

April 13, 2015

Senator Laura H Thielen
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land

Re: GM815 Kent M Hiranaga

I offer the following as my testimony:

I was born and raised on Maui. In addition, my mother's family is from Wahiawa and I spent a lot of time there enjoying the country life style. I completed my higher education in the Midwest and briefly worked on the West Coast. These life experiences confirmed for me that Hawaii is a very special place in this world and its resources must be carefully managed, preserved and protected. I believe being a member of the Land Use Commission (LUC) provides a means for me to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of Hawaii's residents.

My role as a member of the LUC is to ensure my decisions are consistent with and support the intent of the State Land Use Law. Protection of prime agricultural lands is of great importance for the future sustainability of our local life style.

I have 28 years of experience in the real estate industry. I have served 16 years on various Maui Boards and Commissions related to land use issues. As a member of the Maui Planning Commission I participated in the review and approval of the Maui Island Plan, a 30 year plan for Maui's future. This process provided me with great insight in to the various issues and challenges facing the County of Maui.

At the end of my term, looking back, I hope to see a healthy sustainable State economy with progress made in providing affordable housing for the residents of Hawaii.

I do not foresee any situations that would require my recusal. This has not been an issue during my past service on various Boards and Commissions.

I understand processes, procedures and jurisdictional boundaries. I have always been prepared and I conduct myself in a respectful and professional manner. I have tried my best to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of each appointment. I believe as an interim LUC Commissioner I have demonstrated good judgement with the best interest of Hawaii's residents foremost in my deliberations. I look forward to continuing my service on the LUC and I humbly ask for your support. Thank you.

Kent M Hiranaga

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Experience

2001 to Present	Maui Kai Realty, Paia, HI
1998 to 2001	Carol Ball & Associates, Kahului, HI
1995 to 1998	Prudential Maui Realtors, Lahaina, HI
1987 to 1995	A&B Properties, Inc., Kahului, HI
1982 to 1987	Valley Isle Drapery, Wailuku, HI
1981 to 1982	Hewlett-Packard Co., Mountain View, CA
1979 to 1981	General Electric Co., San Jose, CA

Other

2014 to Present	State Land Use Commission - Commissioner
2014 to 2015	Maui Cost of Government Commission - Commissioner
2008 to 2015	Maui Country Club - Director / Past President
2007 to 2013	Maui Planning Commission - Commissioner
2001 to 2006	Maui Board of Water Supply - Board Member
1996 to 2001	Maui Board of Variances and Appeals - Board Member

Education

1976 to 1979	Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
1974 to 1976	University of Hawaii, Manoa, HI
1974	H.P. Baldwin High School, Wailuku, HI

Hobbies

Surfing & Golfing