

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 22 2024

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 728

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 728, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

MAUNA KEA STEWARDSHIP AND OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY

G.M. No. 728 NEIL HANNAHS,
for a term to expire 06-30-2028. (Term
to expire amended to 06-30-2027 by
GM756),

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Neil Hannahs for service on the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Neil Hannahs from three individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Hannahs' experience, background, and dedication to public service qualify him for appointment to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. Your Committee notes that Mr. Hannahs is the founder and present CEO of Ho'okele Strategies LLC, a consulting firm that fosters the emergence of high performance leadership and enterprises with indigenous values to catalyze abundance, health, sustainability, and social equity. Mr. Hannahs also possesses extensive experience in land resource management in Hawaii. From 2000 to 2015, Mr. Hannahs directed the Kamehameha

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Schools Land Assets Division. Your Committee also notes that Mr. Hannahs has served on numerous boards, commissions, and committees, including Awaialu, Hawai'i Commission on Water Resource Management, Hawaiian Land Trust, and the Polynesian Voyaging Society. Your Committee finds that Mr. Hannahs thoroughly understands the role and responsibilities of Authority members and his wealth of knowledge and experience will be assets to the Mauna Kea Oversight and Stewardship Authority as a member with land resource management expertise. Your Committee therefore recommends that Neil Hannahs be appointed to the Mauna Kea Oversight and Stewardship Authority based on his experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUE Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Governor's Message No.:* GM 728	Committee Referral: WTL	Date: 4/11/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345			
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley				✓
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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