STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2846

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 1 0 2016

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 506

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 506, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

G.M. No. 506 JOSHUA KAAKUA, for a term to expire 06-30-2019,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Joshua Kaakua from the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Protect Kahoʻolawe Ohana, and thirteen individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Kaakua's experience as the Director of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa College of Engineering Native Hawaiian Science & Engineering Mentorship Program, commitment to public service, and proven leadership qualify him for appointment to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. Your Committee notes that Mr. Kaakua is the Coordinator of the Minority Engineering Program at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa; has ten years of management experience planning, designing, and implementing collaborative, high performing, and results-oriented Native Hawaiian education programs within the University of Hawai'i System with a focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and has expertise in Native Hawaiian education, research and statistics, culture-based frameworks, pedagogy, and assessment. Your



Committee further finds that Mr. Kaakua has been appointed to the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission as a member of Protect Kahoʻolawe Ohana based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture,

WIKE GABBARD. Chair

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture WLA Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:		
GM 506	WLA			02-29-16		
The Committee is reconsidering its decision						
The Recommendation is:						
Advise and Consent						
Members		Aye	Aye	(WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)		/				
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)		/				
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.						/
RIVIERE, Gil		/				
RUDERMAN, Russell E.						
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.						
THIELEN, Laura H.						
WAKAI, Glenn						
SLOM, Sam	10					
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TOTAL						4
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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