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**Testimony of  
DAWN N. S. CHANG  
Chairperson**

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

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023  
1:00 PM**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 582  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KĀNE'ŌHE  
BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOSEPH PICKARD,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 582 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 and was the former president of the Kāne'ōhe Business Group and a past member of the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council. Mr. Pickard grew up on O'ahu and joined the Coast Guard in 1978, a career that led him to Miami, Florida and, eventually, to Columbia University in New York where he obtained a Master's Degree in Engineering. After a brief tenure in investment banking, which took him to Tokyo and Hong Kong, Mr. Pickard returned to O'ahu where he started and acquired several businesses such as Sea Hawaii Inc., Environet, and Community Planning and Engineering. In 2003, Mr.

Pickard founded the Native Hawaiian Community Development Corporation, an enterprise whose mission is to provide STEM-based educational and career opportunities for Native Hawaiians. The Department welcomes the expertise and perspective that Mr. Pickard will bring to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council.

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



**Ka Moku’aina ‘O Hawai’i Aha Moku O Pae’Aina**

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Testimony of the Hawaii State Aha Moku

Before the Senate Committee on

Water and Land

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

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**IN SUPPORT of GM 582**

**LATE**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOSEPH PICKARD, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

**The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports this Gubernatorial Nominee.**

Based on his extensive experience in policymaking, legislature, and planning within and for the Kaneohe Bay (Bay) in the State of Hawaii, Aha Moku supports Joseph Pickard as a member of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. His expertise and leadership among the communities who are stakeholders in the health and well-being of Kaneohe Bay is deeply respected.

As a well-known businessman who operates within the Bay, he is admired for his integrity and honesty. His love and pride for his home – Kaneohe is always shared with visitors. As a *lawaia*, a native Hawaiian fisherman, he is valued for his cultural knowledge of the weather patterns, currents, marine species, and constant protection of his ecosystem. Mr. Pickard was raised with the traditional values of his culture emphasizing a love for his environment and its protection.

Thank you for the opportunity to sharing our mana’o with you. We support Joseph Pickards nomination to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council and urge his confirmation.

Respectfully,

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Testimony of Ku‘uhaku Park on behalf of  
Matson Navigation Company, Inc.  
In Support of GM582  
Before the Committee on Water and Land  
March 29, 2023

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

Matson Navigation Company, Inc. (Matson) supports GM583, which nominates Joseph Pickard to serve on the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. Mr. Pickard's decades of experience with maritime and service on board and commissions gives him unique insight into operations of the State of Hawaii and Kaneohe Bay. Matson has worked with Mr. Pickard on several issues and has always found him to be upstanding, fair, and transparent. We believe he will execute his duties with fairness and competence.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support.



## KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

To: Senator Lorraine Inouye, chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Senator Brandon Elefante, vice-chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

From: Nancy Davlantes, Government Relations Committee

Subject: SUPPORT for GM582 – for nomination of Joe Pickard to Kaneohe Bay Regional Council

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

Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club writes in **STRONG SUPPORT** for the nomination of Joe Pickard to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

Joe's commitment to the well-being of Windward Oahu, its environment, and its people has been a consistent theme throughout his career. Besides being a successful businessman, establishing companies in ocean recreation, environmental planning, and engineering, he has also served on the boards of Kahuku Hospital and the Kaneohe Business Group. Over the years he has shown a commitment to protecting Windward shorelines and the health of Kaneohe Bay and to promoting businesses owned by native Hawaiians.

Our civic club continues to be grateful for the support he has given us as we share those same goals.

His presence on the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council would be a most welcome addition as the council strives to serve as the public advocate for Kaneohe Bay, a sacred wahi pana for the people of Ko'olaupoko. We urge you to approve this nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

*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."*

**GM-582**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 10:55:36 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/29/2023 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mahealani Cypher	Testifying for Ko`olau Foundation	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Ko`olau Foundation strongly supports the appointment of Joseph Pickard to serve on the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council.

We urge your committee to advise and consent to his confirmation.

Mahalo for your consideration of our mana`o.

**GM-582**

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 5:04:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/29/2023 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO!!!

**GM-582**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:25:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/29/2023 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lei Tata	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I FULLY SUPPORT GM582 in the confirmation of gubernatorial nominee JOSEPH PICKARD to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

Mr. Pickard has a wealth of experience in the private and public sector in Hawaii, National, and International business. He has chaired and managed many community meeting concerning the first ocean use plan for Kaneohe Bay which required interaction with community and government agencies.

Mr. Pickard is a local island boy who has roots in this land. He cares for and is an asset to the community in which he lives and serves.