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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021
1:00 PM**

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 229

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 715
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KĀNE'ŌHE
BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOSEPH PICKARD,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2025**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 715 nominating Mr. Joseph Pickard to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2025.

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. Pickard is a native Hawaiian business and community leader in Hawaii. He is the owner and president of three successful businesses in Hawaii: Sea Hawaii, Inc., which provides eco-marine tours, marine sampling, and ocean transport; Environet, Inc., which provides environmental engineering and remediation services, explosive ordnance removal, undersea chemical munitions assessments, and construction services; and Community Planning and Engineering, Inc., a civil engineering firm that has been involved in numerous projects throughout the State of Hawaii for nearly 60 years. Mr. Pickard also founded the Native Hawaiian Community Development Corporation, a United States Small Business Administration certified Native Hawaiian Organization that provides STEM based educational and career opportunities for Native Hawaiians.

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KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
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The Department welcomes the wealth of experience that Mr. Pickard will bring to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support on the confirmation of Mr. Joseph Pickard to serve on the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council.



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Before the Senate Committee Water and Land

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
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Support for Governor Message 715, Joseph G. Pickard
Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council

Aloha Chair Inouye, and Members of the Senate Water and Land Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer strong support for Governor Message 715, Joseph Pickard. This message is submitted for consideration and confirmation to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Participants in the Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) of the Ko'olaupoko Moku, Kakuhihewa (Island of O'ahu) supports this submittal.

Pursuant to Act 208, SLH 1990, the Legislature established the Kane'ohe Bay Master Plan with oversight of the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC). This Master Plan recognized the fundamental and deep-rooted value of Kane'ohe Bay, apart from its special resource value. "The Bay is a recreational resource, an economic resource, a cultural and traditional Hawaiian resource, and a natural ecological treasure. Kane'ohe Bay is also an internationally recognized research resource for which the people of Hawaii are custodians."¹

Also of equal importance is the strong relationship between the watershed and the health of the Bay; the protection of the cultural and traditional Hawaiian uses of Kane'ohe Bay particularly those associated with *Loko I'a* (fishponds), *Hoe Wa'a* (canoeing), *Lawai'a* (fishing) and *Nalu* (surfing); and the balance between commercial fishing and recreational uses.

Joseph Pickard is a life-long resident of Kaneohe and knows Kane'ohe Bay thoroughly. As one of the original participants in the creation of the Kane'ohe Master Plan, Mr. Pickard feels the Bay because he lives it and understands all the nuances and issues that sustains this precious resource. He is a leader in the community and will be a strong asset to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council.

Aha Moku strongly supports this nomination and urges this Committee to confirm Mr. Pickard.

Respectfully yours,

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¹ Kane'ohe Bay Master Plan, May 1992



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

March 12, 2021

To: Gov. David Ige
& Members, Hawai'i State Legislature

Subject: Support for Joseph Pickard - Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council
Nominee

Aloha Governor Ige and Honorable Members of the Hawai'i State Legislature:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club wishes to express their support for the appointment of Joseph Pickard to serve on the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council for the new term which begins July 1, 2021.

As a longtime resident of the Windward side, Joe Pickard is an excellent candidate. As a result of his boating and tour business experience, his background as a U.S. Coast Guard Commander and his extensive volunteer efforts with the Kane'ohe Bay Master Plan he has a deep knowledge of and commitment to protecting the Kaneohe Bay area.

We urge you, and the members of the Legislature, to give positive consideration to his appointment to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council.

Mahalo piha,

Cheryl Prince, Secretary
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

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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."

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Chair

Honorable Gil Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Honorable Members of the Committee on Water and Land

March 30, 2021

RE: G.M. 715 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOSEPH PICKARD, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Aloha Chair Inouye,

My name is Pane Meatoga Jr. I am very pleased to submit my personal testimony in support of the appointment of Joseph G. Pickard to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council. I have known Joe and his family for the last forty-five years. He is a family man, small business owner, and a man dedicated to serving his community.

Through his professional, civic, and community service positions he has assisted the state of Hawaii with many projects. His most recent challenge has been assisting the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in achieving their goal of providing 6,000 residential lots for Native Hawaiians over the next 5 years – a number that nearly equals the 7,200 leases awarded by the agency since it was created 83 years ago.

He assisted in managing dozens of community meetings seeking public input into the creation of the first ocean use plan for Kaneohe Bay. This three-year process required hundreds of hours of interaction with community groups and government agencies. He served in a similar capacity at the national level as a Secretary of the Navy appointee to the Ocean Research Advisory Panel.

Thank you for this opportunity to support Joseph G. Pickard in his nomination to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Pane Meatoga Jr.

Retired, Operating Engineers Local 3- District Representative, Trustee

GM-715

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 5:05:55 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/14/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

Joseph Pickard is an excellent representative of issues and actions relating to Kaneohe Bay. As a plankowner of the Kaneohe Bay Master Plan in 1991-1992, He has served the windward community in a variety of capacities. Mr. Pickard has a great deal of understanding and malama for Kaneohe Bay and his appointment to the Council will be a welcome addition.

I support his appointment to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council

GM-715

Submitted on: 4/13/2021 7:21:09 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/14/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua Kaakua	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Keth-Agaran, and members of the Committee on Water and Land,

Please accept this testimony in SUPPORT of nominee JOSEPH PICKARD to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.