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HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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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 798  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, WAYNE K. KATAYAMA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports the Governor's appointment of Mr. Wayne K. Katayama to serve on the Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) for a term to expire June 30, 2026.**

The Commission is required under Section 174C-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to select commissioners through an open, competitive process. An independent nominating committee composed of two (2) members selected by the Governor, one (1) by the Senate President and one (1) by the House Speaker solicits candidates typically by placing an ad in the papers across the State, in the monthly bulletin of the Commission, and on the Commission's website. The nominating committee reviews the applications, conducts interviews if desired and sends the Governor the names of at least three individuals for consideration.

The nominees, by law, must have "substantial experience in the area of water resource management."

In accordance with this nominating process, the Governor selected Mr. Wayne K. Katayama.

Mr. Katayama presently serves on the Commission and has been involved in complex and important water issues and decisions across the State of Hawai'i for the past three years. His extensive water management knowledge and experience has allowed him to carefully assess submittals that have come before the Commission. While Mr. Katayama recognizes the critical

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
CHAIRPERSON  
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COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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role water plays in our economy and communities, he is also a strong advocate for the protection of our water resources and the public trust purposes of water. Mr. Katayama is known to thoroughly vet submittals and question persons appearing before the Commission before arriving at fair and objective decisions.

Mr. Katayama has over 40 years of agricultural management experience in Hawai'i which involved cultivating, processing and marketing of various food crops on the island of Kaua'i while gaining substantial expertise in water resource management. He holds an MBA from the University of Hawai'i, is a retired Major in the Hawai'i Air National Guard, and serves his community volunteering on numerous advisory committees and task forces.

From 2007 until 2016 Mr. Katayama served as the President and General Manager of Kaua'i Coffee, Inc., where he managed a diverse agribusiness company that encompassed growing, processing, and marketing coffee through many supply chains. Under his leadership, Mr. Katayama implemented a dam inspection and emergency action plan for high risk reservoirs, implemented a pesticide management plan that reduced usage and drift, and converted their coffee drier from diesel fuel to liquid petroleum gas to reduce stack emissions and improve company sustainability.

Prior to joining Kaua'i Coffee, Inc., Mr. Katayama was President of Kilauea Agronomics, LLC for 14 years. He successfully managed conflicting concerns among land owners, water purveyors and farmers and led his company to improve product marketability to the U.S. military and Japanese markets. He instituted cost reduction programs by developing innovative processes to improve farm transportation and processing efficiency.

From 1972 through 2007 Mr. Katayama worked in varied management positions in agribusiness companies including C. Brewer & Company, Ltd., and Olokele Sugar Company. During this time, he amassed knowledge and experience in hydrology, hydropower, irrigation system management, and water quality permitting; championed the improvement in process efficiencies; increased company sales through innovative marketing; instituted product quality control measures; and conducted financial analyses of company operations. Years of collaboration with various sectors of the community taught him to balance distinct interests and concerns among private and public entities, community and cultural organizations, and environmental groups.

Mr. Katayama brings extensive knowledge and experience in agricultural irrigation systems and water resource management. He is a valuable asset to the Commission – especially when addressing matters regarding plantation irrigation systems, hydropower, reservoirs and storage, and the Agricultural Water Use and Development Plan. At the same time Mr. Katayama has a strong sense of *kuleana* for the protection of our State's precious water resources and understands the priority given to the public trust purposes of water. This balanced approach is critical to all Commission decisions and he has demonstrated these values in his actions over the past three years on the Commission.

The Department strongly supports the nomination and reappointment of Mr. Wayne K. Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management for a second term. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this nominee.

**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 10:15:18 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Neal Fujii	Testifying for DLNR-CWRM	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

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

**DAVID Y. IGE**  
Governor

**JOSH GREEN**  
Lt. Governor



**JAMES J. NAKATANI**  
Executive Director

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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, April 6, 2022  
1:00 PM  
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

**GM 798 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, WAYNE KATAYAMA, for a term to expire 06-30-2026**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee members:

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) **strongly supports** GM 798, relating to the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Wayne Katayama’s appointment to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Mr. Katayama’s experience and knowledge has provided much expertise and insight in his first term as commissioner. For his continued good work on the Commission we strongly support the reappointment of Mr. Katayama.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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April 2, 2022

**TESTIMONY OF FELICIA COWDEN  
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON  
GM 798, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE WAYNE KATAYAMA  
TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
Senate Committee on Water and Land**

Dear Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of GM 798, consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Wayne Katayama to serve a second term on the Commission on Water Resource Management. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a Member of the Kaua'i County Council.

I would like to voice my enthusiastic support for Gubernatorial Nominee Wayne Katayama for the Commission on Water Resource Management.

I have known Wayne for more than twenty years in a number of capacities that give me strong confidence that he is an appropriate match for the position in both technical and temperamental requirements of the position.

Mr. Katayama's life career in large and medium scale agriculture with Olokele Sugar on O'ahu and Kaua'i's Guava Kai Plantation (both C. Brewer) and Kaua'i Coffee have given him experience as an agricultural water user in a range of environments. His leadership position in the last two organizations have given him a comprehensive understanding of the physical management of reservoir water systems, as well as experience in the business and regulation compliance aspects of commercial water use. His tenure with Kaua'i Coffee had him graciously in the middle of the pesticide controversy on Kaua'i, in which we communicated amicably on opposite sides of that difficult environmental debate.

During his tenure with Guava Kai Plantation, Wayne and I were colleagues on the board of Kaua'i North Shore Business Council for roughly five years. As a small business owner, I was president, and Wayne with a great deal more experience and capacity was treasurer. The objectives of our organization at that

Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee

Re: GM 798

April 2, 2022

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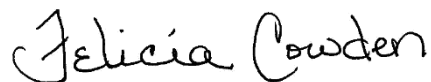
time was most strongly directed at uplifting small and micro-businesses rising out of the collapse of an important localized boating industry. Wayne was respectful and encouraging while effectively working with people of less structured and educated backgrounds. He was a delight to work alongside. I have confidence that he would be able to listen constructively with people of differing viewpoints both on the commission, and with the public and applicants.

Wayne Katayama's six years on Kaua'i's Planning Commission was a venue in which he had broad policy exposure to the competing needs of infrastructure, development, and environmental interests. His ability to examine the laws and regulations and articulate their application to whatever project was under consideration will directly translate to statewide surface water management. It is deeply valued that this nominee will have a robust understanding of our county's needs and will continue to serve Kaua'i and the entire state of Hawai'i well on this Commission. With major water challenges continuing to arise, such as the compelling issues at Red Hill, the State will need the continuity of Commission knowledge from Commissioners like Wayne to carry out the mission of the Commission for years to come.

*Mahalo* for your positive consideration of Wayne Katayama for a seat on the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of GM 798. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Felicia Cowden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

FELICIA COWDEN

Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

# DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

KA'ĀINA HULL, DIRECTOR

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

Testimony of Ka'āina Hull  
County of Kaua'i, Director of Planning

Before the  
**Senate Committee on Water and Land**  
April 6, 2022 at 1:00 PM  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference

In consideration of  
**Governor's Message 798**  
**Relating to Gubernatorial Nominee, Wayne Katayama, to the Commission on Water Resource Management**

To the Honorable Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee:

I write in strong **SUPPORT** of Gubernatorial Nominee, Wayne Katayama, to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Mr. Katayama has served on this Commission for four years, and he has proven to be an invaluable voice and asset on this Commission and its duty to administer the State Water Code and protect and manage the water of Hawai'i for present and future generations.

With his forty plus years of experience in the agricultural industry at the Olokele Sugar Company, C. Brewer & Company, Kilauea Agronomics, and ultimately serving as the President and General Manager of Kaua'i Coffee, Mr. Katayama has a comprehensive understanding of water management and preservation at a regional and statewide level.

I got to know Wayne personally and professionally when he served on the County of Kaua'i Planning Commission from 2011 to 2016, and his chairmanship of this Commission in 2013. During his time on the Commission, Mr. Katayama's review, analysis, and action on land use proposals and policies affecting Kaua'i's built environment and open spaces consistently balanced the demands of today with the needs of our keiki and our generations to come.

It is my pleasure and honor to strongly **SUPPORT** Mr. Wayne Katayama for confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Mahalo for your consideration.



# OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR

MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Testimony of

**Michael A. Dahilig**

Managing Director, County of Kaua'i

Before the

**Senate Committee on Water and Land**

April 6, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Room 229 and Via Videoconference

In consideration of

**GM 798 Wayne Katayama Gubernatorial Nominee for the  
Commission on Water Resource Management**

Honorable Chair Inouye, Honorable Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The County of Kaua'i **supports** the appointment of Wayne Katayama to the State of Hawaii Commission on Water Resource Management which has exclusive jurisdiction and final authority over matters relating to the implementation and administration of the State Water Code.

Throughout his career Mr. Katayama has distinguished himself as a leader who balances innovative operations with fiscal responsibility. His background in working with groups to resolve conflicts and develop successful action plans will be an asset for our state. Most importantly, Mr. Katayama's experience and understanding of the needs of all the stakeholders related to water whether urban, agricultural, cultural, or environmental will add another level of expertise to supplement the commission.

We are confident in Mr. Katayama's ability to make sound choices in the water management of our state and **support** your appointment of him to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Thank you for your consideration.



Testimony Before the Senate Committee on Land and Water  
Wednesday, April 6, 2022  
Conference Room 229  
Via Video Conference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: SUPPORT for GM798, Nomination of Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management**

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

The Kaua'i Chamber strongly supports the reappointment of Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Mr. Katayama's objective as a commissioner is to manage Hawai'i's water resources to balance the increasing demand for water in our state while improving the environment and preserving Hawai'i's cultural identity.

He approaches this work pragmatically. He reasonably considers all points of view before making a balanced decision in the best interests of the people of Hawai'i.

His experience as a business and community leader makes him uniquely qualified for this critical position.

Thank you for considering the position of the Kaua'i Chamber on this important nomination.

Sincerely,

Mark Perriello  
President & CEO



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April 6, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

**TESTIMONY ON GM 798**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as to the Commission on Water Resource Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, WAYNE KATAYAMA, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
1:00 PM

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawai'i Farm Bureau strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Wayne Katayama as a member of the Commission on Water Resource Management.**

Mr. Katayama has an extensive experience in the agriculture industry, working on water systems and understanding the water code. Mr. Katayama held a myriad of positions in the Agricultural Industry; He has served as President and General Manager for Kauai Coffee Company, President and Vice President for Kilauea Agronomics, President of Hawai'i Fruit Specialties, and Industrial Engineer of the Olokele Sugar Company. Mr. Katayama has also served his community as a Board Member of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Board Member of UH CTAHR Advisory Committee, member of the Mayor of Kauai's Agriculture Advisory Committee, and a member of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau, just to name a few. Mr. Katayama understands the public trust doctrine and is committed to serving the people of Hawai'i and protecting our island's natural resources.

His experience is complemented by a strong work ethic and dedication that will undoubtedly provide positive leadership for the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Please accept our strong support for Mr. Wayne Katayama to continue as a member of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/4/2022 3:33:37 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rodney & Karol Haraguchi	Testifying for W.T. Haraguchi Farm, Inc.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We strongly support Wayne Katayama for the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 1:00 PM  
Conference Room 229 and Via Video Conference

**Senate Committee on Water and Land**

To: Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

From: Ray Vara  
President & CEO

Re: **GM 798 – Testimony in Support  
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Water  
Resources Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, Wayne Katayama for a  
term to expire 06-30-2026.**

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My name is Ray Vara and I am the President and CEO of Hawai'i Pacific Health. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system comprised of its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox - and over 70 locations statewide with a mission of creating a healthier Hawai'i.

I am writing in SUPPORT of GM 798 which submits for consideration and confirmation Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resources Management, for a term to expire on 06/30/2026.

The Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) administers the State Water Code, which was created in 1987 by the Hawai'i State Legislature. The Commission's mission is to protect and manage the waters of the State of Hawai'i for present and future generations. Mr. Katayama's background and experience make him a valuable member of the Commission who will contribute to fulfilling the Commission's mission.

Mr. Katayama's life career in large and medium scale agriculture with Olokele Sugar on O'ahu and Kaua'i's Guava Kai Plantation (both C. Brewer) and Kaua'i Coffee have given him experience as an agricultural water user in a range of environments. His leadership position in the last two organizations have provided him with a comprehensive understanding of the physical management of reservoir water systems, as well as experience in the business and regulatory compliance aspects of commercial water use.

Having served on Kaua'i's Planning Commission for six years, Mr. Katayama has had broad policy exposure to the competing needs of infrastructure, development, and

environmental interests. His ability to examine the laws and regulations and apply them in a comprehensive manner will infuse the Commission with the knowledge needed to tackle issues such as the Red Hill matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 1:00 PM  
Conference Room 229 and Via Video Conference

**Senate Committee on Water and Land**

To: Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

From: Ray Vara  
President & CEO

Re: **GM 798 – Testimony in Support  
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Water  
Resources Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, Wayne Katayama for a  
term to expire 06-30-2026.**

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My name is Jen Chahanovich and I am the chief executive officer of Wilcox Medical Center. Founded in 1938, Wilcox Medical Center is a not-for-profit hospital dedicated to providing the Kaua'i community with accessible, quality health care. Wilcox is the largest medical facility on Kaua'i and has been recognized as one of the nation's best small hospitals. With more than 200 physicians on staff, Wilcox Medical Center offers island residents and visitors expert diagnosis and treatment for more than 22 specialties. It is a state-of-the-art acute care facility with a full suite of services including emergency, OB/GYN, pediatrics, cardiology, gastroenterology, ophthalmology, pulmonology, nephrology, orthopedics, neurology, internal medicine, trauma, family practice, radiology, urology, otolaryngology and general surgery.

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Mr. Katayama's life career in large and medium scale agriculture with Olokele Sugar on O'ahu and Kaua'i's Guava Kai Plantation (both C. Brewer) and Kaua'i Coffee have given

him experience as an agricultural water user in a range of environments. His leadership position in the last two organizations have provided him with a comprehensive understanding of the physical management of reservoir water systems, as well as experience in the business and regulatory compliance aspects of commercial water use.

In addition to his position on Kaua'i's Planning Commission for six years, Mr. Katayama served as the vice chair of the Wilcox Medical Center Board. He demonstrated a passion for the needs of the communities of Kaua'i. His ability to evaluate issues from different perspectives made him a valuable member of the Wilcox Medical Center Board. Mr. Katayama will apply those skills in his position with the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this measure.



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GM798, Wayne Katayama  
Gubernatorial Nominee to Commission on Water Resources Management  
Senate WTL Advise and Consent Hearing  
Wednesday, April 6, 2019  
1:00 pm  
Conference Room 229

Testimony by: Larry Jeffs  
Position: Support

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate WTL Committee:

I am Larry Jeffs, owner and operator of Larry Jeffs Farms, LLC. We have more than 42 years of Hawaii farm experience on Molokai and Oahu. Our family farms produce about 1 million pounds weekly of import replacement produce. I am a volunteer director, serving as Chair of the West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). I have been an officer of the Hawaii Farm Bureau for many years.

I fully support Wayne Katayama's nomination to the Water Resources Management Commission. His experiences range from being an industrial engineer who managed NPEDES permits and monitored water quality discharge (Olokele Sugar Company) to Senior Financial Analyst (C. Brewer & Company, Ltd) and executive leadership roles in agribusiness companies (Kilauea Agronomics, LLC; Kauai Coffee Company). This demonstrates his analytic acumen as well as a deep understanding of agriculture.

Current water management issues that impact all of us include groundwater recharge relative to climate change and water diversion issues. As a Commissioner, I believe that Mr. Katayama will continue to bring a thoughtful approach to the Commission's charge of statewide water resource management, balancing conservation and sustainability concepts.

Your support of Wayne Katayama's renewed nomination to the Water Resource Management Commission is appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.

# **Kauai County Farm Bureau**

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**The Voice of Kauai's Agriculture**

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*April 4, 2022*

*TO: Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair and  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land*

**RE: GM 798**

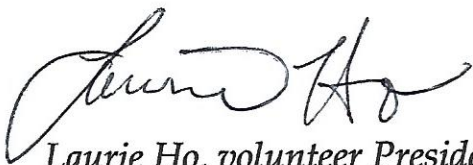
*Aloha and Mahalo for the opportunity to provide written testimony for  
Gubernatorial Nominee, Wayne Katayama, for his second term ending June 30,  
2026, serving on the Commission on Water Resource Management.(CWRM)*

*On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to strongly support Wayne as he  
seeks his second term on CWRM.*

*We acknowledge Wayne for his willingness to serve our community and commend  
him for his "stick-to-it-ness" doing his due diligence on CWRM while navigating  
through the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*We hope you look favorably on this nominee.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Laurie Ho, volunteer President*

**"Kaua'i County Farm Bureau (KCFB) cultivates a thriving and prosperous agricultural sector, firmly rooted in the community, by working collaboratively to build long term support and providing a respected voice for Agriculture on Kauai " adopted June 2012**

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**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 4:51:57 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alan Gottlieb	Testifying for Ponoholo Ranch Limited	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support GM 798, Wayne Katayama for Commission on Water Reseource Management



**LATE**

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

**GM798**

Commission on Water Resource Management, WAYNE KATAYAMA

Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 1:00 PM  
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of over 750 thousand acres of land in Hawai'i, or 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawai'i's cattle producers.

The Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council **supports GM798** to confirm Gubernatorial Nominee, Wayne Katayama, to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Mr. Katayama has an extensive experience in the agriculture industry, working on water systems and understanding the water code. As Mr. Katayama has also served as a Board Member of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Board Member of the University of Hawai'i's CTAHR Advisory Committee, member of the Mayor of Kauai's Agriculture Advisory Committee, and has proven to be committed to community service. Mr. Katayama understands the public trust doctrine and is committed to serving the people of Hawai'i and protecting our island's natural resources.

Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Wayne Katayama to continue to serve as a member of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Nicole Galase  
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council  
Managing Director



**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/2/2022 8:11:23 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Beth Tokioka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. Please consider my testimony in strong support of Wayne Katayama to serve a second term on the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Wayne has extensive experience and knowledge of matters regarding the responsible use and management of water. He is greatly respected for his decades of work on Kauai for Kilauea Agronomics and Kauai Coffee, and has served ably on CWRM for the past several years. His record of community service is also exemplary.

Wayne is a thoughtful individual who has demonstrated the ability to form balanced opinions and make responsible decisions regarding water use.

Please confirm him to continue to serve the state as a member of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Mahalo for your consideration.

**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/2/2022 11:31:10 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John R. Gordines	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in support of Mr. Wayne Katayama Gubernatorial Nominee for the position of Commission on Water Resource Management.

Mr. Katayama has been a passionate supporter of Hawaii Agriculture for decades. He has solid proven leadership qualifications and is a Living Treasure.

Thank you for your consideration!

Johnny Gordines, Kauai Farmer

Honorable Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

For the record my name is Tom Shigemoto, retired V.P. of Alexander and Baldwin and former Planning Director of the County of Kauai. I am privileged and honored to submit this recommendation of very strong support for incumbent Wayne Katayama to the Commission of Water Resources Management.

I have known Wayne for almost all of the 40 years that he's been involved with Agri-business on Kauai. What's important to this appointment is his familiarity and understanding of water resources to make agriculture survive and flourish. The Guava-Kai business first, then later as manager of the Kauai Coffee operations were heavily dependent on water for their successes. Wayne received his indoctrination to protecting and preserving, not only the source but the systems that irrigated the fields. These needs continue today if we as a community wish to see agriculture succeed.

Water is the essence of life and therefore, it isn't only one facet of our economy that needs this precious resource. Its necessity runs the gamut from domestic to aesthetic needs, although the latter could take a back seat in the priority of life sustaining activity.

Wayne brings to the table a wealth of knowledge and experience to decipher what and where the priorities are for water resource allocations and the impacts they have to everyone's way of life. On any board or commission, there needs to be a balanced diversity of backgrounds for comprehensive decisions to be made. This makes for more complete and thorough decisions, which results in fair and reasonable precedence for our most precious natural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. Aloha.

Tom Shigemoto

**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/2/2022 4:41:10 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Will Lydgate	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support Wayne Katayama for CWRM. Wayne is a GREAT representative for Kauai and we need him. I hope that you will re-appoint him.

Mahalo Nui,

Will Lydgate



**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/2/2022 5:35:05 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jan TenBruggencate	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I have known Wayne Katayama for many years, in both business and community service. I have found him to be forthright, honest and committed to this island community. I heartily endorse his nomination for the Commission on Water Resource Management.

--Jan TenBruggencate

Lihue, Kauai

**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/3/2022 8:03:18 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
stephanie iona	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please accept my testimony in favor of Wayne Katayama to the Commission of Water Resource Management. Wayne is a dedicated leader for every role he has decided to serve from his years as Manager of Kauai Coffee, Kauai Planning Commission, and various community boards and commissions. He will be an asset to achieving the successful goals of this Commission.

Thank you for your favorable response to his appointment.

Stephanie Iona, Waimea, Hawaii

**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/4/2022 1:07:26 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Tai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

It is my pleasure to provide testimony in strong support of GM798 for the consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Wayne Katayama, to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Wayne possesses over forty years of leadership in the agricultural landscape in Hawaii, including extensive experience in responsibly managing Hawaii's surface and ground water resources during his career at Olokele Sugar on Oahu and both Kilauea Agronomics and Kauai Coffee Company on Kauai and while serving on myriad boards, committees, and initiatives that promote and protect our natural and agricultural resources (e.g., Agribusiness Development Corporation, Kauai Planning Commission, and the University of Hawaii's CTAHR Advisory Committee and Board).

Wayne has the unique and proven experience to balance the consumptive and non-consumptive usage of water along with environmental and cultural considerations in order to achieve highest and best use of water resources while protecting and conserving those resources.

I've had the great pleasure to work with Wayne for over 15 years. He consistently exercises sound judgment when deliberating important decisions, great or small, and also conducts his due diligence and judiciously leverages his vast network of knowledgeable and expert contacts to inform his decisions. Wayne asks the tough questions that need to be asked while consummately maintaining a high-level of open-mindedness and professionalism, exercises strategic decision-marking in making his evaluations, and develops a framework and sets of solutions that align with existing laws and incorporate innovative problem-solving. His roles leading Kauai Coffee through the GMO/pesticide issues on Kauai and as a member of the Kauai Planning Commission also demonstrated Wayne's ability to establish fine balance between examining laws and regulations and navigating the myriad needs of the community at large.

It is with the utmost of confidence that I support Wayne Katayama's nomination to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Mahalo for your time and attention.

Kind regards,  
Susan Tai

Executive Director  
Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii

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April 4, 2022

The Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
And Members of the Committee on Water and Land  
State Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 798 Nomination of WAYNE KATAYAMA to the Commission on Water and Land

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of WAYNE KATAYAMA to the Commission on Water and Land.

I have known Wayne Katayama for over thirty years--since he worked as a manager for C.Brewer's Guava Kai operations in Kīlauea on Kaua'i.

Wayne has always been involved in efforts to improve the community, particularly the agricultural sector. When I was mayor from 1988 to 1994, Wayne chaired my Kaua'i Products Committee.

The last time I officially worked with Wayne was around 2013 when the Kaua'i County Council, of which I was a member, grappled with Bill 2491, the controversial GMO/Pesticides bill that went all the way to the State Supreme Court. Wayne was the manager of Kaua'i Coffee, one of the agribusinesses on Kaua'i that was caught in the crossfire. Wayne was calm, cooperative, and very creative in helping to transform Bill 2491 into a workable bill that was focused on pesticides rather than GMOs. (In the end, the law was invalidated with the finding that the State of Hawaii had preempted such regulation.)

The Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
And Members of the Committee on Water and Land  
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Wayne has the qualities desired of a public decision-maker. He has impeccable ethics. He has an extensive management background that enables him to understand the complexities that come with many decisions. He has an open, inquiring mind that keeps him from thinking he knows everything. He understands the importance of culture, history, and environmental integrity. Most of all, he has the commitment to the public good.

I urge you to confirm Wayne Katayama's nomination to the Commission on Water and Land.

Should you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at 808-652-3988 or by email at [jyukimura@gmail.com](mailto:jyukimura@gmail.com).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JoAnn Yukimura". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

JoAnn A. Yukimura

**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/4/2022 1:03:54 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laurie Ho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senator Inouye and Senator Keith-Agaran and the Senate Committee on Water and Land, Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony via email to strongly support the re-appointment of Mr. Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management.(CWRM) I have known and worked with Wayne since his time as Vice President at Kilauea Agronomics, LLC aka Guava KAI. (And I still depend on his advice and wisdom) Wayne is a very level headed knowledgeable individual and has experience in many areas of management and leadership and agriculture. I hope you look favorably on Wayne's nomination to the CWRM. Aloha. laurie ho, retired USDA-NRCS-RC&D program coordinator, lihue, kauai, hawaii

**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/4/2022 1:50:58 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ede Fukumoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Wayne Katayama as a member of the Commission on Water Resource Management. His history and background regarding the importance of our waters in Hawaii supports the need for him to be on this board. Mahalo.**



**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/4/2022 2:05:58 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Randy Cabral	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support

**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/4/2022 3:34:51 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dee Crowell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

GM798

Dear Chair Inouye and Members,

I would like to express my full support for the reappointment of Wayne Katayama to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

I've known Mr. Katayama since he served on the Kaua`i Planning Commission and I worked in the Planning Department. His knowledge of water systems and agriculture always amazed me and it often helped clarify issues. That knowledge can only be gained through decades of experience.

Mr. Katayama was always prepared for the meetings. I found him to be thoughtful in his deliberations and fair in his actions. I'm sure he's the same way on the Water Commission.

So, again, I fully support his reappointment. Mahalo, for your consideration.

Dee Crowell

**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/4/2022 3:36:45 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Teena Rasmussen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my full support for Wayne Katayama to be appointed to a second term to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

I served with Mr. Katayama on the ADC Board and learned first hand of his tremendous insitutional knowledge of the water systems in Hawaii. From his long career in agriculture, he understands first hand how important our legacy water delivery systems are to the perpetuation of an agriculture sector in Hawaii, and realizes the importance of balancing the needs of housing and other economic sectors that also need this resource.

From watershed protection, to maintaining and repairing delivery systems, to equitably distributing our precious water resources to users, Wayne has the experience to weigh all issues and guide competing voices to a solution. This type of knowledge is paramount to the CWRM being able to navigate and make critical decisions for the people of Hawaii. I have a great deal of gratitude that Mr. Katayama wishes to continue to volunteer his time in this important role.

I urge you to support this appointment.

Sincerely,

Teena M. Rasmussen, Maui

April 5, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

**TESTIMONY ON GM 798**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as to the Commission on Water Resource Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, WAYNE KATAYAMA, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
1:00 PM

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

**I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Wayne Katayama as a member of the Commission on Water Resource Management.**

Mr. Katayama has an extensive experience in the agriculture industry, working on water systems and understanding the water code. Mr. Katayama held a myriad of positions in the Agricultural Industry. He has served as President and General Manager for Kauai Coffee Company, President and Vice President for Kilauea Agronomics, President of Hawai'i Fruit Specialties, and Industrial Engineer of the Olokele Sugar Company. Mr. Katayama has also served his community as a Board Member of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Board Member of the University of Hawai'i's CTAHR Advisory Committee, member of the Mayor of Kauai's Agriculture Advisory Committee, and a member of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau, to name a few. Mr. Katayama understands the public trust doctrine and is committed to serving the people of Hawai'i and protecting Hawaii's natural resources, water being the most important to survive the tough times.

His experience is complemented by a strong work ethic and dedication that will undoubtedly provide positive leadership for the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Please accept my strong support for Mr. Wayne Katayama to continue to serve as a member of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Aloha & Mahalo,  
Carolynn Lum  
2746 Apapane St.  
Lihue HI 96766

Kauai Farm Bureau member

**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 12:39:11 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
J Ashman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Wayne Katayama's confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

I have known Mr. Katayama for over fifteen years and have worked with him on various important agricultural issues during that time. Mr. Katayama's knowledge and experience, along with his dedication to natural resource conservation, and his skill at balancing the community's need for water, will continue to make him a valuable member of the Commission.

Thank you.

**LATE**

**GM-798**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 3:36:30 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jerry Ornellas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support

Trinette P. Kauai, R, GRI  
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April 5, 2022

**LATE**

The Honorable Chair Lorraine R. Inouye  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
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The Honorable Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
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To the Honorable Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

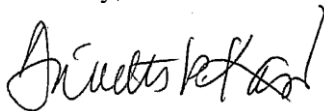
**RE: Wayne Katayama – Commission on Water Resource Management - GM No. 798**

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His experience is complemented by a strong work ethic and dedication that will undoubtedly provide positive leadership for the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Please accept my strong support for Mr. Wayne Katayama to continue to serve as a member of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Sincerely,



Trinette P Kauai

April 6, 2022

**LATE**

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

**TESTIMONY ON GM 798**

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Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
1:00 PM

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

**I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Wayne Katayama as a member of the Commission on Water Resource Management.**

I worked with Mr. Katayama for many years and can attest to his extensive experience in the agriculture industry. The various leadership positions Mr. Katayama held required knowledge regarding water systems and understanding the water code. Mr. Katayama's various positions in the Agricultural Industry also means he has developed professional networks in the industry and amongst the community. He understands how to reach out to the community for input and he is known for his ability to collaborate with stakeholders to reach solutions.

Mr Katayama is well informed and aware of the issues surrounding agricultural inputs including water.

His resume outlines his extensive and diverse experience which will be an asset to this commission.

Mr. Katayama's experience has a strong work ethic and he is dedicated to responsible management that will undoubtedly provide positive leadership for the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Please accept my strong support for Mr. Wayne Katayama to continue to serve as a member of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Respectfully submitted. Joy Kono, Mililani Hawaii