

WASSP Committee

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Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 9:17 PM
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Aloha e ke kōmike WASSP,

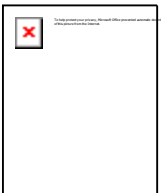
As a Ho'olehua homesteader of Moloka'i, active in our homestead association, I strongly support the proposed Resolution 25-50 approving the appointment of Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer to the East Maui Regional Community Board and mahalo the County for recognizing such a seat.

Dr. Scheuer has both educated and guided our beneficiaries with his 'ike over the past years. He is trustworthy. He will be an asset to the committee not just for his extensive knowledge on water and water law, but also for his understanding of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony and for your consideration to approve Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer's appointment.

ke aloha,
Kilia Purdy-Avelino

*"A'ole hana nui ke alu 'ia!"
No task is too great when done together!*



JONATHAN LIKEKE SCHEUER
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**‘AHA WAI O MAUI HIKINA
EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD**

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February 18, 2025

Shane Sinenci, Chair
and Members of the Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee
200 South High Street, 8th Floor
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**SUBJECT: WASSP COMMITTEE, FEBRUARY 25, RESO 25-50, APPROVING
THE APPOINTMENT OF DHHL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD**

Aloha e Chair Sinenci, and Members.

We strongly urge your support for the reappointment of Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer as the Department of Hawaiian Homelands representative to this Board. Since our inception, Dr. Scheuer has excelled in his role as Board Chair, demonstrating exemplary performance and unwavering dedication to the voters of Maui County. Despite residing on the island of Oahu, he consistently prioritizes his responsibilities by being physically present at all meetings. He skillfully sets aside personal feelings to guarantee a fair and balanced perspective, guiding this Board in fulfilling our essential duties as outlined by the Maui County Charter. His ability to unite us and foster teamwork is a testament to his leadership skills.

Eia no o kūlanihāko‘i, no kakou e mālama ai!

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Shane Sinenci, Chair WASSP Committee
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Dr. Scheuer's extensive knowledge of Hawai'i's history, particularly concerning water law and the stewardship of our precious water resources, has been indispensable in establishing the Aha Wai o Maui Hikina and the East Maui Water Authority. One of our board members aptly referred to him as, "a reflection of a little light in the sky that serves as a guide to be followed." In traditional times, such an individual would have been revered as an ali'i, a guiding light that ensures the community not only survives but thrives.

In conclusion, we firmly believe that reappointing Dr. Scheuer to this Board is essential to ensuring that the watersheds in the Ko'olau and the natural water resources of East Maui are preserved, protected, and sustained for the current residents of Maui and future generations. We expect your unwavering support for his reappointment.

Mahalo,

The Aha Wai 'O Maui Hikina East Maui Regional Community Board
Members

cc: Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor
Josiah Nishita, Managing Director
Gina M. Young, Director, East Maui Water Authority

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From: Board EMRCB <Board.EMRCB@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 9:46 AM
To: WASSP Committee
Subject: Reso 25-50 Testimony
Attachments: 2025-02-25 Ltr to WASSP Chair Sinenci re AWOMH Board support_DHHL reappointment 2025 clv_v2.pdf

Importance: High

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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.

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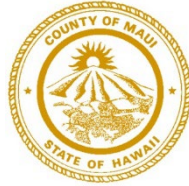
Mahalo a mālama,

Cory

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
Mayor

JOSIAH K. NISHITA
Managing Director

GINA M. YOUNG
Director



EAST MAUI WATER AUTHORITY
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February 24, 2025

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and Members of the Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee
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**SUBJECT: STRONG SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION 25-50, APPROVING THE
APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN LIKEKE SCHEUER TO THE
EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD**

Aloha e Chair Sinenci and Members,

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 25-50 approving the reappointment of Dr. Jonathan Likeke Scheuer as the Hawaiian Homes Commission representative on the 'Aha Wai O Maui Hikina East Maui Regional Community Board. Dr. Scheuer was chosen after a thorough nomination and vetting process and has experience and a proven track record of success on the Board.

Having personally worked with Dr. Scheuer on the Board, I can attest to his effective organizational skills, professional mannerism, reputation of fairness and inclusion, open minded nature, expertise on water management and knowledge of the Department of Hawaiian Homeland's needs. Board members chose him as their Chair and his facilitation of Board meetings has been exceptional. He draws out all opinions and shows respect for all points of view. His input into the Board's strategic vision was essential to its adoption and he has worked tirelessly to set the Board up as a voice for the community. His knowledge on a wide range of land, water, cultural issues has proven extremely useful, as has his understanding of state government operations and policies.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission Board seat ensures that beneficiaries and DHHL's interests are represented and helps in the achievement of their mission to protect and improve the lives of Native Hawaiians. Voting to approve Resolution 25-50 and honor DHHL's nomination helps to fulfil the County Council's obligation to uphold the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, and the public trust doctrine mandated the Hawaii State Constitution.

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I ask that you respect the thorough selection process established by the Hawaiian Homes Commission and their choice of Dr. Scheuer as their representative. Due to a delay in setting up the Board, he has only served one year of the original two-year term. He has established himself as a successful leader and has the support of the Board. Please vote to approve his reappointment so that he and the Board can continue their good work.

Should you have any questions or please do not hesitate to contact me at
gina.young@mauicounty.gov

Respectfully,

GINA M. YOUNG
Director
East Maui Water Authority

cc: `Aha Wai O Maui Hikina, East Maui Regional
Community Board Members

GMV:clv

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From: Board EMRCB <Board.EMRCB@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 11:08 AM
To: Board EMRCB; WASSP Committee
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Attachments: 2025-02-25 Dir Young_Testimony DHHL reappointment Dr. Scheuer AWOMH.pdf

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Mahalo

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To: wassp.committee@mauicounty.us
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Importance: High

Aloha

Please see the attached letter from Director Young, Department of the East Maui Water Authority, in support of Jonathan Likeke Scheuer for reappointment to the Aha Wai O Maui Hikina East Maui Regional Community Board.

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Mahalo a mālama,

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