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Before the Senate Committees on
WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
1:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 703
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KĀNE'ŌHE BAY
REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JEFFREY KALUHIWA, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2028

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 703 nominating Mr. Jeffrey Kaluhiwa 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. Kaluhiwa has served on the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council since 2018. He has been an active and engaged Council member and we anticipate that he will continue to be a valuable asset to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council.

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



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 703 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kane'ohe
Bay Regional Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JEFFREY KALUHIWA, for a term to expire
06-30-2028

Aloha kakou,

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club would like to express its strong support for Jeffrey Liko Kaluhiwa's appointment to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. Mr. Kaluhiwa's `ohana has lived in Kaneohe for many generations. He is a lifelong resident of Kaneohe and member of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club since the age of seventeen. His work and community interests illustrate the deep commitment he has made to building abundance, sustainability and a strong community there. He is a highly respected waterman who intimately understands the many issues that Kaneohe Bay faces. And he has personal community connections with numerous Kaneohe organizations that are integral to the success of the Council.

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."

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GM-703

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 5:00:49 PM
Testimony for WTL on 3/12/2025 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| 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 nomination of Jeffrey Liko Kaluhiwa to serve another term on the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

We have every confidence that he will continue to provide this important council with his wise advice as representative of some of the users of Kaneohe Bay, and urge your confirmation of his appointment.

Mahalo for your consideration of our mana`o.

Mahealani Cypher

GM-703

Submitted on: 3/6/2025 12:29:12 PM

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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Leimomi Khan | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please recommend the confirmation of Jeffrey Kaluhiwa to continue his service on the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

His dedication and commitment to the protection and sustainability of Kāneʻohe Bay is well known as he is a recipient of traditional, modern, and cultural practices handed down for generations. During the course of Mr. Kaluhiwa's career, he has gained broad experience and knowledge as an expert fisherman (lawaia), he knows the seasons, tides, species, and other components that balance Kāneʻohe Bay.

Mr. Kaluhiwa is a reflection of the continued unselfish public service of his parents Jerry (deceased) and Rocky Kaluhiwa.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony.

GM-703

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 7:35:27 AM

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

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

Comments:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Liko Kaluhiwa to the Kāne‘oha Bay Regional Council. He is a Fisher person of this area, he has lived in the region his whole life and will do a good job to balance fishing with resource protection.
mahalo, Kapua Kawelo

GM-703

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 12:30:38 PM

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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| 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 Jeffrey “Liko” Kaluhiwa to the Kāne‘ohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC). I have served on the KBRC with Mr. Kaluhiwa since my appointment in 2022. His ‘ohana has multi-generational ties to the Kāne‘ohe Bay area and he is a lineal descendant of the konohiki of He‘eia. Through his upbringing, Mr. Kaluhiwa is a recipient of generations of knowledge about proper stewardship of the bay and its resources. As an avid fisherman, boater, sailor, canoe paddler, and cultural practitioner who has lived his entire life in and around Kāne‘ohe Bay, Mr. Kaluhiwa has the background and expertise to be an effective advocate for Kāne‘ohe Bay and he has been a tremendous asset to the KBRC and the Council’s kuleana to manage, restore, and protect Kāne‘ohe Bay. 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. Kaluhiwa’s nomination and confirmation to the KBRC.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Elena Bryant