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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF GM #460 - CONFIRMATION OF KA'IULANI MURPHY TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Aloha Chairperson Hee and members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message #460.

My name is Davianna Pomaika'i McGregor and I am testifying on behalf of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana in support of the appointment of Ka'iulani Murphy to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) from July 2010 through June 2012.

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana welcomes the appointment of Ka'iulani Murphy to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

As a navigator with the Polynesian Voyaging Society, Ka'iulani will play an integral role in guiding the KIRC in restoring the island of Kanaloa Kaho'olawe as a traditional center for the training of navigators in celestial wayfinding. She will also play an important role in continuing the partnership of the Polynesian Voyaging Society with the KIRC and the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana.

As an educator, Ka'iulani also brings expertise in the development of education and communication programs on the natural and cultural significance of Kanaloa Kaho'olawe, especially in relation to traditional navigation and wayfinding. Throughout the past three years Ka'iulani worked with the PKO, KIRC and the Pacific American foundation in developing a curriculum of science, math and social studies using the conditions and resources of Kanaloa Kaho'olawe as a case study.

Ka'iulani is helping to train a crew of Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana members and KIRC staff for the upcoming worldwide sail of the Hokule'a. She has generously shared her knowledge and experience with our young and enthusiastic members. Ka'iulani is an acknowledged and respected leader among the next generation of leaders for Kanaloa Kaho'olawe and the Native Hawaiian community as a whole.

In summary, Ka'iulani Murphy is an excellent choice to represent the mana'o of Native Hawaiian organizations, especially the upcoming generation of leaders, on the KIRC.

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