

# **RES22-210 Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 397**

TRANSPORTATION, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH

## **TRANSPORTATION, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH Meeting**

Meeting Date: Sep 20, 2022 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 3

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Committee on Transportation, Sustainability, and Health  
City and County of Honolulu  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Transportation,  
Sustainability, and Health,

**Position: Support Resolution 22-210.**

The Surfrider Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our ocean, waves, and beaches. Surfrider maintains a network of over 150 chapters and academic clubs nationwide, including 4 chapters in the Hawaiian Islands. The Surfrider Foundation focuses on many aspects of the environment such as coastal protection, plastic pollution, and water quality.

I am testifying in strong support of Resolution 22-210 to appoint Mr. Bradley Romine to serve on the Climate Change Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. Mr. Romine is a well-respected climate scientist with the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program who specializes in coastal zone management, sea level rise, and coastal hazards. The Surfrider Foundation Hawai'i region has worked with Mr. Romine and his colleagues at Sea Grant for the past few years on these issues, and he has been a very supportive partner in our many efforts to protect the ocean, waves, and beaches of Hawai'i. He brings deep technical expertise and would be a strong addition to the Climate Change Commission of Honolulu.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony in support of Resolution 22-210 submitted on the behalf of the Surfrider Foundation O'ahu Chapter and all of our members who live on the island and visit to enjoy the many coastal recreational opportunities offered by all of the island's coastlines.

Sincerely,

Camile Cleveland  
Volunteer Policy Coordinator  
Surfrider Foundation, O'ahu Chapter

**Testimony of  
Leah Laramée, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Coordinator**

**for  
Honolulu City and County Council Meeting  
Comments in support of  
RES 22-210**

**CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. BRADLEY ROMINE TO SERVE ON  
THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF  
HONOLULU.**

Dear Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Elefante, and Councilmembers,

RES22-210 confirms the appointment of Dr. Bradley Romine to serve on the Climate Change Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. **The Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission) supports this measure.**

The Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission “recognizes the urgency of climate threats and the need to act quickly. It promotes ambitious, climate-neutral, culturally responsible strategies for climate change adaptation and mitigation in a manner that is clean, equitable and resilient.” The Commission, established by Act 32 SLH 2017 to uphold the United States’ pledges under the Paris Agreement, is the coordinating body for policies on climate change mitigation and adaptation for the state. It is a high-level multi-jurisdictional body that guides the priorities of the state’s climate response. Co-chaired by DLNR and Office of Planning, it consists of 20 members—chairs of four legislative committees, and executive department heads at the county and state levels.

The State Commission’s priority for adaptation of climate change is to work on sea level rise action. Dr Romine works to provide bridges between university, communities, and government toward the complimentary goals of protecting coastal environments and reducing natural hazards and climate risks for coastal communities. He works closely with the Commission and the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources and interfaces with other federal, state, and county government agencies and the public on collaborative projects to support resource management, planning, and decision-making based on the latest and best-available coastal and climate science, including follow-on work and guidance related to the 2017 Hawaii Sea Level

Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report and is supporting the 2022 update. Dr Romine would be a great addition to the Climate Change Commission of The City and County of Honolulu.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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September 20, 2022

Aloha, Chair Cordero and Vice Chair Elefante,

As the former Chair of the Honolulu Climate Change Commission, I am writing to voice my **strong support of Resolution 22-210** which is being heard by your Committee on Transportation, Sustainability, and Health of the Honolulu City Council on September 20, 2022. Resolution 22-210 would confirm the appointment of Dr. Bradley Romine to serve on the Climate Change Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Dr. Romine is a climate scientist with the University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program who specializes in coastal zone management, sea level rise, and coastal hazards. He fills an important expertise gap that currently exists in the commission in the area of planning for climate change impacts to coastal communities. Throughout his career Brad has worked to promote climate resilient development through partnerships with numerous government agencies, community groups, nonprofit organizations, and the commercial sector. He has established a reputation for excellence in science communication, coastal analysis, and advising government agencies in developing science-based policies.

I support Resolution 22-210 because confirming Dr. Bradley Romine to serve on the Climate Change Commission of the City and County of Honolulu will ensure that the latest scientific information is used to underpin guidance that is produced by the Commission, especially in the area of sea level rise and coastal hazards.

I sincerely appreciate the Committee on Transportation, Sustainability, and Health’s time and effort to confirm Dr. Romine to the Climate Change Commission. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the substance of my testimony.

Respectfully,

*C. Fletcher*

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