



April 5, 2023

TESTIMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS
To the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, POMAICALANI BERTELMANN, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Brandon Elefante, and members of the Committee:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs testifies in **SUPPORT** of GM 540 which confirms Pomaikalani Bertelmann to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority.

Ms. Bertelmann is long-time educator, community leader, and cultural practitioner. Among her community affiliations, Ms. Bertelmann is a member of the Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club. Given her professional experience, cultural training, and long-standing commitment to the Native Hawaiian community, Pomaikalani Bertelmann is an excellent nominee for this role.

Founded by Prince Kūhiō in 1918, the Hawaiian Civic Club movement is the oldest Native Hawaiian community-based advocacy movement. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is a not-for-profit organization that is a confederation of 61 individual and autonomous Hawaiian Civic Clubs located across Hawai'i and across the continental United States. With more than 3,000 members, we advocate for improved welfare of Native Hawaiians in culture, health, economic development, and education.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of our support for Pomaikalani Bertelmann.

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/2/2023 12:37:52 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kupuna for the Mo'opuna	Testifying for Kupuna for the Moopuna	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT for consideration and confirmation to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee **POMAIKALANI BERTELMANN**.

Mahalo,

Kūpuna for the Mo‘opuna

Pana‘ewa, Hawai’i



Hawaiian Civic Club of Hilo

**Written Testimony of SUPPORT Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
April 5, 2023**

by
The Hawaiian Civic Club of Hilo

Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (GM 539, GM 540, GM 543, GM 537)

Dear Chairperson Inouye and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this testimony in support of the following nominees for the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (SOA).

- Joshua Mangauil, GM 539
- Pomaikalani Bertelmann, GM 540
- Michelle Wong-Wilson GM 537

Each of these nominees have demonstrated the commitment, knowledge, integrity, and experience necessary to effectively serve on the Mauna Kea SOA. Our membership fully supports their confirmation.

Mahalo for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dorinna H. Cortez'.

Dorinna H. Cortez
Secretary/Treasurer

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Hilo, HI 96720
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GM-540

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 9:31:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Torie Hoopii	Testifying for Kakoo Haleakala	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support POMAIKALANI BERTELMANN to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority.

She is perfect for the position.

Mahalo,

Torie Hoopii



**Written Testimony of SUPPORT Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
April 5, 2023**

by

The Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club

Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (GM 539, GM 540, GM 537)

Dear Chairperson Inouye and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this testimony in support of the following nominees for the Mauna Kea Stewardship Oversight Authority (SOA).

Joshua Lanakila Mangauil, GM 539
Pomaikalani Bertelmann, GM 540
Michelle Noe Noe Wong-Wilson, GM 537

Each nominee has demonstrated the commitment, knowledge, integrity, and experience needed to effectively serve on the Mauna Kea SOA. The membership of the Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports their confirmation.

Mahalo nui for your consideration,

Edith Kawai, President
Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club



Kamehameha Schools®

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Time: 1:00 p.m.
Date: April 5, 2023
Where: Conference Room 229

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TESTIMONY

By Dr. Wai‘ale‘ale Sarsona
Kamehameha Schools

RE: **Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA) Nominations**

E ka Luna Ho‘omaluku Inouye, ka Hope Luna Ho‘omaluku Elefante, a me nā lālā o ke Kōmike Wai a me ‘Āina o ka ‘Aha Kenekoa, aloha kākou. My name is Dr. Wai‘ale‘ale Sarsona, Vice President of Hi‘ialo at Kamehameha Schools.

Kamehameha Schools **supports** the nominees to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA). Mauna Kea is a place of great cultural, spiritual, ecological, and historical significance for Hawai‘i and for Native Hawaiians. The proper management of Mauna Kea’s rich cultural and natural resources has been a source of continued community concern and controversy for many decades.

On July 7, 2022, Act 255 (SLH, 2022) was signed into law to establish the Mauna Kea Stewardship Oversight Authority (MKSOA) and a transition and governance structure for the management of Mauna Kea lands. The establishment of the MKSOA was an appropriate next step in creating a venue where community voices, particularly those from the Native Hawaiian community, will be meaningfully elevated and included in the stewardship and oversight of Mauna Kea. **Please advance the MKSOA nominations.**

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an educational organization striving to restore our people through education and advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership. Hānai i ke keiki; ola ka lāhui.

‘A‘ohe ‘ulu e loa‘a i ka pōkole o ka lou. There is no success without preparation.

GM-540

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:55:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO > !!

GM-540

Submitted on: 3/31/2023 8:28:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
john komeiji	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Pomaikalani Bertelmann to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority.

Since September 2022, the members of the Authority have focused on establishing the structure and framework for this new State agency. Along with others, Ms. Bertelmann has had to learn about the many steps that must be undertaken to stand-up this important organization. Further, as the Authority currently has no employees, Authority Board members have had to undertake operational tasks that typically are undertaken by paid staff to move us toward our operational goals.

Based upon my experience and discussions with these members, I have no doubt that she will continue to: be focused and engaged; express and consider differing perspectives; and most importantly, foster a “mutual stewardship paradigm in which ecology, the environment, natural resources, cultural practices, education and science are in balance and synergy” (Act 255). As a result, I highly support the confirmation of Ms. Bertelmann.

Mahalo for permitting me the opportunity to express my support.

John Komeiji

Chair Designee, Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/1/2023 2:20:13 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KATHERINE ROSEGUO	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. I am a Hawai'i island voter and Hawaiian language speaker who works on Maunakea. I am writing to urge you to reject the nominees for the Maunakea Authority who protested the construction of TMT by illegally blocking the road.

There are so many talented and knowledgeable native Hawaiians who can walk in both the past and the future. Do not reward people who threaten, scream misinformation and block the road and with power. They will put all us local people who work on Maunakea out of work while they crush our childrens' dreams. ["You Will Not Build On Maunakea" Mililani Trask Tells NSF \(Aug. 9, 2022\)](#)

I have listed the nominees I am concerned about below along with the evidence (links).

The nominees I am concerned about comprise a majority of the people selected to serve on the Authority. The evidence below shows that they will not honor Astronomy as state policy. In addition, I have been viewing the meetings thus far, and it appears that the people on this Authority are not interested in serving the public, but rather in political power. They want to spend millions of dollars to hire all these people to do the job that UH did and worked so hard to improve. Nonetheless, those efforts were ignored and the "mismanagement" of 20 years ago was used to justify tossing UH under the bus and create a whole new Authority paid for by taxpayers, with no apparent oversight. But here we are.

The nominees I am concerned about are:

Kamanamaikalani Beamer:

<https://www.facebook.com/1180085812/videos/10218301693551963/>

Gary Krug, Pomaikai Bertelmann, Michelle "Noe Noe" Wong-Wilson All of the above are in this video: <https://www.facebook.com/710585613/videos/10157091730755614/>

Joshua Mangaul: <https://fb.watch/g81tBrP7KJ/>

Pomaikai Bertelmann <https://youtu.be/iwRnQQn6m2E> at 5:02, 8:19

As a former public school teacher, I ask: Why even teach STEM to our local kids if the state is actively destroying opportunities for students to pursue careers in physics and astronomy at UH and be able to remain in the islands instead of moving to the mainland? Do you not believe in our youth? Why pit the Hawaiian community as a whole against the sciences when so many Hawaiians and other local people support astronomy and the many technical and other local jobs which follow it?

You might wonder why more did not volunteer to be on the MKSOA. The truth is, people are scared. Supporting astronomy of any kind has become synonymous with being anti-Hawaiian. Nothing is further from the truth. Having taught science in Hawaiian at Nāwahī, I have witnessed the beauty of combining culture and science. What's sad is that our kids who think physics and astronomy is cool stay silent, with so much hatred and anger directed towards astronomy. Those of us who live on Big Island see "A'ole TMT" stickers on people's cars, "Kū Kia'i Mauna" on people's shirts in the grocery store, and many have experienced threats of violence, even former Governor Ige. Native Hawaiian astrophysicists and navigators have gotten threats from their own families and the community. We feel unsafe, especially after Harry Kim and Ige reward protestors by using taxpayer funds to lay down gravel at the protest site. Protestors claim that their voices haven't been heard, but the truth is, the media seems to ONLY give weight to those voices. To testify in person in support of astronomy is absolutely terrifying, especially when some lawmakers have been emboldened by how yelling and screaming has served them. Is this who we in Hawai'i have become?

The actual silenced voices, left unacknowledged by the media as well as our own state government, are the local people who support astronomy and STEM education, and see a future for our keiki to stay in Hawai'i instead of moving away after they graduate. They don't want tourism or the military to be the only future for our kids.

I am advocating for the nomination of native Hawaiians who are able to walk in Hawai'i kahiko as well as Hawai'i today: modern native Hawaiians who perpetuate our cultural heritage of celestial navigation and natural observation by contributing to and supporting the most advanced astronomy and space sciences: people like the late Paul Coleman, Kalepa Baybayan, and Wally Ishibashi, may they rest among the stars. Others who are here with us: Heather Kaluna, Brittany Kamai, Makana Silva, Tyler Trent, Amber Imai-Hong, Kauionalani Brielyn Onodera, Mailani Neal, Kaila Nathaniel, Leinani Lozi, Ka'iu Kimura, Larry Kimura, Naea Stevens, Kekoa Alip, and Kaimi Kahihikolo, to name just a few. I urge you, before considering who should be on this Authority, to come to Maunakea, and see how science and culture are thriving here, and how many local people are working here in various capacities. Please seek nominees who can work together for the good of all. Make it safe for people who can see our past and our future in the heavens. They want to serve. Seeking peaceful solutions united by our shared humanity - and voting - that's what works. Say yes to Maunakea so everyone - the entire world - can benefit. Seeking knowledge is sacred. For all of us.

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/2/2023 4:35:00 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Dalton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If appointed to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority there is little chance this nominee will remain neutral in any decision affecting the Thirty-Meter Telescope. I oppose confirmation.

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 7:08:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Uilani Naipo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please confirm Pōmai!

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 7:51:56 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renee Ku'uleinani Price	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President and Members of the Senate

Thiny-Second Legislature Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation the following nomination:

Pomaikalani Bertelmann

Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority Expiration Date: June 30, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Ku'uleinani Price

Kumu Hula

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 2:53:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
mary drayer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please confirm Pomaikalani Bertelmann for the Maunakea Stewardship Authority and Oversight. ALL VOICES and opinions must be heard. I strongly support GM540 - Mahalo for accepting public testimony via this online process - gives people like me a voice after being silent for 60 years! ...

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 9:51:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Acasio	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**To: Senate Committee on Water and Land Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair Senator Stanley Chang Senator Angus
McKelvey Senator Kurt Fevella**

From: Laura Acasio, Former State Senator District 1, Hilo

Date: April 5, 2023

**Subject: SUPPORT for GM 540 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation
to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, Gubernatorial
Nominee, POMAIKALANI BERTELMANN, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.**

**Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the Water and Land
Committee,**

**Please accept this testimony in support of Ms. Pomai Bertelmann for the Mauna
Kea Stewardship & Oversight Authority. I urge you to support her nomination
to the Mauna Kea Stewardship & Oversight Authority.**

Laura Acasio

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 9:59:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
E. Kalani Flores	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

April 3, 2023

Aloha e Chair and Members of the Senate WTL Committee,

Please accept this testimony in SUPPORT of the following nominees for the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA).

- JOSHUA LANAKILA MANGAUIL, GM 539**
- POMAIKALANI BERTELMANN, GM 540**
- MICHELLE NOE NOE WONG-WILSON, GM 537**

In order for this new management process pertaining to Mauna Kea to have any credibility, the make-up of the MKSOA needs perspectives from community members such as these nominees who are well-respected in the Native Hawaiian community for their cultural insight and knowledge connected to Mauna Kea. Each of these nominees have demonstrated the commitment, integrity, and experience necessary to effectively serve on the MKSOA. I fully support their confirmation.

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 10:35:34 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kapulei Flores	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support Pomaikalani Bertelmann for the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA). In order for this new management process pertaining to Mauna Kea to have any credibility, the make-up of the MKSOA needs perspectives from community members such as these nominees who are well-respected in the Native Hawaiian community for their cultural insight and knowledge connected to Mauna Kea. This nominee has demonstrated the commitment, integrity, and experience necessary to effectively serve on the MKSOA. I fully support their confirmation.

Mahalo

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 10:41:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laulani Teale	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the nominations of Joshua Lanakila Mangauil, Noenoe Wong-Wilson, and Pōmaika'i Bertelmann to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority Board.

Mauna Kea is sacred. New management must respect this, and support Mauna Kea's protection, as well as the protection of cultural practice. No new lease. No TMT. No interference with cultural practices.

I trust that these candidates will support these foundational principles.

In this, they have my blessing.

Mahalo nui loa,

Laulani

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 7:31:27 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kris Bordessa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support the confirmation of Pomaikalani Bertelmann to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority and urge you to do so as well.

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 7:52:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cheryl B.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In SUPPORT of Pomaikalani Bertelmann for this position on Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. It is important to have people of Mauna Kea, the place, who have a long term relationship and understanding of the community and issues as well as depth of knowledge of the Mauna itself. Pomaikalani has all of those and I SUPPORT her nomination.

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 8:01:56 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pua Case	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Chair and Members of the Senate WTL Committee,

Please accept this testimony in SUPPORT of the following nominees for the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA).

- JOSHUA LANAKILA MANGAUIL, GM 539**
- POMAIKALANI BERTELMANN, GM 540**
- MICHELLE NOE NOE WONG-WILSON, GM 537**

In order for this new management process pertaining to Mauna Kea to have any credibility, the make-up of the MKSOA needs perspectives from community members such as these nominees who are well-respected in the Native Hawaiian community for their cultural insight and knowledge connected to Mauna Kea. Each of these nominees have demonstrated the commitment, integrity, and experience necessary to effectively serve on the MKSOA. In order for this Board to be supported by the Native Hawaiian and local communities, there must be nominees that are not only from the lands of Mauna Kea but who possess knowledge and participate in the cultural practices associated with the mountain. I fully support their confirmation as I have complete trust in these nominees to do what is best for Mauna a Wākea, Mauna Kea.

Pua Case

Pu‘ukapu, Waimea

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 8:08:51 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stacey Alapai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Pomaikalani Bertelmann to be a responsible steward of the land as part of the Mauna Kea Board.

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 8:40:30 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christine Matsuda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

I am in strong SUPPORT of Pomaikalani Bertelmann's confirmation to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, along with the full list of nominees under consideration by your committee for confirmation.

The issues surrounding Maunakea have been incredibly divisive, important and impactful for our community to grapple with. The leadership that these individuals have shown is admirable; not just their commitment to the mauna and to our community, but importantly, their willingness to take on the complex challenges and heavy responsibility of governance. Many folks have participated as activists on all sides of the Maunakea issues, but few leaders have demonstrated the commitment, perspective and expertise necessary to build something new, working together, to move us forward on a new path as a community.

These individuals are remarkable leaders, and I am personally grateful to them for stepping forward to serve. This list of nominees are the right group to serve these initial terms at the critical start-up phase of the new Authority, and have already demonstrated how well they will work together as a full governing body during their initial meetings as interim appointees. Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony in support of their confirmation.

With aloha,

Christine Matsuda

Nu'uano, HI 96817

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 8:58:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Matsuda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante and members of the Senate Water and Land Committee,

I support the confirmation of Pomaikalani Bertelmann on the board of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority as a lineal descendant of Maunakea. She is a highly regarded and respected leader in the traditional voyaging and Hawaiian education communities, and comes from a deeply rooted Hawaiian family in Waimea with long-standing kuleana for the care of Maunakea. Her leadership experience will help the authority work with the community in a functional and practical manner, grounded in Hawaiian wisdom and values. This will be important to the future success of the authority.

Richard Matsuda

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:07:06 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Consuelo Apolo-Gonsalves	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm in full support

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:19:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Naalehu Anthony	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

I am in strong SUPPORT of Pomaikalani Bertelmann’s confirmation to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. I have know Pomai for almost three decades and am continually humbled by the leadership she shows on the deck of our voyaging canoes as a captain, in the classroom as an educator and out in the community of Waimea as a steward of the ‘āina that her family has maintained for generations.

The issues around Maunakea have built up so much pressure in our community that we now need a different way to engage each other to find a new path forward for this highly divisive topic. Pomai’s commitment to her community and her steadfast leadership style are exactly what is needed to help bring this diverse group of individuals together to set the tone for this new Authority. Her time spent on the voyaging canoes will be especially valuable to this authority. She has sailed thousands of miles as a captain providing the remarkable leadership necessary to bring her crew together to work in unison towards a common goal and destination.

Mahalo nui for this opportunity to submit in strong support of Pomaikalani Bertelmann’s appointment to the Maunakea Authority.

Aloha,

Na’alehu Anthony

Ka’a’awa, O’ahu

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:28:03 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Kok	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Pomaikalani Bertelmann to the board of Mauna Kea Stewardship Authority. He is well qualified to represent the best interests of the Hawaiian people and our sacred Mauna.

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:29:27 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph Keola Donaghy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. I am writing to express my unreserved and enthusiastic report for the nomination of Gubernatorial Nominee POMAIKALANI BERTELMANN to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. Pomai is a person of unwavering conviction and a passionate advocate for Maunakea. I have complete faith in his judgment and desire to act for what benefits the mauna and other Hawaiian lands that surround it, and I urge the legislature to support his nomination and approve his appointment to this important position. Mahalo.

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:42:37 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Minnette Kaikaina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the consideration and confirmation of Pomaikalani Bertelmann to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority.

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 11:03:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bianca Isaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

As a long-time advocate for the protection of Mauna Kea, I strongly support the nomination of Pomaikalani Bertelmann to serve on the Mauna Kea Stewardship Authority. Their participation will inspire confidence in the stewardship process. Thank you.

Bianca Isaki

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 11:11:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rudy Kok	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please confirm Pomaikalani Bertelmann for the board of oversight for the Mauna Kea stewardship. Thank you.

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 11:18:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noe Noe Wong-Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

Please accept this testimony in support of the nomination of Pomaikalani Bertelmann to the Lineal Descendant seat on the Mauna Kea Stewardship & Oversight Authority.

I have known Pomai for nearly 30 years. She is a Captain of Nā Kalai Wa‘a’s Makali‘i Voyaging canoe and Hōkūlea, a teacher and leader in the Waimea community. She comes from the Bertelmann and Lindsey ‘Ohana, paniolo families who have lived and worked on Mauna Kea for generations. She has much to contribute to MKSOA, and brings her knowledge and commitment to care for Mauna Kea to the organization.

Please support her nomination to the Mauna Kea Stewardship & Oversight Authority.

Mahalo nui.

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 11:53:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Beth Laychak	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer support for the nomination of Pomaikalani Bertelmann for the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. An educator, a navigator, a lineal descendant of Maunakea, Pomaikalani Bertelmann is a leader within the Hawai'i Island community. Her wide ranging expertise and ability to engage in thoughtful dialogue will benefit the MKSOA as it begins its work to create a future for the governance and decision making for Maunakea.

I support Pomanikalani Bertelmann's nomination along with the full slate of nominees for the MKSOA.

GM-540

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 12:45:26 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/5/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ka'iu Kimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui e ke komike WTL,

I humbly request your confirmation of Pomaikalani Bertelmann to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. I grew up with Pomai in Waimea, Hawai'i and have always known her to be a leader from within our community. The health and wellbeing of our community is an utmost priority for her in all that she does. As an MKSOA member representing linneal descendents, I believe that Pomai also understands her kuleana to represent a wide array of perspectives on the proper stewardship of Maunakea. She has the trust and support of many in her community and I believe that she will be a strong, effective member authentically representing linneal descendents in order to realize a community model of operations, governance, and ultimately mutual stewardship of Maunakea.

I know that Pomai will serve with the highest of integrity and passion for the wellbeing of Maunakea and the community at large.

na'u me ka mana'olana,

na Ka'iu

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Please support Pomaikalani Bertelmann being appointed to the board of Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight.