

1. Why do you wish to serve as a member of the Kane‘ohe Bay Regional Council?

Answer: I wish to serve my community in every way I am able to.

2. What is your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Kane‘ohe Bay Regional Council?

Answer: to provide pertinent information and incite to issues surrounding Kaneohe bay.

3. Based on your understanding of the role and responsibilities of this position, please explain why you believe you are qualified to serve. Include a brief description of the skills, experience, expertise, or knowledge you would bring to the Council and how they would inform your decision-making.

Answer: I have grown up on Kaneohe bay my entire life. I have knowledge and experience of and on the bay. I am deeply rooted in the fishing and bay going community here. I am a lineal descendant of Kahaluu, and I serve on the Kahaluu neighborhood board, which nominated me for this position.

4. If confirmed, what goals or priorities would you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Answer: To best serve the wants and needs of the community in hopes of persevering our bay for future generations to enjoy as I have.

5. Do you believe there is anything in your background, professional affiliations, financial interests, legal record, or prior work that could reasonably be perceived by the public as creating a conflict of interest or otherwise raise questions regarding your character, judgment, or ability to serve impartially on the Kane‘ohe Bay Regional Council? If so, please explain.

Answer: No.

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**Testimony of
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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, CULTURE, AND THE ARTS**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 646
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KĀNE'OHE
BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JARRETT MACHADO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2029**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 646 nominating Mr. Jarrett Machado to the Kāne'ōhe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2029.

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. Machado is an operations manager and lifelong Kāne'ōhe Bay resident with deep personal and professional ties to the bay through diving, fishing, paddling, surfing, and sustainable agriculture. He brings extensive experience in landscape management, environmental stewardship, and team coordination gained through roles in botanical garden operations, landscaping management, and organic farm production. Mr. Machado has also served on the Kāne'ōhe-area Kāhala Neighborhood Board, where he represents Subdistrict 3 and currently serves as Second Vice Chair, demonstrating his familiarity with community governance and local resource issues. His earlier work as a State Department of Agriculture field inspector further adds regulatory and inspection experience relevant to bay resource management and conservation. With his combination of practical environmental knowledge, community involvement, and operational

leadership, he offers a grounded and community-centered perspective for the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council.

The Department welcomes the wealth of knowledge and wisdom that Mr. Machado will bring to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council.

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