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**Testimony of**  
**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
**Chairperson**

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

**Tuesday, August 29, 2017**  
**2:00 PM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of**  
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 30**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE**  
**KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,**  
**CLAYTON HANAGAMI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021.**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the Governor's nomination of Mr. Clayton Hanagami to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2021 (Governor's Message 30).

Mr. Hanagami is currently not a member of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council but has been actively involved with its meetings in the early 1990s and more recently at the Council meetings in 2015 and 2016. Mr. Hanagami used to operate a commercial venture in the Bay before his recent retirement.

The Department appreciates the wealth of knowledge and wisdom that Mr. Hanagami brings from the commercial business point of view. He will be a valuable asset to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.



## Nomination to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council - Clayton Hanagami

4 messages

clayton hanagami

Fri, Aug 25, 2017 at 10:18 AM

Dear Sen. Rhoads:

The following are responses to your questions regarding my nomination for the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council as requested in your letter dated 8/23/2017.

1. Please describe your understanding of the role and jurisdiction of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (Council).

To facilitate, review and amend the implementation of the master plan as it relates to ocean activities.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Council?

To provide input from the commercial operators' perspective as it relates to the master plan.

3. Why do you wish to serve as a member of the Council? Please note if you applied to be nominated to the Council or if you were invited to apply.

I was invited to apply and have the experience as an commercial operator as well as being a participant in the formation of the master plan.

4. Please describe why you believe that your are qualified to be a member of the Council including the specific council seat your have been designated to represent. Please discuss any skills, expertise, knowledge, or volunteer involvement that would aid in you decision-making ability,

I was employed by Kaneohe Bay Cruises Inc (glass bottom tour operator) and Mid Pacific of Hawaii Inc. (large full service operator) from 1/1990 to 12/2015. I also owned Watersports Inc. (small sail operator) for 7/1993 to 1/2017. I attended the majority of the meeting of the Kaneohe Bay Task Force which authored the master plan.

5. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service on the Council?

To represent the commercial operators' interest and provide input from their perspective as it applies to the master plan,.

6. What issues do you believe that the Council has handled well in the past? What issues do you believe that the Council should address in the future?

The Council has not consistently held official (sufficient quorum) quarterly meetings as required. Should the Council continue to meet in the future or should it be dissolved? Are the Council recommendations taken into consideration by the respective governmental agencies?

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests involving you that could arise during your service on the Council? How would you address any possible conflicts of interest?

No. If any conflicts of interest arise, I would answer the accusations to the best of my knowledge.

8. Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered for your nomination?

No.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at

Mahalo,

Clayton Hanagami

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