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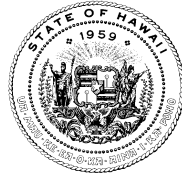
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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
IN SUPPORT OF

**G.M. 821, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Commission on Water Resource Management Denise Antolini, for a term to  
expire 6-30-2015**

April 15, 2015

Chair Thielen, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) strongly supports the confirmation of Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM).

The actions of CWRM have a direct impact on the DHHL's water rights under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, and the Water Code. As such, Water Commissioners must have an understanding of the unique public trust responsibility the State of Hawaii, including the members of CWRM, have to the beneficiaries identified under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

DHHL recognizes that the nominee has substantial experience in water resources management, as is required by HRS Chapter 174C. We also note that Ms. Antolini has already served as an interim CWRM member, and in that brief period she has distinguished herself by asking thoughtful questions on matters pending before CWRM. She has

specifically sought to ask how the rights of the DHHL and its beneficiaries will be handled by the CWRM in decision-making. We further note that above meeting the basic legal requirements of a Commissioner, Ms. Antolini brings a long experience as an advocate for Public Trust rights in water and other natural resources.

In conclusion, we strongly support the nomination of Ms. Antolini. This is especially important to DHHL as there are significant ongoing and emerging water disputes across Hawai`i (e.g. West Kaua`i, Moloka`i, East and Central Maui, and Keauhou Hawai`i) in which DHHL and beneficiary rights to water are in play. We hope to proceed cooperatively and with the confidence that the CWRM as trustees of our water resources fully recognize, understand, support, and will uphold our rights to water so the purposes of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act may be fulfilled.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer testimony.

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Ian Tierney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Denise Antolini for the Commission on Water Resource Mgt (CWRM). She has an unparalleled depth of understanding of Hawai'i's environmental laws and the various legal responsibilities relating to the protection of Hawai'i's resources that will benefit the resource and the people. Mahalo, Ian Tierney

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John L. Reppun	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Will provide testimony in person at hearing

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laura Berthold	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the nomination of Denise Antolini. She has the experience and knowledge to do this position.

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Maxine Burkett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Valerie Loh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support Denise Antolini. Thank you!

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nani pogline	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Denise Antolini to the Commission on Water Resource Management. She has a history of special interest, with Earthjustice and the Sierra Club. These organizations have been in severe opposition to the culture and history of hunting and game management. Hunting opportunity and the provision of game management for the people is the law. There has not been a well rounded study proving that the existence of ungulates in the water shed are harmful to water supply.

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