



Hawaiian Civic Club of Hilo

**Written Testimony of SUPPORT Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
April 3, 2023**

by
The Hawaiian Civic Club of Hilo

Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (GM 538, GM 542, GM 543, GM 544)

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).

- Paul Horner, GM 538
- Richard Matsuda, GM 542
- Gary Krug, GM 543
- Kamanamaikalani Beamer, GM 544

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".

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GM-538

Submitted on: 4/2/2023 9:26:54 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/3/2023 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 **PAUL HORNER**.

Mahalo,

Kūpuna for the Mo‘opuna

Pana‘ewa, Hawai‘i

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Submitted on: 3/31/2023 8:14:25 AM

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

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Paul Horner 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, Mr. Horner 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 he 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 Mr. Horner.

Mahalo for permitting me the opportunity to express my support.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2023 3:23:39 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha kakou,

Please accept this testimony in support of Mr. Paul Horner for the Mauna Kea Stewardship & Oversight Authority. I believe that Paul brings his experience in the business sector to the authority and can provide his expertise for the enormous task involved in setting up the structure for the new agency and engaging the community in the process. In the few months that the authority has been working together, Paul has demonstrated his commitment to the process of standing up the authority and his willingness to engage in the hard work.

I urge you to support his nomination to the Mauna Kea Stewardship & Oversight Authority.

Mahalo nui.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:58:05 PM

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

Comments:

NO

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Testimony for WTL on 4/3/2023 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Supporting Paul Horner on MKSOA