is well educated and a well-rounded, intelligent woman who will bring passion, transparency, knowledge and strength to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. Mahalo.

Humbly,

Jennifer Nakamura, Kahalu`u, Ko`olaupoko, O`ahu



KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

April 3, 2022

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 775 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kane'ohe
Bay Regional Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, ELENA
BRYANT, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Aloha kakou,

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club would like to express its total support for Ms. Elena Bryant's appointment to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. Ms. Bryant is a seventh-generation lifelong resident of Kaneohe. Her career and community interests illustrate the deep commitment she has made to building abundance, sustainability and a strong community there. The many exemplary examples of that can clearly be seen in her resume. She has the legal background to understand the nuances of the Council's work. She has the personal community connections with numerous Kaneohe organizations that are integral to the success of the Council. And we can personally attest to the energy and collaborative qualities that she brings to the issues in which she cares deeply.

We appreciate this opportunity to testify on her behalf and ask for your favorable consideration of her nomination.

Mahalo nui,

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."

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Submitted on: 4/4/2022 11:00:12 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/6/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adriel Lam	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

April 4, 2022

TO: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

SUBJ: GM775 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, ELENA BRYANT, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Aloha Chair Inouye and Vice Char Keith-Agaran,

Please accept my full endorsement and support for ELENA BRYANT's nomination to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

I have served with Ms Bryant on the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board for the past year and I have nothing but praise for her enthusiasm, desire, and professionalism, to seek what is best for the residents and neighbors of the Kaneohe Bay region.

While on the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board, we tackled a number of sensitive and controversial issues in our community. Her approach through open dialogue, building consensus, and most importantly, sharing Aloha, is to be admired.

Please confirm her nomination to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

Aloha nui loa,

Adriel C. Lam

Vice Chair and Member-At-Large

Kaneohe Neighborhood Board

