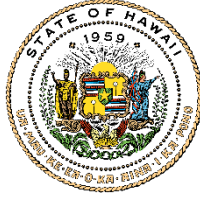


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WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
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In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 702
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KĀNE'ŌHE
BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CEDRIC
BERTELMANN FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2028

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 702 nominating Mr. Cedric Bertelmann to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2028.

Pursuant to Section 200D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council was established to, among other things, facilitate the implementation of the Kāne'ōhe Bay Master Plan as it relates to ocean use activities and advise and make recommendations to the State and the County on matters regarding the use of Kāne'ōhe Bay by the general public, marine research programs, and commercial ocean use activities, including legislative matters. Membership on the Council includes government officials, area neighborhood board members, and individuals representing user groups of the Bay.

Mr. Bertelmann is an experienced recreational, subsistence, and commercial fisherman with over 23 years as a fishing vessel owner and captain. The Department welcomes the wealth of knowledge and wisdom that Mr. Bertelmann will bring to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support on the confirmation of Mr. Cedric Bertelmann to serve on the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council.

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Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I am writing to express my **strong support** of the nomination of Cedric Bertelmann to the Kāne‘ohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC). I have served on the KBRC with Mr. Bertelmann since my appointment in 2022. He is a fire captain with the Honolulu Fire Department and a well-respected commercial fisherman in our community. His ‘ohana has multi-generational ties to the Kāne‘ohe Bay area. As a dedicated public servant and active member of our fishing community, Mr. Bertelmann has a deep knowledge of and commitment to protecting and restoring Kāne‘ohe Bay. His strong community connections and expertise have been invaluable to the KBRC. He has been a proactive and thoughtful member of the Council and has served with the utmost integrity—I have no doubt that he will continue to be a valuable and contributing member of the KBRC. I strongly urge your committee to support Mr. Bertelmann’s nomination and confirmation to the KBRC.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Elena Bryant