

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3875

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 22 2026

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 686

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 686, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF THE ISLAND OF HAWAI'I

G.M. No. 686 JONATHAN SIMONDS
for a term to expire 06-30-2030,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Jonathan Simonds for service on the Board of Registration of the Island of Hawai'i.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Jonathan Simonds from five individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Simonds' background and dedication to serving the public qualify him to be appointed to the Board of Registration of the Island of Hawai'i. Your Committee notes that Mr. Simonds has a background in environmental business and technology development and a degree in environmental engineering. He currently works as a Civil Engineer for the County of Hawaii where he supports the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of civil engineering projects. He previously worked as a Postharvest Facility Manager at Hawai'i 'Ulu Cooperative where he managed operations of the 'Alae Postharvest Facility, including day-to-day



safety and facility maintenance, agricultural process, and facility expansion and development. Mr. Simonds is also an independent consultant for marine algae biology and cultivation. Your Committee finds that Mr. Simonds has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of board members and his unique perspective will enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Registration of the Island of Hawai'i. Your Committee therefore recommends that Jonathan Simonds be appointed to the Board of Registration of the Island of Hawai'i based on his knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,

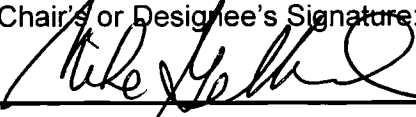


KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:* GM 686	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 4/10/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision.				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			✓
CHANG, Stanley				
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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