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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 31
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
CLIFFORD LOO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the Governor's nomination of Mr. Clifford Loo to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2021 (Governor's Message 31).

Mr. Loo is currently not a member of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council but has been selected as the nominee representing the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board. The Kahaluu Neighborhood Board selected Mr. Loo at its meeting of May 10, 2017, following the passing of Mr. Jerry Kaluhiwa, who was the previous Neighborhood Board representative.

As provided under Section 200D-2(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board representative would be a voting member of the Council, subject to nomination by the Governor, and consent and confirmation by the Senate. He will be a valuable asset to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
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Testimony of
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Before the Senate Committee on
Water and Land

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**In Consideration of
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REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CLIFFORD LOO, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE 06-30-2021**

Gubernatorial Nominee, Clifford Loo, is submitted for consideration and confirmation to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire 06-30-21.

Many participants in the Aha Moku System support Clifford Loo. Mr. Loo is uniquely suitable for the important task of supporting the ecosystem in Kane'ohe Bay. His experience and life-long dedication to Kane'ohe as a resident and advocate for the protection of the natural and cultural resources of the Kane'ohe Ahupua'a makes him the right person to sit on this Council. Mr. Loo is fair, compassionate and avid in the protection of the resources of Kane'ohe Bay. He will strive to protect and sustain Kane'ohe Bay so that future generations can enjoy the same privileges people today enjoy while accessing the bay.

Mr. Loo has a strong background in community advocacy. He is also familiar with administrative processes. He is approachable, intelligent and has a deep love for Kane'ohe. There are many who consider him an expert in the native plants, trees, and marine issues of Kane'ohe. He understands the importance of the watershed to the health of the bay. He works well with all different types and groups of people, sees all the different aspects of an issue, and is very well respected by his peers and his community.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony and we ask that this committee accept and confirm Clifford Loo as a member of the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council. Mahalo nui loa!

From: [Marilyn Leimomi Khan](#)
To: [WTL Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support of Clifford Loo, GM31
Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 9:58:00 AM



Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land

Subject: Confirmation of Clifford Low, GM31, Kaneohe Bay Regional Council
Hearing, Tuesday, August 29, 2017 2:00 p.m., Conf Rm 224

Aloha, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

I regret due to health reasons that I am unable to be at the Senate Committee on Water and Land hearing today, thus, I am using this means to convey my support of your confirmation of Mr. Clifford Loo, Gubernatorial Nominee, to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council. Mr. Loo was born and raised in Kahaluʻu. He attended Waiahole Elementary School, St. Ann`s Catholic Church school and graduated from Castle HS in 1961. He served in the United States Army for 4 years. Clifford has been active on the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board for the last 5 to 6 years.

I know Clifford by his volunteer work with the Oahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. He is reliable, honest, down-to-earth. You can depend on him to carry out his kuleana as a member of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council because he`s not afraid to work for the betterment of his community, Kaneohe. He knows the Kaneohe Bay area and will bring sound cultural knowledge to the table that will help in decision-making by Council members.

Please confirm his nomination.

Mahalo

Leimomi Khan

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KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

August 29, 2017

LATE

TO: SEN. KARL RHOADS, Chair
And Members, Water & Land Committee

FROM: ALICE P. HEWETT, President
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

RE: GM#31, APPOINTMENT OF CLIFFORD LOO –
KANEEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

On behalf of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, Aloha to Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports the appointment of Clifford Loo to serve on the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council, and urges your committee to recommend his confirmation by the full Senate.

Clifford is a member of our civic club, actually one of the hardest-working members of our club. He is observant about activity on the bay, and a strong advocate for measures to protect the marine resources of Kane`ohe Bay.

Although he is non-Hawaiian, he learned about cultural practices from his mother and from Hawaiian families who were neighbors of theirs on Waihe`e Road during his youth. He is counted among the cultural practitioners of our club, and – with his wife Teri – has helped coordinate volunteers from civic clubs to care for Mauna Ala's chapel and crypt for many years.

We are certain he will be an asset to the council, as he has been to our board and our civic club.

We urge your committee's approval of his appointment, and recommendation for his confirmation by the full Senate.

Mahalo.

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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LATE

August 29, 2017

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair
& Members, Committee on Water & Land

From: Aaron Mahi, President
Ko`olau Foundation

Subject: GM31, Appointment of Clifford Loo to the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Honorable Members of this Committee:

The Ko`olau Foundation strongly supports the appointment of Clifford Loo to serve on the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council, and urge your confirmation of his appointment.

Our foundation works to preserve historic sites and cultural properties throughout the islands, and is currently engaged in efforts to establish a cultural preserve in Haiku Valley. We also monitor closely the activities of Kane`ohe bay and along the Windward coastline, where there are historic sites and other important cultural resources.

Clifford Loo is a grassroots community member who was born and raised in the Windward area. He is a member of the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board, which nominated him for this seat. He is also a member of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, to which he has dedicated his time, energy and support for many years.

He brings commitment to his community through his willingness to serve on this important council, and we urge your confirmation of his appointment.

Mahalo for allowing us to offer our mana`o.