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Submitted on: 4/15/2024 7:50:58 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/16/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
john komeiji	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee,

I would like to share my personal strong support for the confirmation of Pomai Bertelmann for reappointment to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. She has dedicated much time and effort to understand the complexities involved in the management of the Mauna. Pomai is a Navigator and committed to passing her knowledge to our keiki. As a lineal descendent, she brings specific Maunakea life experiences to the table. She brings important input and a unique perspective to our discussions. Her perspective and contribution have added to the progress of the Authority.

As with other organizations, the real work and heavy lifting occurs at the committee or PIG level. Pomai has been appointed to several PIGs and has fully participated and worked hard and has positively contributed to the PIGs ultimate conclusions.

I understand that there may be some concerns about her attendance at our regularly scheduled Board meetings. Initially, in order to arrive at a schedule, we conducted a poll of the members to determine their availability. The majority of members were available mid-day on a Thursday. In order to insure a quorum, I decided to set the regular meetings on the second Thursday, commencing at 10:00 am. In arriving at that decision, I realized that on occasion Pomai would have difficulty in making the meeting. The meeting time would conflict with her educational duties required by her job. However, as our meetings have been recorded, she has been able to review the meetings and keep up to speed. As such, the conflicts in schedules is of my making and should not reflect on the commitment, contribution and dedication of Pomai.

In conclusion, I would strongly urge you to advise and consent to her nomination to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority.

Mahalo for the opportunity to voice my support.

John Komeiji

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Submitted on: 4/10/2024 5:05:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/16/2024 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the confirmation of Pomaikalani Bertelmann to serve another term on the MKSOA. Serving alongside her, I have found Pomai's voice as a lineal descendant and respected Hawai'i Island community member to be an essential contribution to the "mutual stewardship paradigm in which ecology, the environment, natural resources, cultural practices, education, and science are in balance and synergy," as called for in Act 255. Pomai's continued participation will help maintain positive forward progress during the transition period.

Respectfully,
Rich Matsuda

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Submitted on: 4/15/2024 8:27:05 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/16/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicole Anakalea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to submit my testimony to continue the appointment of Pomai Bertelmann and life long resident and cultural leader of our community. It is imperative that we keep the mindset of the local community a part of the decision processeses. It is through relationships and deep conversation that progress between government and local community can continue to build trust and thrive for future decision makers of Hawaii.

Pōmai is more than qualified to speak for many of us on the island. She is connected and trusted by many. As a cultural practioner and teacher in the community, I support Pomai Bertelmann to continue to share and be a voice in these processes as we move forward.

Here are here credentials: She will not dissappoint!

Pomai Values:

- Ke Akua, ‘Ohana, Pule ‘Ohana, Hawai‘i ‘Āina
- Kia‘i Mauna, voyager, teacher, Aloha ‘Āina
- Serves community initiatives and networks with community leaders, programs, and activators to birth ideas that bring the community together
- Skilled at voyaging and seafaring practices that share an intrinsic relationship with the Hawai‘i ‘āina;
- Believes in the canoe is the island, the island is the canoe, therefore, the island must be put first
- Curriculum developer, Community Education Educator
- Her concern is for the health of Hawai‘i’s ecology and environmental correlations that are showing us that our Island Nation, suspended in the vast Moananuiākea is challenged
- Believes in and advocates for the rights that the Kupa ‘Āina and ‘Oiwī have to protect Hawai‘i intelligence, knowing practices, and resources.

MKSOA Authority Work Updates

- Works with CMS (Center for Maunakea Stewardship, current managers of Maunakea) to understand and know daily operations flow on Maunakea and the skill sets needed to run the operation

- Supports and is advised and updated on the decommissioning of both the Hokukea and CalTECH observatories
- Has established PIGs (permitted interaction groups to progress the work and movement)
- A Transition Team was established to understand the complexities of inventory
- Hired Administrative Assistant
- Hired Executive Director
- Established Community Talk Story and dialogue (1st - March 2024, 2nd - May 2024)

Mahalo

Nicole Anakalea

Teacher and Cultural Practitioner of Waimea

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Submitted on: 4/15/2024 8:38:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/16/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jean Bezilla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Pōmaikalani Bertelmann (the nominee) for this position as she represents: An Individual Who is a Lineal Descendent of a Practitioner of Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Practices Associated with Mauna Kea.

Additionally, I find her values (listed below) to be in alignment with this kuleana:

- Ke Akua, ‘Ohana, Pule ‘Ohana, Hawai‘i ‘Āina
- Kia‘i Mauna, voyager, teacher, Aloha ‘Āina
- Serves community initiatives and networks with community leaders, programs, and activators to birth ideas that bring the community together
- Skilled at voyaging and seafaring practices that share an intrinsic relationship with the Hawai‘i ‘āina;
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Me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,

Jean Bezilla

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Submitted on: 4/15/2024 8:41:15 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/16/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Kauai Fu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senate Committee on Water and Land Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and esteemed committee members,

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Pomaikalani Bertelmann’s Advise & Consent Hearing for her reappointment to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. Pomai is the ideal kupa‘āina for this position and should be reappointed. She has all the skills necessary to make balanced decisions and contribute to the Mauna Kea Stewardship Authority in a way that community voices will be heard and Hawai‘i’s ecology and environmental stewardship will be considered with great care. Coming from a ‘ohana who has been in place for generations has shaped her as a homegrown leader with the knowledge base to understand the complex systems that managing a resource as unique as Mauna Kea require. She is the ideal candidate and I humbly ask you all to support her reappointment. I thank you all for making the best decisions possible for the work of the Authority is integral for the protection of Maunakea and for the prosperity of Hawai‘i ‘āina and her people.

me ke aloha ‘āina,

Jessica Kauai Fu

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Submitted on: 4/15/2024 8:58:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/16/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amanda Rieux	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

RE: GM731, Pomaikalani Bertelmann, Reappointment and confirmation to the Maunakea Stewardship Oversight Authority; Representing: Lineal Descendent of a Practitioner of Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Practices Associated with Maunakea. Term to expire on 06-30-2027

On: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 9 AM

Aloha Senate Committee on Water and Land Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and esteemed committee members.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Pomaikalani Bertelmann's Advise & Consent Hearing for her reappoint to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. Pomai is the right kupa'āina for this position and should be reappointed because she is a leader from this community who builds bridges between communities. Pomai will go out of her comfort zone to lean and is not intimidated by what she does not know. She values the wellbeing of Hawai'i island and our community and had dedicated her life as an educator, a voyager and an ambassador. She is a rolemodel for native women and girls and her voice, her opinion had earned her respect and Aloha from all who encounter her.

The work of the Authority is integral for the protection of Maunakea and for the prosperity of Hawai'i 'āina and her people.

Thank you for considering my testimony. I look forward to the continued good work Pomai will do for our island community.

Me ke Ha'ah'a,

Amanda Rieux

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Submitted on: 4/15/2024 9:01:07 AM
Testimony for WTL on 4/16/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chadd Paishon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee of Water and Land
Hawai'i State Capitol

RE: GM731, Pomaikalani Bertelmann, Reappointment and confirmation to the Maunakea Stewardship Oversight Authority; Representing: Lineal Descendent of a Practitioner of Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Practices Associated with Maunakea. Term to expire on 06-30-2027

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Aloha Senate Committee on Water and Land Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and esteemed committee members.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Pomaikalani Bertelmann's Advise & Consent Hearing for her reappoint to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. Pomai is the right kupa'aina for this position and should be reappointed first, because of her personal and familial connection to Maunakea. These connections are a practice of her family for generations. They are taught to love the land, to steward it, and to guard and respect it. One of Pomai's abilities is to articulate what she senses and has learned from the lands of her home.

The work of the Authority is integral for the protection of Maunakea and for the prosperity of Hawai'i 'aina and her people.

Me ke aloha no 'aina,

Chadd Paishon

Executive Director & Senior Captain

Nā Kālai Wa‘a

MAULILI W. G. DICKSON
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April 15, 2024

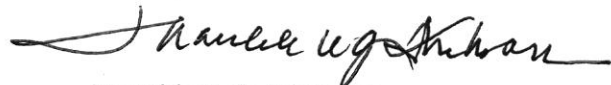
Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefants, Vice Chair
Committee of Water and Land
Hawai`i State Capitol

RE: GM731, Pomaikalani Bertelmann, Reappointment and confirmation to the
Mauna Kea Stewardship Oversight Authority; Representing Lineal Descendants
Of a Practitioner of native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Practices
Associated with Mauna Kea. Term to expire on 06-30-2027.
Hearing Date and Time: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

Aloha Senate Committee on Water and Land Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Elefants,
and esteemed Committee members.

Mahalo nui for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Pomaikalani
Bertelmann's Advise & Consent Hearing for her reappointment to the Maunakea
Stewardship and Oversight Authority. Pomai is the appropriate kupa`āina for this position
and should be reappointed because she comes from a long-established and respected
Waimea family, she is a practitioner of traditional and cultural Hawaiian ways, she is an
education of our Hawaiian children through the Kanu O Ka `Āina Charter School in
Waimea, she has served as a cultural advisor and resource in our community for many
years, and because her work and dedication is to educate others, share and preserve
cultural knowledge. Her work on the Senate Committee on Water and Land is crucial to our
Lāhui and to our Mauna.

The work of the Authority is integral for the protection of Maunakea and for the prosperity of
Hawai`i `āina and her people. Me ke aloha no ka `āina,



Maulili W. G. Dickson
Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club Board,
Member
Ohana Wa`a Member
Nā Kālai Wa`a Board Member
Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Chapter 9
Member

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Submitted on: 4/15/2024 9:47:34 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/16/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shae Kamakaala	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I share strong support for Pomaikalani Bertelmann, Gary Krug, Jr., and Joshua Manguil.

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Submitted on: 4/15/2024 9:52:38 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/16/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Willette K. Akima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senate Committee on Water and Land Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and esteemed committee members.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Pomaikalani Bertelmann's Advise & Consent Hearing for her reappoint to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. Pōmai is the right kupa'āina for this position and should be reappointed because....

Her foundation is built upon Ke Akua, 'ohana and pule 'ohana. She brings to this team her experinces as an aloha 'āina, kia'i mauna, voyager and teacher. Her service to her community innitiative and networks with community leaders and programs makes Pōmai a great candidate for re-election as she also has strength in the ability to bring forth ideas that is brought forward to bring the community together. As a voyager with experiences and skills of voyaging and seafaring practices she shares and intrinsic relationship with the 'āina. For her and her fellow voaygers , the canoe is the island , the island is the canoe , therefore, the island MUST be put first. Her amazing talents allow her to be a strong curriculum developer and community education educator. She has a great concern for the health of Hawai'i's ecology and envrionmental correlations that show our Island Nation, suspended in the vast Moananuiakea is challenged. Pōmai believes in and advocates for the rights that the Kupa 'Āina and 'Oiwī have to protect Hawai'i intelligence, knowing practices, and resources.

The work of the Authority is integral for the protection of Maunakea and for the prosperity of Hawai'i 'āina and her people. Pomaikalani Bertelmann's is the best choice as she is a lineal descendent of a practitioner of Native Hawaiian Traditonal and customary practices associated with Mauna Kea.

Mahalo a nui loa,

Na Willette Kalāokahaku Akima-Akau

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To: Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee of Water and Land
Hawai'i State Capitol

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Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Pomaikalani Bertelmann's reappointment to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. Pomai is the right kupa'āina for this position and should be reappointed for several reasons including her commitment to and advocacy for ka pono o ka 'āina. Pomaikalani is a respected Kia'i Mauna, voyager, educator and Aloha 'Āina. Her leadership serving the community is rooted in her core values, concern for the health challenges our islands are facing, and belief in the rights of 'ōiwi to protect Hawai'i's precious resources. Pomaikalani will continue to make invaluable contributions to the work of the Authority, which is integral for the protection of Maunakea and for the prosperity of Hawai'i 'āina and her people.

Ke aloha 'āina,



Ka'iulani Murphy
he kupa a Pu'ukapu, Hawai'i
Kumu Ho'okele Wa'a

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GM-731

Submitted on: 4/15/2024 10:59:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/16/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keenan Kahalioumi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senate Committee on Water and Land Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and esteemed committee members.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Pomaikalani Bertelmann's Advise & Consent Hearing for her reappoint to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. Pomai is the right kupa'āina for this position and should be reappointed because....

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Me ke aloha no 'āina,

Kalani Kahalioumi