

Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee (2025-2027) on 2025-02-25 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 02-25-25 09:00

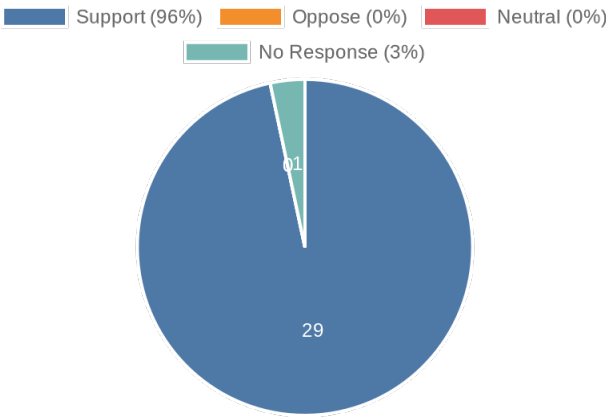
eComments Report

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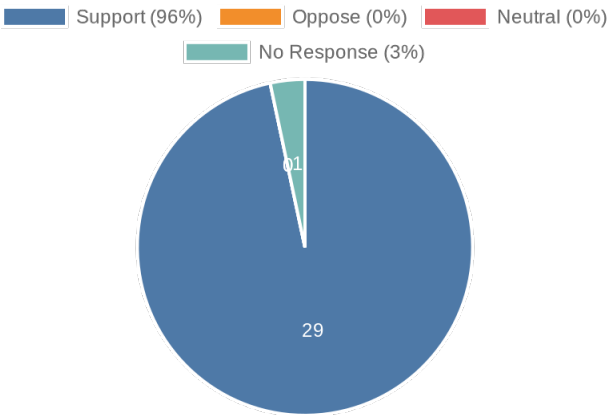
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Reso 25-50 WASSP-5(1) RESOLUTION 25-50, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN LIKEKE SCHEUER TO THE EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD	26	25	0	0
Rule 7(B) WASSP-1(2) PILOT PROJECT USING COUNTY PARKING LOTS FOR HUMAN HABITATION UPDATE	4	4	0	0

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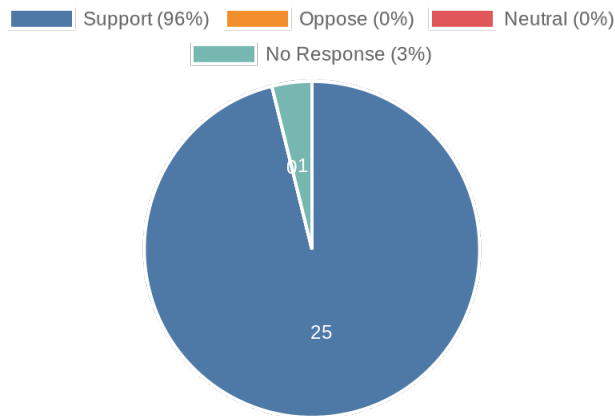
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Agenda Item: eComments for Reso 25-50 WASSP-5(1) RESOLUTION 25-50, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN LIKEKE SCHEUER TO THE EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:52pm 02-25-25

I am in strong support of Jonathan Likelike Scheuer to be appointed to the East Maui Regional community Board.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:37am 02-25-25

I am in strong support of Jonathan Scheuer to the East Maui Regional Community Board. He is one of the most knowledgeable people I know when it comes to water use in Hawaii.

Walter Ritte

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:33am 02-25-25

Maui County- East Maui Regional Community Board.
200 South High Street, 9th Fl.,
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

February 25 2025

Aloha,

My name is Kainoa MacDonald, I am a Secretary/Director for The Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands (AHHL) founded in 2008, is a national Homestead Beneficiary Association (HBA) registered under 43 CFR Part 48.6 with the U.S. Department of Interior. This 9 member board of directors serves the interests and provision of services to native Hawaiian citizens defined in the Hawaii Constitution and the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act

of 1920 (HHCA). Our mission is dedicated to Ending the Hawaiian Home Lands Waiting List, by pursuing reforms and delivering services that create success for native Hawaiians to homestead and build mercantile businesses. Currently there are more than 29,000 of our people that languish on a State government Waitlist to receive a homestead lot award.

1) Support the approval Dr. Jonathan Scheuer to the East Maui Regional Community Board expiring on March 2030

We support Jonathan Likeke Scheuer to serve on the inaugural East Maui Water Authority panel for three reasons, as follows:

Likeke holds a Ph.D. in Hawai'i water issues.

He is the longtime water consultant to the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

He clearly has demonstrated continuous and consistent support of, and advocacy for, the water rights of the native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the 1921 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act federal trust.

It is imperative to follow the Water Law as defined in section 174C-3. You must prioritize the needs of the traditional farmers, kuleana land owners as well as beneficiaries under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921 over private, commercial, and foreign interests.

The AHHL together with HHCA beneficiaries place their trust in a local board that includes a representative advocating for their interests, as opposed to relying on a Canadian pension fund for decision-making.

Me Ke Aloha Nui,

Kainoa Lei MacDonald

Kainoa Lei MacDonald

Secretary/Moku Honu Director - ahhlwaitlist@gmail.com

Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands

As a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) the AHHL executed a Petition so the voices of HHCA Beneficiaries could be heard.

Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito

Location:

Submitted At: 10:25am 02-25-25

strong support for someone who is very knowledgeable in water issues throughout the state of hawaii i think he is a suitable candidate and has been extremely helpful to our homestead communities

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:07am 02-25-25

Aloha my name is Gracey Gomes homestead lessee of Paukukalo Hawaiian Homestead.

I support Dr. Jonathan Scheuer regarding the East Maui Regional Community Board. Resolution 8825-50 which will come before Maui County Council's Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee to consider and approve his appointment.

His work has focused on public policy aspects of the interactions between our Native Hawaiian groups and the environmental community, on water management, and to assure that the right decisions are made regarding water and the conservation of biological diversity. Eo!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:41am 02-25-25

Alohya,

My name is Bo Kahui and I support Dr. Jonathan Scheuer regarding the East Maui Regional Community Board. Resolution 25-50 which will come before Maui County Council's Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee to consider and approve Jonathan's appointment.

I've known Dr Scheuer over 20 years and he's been an assest to DHHL serving to protect the wai and to assist beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homelands to empower beneficiaries to netter understand their rights under the Hawaiian Home Commission Act of 1920.

Mahalo

Bo Kahui, Executive Director

Laiopua Community Development Corp.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:27am 02-25-25

Aloha!

My name is Carol Lee Kamekona and I am testifying on my own behalf as an individual and beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

Since 2012 Dr Scheuer has assisted the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in the development, adoption, and implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission's Water Policy Plan. He is coauthor of the 2021 book Water and Power in West Maui, and has numerous published essays on public policy issues. As a volunteer he has served as Chair of the Hawai'i State Land Use Commission, Chair of the Hawai'i Land Trust Board, and Vice Chair and Kona Moku representative on the O`ahu Island Burial Council.

Dr Jonathan Likeke Scheuer is a boots on the ground advocate for many issues affecting us....the Kanaka O_iwi. While working for Oha he advocated for land and water rights as well as access rights for beneficiaries. Testifying in front of BLNR, the water commission and several County Council meetings, he has been a proponent for traditional and customary Native hawaiian rights.

For these reasons I believe Dr Scheuer is the most qualified to represent us, the beneficiaries of this Trust as the East maui Community water authority as they maneuver through the establishment of policies and procedures of this board to protect our Public Trust ... our wai for the benefit of our people.

Mahalo for your time in allowing me to testify on Dr Scheuer_s behalf.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:09am 02-25-25

Aloha,

My name is Kalei Huihui and I strongly support the appointment of Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer to the East Maui Regional Community Board. He brings an abundance of knowledge and humility. Mahalo

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:56am 02-25-25

Dr. Jonathan Scheuer without question is the most qualified individual for this position.

Lawrence K. Lasua

DHHL Molokai Commissioner

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:42am 02-25-25

Aloha Chair Sinenci, Vice Chair Johnson & Committee Members

I strongly support Dr. Johnathan Likeke Scheuer. He has been a long time advocate of DHHL beneficiaries and our water needs here in Ka'u Hawaii (island)

Jeffrey Kekoa

President

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:06am 02-25-25

Aloha e Chair Sinenci, Vice Chair Johnson & honorable members of the Committee,
I'm Pat Kahawaiolaa, a native Hawaiian as defined, according to the HHCA 1920, as amended July 9, 1921 (42, 42 stat. 108), currently the K_ikaw_ here for the Ik_ ha_i Louis Hao, of the Komike O Kupuna 'Ainahoopulapula (KOKA), whereby the kupuna beneficiaries on the waitlist and on the 'aina STRONGLY SUPPORT, Res. 25-50 WASSP-5(1) to name Dr. L_k_k_ Scheuer to the East Maui Regional Community Water Board...We as kupuna beneficiaries of the HHCA, 1920 have seen the excellent work done by Dr. Scheuer in the protection of the rights of all native Hawaiian, especially when it comes to water Resources for East Maui and the Spirit of my w_ kahiko from Hana will also appreciate this CHOICE...i can be reached at (808) 937-8217

... or by email : kokua4kupuna2025@gmail.com

'Owau me ka ha'aha'a,

Pat Kahawaiolaa,

K_ikaw_ KOKA

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:56am 02-25-25

I am in support of Jonathan Likely Scheuer for East Maui Regional Water Board. My Kupuna were from Kaupo, Kipahulu, Keanae & Hana, although currently live on Oahu my heart is still there in East Maui.

Don 'Kona' Jugoz - President

Princess Kahanu Estates Association

Lualualei, Oahu

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:39am 02-25-25

Aloha Chair Sinenci, Vice Chair Johnson, and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo for this opportunity to express my strong support for Resolution 25-50 to approve the appointment of Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer to the East Maui Regional Community Board.

My name is H_k_ Chun, I am from Waiohuli, Maui. I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Scheuer in his capacity as a Water Policy Consultant for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He has an adept understanding of Hawai'i's laws and fiduciary duties regarding water, land use, Native Hawaiian rights and practices, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, and much more. Additionally, I've witnessed Dr. Scheuer skillfully engage with Hawaiian Homeland beneficiaries and other community members by answering their questions and providing educational resources.

I believe the East Maui Regional Community Board and the people this board serves will benefit from not only his expertise and experience; but also, his ability to work as an ally with the community. Again, I humbly urge this Committee to please approve the appointment of Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer.

Mahalo piha,

H_k_

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54pm 02-24-25

Aloha Chair Sinenci, Vice Chair Johnson & Members of the WASSP Committee,

This is Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, CA of HDO and I am writing today personally in strong support for Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer for the East Maui Regional Community Water Authority Board.

I was a student in at least three of the "I Mana I Ka Wai, Kukulu Kahuwai Water Law and Leadership" trainings where Dr. Scheuer was one of the Kumu. I also participated in a Native Hawaiian rights training where he taught the "Water rights" section. His knowledge is razor sharp, background impeccable and we are very fortunate to have someone like him advocating for not only DHHL, but all of Maui Nui and Hawaii's water needs.

Please consider approving Jonathan's appointment.

Mahalo nui,

Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros
(808)866-7409

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54pm 02-24-25

I, Lauren Palakiko, am in strong support of appointing Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer to the East Maui Regional Community Board. He is extremely knowledgeable, experienced and well versed in many facets that benefit our islands. The Board will be very blessed to have him.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:28pm 02-24-25

I Peleke Flores am in Strong Support for Dr Jonathan Likeke Scheuer appointment to the East Maui Regional Community Board.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:58pm 02-24-25

My name is Germaine Meyers. I'm a native Hawaiian DHHL lessee of homestead land.

I'm in STRONG SUPPORT of Reso 25-50 WASSP-5(1) approving the appointment of Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer to the East Maui Regional Community Board.

Dr. Scheuer has been a champion and advocate for DHHL and its beneficiaries for many many years. He embodies and encourages in others kakou and kuleana principles

Please vote YES to Reso 25-50 in support of Dr. Scheuer.

Ke Akua pu,
Germaine Meyers

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:52pm 02-24-25

Aloha, East Maui Regional Community Board.

I Sonny W. Del Toro beneficiary of Hawaiian homes Lot 190 Kanehili Oahu, community representative for Kanehili Community Association, and Secretary for the Kapolei Community Develop Corporation, Testify and urge full support of the Appointment Jonathan's Likeke Scheuer appointment under Resolution 25-50 of the Maui County Council's Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee.

Dr. Scheuer, (Likeke) has been inspirational to many beneficiaries when conduction training to understand

Hawaiian Water Law concepts. At the last Hawaiian convention his insights into how the people can help support the community was insightful and perceptive. As a member of the East Maui Regional Community Board, you will have a premier resource not only water concepts and distribution but of the people from Maui's diverse regions and land resources to support East Maui to grow and move forward with safer, cleaner, water from the N_hiku, Ke'anae, Honomanu, and Huelo areas.

Mahalo for your time and consideration. I respectfully ask for your support for Dr. Likeke Scheuer appointment. Mahalo "By Water All Things Find Life"

Me ka ha'aha'a,
Sonny W. Del Toro
91-1295 Kekahili Street
Kapolei, Oahu, Hawaii,
96707
Mobile 808.694.0539

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 8:47pm 02-24-25

Welina mai,

I wholeheartedly support the appointment of Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer to the East Maui Regional Community Board. His deep knowledge, leadership, and unwavering commitment to protecting and educating communities about water rights have made a lasting impact.

Dr. Scheuer has been an invaluable resource and educator through I Mana i ka Wai: K_kulu Kahuwai DHHL Water Law and Leadership Trainings, where he has empowered beneficiaries and the broader community with critical knowledge and guidance. His long-standing advocacy has focused on education and ensuring equitable access to resources.

With his expertise and passion for serving the I_hui, I am confident that he will bring thoughtful leadership and meaningful contributions to the East Maui Regional Community Board. I strongly urge the committee to approve his appointment.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Ms. Kawehi Inaba
Executive Director - La_i_pua 2020

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 8:27pm 02-24-25

Aloha,

I respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer's appointment as the Hawaiian Homes Commission's representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board.

Dr. Scheuer is a distinguished advocate for Native Hawaiian water rights whose work has been instrumental in advancing environmental and cultural preservation while safeguarding our community's natural resources. His deep expertise in water rights advocacy, combined with a steadfast commitment to Native Hawaiian heritage, makes him exceptionally qualified to represent the Hawaiian Homes Commission. In addition to his extensive professional experience, he has also contributed valuable insights through his published works, both individually and in collaboration with colleagues.

Throughout his career, Dr. Scheuer has exemplified leadership, integrity, and dedication to ensuring that Native Hawaiian voices are heard in critical water resource discussions. His contributions to policy development and community engagement have led to meaningful progress in protecting and equitably managing these vital resources.

His appointment will be a tremendous asset to the board, enriching its deliberations with his expertise and ensuring that Native Hawaiian water rights are strongly represented. I wholeheartedly support his nomination and urge the appropriate authorities to confirm his appointment, confident that his leadership will continue to drive

positive change and uphold the values of our community.
Mahalo for your time and consideration.
George K. Kaanana

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 8:00pm 02-24-25

I support the appointment of Jonathan Likeke Scheuer to the East Maui Regional Community Board. He brings an abundance of knowledge and humility.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 7:54pm 02-24-25

I support reso 25-50

Dr. Scheuer brings invaluable expertise as the chair of the East Maui Water Authority and an educator with I Mana i ka Wai: K_kulu Kahuwai DHHL Water Law and Leadership Trainings. He has been a dedicated advocate for Maui County stakeholders, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and its beneficiaries.

Malia Louis

Location:
Submitted At: 7:40pm 02-24-25

My name is Malia Louis. I serve as Executive Assistant to the Mayor of Hawai'i County but I am testifying for personal reasons. I am in full support of Dr. Jonathan Scheur's appointment to the East Maui Regional Community Board. I first met Jonathan during Ka Hui'au's Water Law and Leadership Program and was in awe of his passion for our people, his courage to advocate, the depth of his wisdom, and his generosity in sharing it. I truly believe Jonathan can make a huge difference in the best way.
Mahalo nui.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 4:30pm 02-24-25

Aloha Chairman Sinenci, Vice-Chairman Johnson and members.
I respectfully submit this testimony in support of Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer's appointment as the Hawaiian Homes Commission's representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board for the term expiring on March 31, 2030. This nomination is made in accordance with Section 8-19.2(1) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, and Section 2.60.040 of the Maui County Code.

Dr. Scheuer is a distinguished advocate for Native Hawaiian water rights whose work has not only advanced critical environmental and cultural causes but also safeguarded the future of our community's natural resources. His extensive background in water rights advocacy, combined with a deep commitment to the preservation of Native Hawaiian heritage, uniquely qualifies him to represent the interests of the Hawaiian Homes Commission on the Board.

Throughout his career, Dr. Scheuer has demonstrated exceptional leadership, integrity, and a steadfast dedication to ensuring that the voices of Native Hawaiians are heard in matters affecting their water resources. His contributions to policy development and community engagement have yielded meaningful advancements in the protection and equitable management of our precious water resources. His insights into sustainable water management and his proven ability to collaborate with diverse stakeholders are assets that will greatly benefit the East Maui Regional Community Board.

Dr. Scheuer's appointment will serve as a vital asset to the board, enriching its deliberations with his expertise and ensuring that the interests of Native Hawaiian water rights are robustly represented. I wholeheartedly support his nomination and urge the appropriate authorities to confirm his appointment, confident that his leadership will continue to drive positive change and uphold the values of our community.

Mahalo,
L. Burrows-Nuuanu

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 9:14am 02-24-25

Aloha,
Please see the attached letter from the Aha Wai O Maui Hikina East Maui Water Authority Board Members in support of Jonathan Likeke Scheuer for reappointment. Mahalo

Cherie-Noelle Kaanana

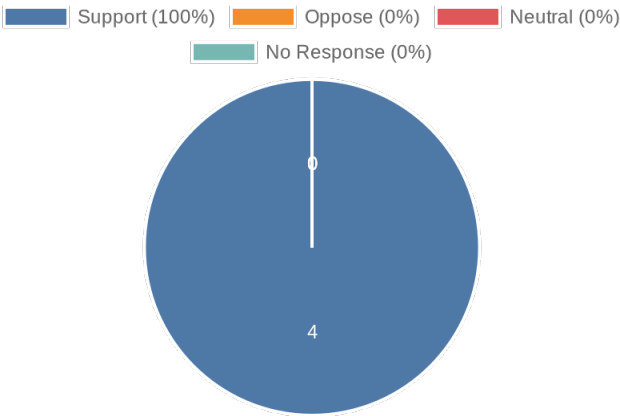
Location:
Submitted At: 2:03pm 02-21-25

Aloha,

Please see the attached letter from DHHL in support of the appointment of Jonathan Likeke Scheuer.

Agenda Item: eComments for Rule 7(B) WASSP-1(2) PILOT PROJECT USING COUNTY PARKING LOTS FOR HUMAN HABITATION UPDATE

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 8:28am 02-25-25

Please approve this! I am 75 years old woman and I have been on the list for senior housing for over 10 years. My family does what they can to help me, but they have their limits with raising young children. I have been homeless off and on. I have been a productive member of our society for my entire life. Now, being on Social Security, I cannot even find a place to live on the money I receive. It would be a wonderful comfort to be able to have the option of a safe place to park and sleep. The basics that most people on Maui take for granted are a luxury for some of us. Your kokua is appreciated!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19am 02-25-25

I support this pilot project. Please review and make safety a priority for everyone. Maybe teach basic or common mechanics to help with thier vehicles as well.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:07am 02-25-25

A win-win for everone.

Guest User

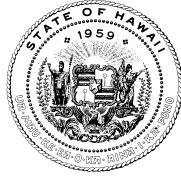
Location:

Submitted At: 12:32pm 02-21-25

Please support this pilot project to provide safe parking for our neighbors living in their vehicles.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII
*Ke Kia 'āina o ka Moku 'āina 'o
Hawai'i*

SYLVIA J. LUKE
LT. GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII
*Ka Hope Kia 'āina o ka Moku 'āina
'o Hawai'i*



KALI WATSON
CHAIRPERSON, HHC
Ka Luma Ho 'okele

KATIE L. LAMBERT
DEPUTY TO THE CHAIR
Ka Hope Luma Ho 'okele

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
Ka 'Oihana 'Āina Ho 'opulapula Hawai'i

P. O. BOX 1879
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96805

TESTIMONY of KALI WATSON, CHAIRPERSON
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

Before the
**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL'S WATER AUTHORITY, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND PARKS
COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
9:00 a.m.

In support of
**RESOLUTION 25-50, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN LIKEKE
SCHEUER TO THE EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD**

Aloha Chair Sinenci, Vice-Chair Johnson, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of the proposed Resolution 25-50 approving the appointment of Dr Jonathan Likeke Scheuer to the East Maui Regional Community Board. As Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC), I am elated to report that the Commission voted unanimously at its January 2024 meeting to recommend Dr. Scheuer as its representative. The Department appreciates this dedicated seat and recognizes this appointment signifies a landmark achievement, marking the first action in the history since passage of the HHC that any state or county water board has formally included Commission representation. This connection between DHHL and the water authority is crucial for collaboration and alignment with DHHL's mission and values as outlined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act 1920, as amended, and the HHC's Water Policy Plan.

At the December HHC meeting, the Process and Procedure for Selection of the HHC Representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board was approved unanimously by the HHC. This procedure was created to provide a workflow and criteria for when there is an upcoming vacancy for the designated HHC seat:

- 1. Notification of vacancy.** *Beneficiaries receive notice of upcoming vacancy for the HHC seat through our DHHL website and regional homestead leaders are notified via email.* At the December HHC, we also announced the upcoming vacancy during the presentation of our submittal.

2. **Application open.** *Interested applicants complete an application form available on the DHHL website prior to the posted deadline.* The application deadline was January 13, 2025, and displayed on the DHHL website.
3. **Review of applications.** *DHHL staff internally review the applications and select a potential representative utilizing guidelines that were decided upon in Beneficiary Consultation. This criteria includes applicant affiliation with DHHL and relevant water experience and knowledge related to the water license areas of the board.*
4. **Recommendation of representative to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.** *The potential representative is recommended to the HHC via submittal by DHHL staff.*
5. **Approval by the Hawaiian Homes Commission.** *The Commission approves the nominee to represent DHHL and the HHC on the East Maui Regional Community Board.* At our January Commission, Dr. Scheuer was unanimously approved.

Included in the steps taken to create the selection process, DHHL staff held a beneficiary consultation process gather feedback and discuss the process. Approximately 3,063 applicants and lessees residing in Maui County were invited to join staff virtually via Zoom on October 28, 2024. Notification of this meeting was sent via U.S. Postal Mail and to 50 Maui County Homestead Community Leaders via email. Prior to this beneficiary consultation, a webpage was created and shared to disseminate information and provide easy access to communication pieces, including relevant submittals, background on the East Maui Irrigation system, and a weblink to the meeting. Expectations and ideal characteristics of a nominee were reviewed and considered at the meetings.

After the beneficiary consultation meeting, a comment period of 30-days followed, allowing beneficiaries to review the meeting recording and provide comments or questions. Utilizing the comments DHHL received, staff ensured beneficiaries' desired attributes of an ideal representative were incorporated into criteria. These criteria are:

- They possess an existing or previous affiliation with DHHL through being
 - A Lessee or Applicant
 - A DHHL employee or consultant
 - A member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission
- They possess relevant water experience and knowledge related to the water license areas of the board, which include:
 - Firsthand experiences with ranching, farming, aquaculture, or loko i`a
 - Water resource management and watershed restoration experience
 - Advocacy related to water
 - Completion of the *I Mana i ka Wai: Kūkulu Kahuwai Water Law and Leadership Training Series*

The development and implementation of this selection process, in addition to the HHC seat on this board, furthers three of the four priority goals in the HHC's Water Policy Plan.

1. Affirmatively communicate with beneficiaries regarding water decisions, performance, and water rights on a regional and annual basis.
2. Aggressively, proactively, consistently and comprehensively for the kuleana of the beneficiaries, the DHHL, and the HHC to water before all relevant agencies and entities.
3. Support watershed protection and restoration on DHHL lands and source areas for DHHL water.

We are excited to see the various ways that Dr. Scheuer's work will continue to benefit the Maui County, our Trust, the beneficiaries of the Trust, the Commission, and DHHL. We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent this appointment. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony. We have included the attached exhibits with additional information and further details for your information.

PLANNING OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

December 16, 2024

TO: Chairperson and Members, Hawaiian Homes Commission

THROUGH: Andrew H. Choy, Acting Planning Program Manager

FROM: Cherie-Noelle Ka'anana, Water Program Specialist

SUBJECT: Accept Beneficiary Consultation Report for the proposed process and procedure for the Hawaiian Homes Commission representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board; Approval of the proposed process and procedure; and Notification of the upcoming vacancy

RECOMMENDED MOTION/ACTION

- 1) That the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) accept this Beneficiary Consultation Report as the official public record of beneficiary input and feedback relative to the selection process for the HHC representative on East Maui Regional Community Board;
- 2) That the HHC approves the proposed selection process and procedure for the HHC representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board; and
- 3) That DHHL begins notification of the upcoming vacancy for the HHC representative seat for the East Maui Regional Community Board.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION PROCESS

Background

The purpose of this DHHL beneficiary consultation was to collect feedback and input on the proposed selection process for vacancy in the DHHL seat to the East Maui Regional Community Board (EMRCB). The HHC approved the action to develop a draft process and procedure to clarify necessary action steps to identify and approve recommendations for the HHC representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board on June 26, 2023, Agenda Item G-3. The proposed selection process provides guidance on the qualifications of a nominee, reporting requirements, notification procedures, and the selection process upon receiving applicants.

Beneficiaries requested that the Department conduct a Beneficiary Consultation (BC) meeting in order to provide beneficiaries with the opportunity to obtain more information, ask questions, and express their opinions related to the proposed process.

This is the first time DHHL has had a seat reserved for a water related board. Although this board is for East Maui, the County Charter amendment that created the East Maui Regional Community Board, and the East Maui Water Authority that it governs, allows for the County Council to create other Water Authorities and associated boards in the future. DHHL staff completed this process with that possibility in mind.

The DHHL recognizes that meaningful, timely, and informative beneficiary consultation is necessary for the successful formulation and implementation of its policies, programs, and projects. In 2009, the HHC adopted a Beneficiary Consultation Policy (Policy). The purpose of the Policy is to ensure that appropriate beneficiary consultation processes and activities are incorporated into DHHL's planning and decision-making. The Policy requires BC for four types of proposals: 1) Statewide Policy Issues, 2) Amendments to Land Use Designations, 3) Development Proposals, and 4) Development of DHHL Plans.

As provided by Hawaii Administrative Rules 10-4-60, the DHHL conducted a virtual BC via Zoom on October 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Beneficiary Consultation Process

The proposed process went through the following steps prior to the BC to ensure that beneficiaries were informed about the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed selection process.

STEP 1: THE PROPOSED ACTION IS DESCRIBED:

Information dissemination and discussion regarding a process for the selection of a HHC representative on the EMRCB.

STEP 2: BENEFICIARIES WERE NOTIFIED OF OPPORTUNITIES TO CONSULT

In order to accommodate for all beneficiaries who may reside in Maui County, including beneficiaries on

Lana`i or Moloka`i, the Department conducted a virtual BC meeting, via the online communications platform Zoom.

1. Approximately 3,063 postcards were mailed to all lessees and applicants residing in Maui County to announce the October 23, 2024 meeting. [Exhibit A]
2. Email notification was sent to approximately 50 Maui County Homestead Community Leaders.

STEP 3: PRESENTATION MATERIALS FOR MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR FEEDBACK:

DHHL created a webpage¹ to disseminate information and provide easy access to multiple communication pieces including:

1. Weblink to the BC meeting and recording
2. BC Presentation PowerPoint Deck
3. Weblinks to related submittals

STEP 4: COMMENTS ARE COMPILED INTO MEETING REPORTS:

The following table and data below captures the level of participation and engagement at the BC meeting:

Table 1: Summary of BC for EMRCB Selection Process

Beneficiary Consultation Meeting	Estimated Attendance	No. Self-ID as DHHL Beneficiaries	No. of Questions and/or Comments
October 28, 2024 (Zoom)	3	2	13
Written Comments Submitted during the 30-Day Comment Period	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	2	13

¹ <https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/maui/po-maui-east-maui-water-authority/>

BC attendees did not sign a physical sign-in sheet due to their participation via online platform.

As reflected in Table 1, there were no comments or questions submitted during the 30-day Comment Period. However, the posted video received over 60 views during the Comment Period. The comments and questions received at the BC meeting were provided by self-identified DHHL beneficiaries.

The following exhibit reflects BC meeting notes, participant opinions and/or comments:

Exhibit B - October 28, 2024: BC Meeting Notes, Questions and Comments

Summary of Beneficiary Comments:

The following is a brief summary of beneficiary comments that were received during the BC process. The comments are organized into the four main categories discussed at the meeting regarding the components of the EMRCB selection process.

Qualifications of a Nominee

- What qualifications should a nominee possess?

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"Degree is important to have, like your experience in that is super important, but as far as firsthand experience of those who are from there or familiar with the area or have heard mo`olelo from kupuna. These are important things to carry on so that it can benefit all. And those things aren't really shared - our kupuna they keep a lot of things sacred; they keep within the community because we protect. We are stewards in that area, so we don't expose to many - to outsiders and so forth. But if you can find the right fit of a person who is akamai of the area, willing to serve with all the requirements that you have, then that would benefit all."

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Notification of Vacancy

- How should beneficiaries be notified of an upcoming vacancy?

"Send out the flyers. DHHL website. Social media is great. A lot of our people do social media, but don't know what happened tonight."

"When vacancies become available, social media is great, it can reach very fast."

Selection Process

- Any comments or opposition to the proposed process?

No comments.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED SELECTION PROCESS

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practices exercised by beneficiaries such as mahi`ai lo`i kalo (wetland taro farming) and kia`i loko i`a (fishpond management).

30% of water lease revenue. DHHL is entitled by Constitutional provision to 30% of the revenue generated by state water leases (Hawai`i Constitution Article XII Section I). The manner in which the BLNR currently sets the lease revenue excludes a charge for watershed management from being part of the base rent. Subsequently, DHHL has requested from the Attorney General an opinion regarding the exclusion of that revenue from being part of what is due to DHHL.

Background on the East Maui Regional Community Board / `Aha Wai o Maui Hikina

In the November 2022 election, the East Maui Regional Community Board³, also known as `Aha Wai o Maui Hikina, was established by a Maui County charter amendment that called for the creation of "Community Water Authorities." This Board governs the East Maui Water Authority. The purpose of this water authority is to acquire, manage, and control water collection and delivery systems with County staff. Areas of concern are the Nāhiku, Ke`anae, Honomanū, and Huelo water license areas.

This water authority includes a designated seat for a representative of the HHC in the Maui County Charter, Section 8-19.2(1). Regional Community Boards:

The East Maui regional community board...consists of eleven members with a minimum of two members from each license area. Eight members must have experience in water resource management and watershed restoration in the applicable watershed and reside in the applicable community plan area...The three remaining members are appointed by the council based on the following requirements: one member with experience in water resource management who is actively engaged in ranching, farming, aquaculture, or loko i`a in the area where water service is provided; one member with experience in water resource management who resides full-time in the area where water service is provided; and *one member who is a representative of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and is recommended by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.*

After being nominated, board members are required to go through an additional confirmation process through the County. This includes confirmation by the County Council at a public hearing, the filing of a Financial Disclosure Statement with the County

³ <https://www.mauicounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/139187/CHARTER---January-2023>

Board of Ethics, and to be sworn in with an Oath of Office. Board members are expected to attend all meetings, with a frequency of at least once per month.

Necessity of Adopting Procedures

The inclusion of this designated seat for DHHL on the EMRCB represents a significant milestone in advocating for DHHL's interests in water resources and the assurance of the prioritization of public trust purposes. As stated above, this is the first time DHHL has had a designated seat for a water related board.

Relevant Authorities

Development and implementation of Selection Process Procedures is warranted under three of the four priority goals of the Water Policy Plan:

1. Affirmatively communicate with beneficiaries regarding water decisions, performance, and water rights on a regional and annual basis.
2. Aggressively, proactively, consistently and comprehensively for the kuleana of the beneficiaries, the DHHL, and the HHC to water before all relevant agencies and entities.
4. Support watershed protection and restoration on DHHL lands and source areas for DHHL water.

The Water Policy Plan also includes additional goals related to the proposed selection process for the EMRCB:

Part III. Aggressively understand, exercise, and assert our water rights

10. Advocate that County Boards of Water Supply and other County agencies that affect water have the spirit of the HHC faithfully carried out to protect DHHL water uses as a Public Trust use of water and manage rates so they are affordable by beneficiaries.
11. Ensure that all legal provisions for the licensing of state water are followed.

The Water Policy Plan was itself developed as a means of ensuring compliance with the HHCA. The principal purposes of this Act include the provision of "adequate amounts of water and supporting infrastructure, so that homestead lands will always be usable and accessible[.]" HHCA § 101(b)(4). The Act recognizes the solemn trust created between the United States and the State of Hawai'i and the fiduciary duties of the Commission to administer the Act on behalf of beneficiaries.

In accordance with these obligations to manage, protect, and administer trust assets, the Department developed the proposed procedures.

Overview of Proposed Procedures

The Selection Process Procedures (attached as Exhibit C) include the following tasks and practices for the Department:

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representatives shall be selected based upon the related stage of the board.

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6. The selected representative shall report meaningful updates to the HHC. This may be included in the Water Projects Update.

Notification of an Upcoming Vacancy

The current HHC representative's term will end on March 31, 2025. There is no hold-over period allowed under Maui County ordinances. Therefore, DHHL will begin the application process upon approval of the proposed process.

Recommendation

- (1) Staff respectfully requests that the Hawaiian Homes Commission accepts the Beneficiary Consultation Report as the official public record of beneficiary unput and feedback relative to the proposed selection process of a Hawaiian Homes Commission representative for the East Maui Regional Community Board.
- (2) That the HHC approve the attached Exhibit C, "Process and Procedure for Selection of the HHC Representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board"

- (3) To begin notification of the upcoming vacancy for the HHC representative seat for the East Maui Regional Community Board

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East Maui Water Authority Selection Process
Beneficiary Consultation
October 28, 2024
Via Zoom
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

MEETING NOTES

I. Opening Remarks:

Julie-Ann Cachola, DHHL Planner and Liaison to Maui beneficiaries, welcomed attendees to the Beneficiary Consultation (BC). Ms. Cachola noted that all the applicants on the Maui Island Waitlist who reside on Maui and Maui Island Lessees, were invited to attend. The purpose of this meeting was to receive beneficiary input on the selection process for when there is a vacancy for the Department's seat to the East Maui Regional Community Board.

The purpose of this meeting was to:

- Provide information on the East Maui Irrigation System
- Provide information on the East Maui Regional Community Board
- Collect beneficiary feedback on desired qualifications for a nominee, reporting requirements, preferred notification methods, and the selection process itself

The goal of this consultation is to

- Bring forward a proposed selection process and procedure to the HHC with the feedback of DHHL's beneficiaries

II. Background Information for the Selection Process:

DHHL's Water Consultant and current Representative, Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer, provided background information on

- The East Maui Irrigation System
- The East Maui Regional Community Board

Cherie-Noelle Ka'anana, DHHL's Water Program Specialist, presented on the proposed process and procedures.

III. Discussion:

Ms. Cachola opened the discussion for beneficiary feedback on desired qualifications for a nominee, reporting requirements, preferred notification methods, and the selection process itself. Beneficiaries were encouraged to participate and had the opportunity to submit comments via Zoom's chat function or through email. Comments are summarized below.

- Why are there different terms? *Because the board is brand new – Maui County Charter says when you are nominated to any board or commission you can serve a five-year term and you can*

ITEM G-3 Exhibit B

do that twice. Because this is a brand new board and all the terms were starting, they didn't want five year terms to all start at once and then at the end of five years, they'd have to start with a brand new board, so they purposefully staggered them. So, some two-year, three-year, four-year, and five-year terms. And then it sort of got assigned as people went through the confirmation process in front of the council who got assigned to long. Because the HHC's representative was the last one named, he got put into a two-year term.

- Is it the County Council or the mayor that selects a DHHL representative if we are unable to pick one? *The County Council.*
- When is the next I Mana i ka Wai: Kūkulu Kahuwai DHHL Water Law and Leadership Training Series? *Anticipating for Spring 2025. We'll send out emails to homestead association emails as well.*
- This person should know the water, especially coming from East Maui. They should know the water ways, the diversions, the obstacles that you need to get to the water.”
- A lot of our kia`i wai don't go beyond high school. But yet they have the cultural background – the hands-on feet on the ground kind of qualifications.
- Knowing the water. Knowing the diversions. How much water is diverted from the Koolau is important knowledge to have.
- There are a lot of mahi ai from there that are very familiar but they might not have the degree. But they have the experience in other words because they are familiar with the area.
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- Check-in once a month would be good unless there's something stirring up in East Maui.
- Once a month to the board.
- Send out the flyers. DHHL website. Social media is great. A lot of our people do social media, but don't know what happened tonight.
- When vacancies become available, social media is great, it can reach very fast.
- How frequent does the HHC meet? *Once a month*
- Does the HHC check the water themselves? *No.*
- Representatives can do more than one term? *Yes – up to two five-year terms*
- Why is this upcoming application window short? *It's a tradeoff- with expiration for enough time for the expiration of the term in March vacancy. Don't know how long the Maui County Council confirmation process will take, so need to allot enough time before the vacancy. Want to have a nominee in place. Need to great to the HHC meetings, because if wait till February, will only give the Council so much time. Have nominee selected in advance to account for any curve balls.*

DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Process and Procedure for Selection of the HHC Representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board

**Procedure Number
24-001**

Kali Watson, Chairperson
Hawaiian Homes Commission

Date

ITEM G-3 EXHIBIT C

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Procedure Number 24-001
Process and Procedure for the Selection of the HHC Representative on the East
Maui Regional Community Water Board

Procedure

Subject: Internal Department procedures and workflow for the selection of a Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) Representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board when there is an upcoming vacancy for the designated seat

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Motion passed unanimously, Eight (9) Yes votes.

ITEM G-3 Accept the Beneficiary Consultation Report for the Proposed Process and Procedure for the Hawaiian Homes Commission Representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board's Water Authority; Approval of the proposed process and procedure; and Notification of the Upcoming Vacancy

RECOMMENDED MOTION/ACTION

Planning Manager Andrew Choy and Consultant Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer presented the following: Motion

1. Acceptance of the beneficiary consultation report as the official public record of beneficiary input and feedback regarding the selection process for HHC's representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board.
2. Approval of the proposed selection process and procedure for appointing the representative to the board.
3. Initiation of the notification process for the upcoming vacancy of the commission's representative seat on the board.

A. Choy acknowledged the complexity of the motion and committed to clarifying its details through the submittal process. He emphasized the importance of these actions in ensuring transparency, proper representation, and beneficiary involvement in the selection process. To further elaborate on the subject, A. Choy introduced Dr. Jonathan Scheuer, the department's water policy consultant, who would guide the commissioners through the presentation and provide additional insights into the proposed motion and procedures.

Dr. Jonathan Scheuer, DHHL's Water Policy Consultant, provided an overview of the East Maui irrigation system, a 75-mile network of tunnels, flumes, and ditches that diverts water from East Maui to Upcountry and Central Maui. This system, developed in the 1870s and later acquired by Alexander & Baldwin (A&B), primarily uses water from state lands, not private lands. In 2016, following the last sugar crop in Central Maui, A&B sold 41,000 acres to Mahi Pono under conditions requiring A&B to secure a 30-year water lease for at least 30 million gallons per day, failing which A&B would refund \$62 million. A&B has since sought this lease from the state.

Dr. Scheuer outlined DHHL's multiple interests in East Maui water licenses:

1. **Water Reservations:** DHHL has requested nearly 11.5 million gallons per day to support lands in Keokea, Waiohuli, Upcountry, and Pulehunui. The request, submitted in 2020, remains unfulfilled by the Water Commission.
2. **Traditional Practices:** Beneficiaries retain rights to traditional and customary practices in areas affected by water diversion.
3. **Revenue Sharing:** The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act mandates that 30% of revenue from water licenses go to the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund to support homesteading projects.
4. **Representation:** In 2022, Maui voters approved creating the East Maui Water Authority, reserving a seat on its board for a DHHL representative—the first such dedicated seat in Hawai'i.

A beneficiary consultation, led by DHHL staff member Cherie Kaanana (currently on leave), was held virtually on October 28, 2024. Over 3,000 postcards were sent to lessees and applicants in Maui County, and the meeting, conducted via Zoom, received over 60 post-event views. Discussions included nominee qualifications, expectations for reporting back to the department, notification of vacancies, and the selection process. A 30-day comment period followed.

Feedback emphasized the importance of finding qualified nominees, keeping beneficiaries informed via social media and other tools, and providing regular updates on the board's activities.

Dr. J. Scheuer detailed the proposed process for selecting a DHHL representative:

1. DHHL would issue a vacancy notice and open an application period.
2. Applications would be reviewed against established criteria.
3. A nominee would be recommended to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, which would approve or reject the candidate.
4. Approved nominees would undergo Maui County Council confirmation.

Nominees are expected to complete the confirmation process, file annual financial disclosures, attend meetings, and report regularly to the DHHL and beneficiaries about the board's activities. Dr. J. Scheuer's term on the board, a two-year appointment due to its initial structuring, ends on March 31, 2025. To maintain representation, DHHL aims to implement the selection process immediately. If the commission approves the beneficiary consultation report and proposed process, DHHL will post a vacancy notice, with applications due by January 6, 2025. A nominee would be presented at the January commission meeting for confirmation by Maui County.

DISCUSSION

Chair Watson clarified that currently, the chair directly applies to the DHHL representative seat without the proposed process. He noted the urgency of implementing the new process, as the current representative's term expires on Monday, leaving a short timeframe to identify and submit a new candidate.

Dr. J. Scheuer stated that his term is expiring, but he is eligible and willing to be reappointed if the commission chooses. Chair Watson noted that if the new process is not completed in time, Dr. Scheuer could be reappointed to avoid a lapse in representation. Dr. J. Scheuer acknowledged the possibility of reappointment but emphasized that beneficiaries strongly requested a consultation and open process for filling the seat, following controversy during the initial appointment. He expressed a strong preference to proceed with the proposed process to address these concerns.

Commissioner Kaneakua expressed gratitude for Dr. Scheuer's work, acknowledging the progress made due to his efforts. He commended Dr. Scheuer for respecting the beneficiaries' request for a selection process and advocating for its implementation, expressing appreciation for his dedication.

MOTION/ACTION


Moved by Commissioner Neves, seconded by Commissioner Freitas, to approve the item as stated in the submittal.						
Commissioner	1	2	AYE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA ABSTAIN	EXCUSED
Commissioner Freitas			X			
Commissioner Kaleikini			X			
Commissioner Kalepa			X			
Commissioner Kaneakua			X			
Commissioner Lasua	X		X			
Commissioner Marfil			X			
Commissioner Namu'o			X			
Commissioner Neves		X	X			
Chairman Watson			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED Motion passed unanimously, with Nine (9) Yes votes.						

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Process and Procedure for Selection of the HHC Representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board

Procedure Number
24-001



Kali Watson, Chairperson
Hawaiian Homes Commission

Dec 16, 2024

Date

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PLANNING OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

January 21, 2024

TO: Chairperson and Members, Hawaiian Homes Commission

THROUGH: Andrew H. Choy, Acting Planning Program Manager

FROM: Cherie-Noelle Ka'anana, Water Program Specialist

SUBJECT: Approval of Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer as the
Hawaiian Homes Commission's Representative to the Maui
County East Maui Regional Community Board

RECOMMENDED MOTION/ACTION

That the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) approve the proposed nominee, Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer, as the Hawaiian Homes Commission representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board (EMRCB).

DISCUSSION

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30% of water lease revenue. DHHL is entitled by Constitutional provision to 30% of the revenue generated by state water leases. A portion of Article XII, Section I of the Hawai`i State Constitution states:

Thirty percent of the state receipts derived from the leasing of cultivated sugarcane lands under any provision of law or from water licenses shall be transferred to the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund, section 213 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, for the purposes enumerated in that section.

The manner in which the BLNR currently sets the lease revenue excludes a charge for watershed management from being part of the base rent. Subsequently, DHHL has requested from the Attorney General an opinion regarding the exclusion of that revenue from being part of what is due to DHHL.

Background on the East Maui Regional Community Board / `Aha Wai o Maui Hikina

In the November 2022 election, the East Maui Regional Community Board², also known as `Aha Wai o Maui Hikina, was established by a Maui County charter amendment that called for the creation of "Community Water Authorities." This Board governs the East Maui Water Authority. The purpose of this water authority is to acquire, manage, and control water collection and delivery systems with County staff. Areas of concern are the Nāhiku, Ke`anae, Honomanū, and Huelo water license areas - the areas historically leased via revocable permits by BLNR to EMI.

This water authority includes a designated seat for a representative of the HHC. In the Maui County Charter, Section 8-19.2(1), Regional Community Boards, it specifies:

The East Maui regional community board...consists of eleven members with a minimum of two members from each license area. Eight members must have experience in water resource management and watershed restoration in the applicable watershed and reside in the applicable community plan area...The three remaining members are appointed by the council based on the following requirements: one member with experience in water resource management who is actively engaged in ranching, farming, aquaculture, or loko i`a

² <https://www.mauicounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/139187/CHARTER---January-2023>

in the area where water service is provided; one member with experience in water resource management who resides full-time in the area where water service is provided; and *one member who is a representative of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and is recommended by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.*

After being nominated, board members are required to go through additional County processes. This includes confirmation by the County Council at a public hearing, the filing of a Financial Disclosure Statement with the County Board of Ethics, and they must be sworn in with an Oath of Office. Board members are expected to attend all meetings, with the frequency of at least once per month.

Background on the Selection Process

On December 16, 2024, the HHC approved the proposed process and procedure for the selection of the HHC representative on the EMRCB in Agenda Item G-3. The approved process can be found at <https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/water/>. Notification of the upcoming vacancy on the EMRCB occurred at the same meeting, where DHHL staff announced applications for the seat would be available on the DHHL website.

The deadline for applications was extended to January 13, 2024, to account for the holiday season. Maui island homestead leaders also received email notification regarding the seat and the application deadline. We received one application. Upon review, DHHL staff utilized criteria approved by the HHC that were proposed at beneficiary consultation, to determine an appropriate representative. These criteria include:

- I. The applicant shall have affiliation with DHHL through one or more of the following:
 - i. Lessee
 - ii. Applicant
 - iii. Employment
 - iv. Hawaiian Homes Commission past or current representative
 - v. Consultant
- II. The applicant shall have relevant water experience and knowledge related to the water license areas of the board through one or more of the following:
 - i. Firsthand experience with ranching, farming, aquaculture, or loko i`a
 - ii. Water resource management and watershed restoration experience
 - iii. Advocacy work related to water

- iv. Completion of the *I Mana i ka Wai: Kūkulu Kahuwai DHHL Water Law and Leadership Training Series*

After thorough consideration, DHHL staff recommends Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer as the HHC representative on the EMRCB. Dr. Scheuer's qualifications are provided in Exhibit A.

Recommendation

Staff respectfully requests that the Hawaiian Homes Commission approves the nomination of Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer as the Hawaiian Homes Commission representative on the East Maui Regional Community Board.

Attachments: Exhibit A

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I help organizations manage environmental conflict and seek sustainable prosperity for the stakeholders and natural resources involved

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Consultant July 1990 – present, as Kahālāwai Consulting LLC, 2018 – present

Work with clients to create and implement water protection and development strategies.

- Secure water for housing and farm development: Led development and implementation of the first water policy for Hawaiian Homes Commission since its founding in 1921. Assisted in resolution of water claims statewide, including to the Waimea River, Kaua'i and securing a water Use Permit on Moloka'i after twenty-seven years of litigation
- Coordinate outreach and strategy efforts to protect the water resources Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park while accommodating surrounding development
- Water management area designation for the Honolulu Board of Water Supply
- Assist private sector off-stream users manage interests during state efforts to restore stream flows

Facilitate meetings, run public hearings, and plan and implement community outreach.

- Development and implementation of community engagement (Birds Not Mosquitoes, Ka'ūpūlehu Marine Life Advisory Committee)
- Facilitated meetings for the third and fourth National Climate Assessment, Climate Downscaling in the High Hawaiian Islands, the five-year science plan for the Pacific Islands Climate Science Center, and the National Corporation for Atmospheric Research
- Appointed as hearings officer for the Land Use Commission (A89-649 Lāna'i Resorts)

Land use planning, research, advocacy, and expert witness services.

- Expert witness for the Consumer Advocate before the Public Utilities Commission
- Developed a team to assess the scientific bases for evaluating fishing regulations for the Northwest Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve
- Assisted in development of the first land use plan for the Waipā Ahupua'a (Kaua'i)
- Preparation and delivery of testimony to local, state, and federal bodies

Director, Land Management, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), Honolulu, Hawai'i
November 2006 – February 2010

Led development, adoption and implementation of OHA's first real estate policy, and subsequent development and management of a 28,000+ acre portfolio including creating and managing budgets, hiring, supervision, contracts, and communications.

- Led financial and technical analyses and beneficiary outreach for the proposed \$200 million dollar settlement of past due claims on "ceded" land revenue
- Led OHA's first acquisitions: Waimea Valley and Wao Kele O Puna, leveraging \$3.9 million to acquire \$26.25 million in assets and ending controversies
- Co-led creation and management of Hi'ipaka LLC (501(c)3) to own and manage Waimea Valley, O'ahu; oversaw program development, restoration, visitor growth

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY, CONTINUED

Policy Analyst IV, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), Honolulu, Hawai'i May 2004 – October 2006

Led review of all water related projects statewide for their impacts on Hawaiians and environmental resources; coordinated with allied groups; supervised staff; managed project teams; managed associated grants, budgets, and plans.

- Successfully resolved two contested cases; led multi-year, high profile water rights advocacy efforts statewide, including Nā Wai `Ehā, Maui and Waialua, Kaua'i; oversaw negotiation, litigation, research, and outreach
- Regularly reviewed, prepared agency comments for, and delivered testimony on entitlement applications, land use plans, environmental documents, and legislation for their effect on Native Hawaiians; affected changes to projects and bills
- Identified, developed and maintained relationships with key strategic partners including community, business, and scientific organizations; represented OHA to media

Lecturer-in-Law, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i, **Lecturer, Urban and Regional Planning Department** Mānoa, Hawai'i

Fall 2004 & 2005, Spring 2007, 2008, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2025

Co-taught courses on Conservation Transactions and Land Use Management for the Law School. Developed and taught a graduate overview of US & Hawai'i environmental policy and training students with hands on policy analysis and advocacy for the Planning Department.

Land Evaluation Coordinator, Kamehameha Schools, Honolulu, Hawai'i June 2002 – June 2003

Developed methodology to assess multiple returns on 365,000 acres of agricultural and conservation district lands, assistance with water related issues in a post-doctoral position.

- Developed an evaluation model for economic, community, educational, environmental, and cultural returns on land managements and investments
- Developed a new water policy and an alternative settlement to a \$453,000 fine from the state Water Commission

Legislative Aide, Hawai'i State House of Representatives, Honolulu, Hawai'i January – May, 1992 & 1993

- Drafted bills and committee reports; maintained an updated database on budget deliberations to share information with concerned parties otherwise excluded; assisted with negotiation over feral animal control on conservation lands

Campaign Chair / Manager, The Friends of Jim Shon, Honolulu, Hawai'i May – November, 1992

SELECTED COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

`Aha Wai o Maui Hikina / East Maui Regional Community Board DHHL representative,
Chair, June 2023 – present

Hawai`i State Land Use Commission, July 2014 – June 2022.
Chair, June 2018 – June 2022; First Vice Chair July 2015 – June 2018; At-Large.

Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, January 2011 – January 2022.
Past Chair (2020-22), Chair (2018-20); Vice Chair (2016-8), Board Member, Chair of the
Board Development and Land Committees.

Sierra Club Hawai`i Chapter Political Committee. 2014 – 2022; Chair 2017 – 2022.

O`ahu Island Burial Council, May 2011 – June 2014 Vice Chair January 2012 – June 2014.
Hawaiian community representative for the Kona district

O`ahu Land Trust, Board Member, March 2010 – December 2010

Mālama Mānoa, Director, January 2004 – December 2006

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Better Selves Fellowship, Knoll Farm, June – July 2021

Urban Land Institute, UrbanPlan for Public Officials, October 2017

New Partners for Smart Growth 2017 Conference, St. Louis, Missouri.

2017 Hawai`i Land Law Conference, Honolulu, Hawai`i

Center for Whole Communities, Fellowship/Whole Thinking Leaders' Retreat, 2012 (Detroit,
Michigan); Whole Thinking in Practice Retreat 2015 (Booneville, California)

Hawai`i Conservation Conference, 1994-7, 2004-9, 2012-14, 2018, 2024

Land Trust Alliance, Rally (speaker), 2005 – 2007, 2009, 2019

Ford Foundation, Closing the Racial Wealth Gap Conference, 2007

FORMAL EDUCATION

Ph.D., Environmental Studies, UC Santa Cruz, June 2002

Masters in Environmental Studies, Yale University, School of the Environment, May 1995

Certificate, Scottish Cultural Studies, University of Edinburgh, July 1991

B. A., Environmental Studies (honors), UC Santa Cruz, June 1991

SELECTED AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Wiliwili Warrior Award, Kīhei Community Association, 2022

Randy Ching Volunteer of the Year Award, Sierra Club Hawai'i Chapter, 2018

Switzer Network Innovation Grant, 2017; Switzer Network Environmental Leadership Grant, 2002-03

Environmental Protection Agency STAR Fellow, 1999-2001

Switzer Fellowship, 1998-99

University of California Regent's Fellowships, 1996, 1997

Gilman Ordway Family Scholar, 1994-95

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Ostrowski, Deja, and Jonathan Likeke Scheuer. **Five tools to Disarm the Weaponization of Affordable Housing.** Civil Beat. March 7, 2023.

Scheuer, Jonathan Likeke and Bianca Kai Isaki. 2021. **Water and Power in West Maui.** Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.

Scheuer, Jonathan Likeke. 2020. **"How To Redefine The Housing Crisis In Hawaii: Myths, truths and steps that can take us forward."** Civil Beat. December 13, 2020.

Scheuer, Jonathan Likeke and Bianca Kai Isaki. 2015. **Report on Traditional and Customary Practices for the National Park Service.** May 29, 2015.

Nāmu`o, Clyde and Jonathan Likeke Scheuer. 2008. **"Effort to 'save' Waimea Valley will take all of us."** The Honolulu Advertiser. October 26.

Scheuer, Jonathan L. 2002. **Water and Power in Hawai'i: The Waiāhole Water Case and the Future of the Islands.** Doctoral dissertation.

Scheuer, Jonathan and Tim W. Clark. 2001. **"Conserving Biodiversity in Hawai'i: What is the Policy Problem?"** in Tim W. Clark, Michael J. Stevenson, Kim Ziegelmayer, Murray B. Rutherford, Volume Editors; Jane Coppock, Bulletin Series Editor. **Species and Ecosystem Conservation: An Interdisciplinary Approach** Bulletin 105, Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. New Haven: Yale University.

Scheuer, Jonathan. 1995. **"We Are What We Eat: The Political Ecology of Kalo (Colocasia esculenta) in Waipā, Kaua'i, Hawai'i."** Pp. 27 - 20 in TRI News: Journal of the Tropical Resources Institute.

Bojanowski, Melanie, Angie Shelton, Chris Wilcox, Kim Heinemeyer and Jonathan Scheuer. 1998. **"Sneak Attack on Species Protection: Clinton policies weaken provisions of vital legislation."** The San Francisco Chronicle. December 3, page A33.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & PODCASTS

Be Akamai: Why Wai How a water rights fight on Maui impacts all of Hawai'i

Hawai'i News Now podcast with Daryl Huff. December 6, 2024.

Water and Power in Hawai'i: Updates from the Battlefields

Opening Keynote, RCAC Environmental Symposium November 5, 2024.

A Healing Well: Our Culture and Our Rights as a Water Resource

Closing Keynote, Hawai'i Rural Water Association Conference, May 26, 2022.

What Does Sustainable Yield Sustain? What (and Who) is Left Out?

Water Resources Research Seminar presentation, October 20, 2021.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission Water Policy Plan

Presentations for homesteaders on Hawaiian water rights. 2017-22 across Hawai'i.

Native Hawaiian Rights and the Thirty Meter Telescope

Facilitator at 2017 Hawaii Land Use Law Conference with Attorney General Douglas Chin, David Kauila Copper, and Lisa Munger, January 20, 2017, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Hawai'i Water Wars

Discussant after the showing of Kalo Pa'a O Waiāhole at the Indigenous International Film Festival, Denver Colorado. March 9, 2016.

It's the Process, Stupid (The value of engaging the Native Hawaiian Community)

Presentation at the Native Hawaiian Rights training for Boards and Commissions. William S. Richardson School of Law, January 16, 2016.

Current Needs and Long Term Aspirations for Kaka'ako: Grounded Stories & Civic Space

Panelist at Kaka'ako Our Kuleana. November 3, 2015.

Legal and Cultural Frameworks for Water Management in Hawai'i

W/ Kapua'ala Sproat, American Planning Association, May 12, 2010, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Forgotten Histories: Collaborating with Tribes and Native Communities

Land Trust Alliance 2009 Rally, October 12, 2009, Portland, Oregon

Land Asset Management as a Tool for Mission

American Planning Association, October 1, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska

After Apologies: Indigenous Real Estate Choice in Asset Allocation (Keynote)

Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees, July 2, 2008, Sacramento, California

Income & Proceeds from the Public Land Trust: Bringing Closure to a 30 Year Dispute

40+ presentations on a proposed settlement on past-due amounts on ceded lands January – March, 2008, Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Hawai'i Islands

Land Acquisition, Retention, and Utilization

Ford Foundation, October 29, 2007, New York, New York

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE AND APPEARANCES

- 2023, August 27. **How 19th-century pineapple plantations turned Maui into a tinderbox.** [The Guardian](#).
- 2023, August 23. **Lahaina's deadly fire has intensified Maui's fight over water rights.** [Washington Post](#).
- 2023, August 23. **Waldbrände auf Hawaii: Bevor die Asche kalt ist.** [Die Zeit](#).
- 2023, August 20. **Lahaina Fire Prompts a Shift in Maui's Long-Running Water Fights.** [New York Times](#).
- 2023, August 17. **Fire Exposes Flaws in Hawaii's Defenses Against Climate Shocks.** [New York Times](#).
- 2023, August 17. **Water access and use conflicts mount with Lahaina fire.** KHON.
- 2023, July 25. **'Hurting for water': Hawaii resorts worsen Maui's water shortage.** [SF Gate](#).
- 2022, June 19. **The Civil Beat Editorial Board Interview: LUC Chair Jonathan Likeke Scheuer.** [Civil Beat](#).
- 2022, February 5. **Water Commission Learns of Threats to West Maui Ground, Surface Sources.** [Environment Hawai'i](#).
- 2021, January 26. **Remote workers are flocking to Hawaii. But is that good for the islands?** [The Guardian](#).
- 2019, February 22. **Commission takes DOE official to task: Members reaffirm support for under- or overpass to Kihei high school.** [The Maui News](#).
- 2017, January 19. **Commission approves final EIS for Waikapu Country Town project.** [The Maui News](#).
- 2016, January 20. **Keauhou Aquifer Resolution Could be a Long Time Coming.** [West Hawai'i Today](#).
- 2014, June 13. **Burial Council Concerns About 801 South Street.** KHPR "The Conversation"
- 2012, September 23. **The Reburial of Bones.** [The Honolulu Star-Advertiser](#). Vicky Viotti.
- 2007 – 2010. Guest host of morning show [Nā `Ōiwi `Ōlino](#), KKNE am 940, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 2008, September 5. **"Progress at Waimea Valley."** [Everybody's Business with Howard Dicus](#), KHET (Hawai'i Public Television).
- 2008, January 23. **"Landmark agreement signed in Hawaii."** [Radio New Zealand International](#).
- 2008, January 22. **"Ceded Lands – the People's Legacy."** [KITV](#).