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Submitted on: 4/8/2026 10:02:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeannette Gurung	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to strongly support the nomination of Jonathan Simonds to this position for the Island of Hawai'i Gubernatorial Board of Registration. I have known Jonathan for about 5 years, both personally and professionally, and can attest to his high integrity. I am confident that he will be impartial, fair and non-partisan in his judgements and decisions.

Mahalo, Jeannette Gurung, PhD

Kailua Kona

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maile Lavea-Malloe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Jonathon Simmonds and his nomination to the Board of Registration for the Island of Hawai‘i.

I have had the privilege of knowing Jonathon as a thoughtful, grounded, and highly capable professional who brings both integrity and a deep sense of responsibility to his work. He consistently demonstrates a commitment to serving community with intention, care, and accountability—qualities that are essential for a role of this nature.

Jonathon approaches complex systems with a balanced perspective, ensuring that decisions are not only technically sound but also rooted in fairness and long-term impact. His ability to listen, collaborate, and lead with humility makes him especially well-suited to serve on a board that carries both regulatory and community trust responsibilities.

Beyond his professional strengths, Jonathon is someone who shows up with genuine dedication to the well-being of Hawai‘i and its people. He understands the importance of kuleana and brings a values-driven approach to every space he enters.

It is without hesitation that I offer my full support for his confirmation. I am confident that Jonathon Simmonds will serve with excellence, integrity, and a deep commitment to the public good.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Maile Lavea-Malloe

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jackie Keefe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Jackie Keefe and I am **in strong support of GM686**.

Jonathan Simonds is one of the most thoughtful, intelligent people I have ever met and the Board of Registration will be lucky to have him. We would all be better off if this world had more people like Jonathan. He cares deeply about this place and its people.

Please confirm him to the Hawai‘i Island Board of Registration.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Jackie Keefe, Lahaina

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Submitted on: 4/9/2026 7:48:10 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
De Andre Makakoa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

My name is De Andre Makakoa Takahashi. I am a community organizer from Lahaina, Maui. I am writing today to express my strong support for the confirmation of Jonathan Simonds to the Board of Registration of the Island of Hawai'i.

I had the privilege of graduating from Kuleana Academy alongside Jonathan. Through our time in that program, I witnessed firsthand his deep commitment to community leadership and his dedication to the principles of civic responsibility.

The Board of Registration requires individuals who are not only detail-oriented and fair but also deeply rooted in the values of our islands. During our shared studies and projects, Jonathan consistently demonstrated:

- Integrity and Objectivity: He approaches complex issues with a balanced perspective and a clear moral compass.
- Civic Engagement: His participation in Kuleana Academy underscores his proactive desire to improve our local governance and protect the democratic process.
- Collaborative Leadership: He has a proven ability to work with diverse groups of people to reach meaningful solutions.

I am confident that Jonathan's background and his dedication to the people of Hawai'i make him an excellent fit for this role. I respectfully urge the committee to confirm his nomination.

Mahalo for your time and for the opportunity to testify.

he lā maika'i,

De Andre Makakoa Takahashi

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Submitted on: 4/9/2026 8:03:23 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Danae Marin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Johnathan Simonds to serve on the Board of Registrations for the island of Hawai'i.

I have had the privilege to work alongside Johnathan and witnessed him giving his time and talents to serving the community of Hawai'i. He is a strong, observant listener who has dedicated his life to advocating for those in need who live here. He is a man of high integrity and I know he will continue to positively impact our people.

Mahalo for your time and attention.

-Danae Marin

Kea'au, HI 96749

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Submitted on: 4/9/2026 7:30:02 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aria Juliet Castillo	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

I am happy to offer a recommendation for Jonathan Simonds to serve on the Board of Registration. His experience managing operations, supervising teams, and working across diverse communities speaks to his ability to make sound, impartial decisions.

I am confident he will serve with integrity in this role.

Sincerely,
Aria Juliet Castillo

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Submitted on: 4/9/2026 10:19:21 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MORGAN Tooch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Support of Jonathan Simonds for Appointment to the Board of Registration of the Island of Hawai‘i

I am writing in strong support of Jonathan’s appointment to the Board of Registration of the Island of Hawai‘i. I had the privilege of working with Jonathan during his time at the Ulu Cooperative, where he consistently demonstrated fairness, integrity, and a deep sense of responsibility toward the community.

Jonathan approaches every task with diligence and care. He is a thoughtful listener who considers multiple perspectives before reaching a conclusion, ensuring that his decisions are impartial and grounded in principle. His commitment to democratic values and his belief in the importance of civic engagement make him exceptionally well-suited for service on the Board of Registration.

Beyond his professional capability, Jonathan’s character stands out. He treats everyone with respect and approaches challenges with calm, steady leadership. The Board would be fortunate to have someone of his character and dedication overseeing matters of voter registration and appeals.

I fully support Jonathan’s nomination and am confident that his service would reflect the fairness, transparency, and integrity that Hawai‘i’s democratic process deserves.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Tooch