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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
john komeiji	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee,

I would like to share my personal strong support for the confirmation of Lanakila Mangauil for reappointment to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. He has dedicated much time and effort to understand the complexities involved in the management of the Mauna. His has extensive knowledge and practices in Native Hawaiian cultural matters, He brings important input and a unique perspective to our discussions. His perspective and contribution have added to the progress of the Authority.

As with other organizations, the real work and heavy lifting occurs at the committee or PIG level. Lanakila has been appointed to several PIGs and has fully participated and worked hard and has positively contributed to the PIGs ultimate conclusions.

I understand that there may be some concerns about his attendance at our regularly scheduled Board meetings. Initially, in order to arrive at a schedule, we conducted a poll of the members to determine their availability. The majority of members were available mid-day on a Thursday. In order to insure a quorum, I decided to set the regular meetings on the second Thursday, commencing at 10:00 am. In arriving at that decision, I realized that, on occasion, Lanakila would have difficulty in making the meeting. The meeting time would conflict with his educational duties required by his job. However, as our meetings have been recorded, he has been able to review the meetings and keep up to speed. As such, the conflicts in schedules is of my making and should not reflect on the commitment, contribution and dedication of Lanakila.

In conclusion, I would strongly urge you to advise and consent to his nomination to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority.

Mahalo for the opportunity to voice my support.

John Komeiji

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Richard Matsuda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the confirmation of Joshua Lanakila Mangaul to serve another term on the MKSOA. Serving alongside him, I have found Lanakila's voice as a cultural practitioner, along with his prioritization of conservation, to be an essential contribution to the "mutual stewardship paradigm in which ecology, the environment, natural resources, cultural practices, education, and science are in balance and synergy," as called for in Act 255. Lanakila's continued participation will help maintain positive forward progress during the transition period.

Respectfully,
Rich Matsuda