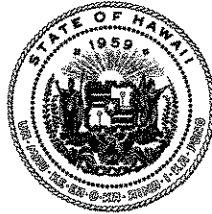
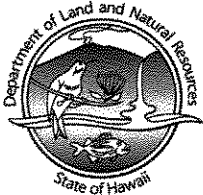


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Governor's Message No. 108 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council, Gubernatorial Nominee Benjamin Keolama'alahi Lindsey, for a term to expire 6-30-2009

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

October 25, 2007

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources recommend to the Senate, the confirmation of the appointment of Benjamin Keolama'alahi Lindsey as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' representative to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council in accordance with Section 200D-2(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Kaneohe Bay Regional Council was established to address current and future ocean use activities and to facilitate ongoing cooperation between various parties involved with ocean use activities in Kaneohe Bay.

Mr. Lindsey is product of Hawaii Preparatory Academy and the University of Hawaii at Manoa, with a degree in Hawaiian Studies. Upon graduation, Mr. Lindsey became the owner/manager of Onipa'a Mani'ai Farms. From there, Mr. Lindsey took a position in 2002 as Cultural Historian with the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Earlier this year, Mr. Lindsey left the Department for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) as Lead Advocate in Native Rights, Land and Culture Hale.

Mr. Lindsey's background and knowledge in native Hawaiian culture and practices adds still another considerable perspective with regard to the management of Kaneohe Bay. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Kawaihae Canoe Club, he has an appreciation and respect for the waters of the State.

The Department supports the confirmation of Benjamin Keolama'alahi Lindsey to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.



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LATE TESTIMONY

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council,
GM No. 108 BENJAMIN KEOLAMAʻALAHİ LINDSEY
for a term to expire 06-30-2008**

Senate Committee on Water and Land

October 25, 2007

2:45 p.m.

Room: 225

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **strongly supports** the appointment of Benjamin Keolamaʻalahi Lindsey as the OHA Representative on the Kaneʻohe Bay Regional Council. In fact, on October 24, 2007, the OHA Beneficiary and Advocacy Empowerment Committee voted unanimously to support his confirmation and appointment.

During his employment with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Mr. Lindsey gained extensive experience in working with diverse groups on a variety of sensitive issues related to the protection and preservation of historical and cultural sites on Hawaiʻi Island.

Mr. Lindsey has continued his commitment to serving the people of Hawaiʻi via his current employment with OHA as Lead Advocate for Culture in Native Rights Land and Culture. The sum of his experiences uniquely qualify him for this important kuleana.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Lindsey's appointment to the Kaneʻohe Bay Regional Council.