

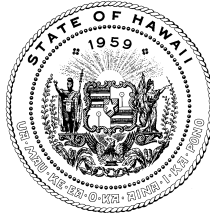
# TESTIMONY

GM 16

**JERRY KALUHIWA**

Kaneohe Bay Regional Council

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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013  
2:30 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 016  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KANEOHE  
BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JERRY KALUHIWA,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the Governor's nomination of Mr. Jerry Kaluhiwa to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on July 30, 2017.

The Department welcomes the wealth of knowledge and wisdom that Mr. Kaluhiwa will bring to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. Mr. Kaluhiwa has lived in He'eia Kea most of his life and serves on the boards of various organizations in the Kane'ohe district, including Na Iwi Ola o He'eia Kea, Paepae o He'eia, and Kako'o o 'Oiwī. He would bring to the Council his many years of knowledge and experience in traditional Hawaiian fishing, farming, and culture.

Mr. Kaluhiwa will be a valuable asset to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. As such, the Department asks this Committee to recommend his confirmation.



**AHA MOKU**

ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

The lines  
of the heavens  
are red...  
they disappear.

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF**

**GM 16 – JERRY KALUHIWA**

**KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Senate Committee on Water and Land Hearing

October 30, 2013

Room

2:30 p.m.

Aloha Chair Solomon, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

On behalf of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, we strongly support the nomination of Jerry Kaluhiwa to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

Mr. Kaluhiwa is a Native Hawaiian traditional practitioner who is well respected by the Koolaupoko Moku community as an expert lawaia. He is considered to be one of the few remaining Native Hawaiian cultural experts who has the traditional knowledge of the natural and cultural resources of Kaneohe Bay, and has the generational knowledge of the entire Koolaupoko Moku in regards to the sustainability and protection of the ecosystem of that side of Mokupuni O Kakuhihewa, or more commonly known as the Island of O’ahu.

We strongly support Mr. Kaluhiwa and believe his knowledge, commitment to Kaneohe and expertise in the protection of the resources of Kaneohe will benefit the community, and the public trust. We urge this committee to confirm Mr. Kaluhiwa on the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

Respectfully yours,

Leimana DaMate, Executive Director

Aha Moku Advisory Committee

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# KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

October 28, 2013

To: Senator Malama Solomon, Chair /And Members  
Committee on Water and Land

From: Alice P. Hewett, President  
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club *Alice P. Hewett*

Re: **Governor's Message 16: Nomination of Jerry Kaluhiwa**  
To the Kane'ohē Bay Regional Council

Aloha Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports the nomination of Jerry Kaluhiwa to serve on the Kane'ohē Bay Regional Council, for the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board's seat.

Uncle Jerry is kupa'aina to Kane'ohē Bay. His 'ohana, the Kaluhiwa family, have lived in this area for many generations. Jerry has spent most of his life in and on the bay, and is well respected for his knowledge of the important marine resources of Kane'ohē Bay.

He has been approached by many scientists wishing to tap into his 'ike, his knowledge, about the endangered reefs in the bay, how to propagate native limu, how to eliminate alien species and for information about many other resources in the bay. Jerry knows Kane'ohē bay like the back of his hand.

He has been recently tapped by the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology to work with them to map the locations of native limu species in the bay, and to understand the threat of alien sea weed to these limu colonies.

It is more than appropriate that the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board recommended Jerry Kaluhiwa to serve on their seat for this Council, because he is perhaps one of the most knowledgeable people when it comes to Kane'ohē Bay.

We urge your committee to give him your support, and to recommend this nomination to the full Senate for confirmation.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our mana'o.

*The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".*

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Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology

October 25, 2013

To: Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair  
Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Water and Land  
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From: Jo-Ann C. Leong, Director  
Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology  
University of Hawaii at Manoa

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jo-Ann C. Leong'.

Re: Nomination of Mr. Jerry Kaluhiwa to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council as the representative of the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board.

Dear Chairman Solomon, Vice-Chairman Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I support the nomination of Mr. Jerry Kaluhiwa for the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board position on the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC). I have known Mr. Kaluhiwa for over 10 years as we were members of the Board of Directors for Paepae o He'eia, the fishpond restoration project supported by Kamehameha Schools grant funds. I know him also as the sergeant-of-arms for the Ko'olaupoko Civic Club, and I am working with Mr. Kaluhiwa on a National Science Foundation funded project to examine the growth properties of limu kohu, a native Hawaiian marine algae in the Hawaiian Archipelago.

Mr. Kaluhiwa is a fisherman whose family has been in the Kaneohe Bay region for over 200 years. He will bring to the KBRC expertise in the traditional ecological knowledge of Kaneohe Bay and an understanding of this place that is needed on the council.

I ask the Senate Committee on Water and Land to approve Mr. Kaluhiwa's nomination to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

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October 29, 2013

TESTIMONY RE: GM16 – Supporting Jerry Kaluhiwa for Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council

To: Sen. Malama Solomon, Chair  
Senate Committee on Water & Land

From: Mahealani Cypher  
*Mahealani Cypher*

Aloha, Chair Solomon and Committee Members:

I would like to express my strong support for Jerry Kaluhiwa's appointment to serve as Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board's representative on the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council.

Having known Jerry for many years, I have always been impressed with the depth of his knowledge about Kane`ohe Bay. He knows the marine life, the reefs, the small islands and all of the shorelines around this bay. He grew up in this bay, and has spent all of his life in his "love affair" with Kane`ohe Bay.

Jerry Kaluhiwa is a strong advocate for protecting the important marine and cultural resources of this bay. He has observed illegal takings of tropical fish from the bay, and has duly reported to DLNR.

He will definitely prove to be both a resource and an asset to the K-Bay Regional Council, and I urge your support of his nomination.

Mahalo.

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**GM16**

Submitted on: 10/29/2013

Testimony for on Oct 30, 2013 14:30PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of the nomination of Jerry Kaluhiwa to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. As a resident of Kaneohe and a member of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, I know that Jerry's years-long commitment to the health of the Bay is paramount. ince legislation sunsetting the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council as of June 30, 2010, was passed over the objections of those concerned with the health of Kaneohe Bay, the Bay has been without an organized community group mandated by law to oversee activities in the Bay. As a result, illegal activities on Bay and at He`eia Small Boat Harbor have increased, leading to adverse impacts on the reefs, including the decline of fish. As a volunteer, Jerry has undertaken several projects in coordination with the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology to survey the reefs, fish, and limu to get a record of the decline. The Kaneohe Bay Regional Council should be restored to its full function and Jerry is the person to see that it's done. Nancy Davlantes 45-571 Awanene Place, #A Kaneohe

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