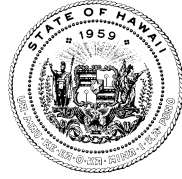


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COMMENTS OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

IN SUPPORT OF GM 741 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KATHLEEN
PUAMAEOLE. CHIN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017

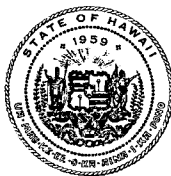
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Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the
Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of
the confirmation of Kathleen Puamaeole Chin. Commissioner Chin has
served admirably on an interim basis as the Kauai Commissioner and
once confirmed to fill the remainder of the term, will continue to
provide a Kauai island perspective that has served Kauai beneficiaries
well.

Pua's extensive background in business, for profit as well as not
for profit, adds insights that are valuable to the Commission's
discussions, resulting in comprehensive decisions that are valuable to
the Hawaiian Home Lands program.

As a long time Kauai resident and homesteader, Pua understands
the importance and impacts of her actions and always considers Prince
Kuhio's vision in her decision making.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Testimony on GM 741
Confirmation of **KATHLEEN P. CHIN**
Hawaiian Homes Commission

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Wednesday, April 15, 2015
1:15 PM
Conference Room 224

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee, Kathleen P. Chin, as a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Ms. Chin is known to me as a highly professional individual with the sensitivity and collaborative nature to address the Native Hawaiian community and their pursuit of home ownership.

In its long history and past practices, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and its governance by the Hawaiian Homes Commission, have faced many challenges in the perpetuity of the land trust assets and to accomplish the fundamental mission to empower Native Hawaiians with homeownership and economic self-sufficiency. Strong, dynamic leadership and fortitude is vital to build and sustain the necessary horizontal and vertical infrastructure on native lands.

Ms. Chin will serve admirably as a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Her professional career includes experience in the oversight and management of executive level policies and procedures, contract management and strategic planning. She will represent Kauai well as exhibited by her long standing community work and the respect she garners with the people she works with.

It is an honor to offer my support for the confirmation of Kathleen P. Chin as a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, 14th District
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Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
State of Hawaii

Testimony of
Leimana DaMate, Executive Director
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Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, April 15, 2015
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 741- SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KATHLEEN CHIN FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017.

The Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) expresses its support for the confirmation of Kathleen Chin to serve as a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission representing Kauai County.

AMAC, through its attachment to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) works closely with Native Hawaiian communities on natural and cultural resources. We have worked with homestead communities who are also moku and ahupua'a residents who are involved with natural resource issues, watershed protection and water concerns.

Ms. Chin has worked well with us and has been open to discussions on different resources on the islands where Hawaiian Homesteads are. She is from Manokalanipo and in our work with her since she first became an interim Commissioner, we have found her to be compassionate to others, yet passionate about Kauai; accessible, fair and dedicated to the welfare of Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Ms. Canto in the future and strongly support her nomination.

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor



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January 19, 2015

Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Nomination of Kathleen "Pua" Chin; Hawaiian Homes Commission

Dear Chair and Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

This letter is to strongly support Kathleen "Pua" Chin as the Kauai member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Ms. Chin has done exemplary work at Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative, providing support to the Board of Directors and contributing greatly to the success of our island's energy utility.

At every opportunity, she has shown professionalism, a strong work ethic, and a very constant presence in all issues. I have seen her perform at public events with hundreds of people, and in intimate settings with board members and guests.

She will be a fine representative for Kaua'i on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. As a lifelong Kauai resident, Ms. Chin shows aloha for all people and for our beautiful island.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Mahalo nui loa,

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.

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April 10, 2015

Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chairman
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Via e-mail: HWNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: Kathleen Chin, Hawaiian Homes Commission

Dear Sen. Shimabukuro:

This is to urge the appointment of Kathleen Chin as commissioner to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Our firm has worked with Ms. Chin in our capacity as legal counsel to Kauai Island Utility Cooperative, where Ms. Chin is the Executive Administrator. Her work ethic and professionalism can only be described as superlative.

She has the ability to collaborate with community members, board members, and employees in an effective, friendly and professional manner. She gets things done and takes responsibility and initiative in all aspects of her job.

Kauai needs a strong advocate such as Kathleen Chin.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



GALEN NAKAMURA

ROSEHILL & ASSOCIATES
Government, Community, and Public Affairs

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

**Re: GM 741, Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kathleen P. Chin
Hearing: Wednesday, April 15, 1:15pm, Conference Room 224**

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Kathleen Chin to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. My name is Linda Rosehill.

I have known and worked with Kathleen for a number of years and know her to be conscientious and reasonable. She is a lifelong resident of Kauai and knows the community, particularly the Hawaiian Homes community. Kathleen would be a valuable asset to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Your favorable consideration is greatly appreciated.



Kaupe'a Homestead Association

Testimony in **SUPPORT** of GM741

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Galuteria, on behalf of the Kaupe'a Homestead Association, we support the confirmation of Kathleen Chin to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Ms. Chin has been serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission in an interim capacity and during her service we have found her to be professional, analytical in her decision-making and responsive to beneficiary concerns.

We have reached out to Commissioner Chin with issues specific to our community and she has been responsive and concise in her communication and timely with her follow up. Ms. Chin has inspired us to actively engage with the commission to raise our concerns and offer solutions to meet the needs of beneficiaries we serve in the Kaupea homestead community.

We appreciate Commissioner Chin's enthusiasm and the positive dialogue she continues to bring to the table.

Kaupe'a Homestead Association is happy to offer our strong support of Governor Ige's nomination of Kathleen Chin to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Michelle Kauhane – President

Kanani Wond – Vice President

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April 15, 2015
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 741

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHLEEN P. CHIN, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice-Chair Galuteria,

My name is Warren Kaleialoha Asing, Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer, Fun Factory. My Company and I are proud to offer our support to Ms. Kathleen "Pua" Chin, who has been nominated to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Ms. Chin is an outstanding member of our community and has inherent experience that will be of great value to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Hailed in the Business community as a solid facilitator between Commercial Interests and our Host Culture's Practices and Traditions, Champion of all things Hawaiian, Graduate of Kamehameha Schools/University Of Hawaii, Undergraduate Hawaiian Studies, Pua embodies not only the essence of Leadership in challenging Political environments but the willingness to "alu like mai (work together) in the spirit of Iokahi (harmony/accord/respect). Her true plus lies in where she resides on Kauai, on Hawaiian Home Lands. I cannot think of a better candidate to serve native Hawaiians in this capacity than Pua.

As Past President of the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, I welcome the opportunity to share my Personal and our Company's sincere support for Ms. Chin as a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and we kindly ask for your favorable consideration.



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GM741

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Testimony for HWN on Apr 15, 2015 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darrell Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Committee Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, I am writing in strong support of Kathleen Pua Chin as a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Ms. Chin's business background as Executive Secretary for KIUC, and her active support of native Hawaiian issues on Kauai as a leader in her homestead community of Hanapepe makes her a great choice to continue her service on the Commission. I humbly ask that you confirm her nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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April 15, 2015

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 741

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHLEEN P. CHIN, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice-Chair Galuteria,

I am extremely honored and pleased to submit this letter supporting Kathleen P. Chin's nomination to the Hawaiian Homes Commission by The Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor of the State of Hawai'i.

It has been my privilege the past 8 years to enjoy a close association and friendship with Ms Chin. My association with her began in 2007 when I was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC). She serves as the Executive Administrator for the Board. Her responsibilities covers a wide range including interacting and serving: (1) a diverse board of directors, (2) KIUC executives, and (3) members of our cooperative and community. She is professional and dedicated. I value her insights in assisting the board in the governance of our cooperative. During the past ten years, our cooperative has made tremendous strides in its efforts towards renewable and in the governance of our cooperative. As Executive Administrator, she was and continues to be a valuable member in the governance of our cooperative.

To have worked with her these many years has been my good fortune. To have known her and her family has been a pleasure. I strongly recommend Ms. Kathleen P. Chin to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Respectfully,



David Iha,
Director, Kauai Island Utility Cooperative
Provost Emeritus, Kauai Community College
Emeritus Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents
University of Hawaii

Dennis M. Esaki
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April 9, 2015

**Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT of Kathleen Pua Chin
Hawaiian Homes Commission
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 741**

Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair, Hawaiian Affairs Committee
Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Senator Lorraine Inouye
Senator Gilbert Kahele
Senator Sam Slom

I have known Ms Kathleen "Pua" Chin for a number of years both personally and professionally at the Kauai Island Utility Cooperative. She comes from a well respected local family on Kauai.

Pua Chin is sincere, honest and dedicated to the advancement of Native Hawaiians and the local community within the legal framework.

From my interaction, I have concluded that her integrity is second to none and will continue to be an asset to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 808-652-0912,

Mahalo.
Dennis M. Esaki

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GM741

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Doreen Napua Canto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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GM741

Submitted on: 4/15/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dre Kalili	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Ms. Pua Chin to continue serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Her background and expertise are an asset to the commission, to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and to the native Hawaiian families served by this trust. I respectfully urge this committee to advise and consent to this nomination. Mahalo nui.

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April 12, 2015

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 741

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHLEEN P. CHIN, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice-Chair Galuteria,

My name is Barbara Nagamine and I am proud to offer my support for Ms. Kathleen "Pua" Chin, who has been nominated to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I worked with Pua at Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) from September 2006 to January 2015 when I retired from the company. During that time, I observed her in both positions, as Administrative Assistant to the KIUC Board of Directors and also as Executive Administrator to the CEO. As a former member of Senior Staff at KIUC, I relied on Pua to keep me fully informed of issues and events affecting my department. Pua's awareness of the key issues facing KIUC and its membership proved to be very instrumental in this regard, and she always provided that supportive role, furnishing me with necessary information as needed and/or upon request.

Pua is a Hawaiian Homes lessee and an active member of the West Kauai Hawaiian Homes Association. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Kauai Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce. She is an outstanding member of our community and has experience that will be of great value to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I cannot think of a better candidate to serve native Hawaiians in this capacity than Pua.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my support for Ms. Chin as a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and I kindly ask for your favorable consideration.

From: [Jan TenBruggencate](#)
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Subject: Hawaiian Homes nomination for Kathleen Chin GM741
Date: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 4:16:17 PM

Re Kathleen Chin's nomination to the Kaua`i seat on the Commission on Hawaiian Home Lands, GM741.

Aloha,

I am pleased to write in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Kathleen Chin to the Kaua`i seat for the Commission on Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known Ms. Chin and her family for decades, and have had the pleasure of working with her for the past five years.

She is quiet, competent, and deeply rooted in our community. She is an excellent selection for this commission and I encourage your favorable consideration of her nomination.

Mahalo,

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April 15, 2015

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 741

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHLEEN P. CHIN, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice-Chair Galuteria,

My name is Jeremy Kalawaia Lee, and I am proud to offer my support for Ms. Kathleen "Pua" Chin, who has been nominated to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Ms. Chin is an outstanding member of our community and has experience that will be of great value to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Ms. Chin is the ideal candidate to fill this seat. She models in her daily life the vision started and shared by our Prince Kūhiō. Ms. Chin inspires a shared vision with her counter parts, and practices inclusion in her decision making. She enables others to act, by giving others the tools, skills, and information to engage the process. As a result producing higher functioning, engaged individuals. She encourages others heart, by focusing on the shared mission and values. We cannot think of a better candidate to serve native Hawaiians in this capacity than Pua.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share our support for Ms. Chin as a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and we kindly ask for your favorable consideration.

John W. Kaohelauii
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April 15, 2015

I would like to give my testimony in support

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. GM741

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHLEEN P. CHIN, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice-Chair Galuteria,

I am more than happy to offer my support for Ms. Kathleen "Pua" Chin, to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission as Kaua'i's commissioner.

I believe that Pua has the experience and will be a great asset to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have had the privilege to work with her in the Kauai community and found that she is approachable and has the professionalism to make a quality candidate as our Kaua'i commissioner.

Aloha and Mahalo.
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April 13, 2015

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro
Hawai'i State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street
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Dear Senator Shimabukuro:

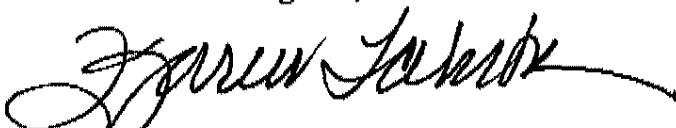
*RE: Governor's Message No. 741,
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes
Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Kathleen P. Chin**, for a term to
expire 6-30-2017*

Senator Shimabukuro and members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, my name is Karen Taketa, submitting this letter of support for Ms. Kathleen P. Chin who has been nominated to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I have known Ms. Chin since she was a Brownie and Girl Scouter in Hanalei on Kaua'i. She always expressed a curiosity of her Hawaiian roots and culture. I was pleased when she was accepted into Kamehameha Schools, where she could expand her cultural curiosity and knowledge. Over the years I had the pleasure of working with "Pua" when she was employed at Martin Steel Constructors and Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative, both member companies of my employer, The Contractors Association of Kaua'i. What has been constant with Pua over the decades from her childhood to her upward career progression has been her Hawaiian cultural pride and how she worked to "weave" a balance of her Hawaiian culture with western values. She has brought balance, fairness, dedication and intelligence to her work environment and I have no doubt she will bring that to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I strongly support the nomination of Kathleen Pua Chin to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and I urge this committee to do the same. Thank you very much for allowing me to provide this letter of support.

With Warm Regards,



Karen Taketa

xc: Senator Ronald Kouchi

MARK K. TANAKA
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13 April, 2015

TO: SENATOR MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair
State Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee

RE: Letter of Support For Kathleen P. Chin

Aloha, Ms. Shimabukuro. I proud to write you on behalf of a friend who is seeking a reappointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission as Pua is a wonderful person with many wonderful attributes, including good character, quickness of mind, pleasant disposition and personality and trust worthiness.

In addition, Pua is qualified and experienced and is deserving to continue serving as a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Being the executive administrator of Kauai island utility Cooperative ("KIUC") and having served previously as the administrative assistant to KIUC's board of directors, Pua is most knowledgeable and sensitized to governmental regulations and processes, personnel (including elective officials) and the general public.

Knowing Pua for over 25 years, I can attest that Pua is "one of the Beautiful People of Kauai". Once you meet her, I know that you, too, will agree that she is a wonderful person and is deserving of a reappointment.

Do contact me should you have any questions. I can be reached at 808-245-1651 ext 11 office, 808-639-0367 cellular or Mark@MarkTanaka.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark K. Tanaka

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GM741

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Kauhane	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the confirmation of Kathleen Chin to serve as a Commissioner representing Kauai. In the short time that Commissioner Chin has served, she has proven to be fair, thorough in her decision making and supportive of beneficiaries. She has demonstrated a clear understanding of her role in representing the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust. I appreciate that she has been approachable, responsive and respect that she prioritizes beneficiary interests.

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April 15, 2015

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 741

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHLEEN P. CHIN, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice-Chair Galuteria,

I am proud to offer my support for Ms. Kathleen "Pua" Chin, who has been nominated to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I have worked with and had the pleasure of getting to know Ms. Pua Chin in her professional capacity at Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC). Ms. Chin is a very thorough and thoughtful person who adds a unique perspective and puts forth great energy in the activities she engages in. She is an invaluable resource at work because of her historical knowledge of KIUC and her connection to the employees and management. I know that my decisions as an elected board member at KIUC are put in much better perspective because of discussions and information that Pua shares with us; she is a consistent force of reason and cooperation for us on the board. Pua is an outstanding member of our community, is well respected by community members throughout Kauai and has experience that will be of great value to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I know no better candidate to serve native Hawaiians in this capacity than Pua.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my support for Ms. Chin as a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and I kindly ask for your favorable consideration.

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April 13, 2015

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 741

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHLEEN P. CHIN, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice-Chair Galuteria:

My name is Randall Hee and I am proud to offer my support for Kathleen "Pua" Chin, who has been nominated to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I had the pleasure of working with Pua Chin at the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative where I served as its President and Chief Executive Officer. Pua always displayed a high level of integrity, ethics, diligence and tenacity to get things done. She is an outstanding member of the general community and of the Hawaiian community. Her comfort with her Hawaiian culture gives her particular insight into the needs of native Hawaiians. Pua's responsibilities at KIUC give her valuable experience with the fiduciary duties and responsibilities of board members and executive management of a large organization. I can think of no better candidate for the Hawaiian Homes Commission than Kathleen P. Chin. She will, without a doubt, serve native Hawaiians well in this capacity.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer my support of Kathleen P. Chin as a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and I kindly ask for your consideration in her favor.

Sincerely,



Randall J. Hee

TESTIMONY ON GM 741
Gubernatorial Nominee, Kathleen P. Chin
For a term to expire June 30, 2017

To: Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Chair, Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)

Aloha Honorable Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Galuteria,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit this letter of written testimony supporting Ms. Kathleen "Pua" Chin as a nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Kauai seat. I have known Ms. Chin in a professional capacity for many years as a previous Board Member of the Kauai Island Utility Coop. Ms. Chin's erudite involvement in KIUC's utility business as the Executive Administrator makes her a very valuable asset to the KIUC operations. Though Ms. Chin's knowledge of Hawaiian affairs may be astute, her biggest assets are loyalty, dedication and her ability to work well with others. I believe Ms. Chin's professionalism supported by her local values would make her an excellent advocate for the beneficiaries of The Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands.

Sincerely,

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Aloha Senators,

I am writing on behalf of Kathleen Pua Chin's nomination to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Kauai Member. Pua is very well qualified and understands the role of a Board member as she now serves as an Executive Assistant of the Board of Directors at Kauai Island Utility Cooperative. In that capacity she organizes the meetings and provides all of the backup info that Board members need to make decisions on issues affecting the Coop and its members.

Being part Hawaiian, growing up in old Hanalei town and going to High School at Kamehameha, she has a deep understanding and interest in the affairs of the Hawaiian community. She knows the needs and have the concerns of Native Hawaiians and by the same token she will be able to balance that against the ability of the Commission to provide the services that is needed for the Hawaiian community.

I strongly recommend the confirmation of Kathleen Pua Chin to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo,

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 741

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHLEEN P. CHIN, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.**

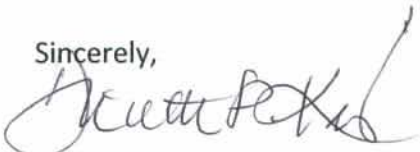
Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice-Chair Galuteria,

My name is Trinette Kaui, and I am proud to offer my support for Ms. Kathleen "Pua" Chin, who has been nominated to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have known Pua for the last fifteen years and have very high regard for her both as a personal friend and as a business associate of the community.

Pua has always conducted herself with integrity and has displayed the finest of character. She is without doubt a fine example of an individual who possesses virtuous qualities and who has demonstrated her high moral and ethical character in everything that she does. I am confident that Pua will always perform her duties very conscientiously and honestly and accordingly with the responsibilities entrusted upon her.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my support for Pua as a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and I kindly ask for your favorable consideration. If you have questions, I can be reached at 808-651-1029.

Sincerely,



Trinette P. Kaui