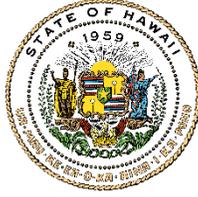


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Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
1:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 701
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KĀNE'OHE BAY
REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FREDERICK REPPUN, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2027

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 701 nominating Mr. Frederick Reppun to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2027.

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. Reppun is currently the Education Coordinator with the He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve. He brings with him a background in Environmental Science, as well as a deep understanding of ahupua'a connectivity. The Department welcomes the wealth of knowledge and wisdom that Mr. Reppun will bring to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council.

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



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Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
Dr. Megan Donahue, Director
Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology
And
Michael Bruno, Provost
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GM 701 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FREDERICK REPPUN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB) **supports the confirmation of Fred Reppun**, a faculty member currently serving as HIMB's representative on the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council (KBRC). HIMB values its representation on the KBRC as required by HRS 200D-2 and is grateful that Mr. Reppun holds this position.

For the past four years, Mr. Reppun has worked at the interface of science, community, and policy, supporting the needs of both the KBRC and HIMB. Most recently, he successfully acquired funding from the Hawai'i Community Foundation to support reconvening working groups to renew the Kāne'ōhe Bay Master Plan. KBRC passed a resolution to contract a planner with these funds, and the Council is in the process of forming a temporary committee.

Mr. Reppun also communicates with HIMB researchers the needs and requests for science to inform management issues that come before the KBRC and shares research findings from HIMB that are relevant to the wise use of Kāne'ōhe Bay by the public, researchers, and commercial operators. Ongoing research at HIMB relevant to the planning and management of Kāne'ōhe Bay includes performance and movement of herbivorous fish in response to water quality, movement and connectivity of papio in and out of Kāne'ōhe Bay, coral recovery from thermal stress, impacts of kalo lo'i management on Kāne'ōhe Bay water quality, effects of wastewater contaminants on coral health, and relationships between the health of coastal ecosystems and the human communities that depend on them.

For these reasons, HIMB supports the confirmation of Fred Reppun.



KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

March 7, 2025

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 701 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kane'ohe
Bay Regional Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, FREDERICK REPUN, for a term
to expire 06-30-2027

Aloha Kakou,

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club would like to express its strong support for Frederick Repun's appointment to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. Mr. Repun's `ohana has been an integral part of the Kaneohe community for generations and he is very much carrying on that responsibility. His education includes a B.A. degree from Harvard University in Environmental Science and Public Policy and an M.S. degree from Ohio State University in Environmental Science. He presently holds the position of Education Coordinator, He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). He is highly knowledgeable about the problems and possibilities of the Kaneohe Bay region and is a collaborator as well as a leader.

Mahalo nui for this opportunity to testify on his behalf and for your favorable consideration of his nomination.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Charles Naumu, President
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko`olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."

GM-701

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 4:58:12 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mahealani Cypher	Testifying for Ko`olau Foundation	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members:

The Ko`olau Foundation offers its strong support for the appointment of Frederick Reppun to serve another term on the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. Fred has served this committee in the past with diligence and commitment to the goals of wise management of Kaneohe Bay, and will continue to do so if approved for a new term.

We urge your support for his confirmation.

Mahalo for your consideration of our mana`o.

Mahealani Cypher

GM-701

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 7:30:49 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kapua Kawelo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of Fred Reppun for the Kaneohe Bay regional council. He is a resident of this area, has spent a lot of time on the bay and is an all around good choice for this role! Fred will do a balanced job of representing issues surrounding the bay. Thank you for your time.
Kapua Kawelo

GM-701

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 11:51:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elena Bryant	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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 Frederick Reppun to the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC). I have served on the KBRC with Mr. Reppun since my appointment in 2022. He is a well-respected scholar and member of the Hawai`i Institute of Marine Biology and his `ohana has multi-generational ties to Kane`ohe Bay. His educational background and work experience demonstrate his strong dedication to community-based environmental science, management, and education, and his unique background and expertise have been an integral part of the Council's efforts to protect and restore Kane`ohe Bay. Mr. Reppun is also an active member of the Kane`ohe Bay Master Plan Task Force where he chairs and participates in various committees to establish policy recommendations and long-overdue updates to the Kane`ohe Bay Master Plan, which the KBRC is tasked with implementing. 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. Reppun's nomination and confirmation to the KBRC.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Elena Bryant

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GM-701

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 8:49:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John L Reppun	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Committee on Water & Land; Hearing of Wednesday 3/12/25 at 1 pm

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante & Committee Members:

Please accept my testimony in strong support for confirmation of all three nominees for the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council before you today: Frederick Reppun, Jeffrey ("Liko") Kaluhiwa, and Cedric Bertelmann. All three gentlemen are qualified based on the depth of their respective bay area experiences, educational & professional backgrounds, and dedication to long-term stewardship of both Kaneohe Bay itself *and* the landward/mauka portions of the nine ahupua'a that contribute to the receiving waters of the bay. I am completely, but appropriately biased (and delighted) to lend my support for these nominees, being related directly (Fred is my nephew) and related by respective & shared 'ohana interests (the Kaluhiwa and Bertelmann 'ohana are long-time acquaintances and bay area occupants). Both the Chair and the Vice Chair, as Elderstateswoman and next-in-line leadership, respectively, will surely appreciate the elation that comes from seeing next generation in a given moku step up to shoulder the kuleana involved with serving on such a council. Together, they bring new understanding and expertise that is needed in a rapidly-changing natural resource environment even as we all struggle to ensure continuance of the many and diverse interests that have and hopefully will continue to be able to share use and care of the unique estuarine, reef habitat and more in Kaneohe Bay. These three nominees represent an intergenerational commitment to the work ahead.

Mahalo for your consideration

John L. Reppun - Waiahole resident, farmer; lifetime community advocate for Windward O'ahu