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Legislative Testimony

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GM 778 – Consideration and confirmation to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee, FREDERICK REPPUN

Chair Kahele, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) offers strong support in favor of the appointment of Frederick Reppun to the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC). Mr. Reppun will continue to uphold HIMB's distinguished reputation for service to the Kāneʻohe Bay community and the State of Hawai'i.

Mr. Reppun is a well-respected scholar and member of the HIMB faculty. He also has multi-generational ties to Kāneʻohe Bay and has dedicated his professional life to community-based environmental science, management and education, which will be of great value to the KBRC. His role as the Education Coordinator for the Heʻeia NERR will provide an excellent nexus with many other efforts aimed at helping to restore Kāneʻohe Bay, including strong connections to community groups active in the Bay. He will be a proactive and thoughtful member of the Council, and he will serve with the utmost integrity to uphold the principles of the Kāneʻohe Bay Master Plan.