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Before the
Senate Committee on
Water and Land

Monday April 11, 2022
1:30 PM
State Capitol, Room 229 Virtual Video Conference

In consideration of
GM 856

**REGARDING THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF KU'IKEOKALANI
KAMAKEA-'OHELO TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-
2026**

Chair Inouye; Vice Chair Keith-Agaran; and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Kamakea-'Ohelo's appointment to the Land Use Commission. Mr. Kamakea-'Ohelo has the experience and background to be a land use commissioner. Not only is he an active cultural practitioner with a wealth of understanding of cultural issues, but he is a working farmer. At present the LUC does not have any representation from the agricultural industry. Mr. Kamakea-'Ohelo will bring a much-needed balance to the Commission at a time when both cultural issues and agricultural issues are being identified as key elements in the future of land use.

Mr. Kamakea-'Ohelo is also well respected in the community and has developed a reputation for being respectful, considerate, and understanding. He has a capacity for being a "good listener" and for taking a broad approach to the needs of the community. We look forward to having him on the Commission both for his cultural perspective and as a representative of the agricultural community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Kamakea-‘Ohelo’s appointment. We are honored to have him and look forward with pleasure to his participation.



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April 11, 2022

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of **GM856**, in consideration of the confirmation of Kū'ikeokalani Kamakea-'Ohelo as a member of the Land Use Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

The Land Use Commission oversees important land use issues in our state, including the designation of important agricultural lands, which provide important financial and cultural value to the State of Hawai'i. As a farmer and community organizer, that has experience in traditional Hawaiian land use and knowledge of Native Hawaiian cultural land practices, Kū'ike will provide an important perspective to the Land Use Commission and help the commission in its decision making.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.



SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

April 11, 2022

1:30 PM

CCR229

In **SUPPORT** of **GM855** and **GM856**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KŪ'IKE KAMAKEA-ŌHELO, for a term to expire 06-30-2022
and

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KŪ'IKE KAMAKEA-ŌHELO, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

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

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i offers the following testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the nomination of Kū'ike Kamakea-Ōhelo to the Land Use Commission ("LUC").

The LUC has the critical, long-standing responsibility to identify and protect the public interest in Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources, Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights, climate resiliency, food security, housing security, employment opportunities, and other important areas that may be affected by large-scale land use changes or certain exceptional activities on agricultural and rural lands. The LUC further oversees the designation of important agricultural lands, which may help to ensure the the long-term agricultural security and self-sufficiency of our islands. To properly carry out these responsibilities, the LUC must possess members with expertise in relevant subjects, including Native Hawaiian land use and agricultural practices, and who have demonstrated the strongest personal commitment to the community and the public interest.

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i strongly believes that Mr. Kamakea-Ōhelo has the expertise, experience, and character to make him an exceptionally well-suited member of the LUC. His extensive background in local and diversified agriculture and Native Hawaiian land management practices will provide the LUC with a depth of knowledge that can ensure that its decisions appropriately uphold and promote the public's interests in Native Hawaiian cultural perpetuation, sustainable land use, and our islands' food self-sufficiency. Moreover, his clear commitment to the Waimānalo and larger communities demonstrates a level of integrity and care for our islands that will be essential to the fulfillment of the LUC's important role, in appropriately balancing developers' interests with the needs and concerns of the public. The Sierra Club of Hawai'i particularly and deeply appreciates Mr. Kamakea-Ōhelo's years of community service, and can directly attest to the invaluable contributions he has made in protecting the public trust in water,

preventing the desecration of cultural resources and sites, and supporting the ongoing community effort to shut down the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

Accordingly, the Sierra Club respectfully urges the Committee to recommend that the Senate **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to the nomination of Kū'ike Kamakea-Ōhelo to the LUC. Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 7:02:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaukaohu Wahilani	Testifying for Hui Ku Like Kakou	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye

I am in support of confirming the nomination of Kuike Kamakea-Ohelo for the Land use commission

Aloha Pumehana

Kaukaohu Wahilani

Alaka'i

Hui Ku Like Kakou

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 10:38:37 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Choon James	Testifying for CountryTalkStory.com	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

SUPPORT GM 856 KU'IKEOKALANI KAMAKEA-'OHELO

We're happy to support this nomination.

Commissions and Boards are meant to provide extra layers of public participation, grassroots knowledge, and independent information for robust conversations and analytical deliberations for the public interests.

Hopefully, Diversity and Independence in this candidate will help the legislature make a more thorough decision-making for the benefit of the public good.

Boards and Commissions were never meant to be simply an inner circle of only those in the building or developmental or planning or legal industry.

Mahalo,

Choon James

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KU'IKEOKALANI KAMAKEA-'OHELO, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

Report Title:

Land Use
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GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 12:55:52 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amber Nanod-Sitch	Testifying for Ka 'Ohana o ke Aloha (Hale Pule)	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou e Water & Land Committee, Chair - Senator Lorraine Inouye & Vice Chair - Senator Gilbert Keith Agaran,

It is with hearts piha i ka mahalo (full of gratitude) at this gubernatorial nomination of Kū'ikeokalani Kamakea-'Ōhelo to serve on the Land Use Commission & we write without hesitation and in full support of GM856 (and GM855 where he would begin serving immediately). It would be an understatement to say that we are elated at this nomination as Kū'ikeokalani's resume clearly states his skill & experiences that would make him a strong candidate & contributor for the kuleana that is required on the Land Use Commission. Yet, beyond what can be written in words, his actions of aloha as a servant leader speak loudly for themselves and reflect his character, commitment & conviction. As a hale pule (church) 'Ohana, we have had the blessing of working together & witnessing first hand Kū'ikeokalani serve by leading & lead by serving. The weight of community leadership & kuleana can feel heavy, & yet he and his 'Ohana before him & alongside him have chosen to selflessly 'auamo kuleana with the grace of ke AKUA & sacrifice in ways he & they will not share, but by which the outcome of such wise, persevering, humble, exhausting & immeasurable investment of aloha have brought about healthy & fruitful change & protection for 'āina, 'iwi & community. He knows that the decisions made now are directly connected to learning from our past & honoring those who have come before & it comes with kuleana & aloha for those who will come after, as much as it affects us directly in this time we live. He has the ability to kū 'ike o ka lani (stand with discernment to see & perceive what cannot be seen) & has been blessed by ke Akua to see difficult challenges on micro & macro levels, across generations & to choose kapu aloha, integrity & honesty as he thinks innovatively & works communally to strategize for healthy pathways forward and creative solutions to the greater needs of all. For these reasons he is unlike the other candidates and has the trust of the people. He would be an asset & a blessing as Land Use Commissioner & we strongly urge you to submit & confirm nominee & servant leader Kū'ikeokalani Kamakea-'Ōhelo for this honorable appointment.

"He ali'i ka 'āina, he kauwā ke kānaka."

Ke aloha i ke Akua,

Moanike'ala Nanod-Sitch (Kahu) & Ka 'Ohana o ke Aloha (hale pule)

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/9/2022 11:45:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kapua Medeiros	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye,

I am in Support of the confirmation of KU'IKEOKALANI KAMAKEA-‘ŌHELO to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo me ke Aloha nui,

Kapua Medeiros

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 12:51:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronson Azama	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I submit support for Kū'ike Kamekea'ōhelo's nomination for the Land Use Commission. Kū'ike is someone not only with a cultural background in traditional customs but also has the technical skills of a farmer. Something I feel the commission lacks, and could greatly benefit from in fulfilling its food goals, and bettering the relationship between state entities and Native Hawaiians.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 10:08:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kuuleianuhea Awo-Chun	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I strongly support the confirmation of Kū'ike Kamakea-Ohelo to the Land Use Commission. I have known him personally for over 20 years and worked with him in various professional and community-based capacities for over 10 years. In this time, he has proven to be a strong leader who communicates effectively and considers multiple perspectives and worldviews before making decisions. His character is not swayed by emotional appeals, and his motives are often driven solely by his desire to protect clean air, water, and food for his children and ours. This motivation is grounded in intergenerational cultural knowledge that he applies and teaches - guided by knowledge from his parents, kupuna, and community. These qualities can provide valuable perspective to the land use commission, which has a responsibility to balance our economic needs with the long term sustainability of our lands and communities. Kū'ike not only understands the needs of the land, but also the need for economic growth, community health, and civic engagement. He can navigate these systems adeptly and has been doing so for many years. He would be a beneficial addition to the Land Use Commission for these reasons.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 11:03:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Regina Peterson	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am in full support of nominee Kū'ikeokalani Kamakea-'Ohelo to be confirmed on the land use commission. Of all other nominee's he is the best candidate for this position. He is extremely knowledgeable in a lot of areas, especially revolving around the lands of Hawai'i and he will ensure the use of these lands will be best for what the land calls for...continued life for future generations.

In this testimony i would like to oppose nomination for Michael Yamane and Melvin Kahele, as their experiences leads me to believe that they have an agenda that will not be of what the 'āina of Hawai'i calls for...but an exclusive agenda for self and other corporations to desecrate and destroy our lands!! and that will hurt the life for our future keiki of these lands!!!

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 11:19:32 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kapohuolahaina Moniz Pa	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

As an aloha 'āina advocate for pono land use I strongly support the consideration and confirmation of Kū'ike Ohelo to be selected on this Land Use Commission. His education, hands on experience as an active farmer with sustainable native land knowledge will be a great asset to solutions that actually revitalize our lands that need healthy remediation that foster sound decision in zoning plans. Kū'ike's daily work experience as a farmer brings his balanced practicality of land use that serves the health and well being of kama'aina residents now and into the future. Kū'ike has been highly active in our Waimānalo community as a leader serving on the Waimānalo Neighborhood Board subcommittee actions. His calm committed resilient leadership style he brings has earned him credible respect by many that know him throughout our islands. Mahalo for the opportunity to give my reasons of support of his confirmation.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/7/2022 1:33:27 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jonathan Likeke Scheuer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members,

On June 30, 2022, I will be concluding my eight years of service on the Land Use Commission (LUC), including the last four years as the Chair. I am submitting this testimony in my individual capacity but based on that experience.

Ku`ikeokalani Kamakea-`Ohelo reached out to me in preparation for his hearing before your committee. While I have not known him personally until now, I have been familiar with his and his `ohana's legacy of aloha `āina. I believe his knowledge of aloha `āina cultural practices, his deep experience with agriculture and farming, and his relationships across our islands will be an asset to the work of the LUC, and I urge your favorable consideration.

Mahalo for the consideration of my testimony.

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Jonathan Likeke Scheuer, Ph.D.

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Water and Power In West Maui (2021) is available now from the University of Hawai`i Press

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/9/2022 8:02:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brenda Wong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha state legislators,

I highly support Kuikeokalani Kamakea-'Ohelo to be considered and confirmed to the land use commission. I am a homeowner in Waimanalo also on the waimanalo Parks & Rec committee. Kuike is extremely knowledgeable about the land and is a committed farmer and committed to his 'ohana and our community. His wisdom and experience would be invaluable for all of hawaii.

He has been highly committed to Hūnananiho and the protection of the iwi of our kupuna and the preservation and promotion of Hawai'i history and culture. I have learned a lot from him and I know that others will also I know that he would be an excellent person on this team for the things that are needed related to our land.. Please confirm this candidate for this commission. I cannot think of a better choice for this position. Kuike is hard working and gives his all and he is very committed to the āina of hawaii.

Sincerely,

Brenda Wong

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/9/2022 10:12:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Star Mansfield	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

As a community member, Registered Nurse and Doula I highly recommend Ku'ike to be considered and confirmed for the land use commission. I had the honor and privilege of serving and holding space with Ku'ike on Mauna Kea and at Hūnananiho. I saw him in stressful situations and he always maintained his composure, and lead with kapu aloha. Ku'ike is also an extremely knowledgeable and wise man who is lead deeply by his convictions. His commitment to his ohana and our local community is unwaivering. He cares about Hawaii, the aina, and us as apart of the community.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Star Mansfield

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/9/2022 11:19:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keoki Nanod-sitch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Legislature,

I trust and fully support the appointment of kuikeokalani kamakea ohelo to the land use commission. (GM865) He is all about aloha aina and protecting our resources. He would be a great asset to offer ike (wisdom) and perspective in important decisions.

Mahalo nui,

Keoki Nanod-Sitch

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 12:00:51 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Piialoha Callahan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe that Kū'ikeokalani will serve on the land use commission in phenomenal ways. Not only does he have a reputation for aloha 'āina, he also possesses leadership skills that have proven successful in many different projects. I believe that he brings great perspective to the commission and their decisions about the usage of our 'āina. As someone who has been farming for most of life and Hawaiian for all of it, it is clear that he has a connection to this 'āina. And I have the utmost confidence in the 'Ike he has of how we aloha 'āina. I am in support of his appointment to the Land Use Commission. Mahalo nui for allowing me the opportunity to share.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 12:08:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keke Manera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I am in full support of KU'IKEOKALANI
KAMAKEA-'OHELO and you should be
too! Please consider his stance as he will
indeed represent with pono intentions.
Mahalo**

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 5:48:19 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Bogus	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the decision for Gubernatorial Nominee, KU'IKEOKALANI KAMAKEA-'OHELO, to the Land Use Commission.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 6:32:29 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kenani Gramberg	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I'd like to submit my Support for Bill GM856 for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KŪ'IKEOKALANI KAMAKEA-'ŌHELO, for a term to expire 06-30-2026. Kū'ike is very knowledgeable of these lands and is also very passionate to these lands. I know there's pono intensions set within him to succesfully carry on this responsibility.

Mālama Pono,

Kenani Gramberg

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 7:00:06 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Curen Ohama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Ku‘ikeokalani is more then qualified for this duty, he will be a great component on the Land Commission. I only expect solid , sound decisions coming from him.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 7:47:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
patricia	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am fully in support for Ku'ike 'Ohelo being land commissioner. He is the best candidate to handle the position.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 8:38:16 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dale Evans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I greatly respect Mr. Kamakea-`Ohelo's wisdom and righteous regard for Hawaii's `aina, and I wholeheartedly endorse him for this position.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 8:22:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Megan Dooley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the nomination of Kū'ikeokalani Kamakea-'Ohelo to the Land Use Commission committee. I appreciate all of the ways Kū'ike has embodied aloha 'āina in beautiful and sacrificial ways and has provided leadership in teaching others to do the same. He is a true advocate for the community and has demonstrated willingness to sit at the table and have constructive discussions with people of differing perspectives. The Land Use Commission is in need of more people who embody the values of pono and aloha 'āina. In order for the health our 'āina that has given us so much to be stabilized and heal, we need the voice of Kū'ike and others like him. Mahalo for your consideration!

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 8:40:02 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
sharon kershner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a resident of Hawaii and Waimanalo, and through personal experience with, and knowledge of, the personality character and activities of KU'IKEOKALANI KAMAKEA-'OHELO, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT AND RECOMMEND him for the position on the Land Commission. In fact I can think of no other more suited for this pivotal seat, in these pivotal times.

Ku'ikē has the interests of Aina and her people firmly imbued in heart and action. He is balanced, harmonious and firm in his Aloha. His positions are rooted in much needed experience, research, and fore sightedness and he is owned by no interests other than the righteousness of aina and her people. WE NEED Kuike to represent us. Mahalo.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 9:05:14 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Antoinette K. Kealoha	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mai ka pi'ina a ka lā a i Ha'eha'e welina mai kākou,

I am submitting this testimony in support of Kū'ikeokalani Kamakea-'Ohelo to the Land Use Commission.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 9:37:16 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hulali Mohi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Kū'ikeokalani Kamakea-'Ohelo. What better candidate to speak on land use than someone who is rooted in 'āina values. It is refreshing to see someone like him who has experience as boots on the ground and has seen first hand the effects of the decisions made by people higher up who have no pilina to the 'āina or kānaka that they make decisions for.

"He ali'i ka 'āina,

He kauwā ke kānaka."

A Hawaiian proverb that translates to:

"The land is chief,

The people it's servant."

Kū'ike lives this, day in and day out. And it is because of this that I will say, I give my full support to confirming him as a land use commissioner.

Mahalo,

Hulali Mohi

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 10:04:53 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ida Hanohano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the appointment of Kū'ike Kamaka-Ohelo to the Land Use Commission. He is a keiki o ka aina and was raised with deep connections and concerns for Hawaii and its people. Active in the community of Waimanalo & Hawaii, he has emerged as a compassionate leader concerned with a future for the generations to come. He honors the practices of ancestors that used sustainable practices to take care of the environment. The investments he commits to is sustainable capacity to allows all to live in pono (harmony) in this space we share in Hawaii. He will fully educate himself about issues and weigh then select the options that allow prudent implementation of decisions. He lives the lifestyle of careful use of resources as a farmer & fisherman providing for his family & ohana. He is invested in Hawaii.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 10:09:05 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jody M Green	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support Gubanatorial Nominee Ku'ikeokalani Kamaka-'Ohelo for the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo for the chance to testify on this important issue.

Jody Green

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 10:20:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leona Leialoha	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha! I strongly support this nominee, Ku'ike Kamakea-'Ohelo!

mahalo

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 10:24:16 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raul Nohea Goodness	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Ku'ike Kamakea-Ohelo for the Land Use Commission.

His work as a farmer, fisherman, and protector of our 'iwi kupuna all highly qualify him for this appointment and confirmation.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 10:40:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chanel L Sebala-Bumanglag	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Kuikeokalani Kamakeo-‘Ohelo for Land Commission, he is someone who is a farmer and is very committed to community and has much aloha for the ‘aina and the people. He thinks and lives his life considering our kupuna’s legacy they left us that help us with understanding the importance of leaving the best resources for the next seven generations. His family has been dedicated for generations to preserving and caring for the land and the people of Waimanalo. I trust him with thinking things through thoroughly before making decisions. His heart and intention have always been to bless the community and beyond. He has been a leader of fairness, and integrity who has a genuine aloha for all. Mahalo for your consideration.

Chanel

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 10:50:59 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elmer John Bumanglag	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in favor and Support of Mr. Ohelo is the right person for the Land commission position. I see him as a strong pillar in community who cares about what happens With the land and the people.

Mahalo'

Elmer

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 12:16:57 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isaiah Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Isaiah Smith and I am a resident of O’ahu, and I would like to express my support of GM856 and the candidate Ku’ikeokalani Kamakea-‘Ōhelo for a term in the Land Use Commission to start immediately upon appointment and to expire June 2026. Ku’ike would be a great candidate for the Gubernatorial Nominee position for the Land Use Commission that is open. He is a man with close ties to the area of Waimānalo, Hunānāniho and the communities there within and knows the needs of said ‘āina and peoples. Being raised in Waimānalo as well as having long-standing family roots in the area of Waimānalo also gives him great incentive to properly care for and manage this place. He is also a community leader in his own right and is well respected in the community, and so would be able to be a good liaison between the Land Use Commission and the community. He is a true servant of the land and the people and I know that his decisions and actions in the position would be only for the benefit the ‘āina, the community of Waimānalo and managing the resources there for generations to come.

Mahalo for your time,

Isaiah Smith

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 12:18:25 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hercules Huihui	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Hercules Huihui support the goveatorial candidate Ku'ikeokalani

Kamakea - 'Ohelo for the seat o the Land use commission. I

Strongly support him because of his strong commitment to 'Aina Ohana and community. He is a strong young Kanaka who is setting an example of leadership for our next generation.

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Submitted on: 4/10/2022 12:22:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leon Siu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou,

I fully support Kū‘ikeokalani Kamakea-‘Ohelo to be appointed to the Land Use Commission.

I believe Kū‘ike ‘Ohelo would bring much needed value for his perspective regarding being pono with the ‘āina and his complete dedication to nā kanaka maoli.

Sincerely,

Leon Siu

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 12:22:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cindy freitas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Cindy Freitas and I'm a Native Hawaiian descended of the native inhabitants of Hawai'i prior to 1778 and born and raised in Hawai'i.

I am also a practitioner who still practice the cultural traditional customary practices that was instill in me by my grandparents at a young age from mauka (MOUNTAIN TO SEA) to makai in many areas.

I believe that Ku'ikeokalani Kamakea- 'Ohelo will do well in this position of the Land Use Commission for the term expire 06/30/2026.

Mahalo

____/s/____

Cindy Freitas

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 12:31:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brenda Mapes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the appointment of Kuikeokalani Kamakea-Ohelo to the Land Use Commission. I have known Kuike for several years and I've seen how he interacts with respect to many types of people. He is always trying to see all sides of issues being presented.

He knows the value of the land and the ocean and all the resources that come from there. He works hard to take care of these areas.

I know he wants the future generations to know the past and how to move forward to the future with respect - Aloha.

I feel he would be respectful of this position. That he would make decisions based on the protection of the land and all it provides. I also feel as a Kanaka, farmer, fisherman that he understands protection of property and balance.

He would be a great asset to this position. His love of the land and the people that he would represent.

So I ask you please to allow him to be on this commission.

Aloha,

Brenda Mapes

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 12:54:36 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tiare Kaolelopono	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou,

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to submit testimony in FULL SUPPORT of the measure GM856, gubernatorial nomination of Kuikeokalani Kamakea-Ohelo. He is a strong candidate for this seat as a grassroots community organizer and leader, he has the foresight to steward our lands into the next seven generations. Thus far, the Commission has been vested in the over development of our lands completely ignoring the ahupuaa model we inherited for sustenance and survival. Kuikeokalani can stradle both the modern and old ways creating solutions for a more sustainable Hawaii.

Mahalo nui,

Tiare Kaolelopono

Mother, Grandmother, Kaneohe Resident and Business Owner

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 12:55:56 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol Paoao	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Kū'ikeokalani Kamakea-'Ohelo.

He ali'i ka 'āina, he kauwā ke kānaka.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 1:02:10 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Naomi Holokai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I fully support nominee Kuikeokalani Kamakea-Ohelo for the position on the Land Use Commission. I fully endorse this nominee because he is truly someone who lives out the values he expresses, to aloha 'aina, with his heart, soul, mind, and strength, and would take this seriously into this job on the commission. He is an exceptional candidate for this position. Mahalo for all you folks are doing.

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Submitted on: 4/10/2022 1:40:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wayne Tanaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Water and Land Committee.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT the nomination of Kū'ike Kamakea-Ōhelo to the Land Use Commission. His extensive expertise in cultural practices and local and diversified agriculture will be critically necessary to ensure that the LUC has the knowledge and understanding to fulfill its important responsibilities, to safeguard the myriad public interests that may be impacted by land use changes here in Hawai'i. Moreover, working directly with Kū'ike on various activities relating to the Red Hill Fuel Facility has demonstrated to me his personal integrity and commitment to doing what is right for our residents and communities, things that are essential for all LUC members to possess.

Kū'ike Kamakea-Ōhelo is a solid and selfless individual who will serve the LUC and our communities exceptionally well in his role as a commissioner. Please recommend that the Senate ADVISE AND CONSENT to his nomination.

Mahalo nui,

Wayne Tanaka

LATE

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Submitted on: 4/10/2022 3:06:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mialisa Otis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM856.

Seeing the other nominees pasts and goals, Ku'ike is the only candidate that can be trusted for the land. He embodies the 'āina wherever he goes. With one goal in mind, the future of Hawai'i; it's people and the sacred places. To keep us safe from development and land swap. To keep the land where it belongs, in the hands of those that will continue to nurture it. This isn't for politics, it's for the people. Mahalo.

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 3:59:47 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Kahiapo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for taking the time to consider my testimony on behalf of Mr. Kamakea-'Ohelo for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission. I have known him as a very competent, committed member of our community, who I highly recommend. He has wisdom and knowledge well beyond his years, acquired by personal application and dedicated research. Because of his sincere interest in acting on behalf of the betterment of our island communities, absent of ulterior motives, would you please consider Mr. Kamakea-'Ohelo?

Mahalo,

Laura Yano Kahiapo

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 6:18:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bianca Isaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support Kuike Kamakea-Ohelo for the Land Use Commission. He's an engaged and informed community leader.

LATE

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Submitted on: 4/10/2022 7:05:55 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Euliana Hudson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kuikē is a native born steward of the Aina. Having him part of the land commission will give the State the opportunity to work with a natural born leader. Kuikē will bring knowledge to the board that is extremely valuable.

LATE

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/10/2022 7:46:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimeona Kane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui kākou,

Kimeona Kane, of Waimānalo testifying in strong support of Gubernatorial nominee Kū'ikeokalani Kamakea to the Land Use Commission for a term to expire 06-30-2026. Kū'ike has been an incredible visionary of how we can move our communities forward sustainably and in the right way. He is a community advocate and leader, a father, a son, a brother, and a hands to land farmer and educator. He is a feeder of communities across many lands, a fierce protector of home and people and has a deep connection beyond the ordinary individual. He is deeply rooted to Hawai'i and is exactly the type of person needed to guide the work of the commission in a collaborative and honest way. He gives faith to people like myself that we will always be able to call Hawai'i home and it is my sincere honor to stand behind him and support his nomination and confirmation to the Land Use Commission for the betterment of Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui,

Kimeona Kane

LATE

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Submitted on: 4/10/2022 9:32:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lauren Blissett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mr. Kamakea 'Ohelo will make an excellent addition to the Land Use Commission. I trust that he will act with honor and integrity and will be an extremely valuable representative of the community. His contribution will be insightful, encompass cultural values and respect the needs of both the land and the people. The first hand experience he has gained from not only being Kanaka Maoli, but also a family man, a farmer, a business man and a community leader will allow him to share his perspective in a way that will no doubt educate, inspire and improve. From what I know of Mr. Kamakea 'Ohelo, I have no doubts that he will excel in this role and bring much mana'o to the table

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Submitted on: 4/11/2022 9:16:25 AM
Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Anthony	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Elected Officials,

Kuike is an excellent choice for an additional member of the Land Use Commission. His insight, gentle demeanor and ability to communicate with precision in addition with a rich Hawaiian cultural education background makes him an important community leader.

mahalo,

daniel anthony

GM-856

Submitted on: 4/11/2022 9:23:48 AM
Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2022 1:30:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Oriana Coleman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Me and my 'ohana are in full support of Ku'ikeokalani Kamakea-Ohelo for the Land Commission Position. He has lived in action of Aloha Aina. His knowledge and understanding of aina and kanaka is the of the utmost importance to him and his ohana. His wisdom of revitalization and well being of kanaka, soil regeneration, and kanaka to aina restoration is one of great experience and we have been blessed to witness the fruits of his labor. It would be wise for the department to put such a passionate, knowledgeable and active community advocate in such a position as the Pand commissioner. Ke Aloha No and mahalo for your time, Oriana Coleman.