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January 23, 2020
12:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 016

G.M. 506

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA,
for a term to expire 12-31-2022**

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the confirmation of William Aila Jr. as the Commission Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

Mr. Aila's strength is the fact that he understands DHHL's responsibilities. As an environmentalist, a community activist, and a native Hawaiian cultural practitioner, he has had a lot of experience and knows the critical issues. He doesn't walk in as somebody who agreed to take the job. He walks in as someone who is willing and able and would be instrumental to make DHHL bring parties together.

We have worked with Mr. Aila on several projects. His leadership in bringing to successful completion on land and environmental matters are few examples where his wealth of experience working on challenging issues to improve our state was demonstrated time and time again. He has managed to work with people who have competing interests and differing views in the most constructive and substantive manner. He is astute, steadfast, and dependable and we have the utmost confidence he will continue to improve the living conditions of Native Hawaiians.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, January 23, 2020
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 506
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE WILLIAM J AILA, JR.
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2022.**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources expresses its strong support for the confirmation of William J. Aila, Jr. to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Mr. Aila has served as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) for the past four years, and as the Interim Chairperson since May 2019. As Deputy, he has played a pivotal role in implementing the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act through oversight of key programs including Land Management and Homestead Services. As the Chair he has looked at the broader picture of maintaining the long term viability of the Hawaiian Homelands Trust, much needed infrastructure repair and maintenance, and following DHHL's master plan to develop more housing.

Mr. Aila previously served as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) from 2010 to 2014. As its Chairperson, he showed excellent leadership which resulted in doubling the amount of forest under watershed management, moving forward rules for the Hā'ena community-based fisheries, increasing staff morale, and expanding the Natural Area Reserves Program, among other things.

Unlike DLNR, DLLH has a rather narrow mission which is to develop and deliver land to native Hawaiians. But, given the complicated and complex history of DHHL, this job is not as easy as it seems. Mr. Aila has the skills and the knowledge, and most importantly the *Aloha* to do this job.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

The Department of Land and Natural Resources strongly supports confirmation of William J. Aila, Jr. as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this appointment. .



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Mike McCartney
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, January 23, 2020
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of
GM 506

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Commission Chair,
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee,
WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.**

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee.

I **support** the appointment of **William J. Aila** to serve as the commission chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mr. Aila has served the State of Hawai'i for over three decades. It's a challenging and difficult job being the chair and being able to find the balance to achieve the greater good. It is like a razor's edge, the width of a blade of pili grass.

I have worked with Bill Aila since 2006 and have faith, respect and trust in his abilities. No one is a perfect fit. I believe he is the right fit for this job at this time. I hope you do too. We will work with him to help the department succeed on behalf of the beneficiaries of the trust.

For these reasons, I humbly ask for his confirmation as the commission chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. In accordance with HRS 5.7-5(b).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

DAVID Y. IGE
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January 22, 2020

To: The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair,
The Honorable Kaialii Kahale, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020
Time: 1:15 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: G.M. No. 506 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial
Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA**

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Scott T. Murakami, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am testifying in strong support of Governor's Message 506, Gubernatorial Nominee, William J. Aila, as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Mr. Aila has demonstrated that he has the leadership and experience to lead the DHHL. As the Commission Chair, Mr. Aila implements the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and oversees seven divisions, including the Land Development, Land Management, and Homestead Services divisions. Mr. Aila's prior service as the Deputy to Chairperson of DHHL and Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources as well as his substantial community service background show his extensive knowledge, passion, and commitment to address the complex issues before the DHHL and his dedication to public service.

I urge you to confirm Mr. Aila to serve as the Commission Chair of the DHHL so that he may continue to provide leadership and service to the public.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Aila.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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January 16, 2020

TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
For Hearing on Thursday, January 23, 2020
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 016

By

RYKER WADA
DIRECTOR

Governor's Message 506
(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

RE: Consideration and confirmation of William J. Aila, Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I submit this testimony in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of William Aila as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Aila over the past two years as Chairperson. Mr. Aila has been extremely helpful. Mr. Aila's background and extensive experience will continue to assist in his duties as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I support the confirmation of Mr. Aila as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governors Message 506 and William Aila.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
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AND
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 506

January 23, 2020
1:15 p.m.
Room 016

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE COMMISSION CHAIR
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
WILLIAM J. AILA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2022.

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

We strongly support the appointment of William Aila to the position of Commission Chair
of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our
state in a direct and forthright manner. We strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve
our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our keiki, our kupuna, and the
disadvantaged.

Mr. Aila is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this
administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Mr. Aila has been serving as the commission chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home
Lands since May 2019 and as the deputy to the chairperson from 2014. Prior to that, he served
as chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) from 2010-2014, and as
harbor agent with DLNR's Boating and Ocean Recreation from 1987-2010. His work
experience and knowledge of DHHL will benefit the department and the State; therefore, we
support confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



CURT T. OTAGURO
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TESTIMONY
OF
AUDREY HIDANO, DEPUTY COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020, 1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 016, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 506

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE COMMISSION CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **WILLIAM J. AILA**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-31-2022.

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 506. I support the nomination of **MR. WILLIAM J. AILA** to the position of the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I've known Mr. Aila for about 10 years, since his work at Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). He is rich in knowledge working at a large department of DLNR from boating to land issues.

Mr. Aila has a deep personal connection with the Hawaiian community and knowledge of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. He would be an asset to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Mr. Aila is truly dedicated to his work at DHHL and the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 506
NOMINATION OF WILLIAM J. AILA, AS COMMISSION CHAIR,
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

by

Nolan P. Espinda, Director
Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair

Thursday, January 23, 2020, 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the nomination of William J. Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). PSD has enjoyed the opportunity and privilege of collaborating with Mr. Aila in his present position as Acting Commission Chair of DHHL and as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Mr. Aila has proven himself, having served competently for several years as the Deputy Director of DHHL and Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. His previous employment and broad experience in community affairs, extending from the 1980s, clearly show Mr. Aila as one who has dedicated himself to the betterment of Hawaii's communities, oceans, and lands. As a respected community advocate, he is well-prepared to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor

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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

**JANUARY 23, 2020
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 016**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 506
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE COMMISSION
CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
WILLIAM J. AILA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-31-2022**

Chairperson Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

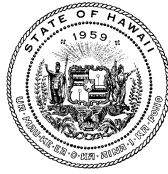
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 506, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, William J. Aila, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022. The Department strongly supports this measure.

Mr. Aila has previously served as the Deputy to the Chairperson for DHHL. He has also served as the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. His leadership experience, along with his desire to serve the local community, makes Mr. Aila a clear choice to continue his service at the DHHL.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

JANUARY 23, 2020, 1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 016, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 506
SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
COMMISSION CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM AILA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2022

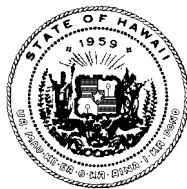
Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 506. I support the nomination of Mr. William Aila to the position of Commission Chair of the Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mr. Aila has served as the Interim Commission Chair since May 17, 2019. He has served as deputy to the commission chair of the Hawaiian Home Lands from 2014 to 2018. Previously, he served as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. In addition, Mr. Aila has been the Harbor Agent for the Waianae Boat Harbor, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, Department of Land and Natural Resources.

He has a passion for community service having served on numerous boards, working groups, advisory groups, councils and task forces. Mr. Aila's track record as a public servant and leadership in the community makes him the ideal candidate to continue to serve as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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January 22, 2020

TO: The Honorable Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

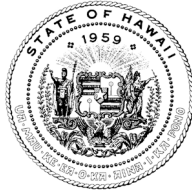
SUBJECT: **GM 506 – For consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.**

Hearing: Thursday, January 23, 2020, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the committee: I strongly support Governor Ige's nomination of William J. Aila, as Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Thursday, January 23, 2020

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 506
Gubernatorial Nominee William J. Aila

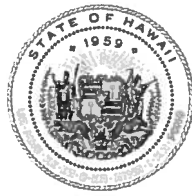
Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the committee:

I am submitting testimony in support of Mr. William J. Aila, nominee for commission chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila is currently the interim commission chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and has served as its deputy from 2014 to 2018. He is the former chairman of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and served as the Harbor Agent for the Wai'anale Boat Harbor from 1987-2010.

In addition, Mr. Aila has participated on several boards and task forces centered around native Hawaiian rights and natural resource management including the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council, Mohala I Ka Wai, Hui Malama 'O Makua and others.

Along with his strong government and leadership experience, Mr. Aila is passionate and dedicated to the community and constituents the department serves. I highly recommend the committee to favorably consider Mr. Aila for deputy to the chairperson so that he can continue his work with the department and the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this nominee.



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

Testimony of
David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawaii
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

January 23, 2020
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 016

In consideration of
Governor's Message 506

Submitted for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, William J. Aila

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming William "Bill" J. Aila, Jr. as the
Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Bill has been the acting Director since May 2019. In this time, DHHL

- began diversified lot offerings with products including turnkey homes, vacant lots and several dwellings that were returned to the Department and offered to the next family on the waitlist. These offerings have ranged in price from the low 100,000s to the high 300s;
- took steps toward increasing the number of products available to beneficiaries while preparing to produce 1,300 lots over the next five years;
- completed new administrative rules for Planned Communities, Multi-Family Complexes and Rental Housing within DHHL which expand residential lease offerings to include multi-family housing, along with rental and kupuna housing opportunities;
- issued its final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FEA-FONSI) for the Department's Honomu Subsistence Agriculture Homestead Community in South Hilo on Hawaii Island which will be the first of its kind on the island and is among expanded options the Department is working to bring beneficiaries, including the opportunity to return to the land and promote self-sufficiency through farming that includes subsistence agriculture,

supplemental agriculture, commercial, and community facilities, as well as special district and conservation land; and

- moved forward in acquiring 44 acres on Maui bordered by Honoapiilani Highway and Waiolani Mauka Subdivision. The Department will use Affordable Housing Credits to complete land acquisition. Dowling Company purchased the property and will convey title to DHHL in exchange for affordable housing credits at no cost to the Department. The project, Pu'unani Homestead Subdivision, will have 137 turnkey homes and 24 vacant lots scheduled to come online following an environmental assessment, planning and design of the subdivision.

Bill is the former chairman of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and served as the Harbor Agent for the Waianae Boat Harbor from 1987-2010. In addition, Bill has participated on several boards and task forces centered around native Hawaiian rights and natural resource management including the Hawaii Invasive Species Council, Mohala I Ka Wai, Hui Malama and others. Mr. Aila holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

My administration is committed to reshaping the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I am confident that Bill will continue to lead the department as it works to create vibrant homestead communities for native Hawaiians. Moving forward together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR
JOSH GREEN M.D.
LT. GOVERNOR



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To: The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair;
The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair;
and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

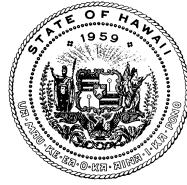
From: Rona M. Suzuki, Director
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Re: **STRONG SUPPORT of GM 506**
Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020
Time: 1:15 P.M.
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Taxation (Department) strongly supports GM 506 and the confirmation of William J. Aila as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Starting as the Harbor Agent in 1987, Mr. Aila has a longstanding history of public service. His work reflects his commitment to the preservation and people of Hawaii. He already has in depth knowledge and familiarity with the issues facing the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from his time serving as the Deputy to the Chair and therefore, is uniquely able to provide the continuity needed for success.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 506 and the confirmation of William J. Aila as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM506
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA,
for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

SENATOR MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: January 23, 2020

Room Number: 016

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination of Mr.
3 William Aila for Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila's lengthy record of
4 community service as well as experience as a senior manager and executive leader in state
5 government well qualify him for the position, and his reputation for collegiality and aloha will
6 contribute to his effectiveness.

7 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

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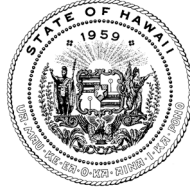
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DAVID Y. IGE
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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Thursday, January 23, 2020
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

On the following:

G.M. 506, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, William J. Aila, for a Term to Expire on December 5, 2022.

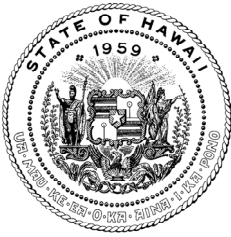
Chair Maile S. Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and I am writing in **support** of the appointment of William Aila to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire on December 5, 2022.

Over the last five years, I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Aila on matters relating to the utility services provided to the Hawaiian Home Lands' beneficiaries. During that process, I have found Mr. Aila to be a deeply passionate advocate for the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila is calm, thoughtful, and collaborative in his approach, and has demonstrated he possesses the skills and temperament needed to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I firmly believe Mr. Aila will continue to be a valued and highly productive member of Governor Ige's cabinet, and respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to support G.M. No. 506. I would be pleased to respond to any questions that you may have.



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Statement of
Scott Glenn
Chief Energy Officer, Hawaii State Energy Office

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, January 23, 2020
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of
GM 507
Submitting for consideration as Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands,
Gubernatorial Nominee,
WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire on 12-31-2022

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee.

I support the nomination of Mr. William Aila to serve as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mr. Aila has served the State of Hawaii for more than three decades and has a deep personal connection with the Hawaiian community. His track record as a public servant and leader in the community make him highly qualified to serve as Chairman.

Mr. Aila previously served as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources from 2010 to 2014, where he demonstrated exemplary leadership. Mr. Aila has dedicated much of his life to Hawaiian issues and is aware of the fiduciary duties of the Department. He has a passion for community service having served on numerous boards, working groups, councils, and task forces.

For these reasons I humbly request Mr. Aila's confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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January 20, 2020

To: **Sen. Maili Shimabukuro, Chair**
Sen. Kai Kahele, Vice Chair & Members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: **Kali Watson**
President/CEO
Hawaiian Community Development Board
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Hearing on GM 506 re Appointment of William J. Aila**
Chair, Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands
January 23, 2020 at 1:15 pm
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Dear Chairperson Shimabukuro & Vice Chair Kahele of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support to GM 506 relating to the appointment of William J. Aila as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Director for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for a term expiring on December 31, 2022. HCDB strongly supports Mr. Aila.

I've known Mr. Aila for many years and seen how he worked both at DLNR and DHHL. He works very hard, and is a dedicated & honest administrator that puts 110% effort into what he does.

A perfect example is the Nanakuli Village Center. HCDB had been working with Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association to build the Nanakuli Village Center for over ten years. It was a very slow process and littered with many obstacles. Since his involvement, the 48-unit rental housing portion has been finished for several years. The commercial portion is now completed. The medical clinics are under construction and should be finished shortly. The cultural learning center – Kalaniho'okaha Center – will be completed this April. This was done in a major part due to Mr. Aila. Among other things, he was instrumental in getting the DHHL approvals for the financing, CPR, leasing and construction documents. Without his timely help, the Nanakuli Village Center would never have come to fruition.

With over 28,000 native Hawaiians on the waitlist for DHHL homes, and a third of the homeless in our State being Hawaiians, DHHL needs effective leadership. Our people need someone that can respond in a timely fashion and work with various organizations and people. We need someone that is intelligent, knows the HHC Act, and is willing to think outside the box. I strongly believe that Mr. Aila is that person.

Pupuka I Holomua,

Kali Watson, President/CEO
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January 20, 2020

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

NOTICE OF OBJECTIONS FOR REAPPOINTMENT GM 506-507

Honorable Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair

Honorable Senator Kaialii Kahele Vice Chair

Aloha Senator Shimabukuro and Honorable members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am Patrick L. Kahawaiolaa. A native Hawaiian as defined pursuant to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 as amended July 9, 1921 (*ch. 42. 42 stat. 108*) and the current president of the Keaukaha Community Association, the SECOND Hawaiian Home lands settled in the territory on **December 16, 1924**, one (1) day after the FIRST Hawaiian Home lands was settled in the territory on **December 15, 1924** on the island of Molokai at Kalamaula and according to the 2010 Census there are 1457 people living there in Keaukaha in approximately 400 homes.

Mokupuni o Hawaii is divided according to the DHHL's last **Annual Report to the State Legislature** and its Beneficiaries dated 2017 into East and West Hawaii. Over 65% of the Trust lands statewide *administered* by the DHHL are situated in East Hawaii. Proceeds and Income from those Trust lands in East Hawaii **GENERATES** the HIGHEST GENERAL LEASE REVENUES IN THE STATE, however the East Hawaii District Office (EHDO) until just recently was run but a Spartan staff of an 89 day hire District Manager (6 years) and a clerk. In the past a full staff was a District Manager, three (3) clerks and an Enforcement Officer. So! For Keaukaha Community IT BOILS DOWN TO LEADERSHIP AT THE DEPARTMENT.

The Management and Leadership of the DHHL under *William Aila* leave much to be desired and to continue in this vain would not be in the best interest of the native Hawaiian Beneficiaries. The *failure* to provide both the Legislature and the Beneficiaries with an Annual Report for over five (5) years and have since our last testimony in March of 2019 the office ICRO a branch of the DHHL that deals with Communications to the Beneficiaries, the Legislature and to the taxpaying public is **inexcusable** and it also reflects poorly upon our elected officials for NOT MAKING AN INQUIRY ANNUALLY AS TO WHY NONE WAS EVERY PRODUCED.

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IN THE EAST HAWAII DISTRICT THAT GENERATES THE MOST INCOME IN GENERAL LEASE RENTALS YET WE BEG FOR HELP IN EAST HAWAII TO MOVE FORWARD. THE AINA HURTS WHEN IN EAST HAWAII WE HAVE LOST CONTROL OF OUR AINA MAUNA LANDS IN HUMUULA (56K ACRES) AND OTHER PROJECTS BROUGHT FORWARD, DISCUSSED BUT NEVER ACTED UPON, such as UXO in Makuu, Lava plans, Honomu Subsistence Agricultural development, Economic and Self Determination on Aina Mauna Lands, Aina Mauna Lands Taskforce three (3) meeting (incomplete), NAHASDA funding rolled out under Gov. Abercrombie and stalled under Gov. Ige, Airport Noise Attenuation stalled, and the straw that broke the camel back for Keaukaha whereby the Mayor of Hawaii County and the Interim Chair of the DHHL William Aila were about to enter into an AGREEMENT to one Reimburse the County of Hawaii \$400K for **RETROFITTING LED STREETLIGHTS** and pay for Traffic Control devices (Speed Bumps) within our community, WHEN THE REST OF THE COMMUNITIES I Hawaii County gets those issues taken care of the use of Fuel Tax monies, but we on the homesteads must reimburse for those same services? Why? Is this a form of institutional racism?

In light of the recent court case 2012 **Nelson vs. Hawaiian Homes Commission SCWC 30110**. This case dealt with the State of Hawaii's **FAILURE** to **sufficiently provide** funding to the DHHL. The resolution reached AFTER the State of Hawaii **APPEALED** the final decision of Judge Castingetti that among other things the State of Hawaii **OWES** the DHHL \$28m a year for Operating and Maintenance of the DHHL. Even after the Supreme Court ruled that the **purview** of appropriating funds to the DHHL is **vested** in the Legislative Body and not the Judicial the mere facts that for about 25-30 YEARS the DHHL was using the GENERAL LEASE revenues to **operate** the DHHL and that in my opinion was and continue to be a **breach of their fiduciary duties** whereby the beneficiaries was left with mere pittance and the staff and employees of the DHHL grew exponentially under this administration and also from the previous administration.

As a Product of **Ainahoopulapula ma Keaukaha** (Homestead of Keaukaha) I am sorry for my rambling but the Lack of Confidence on behalf of William Aila was especially hurtful this past election cycle whereby the record will show that Mr. Aila ran for one of the At Large seat on the OHA board, and he was **PREPARED TO LEAVE IF ELECTED TO THE OHA BOARD OF TRUSTEE**. Was his heart truly in it for the Beneficiaries OR for SECURING a JOB? However failing that Mr. Aila and this Governor felt COMFORTABLE to have him ELEVATED THROUGH A PROCESS I BELIEVE KNOWN ONLY TO POLITICIANS whereby the State Senate APPROVED Mr. Aila as the Deputy Director of DHHL (in regular session of the Legislature) and weeks later AFTER the Confirmation hearing process was completed, this Governor moves to APPOINT Mr. Aila to the position of INTERIM CHAIR

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and installs (or I will use the terms) in my OPINION to throw a young Hawaiian man, Tyler Gomes who the BENEFICIAIES KNOW NOTHING ABOUT in as the new Deputy Director of the DHHL.

William Aila and the current Hawaiian Home Commission, the executive board of the DHHL “APPOINTS” another young Hawaiian to represent East Hawaii who has been without an East Hawaii Commissioner and I’m assuming we would have to go through this process again to have Mike Kaleikini approved by the Senate for him to serve. We were never given any OPPORTUNITY to vet anyone of these individuals who will play an integral part into the lives of the Beneficiaries of the HHCA, 1920 going forward.

This is the type of actions by State actors that makes it hard for VOTERS especially native Hawaiian voters to participate in a system of government our na Alii implored the people to participate in and yet we see we are being treated DIFFERENTLY IN THIS STATE AND ON OUR LANDS.

I leave with ONE of the most important bullet point of the approximately 40 bullet points of the *Finding Of Facts and Conclusions Of Laws* (FOFCOL) from the *Nelson Case* that were never refuted or argued by the State Attorney General in its APEAL to the Supreme Court wherein the Judge concluded that the DHHL “...*could not serve two masters and that their primary function was to work in the best interest of the beneficiaries and not the State ...*”

“E hana pono... mai pono hana”
‘Do what is right...Do not just do it’

THEREFORE WE ASK THAT BASED ON THE AFOREMENTIONED NOTICE OF OBJECTIONS FOR REAPPOINTMENT THIS BODY DENY REAPPOINTMENT.

If more information is needed I can be reached @ (808) 937-8217

‘Owau me ka ha’aha’a (I humbly remain)
Patrick L. Kahawaiola’a

“...To better the conditions of all native Hawaiians as defined HHCA, 1920...”



Ko`olau Foundation

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January 22, 2020

To: Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Sen. Kaiali`i Kahele, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: Aaron D. Mahi, President
Ko`olau Foundation
(Presented by Board Member Mahealani Cypher)

Re: GM 506 – William J. Aila's Appointment as DHHL Chair

The Ko`olau Foundation's Board of Directors sends you their aloha and Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

On behalf of our board president, Aaron Mahi, I wish to offer our strong support for the confirmation of William J. Aila as chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

We have worked with Mr. Aila for many years, and deeply appreciate all that he has done to maintain positive relationships with our community's efforts to malama our wahi kapu and wahi pana in Haiku Valley.

He has met with us a number of times and supported our work to preserve our cultural resources, facilitating wherever and whenever needed to maintain our access to our sites.

Despite many challenges, we feel he is the best prepared and qualified to carry out the kuleana as chair of this very important commission.

We urge your committee to vote in favor of his confirmation.

Mahalo nui,

MAHEALANI CYPHER
Board Member

Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
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COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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HEARING DATE: Thursday, January 23, 2020

TIME: 1:15 p.m./Conference Room 016

Support for **GM 506** Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, **WILLIAM J. AILA**, for a term to expire at noon on 12-31-2022.

I strongly support William J. Aila's nomination as the Gubernatorial Nominee as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

William, as we know him, has an extensive, longstanding, courageous Hawaiian cultural background that is unprecedented and unmatched.

His more than thirty years of collaborative work within our community with a broad spectrum of organizations speak to his ability to listen to constituents, address concerns, and work towards satisfactory resolutions.

William is honest, straightforward, reliable, and extremely diligent.

In working with the Hawaiian Homes Commission, I have been impressed with his performance and his handling of difficult situations.

I strongly support the confirmation of William J. Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.



Hokukahu, LLC

SBA-Certified 8(a) Company Majority Owned by Hokupili Foundation a native Hawaiian Organization

Ivan M. Lui-Kwan
Managing Member
Chief Executive Officer

January 22, 2020

Kamaki Kanahele
Chair Emeritus
Hokupili Foundation

Senator Maili Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kai Kahele, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

RE: Hearing on GM 506 Re Appointment of William J. Aila
Chair, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
January 23, 2020 at 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and
Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

We fully support the confirmation of William J. Aila as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Our respective organizations Hokukahu, LLC (a super 8 (a) company certified by the U.S. Small Business Administration) and Hokupili Foundation (a Native Hawaiian Organization certified by the U.S. Small Business Administration and majority owner of Hokukahu, LLC) are integrally connected to the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust. I Kamaki Kanahele founded the SCHHA in 1987 and currently serve as Chair Emeritus of the SCHHA. The directors of the Hokupili Foundation are leaders of Hawaiian Home Lands community associations in Nanakuli and Waianae. Hokukahu and Hokupili have made financial contributions to the SCHHA and to individual community associations, and provided substantial financial support to an investment undertaken by the SCHHA. Hokukahu and Hokupili have sponsored a youth leadership program Hawaiki Atua (held over a 12 day period annually) in partnership with the Maori tribe Te Atiawa in New Zealand and the East West Center. Over the past two years we have sponsored students from Nanakuli High School and Waianae High School to go to New Zealand and to the East West Center for leadership training.

We support the confirmation of William Aila for the following reasons:

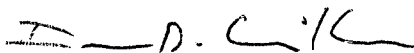
1. He has done an excellent job in his executive positions at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He serves the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust well.

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2. As a beneficiary of the trust and resident in a Hawaiian Home Lands community, he is an inspirational role model for our *haumana*. His exceptional performance in significant leadership positions in the State of Hawaii serves as an inspiration for all beneficiaries of the trust, particularly our young people.
3. He has excellent capacity, is fair and honest, and works well with people.
4. He will continue to do an outstanding job for our people as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo nui for allowing us to provide this testimony.

Aloha Ke Akua,



Ivan M. Lui-Kwan



Kamaki Kanahale



January 20, 2020

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
and the Committee On Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania St., #016
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

RE: GM 506 Consideration and Confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, William J. Aila for a term to expire 12-31-2022

My name is Rich Hartline, testifying in support of William J. Aila Gubernatorial Nominee, for consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

I have worked extensively with Mr. Aila and members of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Commission and staff on the Ka Makana Ali'i project for over 10 years. William always makes the time to meet with us and to find solutions on issues that usually occur on large project. William has always been fair and open minded when dealing with us. He is also very candid and works to ensure that the interests of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the beneficiaries are always addressed first.

William Aila is an astute leader and has many skills that help bridge state bureaucracy with members of the public. He has the type of leadership that will help guide the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands into a future that is strong and sustainable. I strongly urge you to support for consideration and confirmation the nomination of William J. Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Rich Hartline



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Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 016
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM506 Confirmation of William J. Aila as the Commission
Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands –
STRONG SUPPORT

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Kahele:

I am the former Attorney General of the State of Hawaii, having served under Governor Neil Abercrombie from 2011 through 2014. I have been a practicing lawyer for the past 41 years, since 1978. I served as the President and Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association, Lawyer Representative for the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Ninth Circuit, Northwest Regional Governor of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Vice Chair of the Hawaii Supreme Court Rule 19 Committee on Judicial Performance, Chair and Director of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, and on numerous Bench Bar Committees. I recently served as a Co-Vice Chair on the Task Force on Civil Justice Improvements established by Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald.

I strongly recommend that you confirm Mr. Aila for this position. I have known Mr. Aila for nine years. I first met Mr. Aila when we worked together as Cabinet officials in the Administration of Governor Neil Abercrombie. Mr. Aila served as the head of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Throughout Governor Abercrombie's term, we worked closely together and interacted on a number of matters that involved legal issues relating to DLNR. I have observed Mr. Aila in his handling of several cases and in the management of DLNR. After I left government in 2015, I also interacted with Mr. Aila in his position as Deputy to the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) on some issues that involved possible use of DHHL lands.

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First, Mr. Aila is an excellent administrator and has worked ably in government, first at DLNR and more recently at DHHL. He has remarkable intelligence and knowledge of issues relating to Hawaiian matters and DHHL. He has been involved with many cutting edge issues in the state of Hawaii, both for DLNR and DHHL. He has the intelligence, knowledge and experience to help DHHL move forward with its mission and goals.

Second, Mr. Aila has the temperament, demeanor and calmness needed to succeed as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. He is fair, well balanced and unfailingly polite. He is able to listen to all sides before making a decision in order to obtain all viewpoints and perspectives. He is dispassionate and analytical, but he also understands the human dimensions of the matters that come before DHHL. He is empathic and able to understand the motivations and pressures that underlie the actions of people.

Third, and perhaps most importantly, Mr. Aila is a man of great character and integrity. He is honest to a fault. He will not hesitate to do the right thing or honor his word, even if it means that the result may not be as advantageous to him or his point of view. He believes that the government must be fair and justice must be done. Mr. Aila will be a tremendous asset to the DHHL. He is hard working, diligent, and unflagging in his enthusiasm and passion to carry out the mission of DHHL.

I strongly recommend Mr. Aila for this position and highly recommend that you confirm him.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Louie", with a stylized, cursive script.

DAVID M. LOUIE

for

KOBAYASHI SUGITA & GODA, LLP

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 12:22:36 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Sterling	Testifying for Helekunihi Cultural Foundation	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha to all of my Senators of Hawaii My name is Donna Sterling a 20 year kahikinui homesteader lot @#41. As a beneficiary and lessee at kahikinui, I lease our ancestral 119 acres of land at kahikinui from Ulupalakua Ranch, under a 501 c-3 non profit called Helekunihi Cultural Foundation. Our mission statement is to engage in reforestation of native hawaiian plants and preserve ancestral archaeological sites and seek natural resources such as water. Because our parcel is landlocked we have obtained an half mile Easement from dhhl. Our fondation has recieved 3 complaint letters from 2008 to 2019 from the Ka Ohana O Kahikinui association. It seems all the community needs to do is pick up the phone report issues to dhhl and we recieve complaint letters. Our recent 2019 complaint was based on an anonymous persons call to dhhl. We have responded twice to dhhl even senators and Mr. Aila including the State Attorney General. This started in November of 2019. No letter from dhhl.

Mr. Aila has given full authority to the Ka Ohana O Kahikinui association to make decisions on our foundation which is mangaed by a benicifiary myself and family members. We have had no investagation into the anonymous person. Last year dhhl set up a Kahikinui Commision Investigative Committee to look into the criminal activities of community members as well as Ka Ohana O Kahikinui Board members. No report from from dhhl Mr. Aila. Therefore, we are demanding that they investigate charges, and the so called anonymous compaint which lead to dhhl threatening our foundation of revoking our easement to our parcel. No written response from dhhl.

We are seeking council on this matter. Under Mr. Aila's watch.

Recently, dhhl sent a compliance letter to all lessees. Submit an achitectual plan, begin construction on your lot and occupy home by 2021. Another bad decision from Mr. Aila. No where in the Hawaiian Homestead Act does it say time constraints for occupying our lots.

We have had 9 fires since 2003 and as recent as November 21, 2019 located below our foundation alongside the piilani highway. Please understand, we are off grid living 4 wheel drive road, catch water, hunt for food subsistence. Dhhl wants to increase the population by awarding empty lots and deelop more lots to get the waitlist numbers down for Kahikinui 500-600. At this time fire and safety our imperative to homesteading

here. We do not have enough ingress and egress out of community we have no fire hydrants because no water. DHHL is to provide a safe human habitation for homesteaders. Kahikinui is anything but safe. No one wants to lose any life or homes here. The liability rests with DHHL> Again Mr Aila's Watch.

If DHHL would use some of OHA's money for water and roads at Kahikinui, we could open up more lots possibly 5 acres instead of 10-20 acres. Win Win drop the waitlist numbers. Mr. Aila cannot move these issues forward because the same players from 20 years ago are still there.

I do not recommend Mr. Aila's or Mr. Gomes to confirmation as the Chair and Deputy to Chair

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 10:19:01 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randall Kennedy	Testifying for Hawaii Conservation Alliance Foundation	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele and members of the Hawaii'an Affairs Committee

My name is Randall Kennedy. I am a retired Native Ecosystem Section Manager at DLNR/ DOFAW and presently the Chairman of the Hawai'i Conservation Alliance Foundation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer strong support for the confirmation of William J. Aila, Jr. as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawai'ian Home Lands.

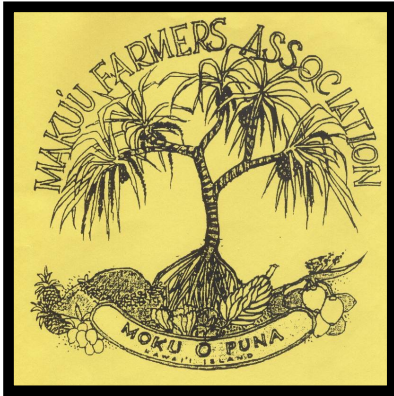
I have known William for many years, first as a colleague at DLNR, when William was the Wai'anae Boat Harbor Agent. At the various meetings regarding Wai'anae and North Shore issues, I was always impressed with how William supported what was important for the Hawai'ian communities, their neighbors and families. He always elegantly expressed his views on the related subject, be it Ka'ena Point protection, homeless issues, schooling, protecting Makua Valley, fishing rights. The list goes on and on. William is a great heartfelt speaker!

For four years William was my boss as Chairman of DLNR. During that time, he showed great integrity, had many major accomplishments, and the staff loved working for him. He is a good judge of character, which is evidenced by the great people he hired as his deputies and aids, such as Esther Kia'aina, Jesse Souki and Randy Tanaka.

DLNR staff were disappointed when William was not reappointed DLNR Chair when Governor Ige was elected and thought he would retire. But William is so driven by civic duty that he accepted the DHHL Deputy position and, as usual, he did such a great job that here he is today, nominated as Chair.

If confirmed, I feel William will use all his experience, dedication, drive, and leadership skills to lead DHHL to new heights in creating vibrant homestead communities for native Hawaiians.

Again, mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support for Mr. William J. Aila, Jr..



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"THE SECRET OF SUCCESS IS THE CONSTANCY OF PURPOSE"

Mission: To promote and perpetuate Native Hawaiian values and traditions, to provide educational and employment opportunities while also developing small businesses. To become self-sufficient as established by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920

January 20, 2020

Aloha,

We the Lessees, Board members, Officers, successors and beneficiaries of the Maku'u Farmers Association (MFA), are submitting testimony against the nomination of WILLIAM J. AILA for Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Here are the reasons why we dont support William J. Aila's nomination.

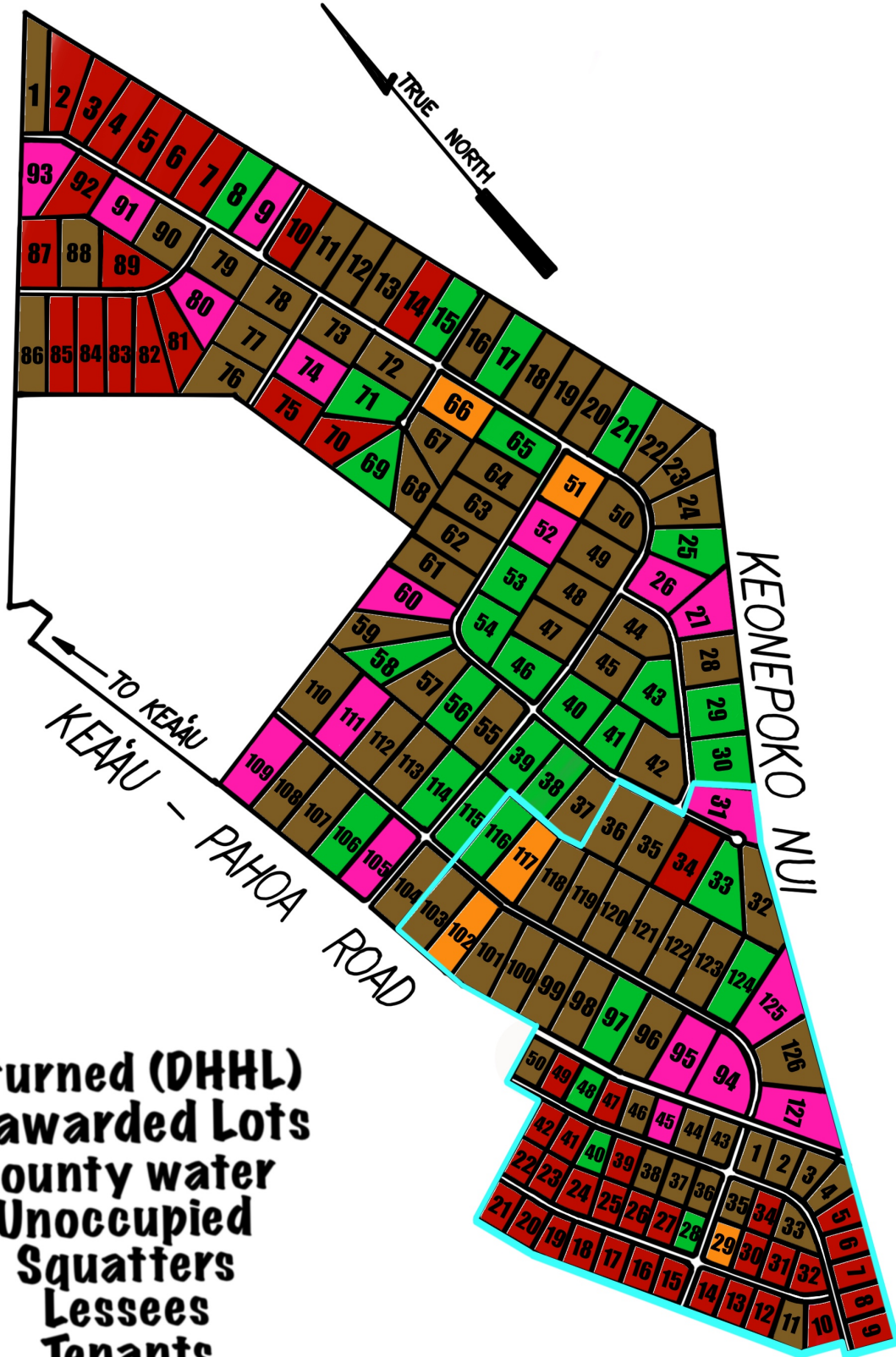
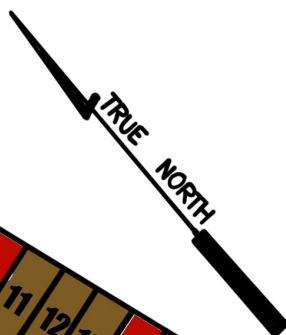
- He hasnt shown any support towards MFA's beneficiaries.
- He failed to enforce MFA's primary goals to getting lessees to occupy their 5 and 2 acre lots.
- His focus is not for the best interest of the Hawaiian People.
- He does not respond to any questions and or immediate concerns submitted by MFA.
- from 1985-2020 we still exist with a total of 127 5 acre lots and 50 2 acre lots totaling 177 lots in MFA with only 30 lessees present. (please see map for more details).
- Under William J. Ailas leadership thus far with DHHL he is ignoring the peoples voices of putting people on the land.

In conclusion, We feel that William J. Aila is not fit for the benefit of the future of the Hawaiian beneficiaries and we did not, do not and will not support him and his leadership of any kind. We ask that you vote No to William J. Aila.

Mahalo nui,

Paula Kekahuna; President of MFA

WAIKAHEKAHE IKI



- Returned (DHHL)
- Unawarded Lots
- County water
- Unoccupied
- Squatters
- Lessees
- Tenants



Mohala I Ka Wai

Mohala I ka wai ka maka o ka pua.

Unfolded by the water are the faces of the flowers.

Flowers thrive where there is water as thriving people are found where conditions are good.

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January 23, 2020

Testimony in Strong Support for GM 506
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016

Mohala I Ka Wai, a nonprofit organized exclusively for the purposes of promoting the preservation, enhancement, and sustainability of the natural resources related to the Wai'anae moku, is pleased to provide our recommendation in **Strong Support** of one of its founders, William J. Ailā, Jr. for the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

William has a history of being involved in issues pertaining to the betterment of Native Hawaiians, their culture and future for many years and to this day William donates his time during our workdays, both scheduled and unscheduled, to provide his labor to improve our Native Hawaiian kipuka in Makaha Valley. We are confident that in his new position as Chair of the DHHL, that he will bring that continuing passion to his new role.

It is understood that this position has been a very difficult one for many if not most of the past Chairs of DHHL to have managed. It is a department that has not been strongly supported by the very people who understand the importance of the commitments that are due to our host community, causing the department to live in two worlds while not being strongly supported by either.

Financial shortfalls from both the Federal and State governments make this a difficult position for any Chair to operate in but it is our belief that with the past history that William has as a community proactivist and Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, that these efforts and knowledge gained in those roles provide him the knowledge and expertise in which to attempt to address the shortfalls, i.e. timeliness of providing opportunities for beneficiaries to acquire homesteads, providing reasonable opportunities for businesses to operate on DHHL lands and provide funds for the land use, promoting DHHL to gain more resources to meet more needs of our beneficiaries.

We therefore request your support to confirm William J. Ailā, Jr. as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

January 21, 2020

Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
Sen. Kai Kahele, Vice Chair
& Members, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Re: GM 506 – Supporting Appointment of William J. Aila to Chair
Hawaiian Homes Commission

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and Committee Members:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club wishes to express our strong support for the appointment of William Aila as chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. We urge your concurrence.

We have worked with Mr. Aila for many years on matters involving Hawaiian interests in our community. We were particularly impressed with his leadership and sensitivity as director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and were disappointed when his term there ended.

However, now that he is at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, we see that he is working very hard to get more people from the DHHL wait list onto homestead lands. He is still demonstrating good leadership skills, even when he is called upon to make tough decisions or take decisive actions for the good of the department.

We support GM506 and urge you to approve his appointment to continue leading and improving opportunities for our people to acquire homesteads throughout Hawai'i nei.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our mana`o.

Me kealoha pumehana,

/s/ Leialoha Kaluhiwa

President

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. One of the largest of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs, its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".

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JANUARY 21, 2020

Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol Building
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Confirmation Hearing GM506 consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

To the Honorable Committed of Hawaiian Affairs;
Madam Chair: Maili Shimabukuro
Vice Chair: Kaiali'i Kahele
Senate Committee Members: Les Ihara Jr, Jarett Keohokalole, and Kurt Fevella

My name is Kihei A. Ahuna.

It is with a duty to my existence as a HHCA 2nd generation beneficiary that I address with this letter of testimony to this pertinent committee.

I am a Beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homeland Commission Act. Federally Mandated by Federal Law in reservation for the betterment of all qualified Hawaiians to which the United States Government agreed upon in 1921.

Born in the year 1960 (The year after Hawaii became a State upon which our HHCA program was inserted into the Hawaii State Constitution) to goodly parents who resided on this land (Keaukaha Community) and from then until this time, the Good Lord had continued to bless me with the breath of life. I grew up in this community from my childhood to who I am now. I applied for my own lease the year I graduated from High school to receive a parcel during in the year 1984 in the same community of which I reside today.

In this life time I've observed many years of administrations that dictated our progress and wellbeing as beneficiaries of the HHCA, witness our State thru the DHHL design rules, policies, amendments, and land planning which frankly has and continues to benefit copious individuals of non-beneficiary qualification and organizations, also benefiting as non-beneficiary entities. This type of practices had stifle our benefits for those that qualify to have these rightful utilities and all components that allows us to maintain self-sufficiency and govern our own lands according to the HHCA. This is a very concerning reality of mines and many alike.

I do not have all of the answers that would cure all of our real concerns within this program. I do understand that it would be beneficial to know that we as beneficiaries are protected by those (DHHLC) that should be monitoring the well-being of our program following the real intentions of the HHCA that is in the Hawaii State Constitution. It is in there that these individuals would realize their fiduciary responsibilities and follow the law.

It is also sad to realize that our Governor continues to not understand his fiduciary duty as the top Executive in this State, he has not realized the importance of searching our communities and getting feedback to make his selections of those that not should, could, or would be but will be good stewards of this Federal Act specifically reserved for the initial sole benefit of those to which it is intended to benefit.

One who fully understand and is truly focused to protect this HHCA in behalf of us, the beneficiaries in my book is imperative and a requirement which strongly support.

Having shared this brief history of my observation and knowledge of our Governor's choice to appoint Mr. William Aila as the Chair to the Hawaii Homeland Commission is an appointment that **I OPPOSE** and encourage you to vote NO!.

Mr. Aila is a good man and one with integrity. However I believe that his integrity in this program is not the normal entity of the government that he has been use to. He has for many years been employed by State government with serving in responsibilities that answers directly to the Governor with is the State business as usual.

This DHHL Government entity requires one that will know that he is not in a business as usual operation of the State.

This is problematic and transparent in our view that he is answering to the Governor in behalf of the State of Hawaii and to the benefit thereof.

We require a better selection to be the Chair of the DHHL.

Thank you for your time to consider this testimony that I leave you at this time to process and I'm hopeful that you will all be mindful of what you have before you.

Sincerely,

Kihei A. Ahuna
HHCA Beneficiary
Board Member/ Keaukaha Panaewa Farmer's Association

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Submitted on: 1/22/2020 6:57:12 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalaniakea Wilson	Testifying for Beneficiary Trust Council	Oppose	No

Comments:

We oppose confirming William Aila as commission chair for the department of Hawaiian Homelands. During his interim chair tenure William Aila was responsible for evicting numerous houseless Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries trying to survive in their make shift shelter's on undeveloped Hawaiian Homelands without assisting the houseless Hawaiian beneficiaries in anyway whom this department is required to serve. He also is responsible for arresting kupuna protectors on Maunakea which has had world wide consequences of slowing economic growth around the world. He continues to violate the policies of the department by ignoring Hawaiian beneficiaries who testify and submit beneficiary consultation. He places the entire department and state at risk for not complying with the rules of the Secretary of the Department of Interior that is required before any Hawaiian Homelands are transferred. We oppose William Aila as chair for he is a threat to housless Hawaiian beneficiaries and also a threat to the state of Hawaii for not complying with Federal rules of the Department of interior.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 9:49:10 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Brown	Testifying for Pana'ewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

PANA'EWA HAS NO CONFIDENCE WITH AILA



Testimony of the
OAHU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD (OEDB)
In Support of GM 506
Relating to the Appointment of
William J. Aila
Commission Chair, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair

Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair

Thursday, January 23, 2020

1:15 P.M.

Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and Committee Members,

Please accept this letter of unwavering support for William Aila's appointment and confirmation for Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Commission.

Three of my heroes are Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Nelson Mandela. To me, they were the finest of leaders who had vision enough to recognize that the cause of peace was not one sided, of two or more sides but rather the significance of seeing the relevance of all together.

Any leader asked to serve our Native Hawaiian Community at a Governmental level will sit in a seat with a gallery of support and disdain. To carry oneself with a commitment to the appointment of the seated responsibilities and to recognize the added silent missing of being a bridge to those in the seat of disdain is crucial for our Hawaii. William is a strong man and like my identified heroes, he is also a leader with a gentle spirit. He gets the best and most from his staff, he is serving the mission of the commission, and he has the presence to heal. I ask that you confirm his appointment.

Mahalo,

Pono Shim
President & CEO



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Submitted on: 1/22/2020 10:49:41 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephen MacKinnon	Testifying for Maui Humane Society	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

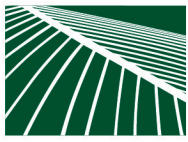
The Maui Humane Society supports the consideration of appointment of Mr. Aila to Chair. Both he and the candidate for Deputy Chair, Mr. Gomes, have been very responsive to our needs and have displayed a willingness to work with our organization as it applies to Hawaiian Home Lands-related issues. We would look forward to and anticipate developing an excellent working relationship with them if they are appointed to these prestigious and responsible positions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stephen MacKinnon

Chief Executive Officer

Maui Humane Society



PBR HAWAII

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**Testimony of PBR HAWAII & ASSOCIATES, INC.
to the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
in Support of Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILĀ,
for Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 506)**

January 22, 2020

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Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Mr. William Ailā and the confirmation of his appointment to serve as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

PBR HAWAII & Associates, Inc., based in Hawai'i for 50 years, is active in all aspects of Land Planning, Landscape Architecture, Environmental Studies, Entitlements and Graphic Design. PBR HAWAII has a long relationship with DHHL and the privilege of working with Mr. Ailā both in his capacity as Chairman and Deputy Chairman of DHHL, as well as when he served as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) under the previous Administration.

In his capacity as Chairman of DHHL, Mr. Ailā was key in the finalization and release of the Request For Proposals (RFP) for 820 Isenberg, a housing redevelopment project on the site of the former Bowl-o-Drome in Mō'ili'ili with sewer approval for up to 276 units of affordable housing for DHHL beneficiaries. Importantly, as Chairman, Mr. Ailā, exerted his leadership and support of DHHL's staff and beneficiaries in the successful adoption of new administrative rules that expand residential lease offerings for beneficiaries to include multi-family housing, rental, and kupuna housing.

Under his leadership, DHHL has also augmented their communications office, to disseminate information about this Department's accomplishments and issues. This propensity for public relations and agency transparency has resulted in an improved website and online communications, as well as public/beneficiary relations.

While Mr. Ailā was at DLNR, PBR HAWAII is proud to have been involved with many of DLNR's projects, including the Lē'ahi (Diamond Head) Linear Park, Hā'ena State Park Master Plan, the Central Maui Regional Park, and the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan (SCORP).

We believe Mr. Ailā's leadership has helped to strengthen the capacity of DHHL to carry out the department's mission to better serve its beneficiaries. PBR HAWAII is honored to submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. William Ailā, and we ask your committee to confirm his appointment as Commission Chair of the DHHL. Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely,

PBR HAWAII & Associates, Inc.

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GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 11:30:41 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamalani Keliikuli	Testifying for Ku Kia'i Kahuku	Oppose	No

Comments:



Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair

Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

January 22, 2020

RE: **SUPPORT OF GM506- NOMINATION OF WILLIAM AILA**

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee,

John R. Monis, Executive Director of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF). We are a labor management fund representing 4000 unionized members in the heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction.

Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund **supports the confirmation of William J. Aila, Jr as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).**

Mr. Aila has demonstrated that he has the leadership and experience in leading the DHHL. Mr. Aila supports the Chair by providing support in the implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and overseeing seven divisions, including the Land Development and Land Management divisions. In addition, Mr. Aila maintains that he supports various levels of housing projects, which includes everything from affordable rentals projects, housing and apartment projects, to "no-utility" homesteading. We feel that these types of projects are what will move DHHL forward.

We urge you to confirm Mr. Aila to serve as the Deputy to the Chair of the DHHL.

Sincerely,

John R. Monis

Executive Director

Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund



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January 22, 2020

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To Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Re: Support of GM506

I am writing today to express my support of GM506, the nomination of William Aila to serve Chairman of DHHL.

Over 80% of the homes built by Honolulu Habitat for Humanity in our 30 year history have been on Hawaiian Home Lands. To that end, we do not have a partner more important to us than DHHL. From the development of new subdivisions to the preservation of existing houses, our relationship with DHHL allows us to build and maintain affordable housing for the native Hawaiian communities on Oahu.

DHHL needs steady leadership, compassion for the community it serves and understanding of the impact of today's decisions will have on tomorrow's families. I believe William Aila to be capable and willing to focus DHHL in the necessary and often uncharted direction.

We currently have almost 20 families whose homes are either under construction or in the planning phase. All of them on DHHL land and all because of the partnership between our two agencies.

With William Aila's leadership, I am confident our ability to serve more and support DHHL goals will be even greater.

Mahalo,

Jim Murphy
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KE KŌMIKE KULEANA HAWAI'I
Kenekoa Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Luna Ho'omalū
Kenekoa Kaiali'i Kahele, Hope Luna Ho'omalū

Lā: Ianuali 23, 2020 Hola: 1:15 p.m. Wahi: Lumi 'Aha Kūkā 016

Testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to GM506

GM506 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

Aloha e Kenekoa Shimabukuro, Kenekoa Kahele a me nā lālā o ke Kōmike Kuleana Hawai'i,

We, Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna, a concerned group of kūpuna Hawaiian homestead farmers from Pana'ewa, Hawai'i committed to the well-being of Hawai'i for the next generations to come, submit this testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION to the consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.** Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna stands in unity with our Hawaiian homestead association, Keaukaha-Pana'ewa Farmers Association, in strongly opposing nominee William J. Aila.

We, the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA), deserve a commission chair who will lead with courage and integrity to protect HHCA trust lands and HHCA beneficiary rights.

Please do not confirm William J. Aila.

Mahalo.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 10:45:05 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lu Ann Faborito	Testifying for Makaha Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments:

Makaha strongly supports the confirmation for Mr. William J Aila. Every effort he has put forth as Chair has always been to consider the beneficiaries of Hawaiian Homelands and their best interest within the parameters of his position. He has been an excellent advocate for putting native hawaiians on the land, and focusing to make sure the department does this with all the resources available from both the Federal, State, and private sectors. He is needed right where he's at.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/19/2020 5:52:10 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
allen tom	Testifying for NOAA Hawaiian Islands Humpback whale national marine sanctuary	Support	No

Comments:

Sunday, January 29, 2020

Dear Senator Ronald D. Kochi,

On behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Hawaiian Islands Humpback whale national marine sanctuary, I am writing to support the nomination of Mr. William J. Aila, Jr, as Commission Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I have worked with Mr. Aila for over two decades, in his various capacities as Harbor Master, Monument Advisory Chair (Papahanamokuakea) and Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources. Mr Aila has always been honest, straightforward and approachable. Even if he sometimes did not agree with all of my programs proposed projects, I knew that Mr. Aila had done his homework in reaching his decision and that his decisions were always based on facts that would represent the State's interests.

Mr. Aila is one of those rare individuals who can work in both the federal, state and local levels, be it speaking to Congressional members, Federal White House officials, or constituents from the neighbor islands like myself. My program both locally and in Washington DC hold Mr. Aila in the highest regards as a person to seek out for advice before moving forward with any plans in Hawaii. NOAA has come to learn this through our many years of working with Mr. Aila where we have not only come to respect his point of view, but the realization that he is more likely right in his advice to us.

The State of Hawaii is lucky to have someone as talented and as caring as Mr. Aila.

Sincerely:

Allen Tom, Superintendent, NOAA's Hawaiian Island Humpback whale national marine sanctuary, Kihei, Maui.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/23/2020 5:10:56 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel Conner	Testifying for Ho'ā'™omana Pono, LLC	Oppose	No

Comments:

In strong opposition, need to change mindset on evictions. Using evictions of leasees to make room for people on waiting list. Many natives on leased land are being evicted without any real help or resolution to the same old no rules system. As administrations change so does the rules. The native Hawaiian Beneficiary as defined by the Hawaiian Homes Commission's Act, have been unjustly used as pawns in the political arena.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 12:58:17 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Iwalani McBrayer	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

My husband Timothy and I live in Kaupe'a Homestead in Kapolei, Oahu. We were the 3rd to move in out of 326 homes. We have been advocating for our Kaupe'a Home since we purchased it in January 2007. Shoddy construction work, sub-standard Housing, and 12 years DHHL ADMIN & LDD unresponsive to our Housing concerns.

After a Fire in my home in Dec. 22, 2018 it revealed building code violations, mold, hazard living conditions etc. Dec.26 we met with then Deputy Aila to bring this matter to their attention. My husband request immediately by letter dated 12/26/18 to have a house visit with DHHL LDD ENGINEER, Norman Sakamoto. NO RESPONSE! In January 2019 an email responds he retired 12/28/2018?

Today still no response and water damaged hole in our bathroom ceiling remains exposed and NOT ADDRESSED? AllState Insurance official letter of an uninsured home due to questionable building and foundation concerns, DHHL TRUST still unresponsive to hold its Contractors they hired accountable to the sub-standard job done on our Kaupe'a Home.

Timothy 40 years in Construction and our 1 year researching our Home since 2018 fire enraged my husband to see a Building Permit that shows completion of plumbing and electrical work dated March 2007 and April 2007. We moved in our Kaupe'a home January 2007?

Jodie Magasatani, was DHHL CHAIR. Her admin never gave us a due process to hear our concerns or bring an engineer to investigate our Home as Contested Hearing policy and procedures state. Deputy Aila followed her lead and never allowed us Beneficiary consultation. This has caused much anguish and stress to our OHANA. And to only reveal to us sub-standard building standards on our Trust Land.

For the sake of our Family and our experiences with DHHL ADMIN we OPPOSE GM 506 Consideration of William Aila as Chairman of DHHL. We need a Director who will

work with all Homestead Beneficiaries that is open to a continuous inclusive and collaborative effort that is PONO! We need a change and we need to change the Broken system of our HAwaiian Homes Trust, please consider the McBrayer OHANA opposition to GM 506 of William Aila.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Timothy & Iwalani McBrayer

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 8:35 AM
To: Lacey Akau
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Aole confirmation of William Aila

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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On Jan 20, 2020, at 1:52 PM, Lacey Akau <laceyakau@gmail.com> wrote:

Aloha -

Please, I ask you as a DHHL homeowner and a member of the Keaukaha-Panaewa Farmers association, to object the appointment of William Aila. I do not agree that a Governor has the authority to appoint who he wants, it should be up to the people.

It saddens me that the Governor does not care about the people he serves. I ask you to listen to us, make a pono choice and step up to government bully tactics.

Lacey Akau

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 7:28:11 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Awo	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuru, Vice Chair Kahele and Committee Members.

My name is Randy Awo. I was raised in Waimanalo on Hawaiian Homestead Lands. Currently, I am a DHHL leasee, residing on Hawaiian Home Lands in Waiehu Kou, Maui. I am providing testimony today as a DHHL leasee and private citizen.

Today, I submit testimony in support of Governor's Message 506, to consider and nominate William J. Aila to serve as the Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

William Aila is a product of Wai'anae, a community that is predominantly native Hawaiian and often underserved. Yet some of the most innovative, committed and creative leaders and programs have emerged from the leeward coast of O'ahu. William Aila is one of those leaders. He has spent much of his life serving his community and all of Hawaii. His leadership is reflected in his professional careers, his community activism and innovative leadership. In the brief eight months that Mr. Aila has served as the Acting Chair for the DHHL, he has had to make very difficult and measured decisions, some of which remain unpopular by a segment of the community. Unfortunately, this overshadows an established track record of dedicated service toward the protection and management of Hawaii's natural, cultural and historic resources, native Hawaiian health issues, education, matters pertinent to the military occupation of Makua Valley, repatriating and reburying iwi kupuna and their possessions, to name a few.

The complexities and responsibilities that come with leading and managing a Department for the State of Hawaii are challenging and often misunderstood. The legal requirements, policies and regulations that govern the manner in which decisions are made, do not always align with popular opinion or the politics of the moment. It doesn't mean however, that Mr. Aila is operating with malice or disregard for the people, communities and issues he has fought for throughout his life. In 2010, I was asked to serve as the Administrator for the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement with the DLNR here on O'ahu. I began my tenure at the same time that William began his appointment as the Chairperson for the DLNR. I wasn't sure what to expect. His reputation preceded him. This was someone who took vacation leave to testify against the Department he worked for. This was someone implicated for borrowing iwi from the

Bishop museum, and returning it to its' "rightful owner." While didn't always agree, in the weeks, months and years that followed, I and many others within the DLNR, acquired a deep level of respect for his integrity, intellect, dedication and willingness to remain open to diverse ideas and opinions that supported the mission of the DLNR. This philosophy is critical to remaining nimble and flexible while navigating through rapid changes during these challenging times in Hawaii.

As a public servant for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, William Aila continues to act with unwaivering aloha for Hawaii and the people he serves. As public servants, you may also be able to relate to the often harsh criticism directed to those in positions of leadership. It takes fortitude, a balanced temperment and the ability to make difficult but responsible decisions. William has the capacity and desire to support the intent, purpose and spirit of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act envisioned by Prince Jonah Kuhio. In closing, I respectfully ask that you support William Aila's nomination to serve as the Chairperson for the DHHL. Mahalo and Aloha.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

GM 506 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.

January 23, 2020

TESTIMONY OF JOBIE MASAGATANI

IN **STRONG SUPPORT** OF THE CONFIRMATION OF WILLIAM AILA, JR. TO THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN, HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

I am submitting this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the confirmation of Mr. William Aila, Jr. to the position of Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I have had the pleasure of working directly with William since December 2014. He is a man of integrity, intelligence, commitment, and humility. As a former Chairman, I understand firsthand the kuleana one shoulders when taking on the position of Chair. Balancing the varied, sometimes competing, beneficiary interests while setting the best path forward for the trust is far from a simple or easy task. In the short time that he has served as Chair, William has demonstrated time and time again his strength as a leader and his steadfast focus on making thoughtful decisions that are based on what is right and in the best interest of the trust.

During his time as Deputy to the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, William played an instrumental part in completing the myriad of accomplishments achieved during Governor Ige's first Administration. In addition, William shepherded through several complex issues. Most notable was the historic Mediation Agreement for the Waimea Watershed Area between Po'ai Wai Ola/West Kauai Watershed Alliance, DHHL, Kauai Island Utility Commission (KIUC), ADC (Agribusiness Development Corporation), and Kekaha Agriculture Association regarding the use of water in the Waimea/Kekaha area of Kauai. This agreement, and the process followed to reach this agreement, outlined a tangible model and approach that balanced competing public, private, and trust uses for an important trust resource: water. The fact that agreement was reached was phenomenal and nothing short of a miracle.

Few understand that DHHL is actually a very complex agency, more akin to a small municipality than a housing agency. William's experience in top leadership positions at both DHHL and DLNR has prepared him well to navigate the difficult waters of being Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

William takes to heart the Commission's responsibilities to manage the DHHL trust fairly, and in the best interests of all beneficiaries: lessees, applicants, and those yet to come or to be qualified as beneficiaries. He strives to be responsive and timely in the requests made of him by beneficiaries and other stakeholders, recognizing the impact delay on the part of DHHL can have in the individual lives of beneficiaries. He has demonstrated through his actions and words his passionate commitment to the vision of Ke Alii Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, and the mission of DHHL.

With a very short three years remaining in this Administration, William's continued leadership of DHHL ensures that the innovative homestead and rental housing projects that are currently in the pipeline will

come to fruition. The momentum he has worked hard to establish in developing homesteads for those on the waiting list will not suffer a setback.

Respectfully, I ask your support in confirming his nomination.

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Submitted on: 1/22/2020 10:15:14 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
S. Apoliona	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

REFERENCE: GM 506 COMMISSION CHAIR

DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

ALOHA CHAIR SHIMABUKURO , VICE-CHAIR KAHELE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I am Haunani Apoliona, former OHA Chairperson (2000-2010) and OHA Trustee (1996-2016).

I come to support Gubernatorial Nominee William J. Aila for confirmation as Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for a term to expire 12-31-2022. And request that you affirmatively support his consideration and advance his confirmation to the full Senate.

William's family and community roots are deep and substantive.

William's on-the line, *front-line and administrative endeavors to improve Hawai'i and Hawaiian Home Lands*, are significant examples of dedication to service and duty ---
- *for the right reasons, in the right way, and at the right time.*

Mahalo for providing me this opportunity to add my voice of support for William J. Aila.

And I thank you for advancing his selection.

S. Haunani Apoliona, Former OHA Chair & Trustee (1996 - 2016)

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Submitted on: 1/23/2020 12:19:47 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Aweau	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Once held in high esteem within the Native Hawaiian community, I regret that myself and members of my family are no longer able to support the nominee and his destructive actions toward the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust. His lack of transparency and responsibility to the legacy of our beloved Prince Jonah Kuhio is unforgivable and he must be stopped. Moreover, I continue to be frustrated with the heartless sentiment of the Governor and our state legislators to condone callous acts done to the indigenous Native Hawaiian community. Character and integrity are in short supply. Thus, as a descendant who watched my father pass away while on the waitlist for over 40 years and on the current waitlist, I urgently request that this committee VOTE "A'OLE" for the nomination of William Aila as the next Director of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**Testimony Before the State of Hawai'i Senate
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**

**In Opposition to the Confirmation of William J. Aila
as Governor Ige's Nominee for
Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands**

January 23, 2020

I am Kekailoa Perry, an 'Oiwi beneficiary and Associate Professor at the Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies in the Hawai'iinuīākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge at the University of Hawai'i Mānoa. I am opposing the confirmation of William J. Aila as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Governor Ige is known for his ruinous decision making on all levels of state government and appears to have reserved his most deleterious acts for matters concerning native Hawaiians as evidenced by the nomination of William J. Aila for DHHL Chairperson. The Governor's failure to uphold his constitutional duty to protect native Hawaiian trust lands, assets and people alone should cast serious doubt on all appointments that will directly affect native Hawaiians. Mr. Aila is clearly one of those appointments that must be denied.

As Interim DHHL Chairperson in 2019, Mr. Aila demonstrated the highest level of ineffective leadership and intellectual dishonesty toward native Hawaiian beneficiaries through his ongoing breach of the DHHL Trust. Guided by the flawed legal machinations of the State Attorney General and the political abhorrence of the Governor, Mr. Aila abused his fiduciary responsibility and used his Chairperson status as a whipping stick against the native Hawaiian beneficiaries and their trust lands.

Mr. Aila has publicly denounced the Royal Order and native Hawaiian beneficiaries who utilize the Pu'uuhuluhulu sanctuary for cultural purposes in accordance with the State of Hawai'i Constitution and Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Mr. Aila also purposely abused his trust duties by advocating for the arrest of native Hawaiian beneficiaries on trust lands legally owned by the DHHL.

In fact, Mr. Aila's role in the illegal land exchange fiascos on Maunakea and in Waipahu brought DHHL under legal scrutiny due to his failure to properly manage and protect those trust assets for the betterment of native Hawaiians. Currently, the state has illegally seized and constructed a road and rail facility on Hawaiian Home Lands without compensation and in violation of federal law. As interim Chairperson, Mr. Aila ignored his fiduciary obligation to manage the DHHL trust assets for its native Hawaiian beneficiaries and wrongly advocated for the state to "adversely possess" the lands. Mr. Aila used his position to benefit Governor Ige and Mayor Caldwell's political ambition at the expense of the native Hawaiian beneficiaries.

Testimonies favoring Mr. Aila bring up his past experiences in the Hawaiian community as evidence of his ability to lead the DHHL. I have worked with Mr. Aila on several occasions and know of his past work. However, the work he has done as the interim DHHL chairperson in the last year is a dramatic departure from anything he has done in the past. In fact, when Mr. Aila became interim Chairperson, the valuable teachings he learned were shamelessly discarded. Mr. Aila has forgotten his duty to protect the constitutional rights of the native Hawaiian beneficiary and nothing from his past can justify or apologize for his breaches of trust. In fact, Mr. Aila's confirmation today will ensure that further breaches will occur and be normalized at DHHL.

Finally, this legislative body must understand that approving Mr. Aila's nomination is equivalent to sanctioning further abuses of native Hawaiian rights and trust assets. Be conscious in your decision making and know that your actions will, in fact, impact the native Hawaiian world. Do not approve Mr. Aila's appointment and send a message to Governor Ige that he has a constitutional duty to protect native Hawaiian culture, land and people.

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Submitted on: 1/18/2020 11:52:23 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dayne M Kaawalauole	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

To whom it may concern, aloha no

My name is Dayne Makanaokalani Kaawalauole. I am 23 years old, I am an Army veteran now full time student at Leeward Community College who is graduating with my associates in Business management this semester, I am a entrepreneur of sorts, an entertainer, and even a comedian on some days, but most importantly I am a Kanaka. Over the past few years I have been home I've been able to watch first hand how the DHHL has answered the cries and concerns of our community, and least to say I am disappointed, and hurt. I'll spare the history lesson of why DHHL and the blood quantity measure was created for someone else, but in this day and age DHHL should've acted as our tool in the fight to regain what is ours, a pu'uhuluhulu for our people struggling, and a beacon of hope for the future. Unfortunately it is everything but that. It has been taken over by greed and influence from for profit investors who seek to destroy our 'Āina for their projects, get rich off of the backs of our labor, steal our waters; and instead of standing with your people in opposition of these various issues, DHHL is siding with those who seek to hurt our communities. Selling homestead land to investors, allowing the state to arrest kanaka on DHHL lands, being silent as the government runs us out of our homes. And I ask, aia i hea kou kĀpa'a ? He aha ke kou kuleana? In such a time of crisis why is it that our own people are the ones stabbing us in the back? I feel that William Aila has failed to act within the best interest of the people he was put to serve and for these reasons I am unequivocally against him being re-elected as the DHHL Commision head.

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Submitted on: 1/19/2020 7:36:39 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

It is time that we stopped rubber stamping people into positions. Mr. Aila has moved around the State in various offices that are extremely important to the Kanaka and people of Hawai'i. Just because the choice might be the "best we have right now" does not mean it is the best choice. We need someone in his position that will stand pono. We need someone bold and willing to stand up to corporations and others who continually take from our communities. We need Kanaka to have places to live on THEIR islands. WE need to look further and delve deeper. VOTE NO on his confirmation.

January 20, 2020

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
The 30th Legislature
Regular Session of 2020

RE: Support for William J. Aila, Jr., Gubernatorial Nominee as the Commission Chair of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire in 12-31-2022.

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kanahale, and Committee members,

I support of William J. Aila, Jr. to be the Commission Chair of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire in 12-31-2022. In my dealings with Mr. Aila, I have found him to be a thoughtful, dedicated public servant who considers all sides of an issue before making decision. He demonstrates professionalism and caring in dealing with people.

While he was director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources in 2012, an eviction issue regarding unreasonable rent for a revocable permit on Kauai was considered. Under his watch, his staff conducted an assessment based on rents for comparable properties in comparable situations, rather than values based on property sales or land use. This resulted in reissuing the permit with a fair and reasonable rent for the family so they could remain on the property, which had been in their family for more than 100 years.

On another occasion, in 2014, Mr. Aila's leadership led to successfully diffusing a potentially explosive meeting, based on a lawsuit brought by Timothy Mac Masters vs. other members of the surf community. Despite the lawsuit being dropped just hours before the hearing, Mr. Aila allowed large numbers of testifiers to speak both for and against the issues within the time limits. He encouraged those who had more to discuss beyond the time limits to share their concerns with his staff who were there. The crowd left feeling satisfied that the issue had been handled in a satisfactory manner, thanks to his fair approach.

I personally hoped that Governor Ige would have kept him on in that role, however, the Governor recommended him to be the Deputy to Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for which he received confirmation from the Senate. Just last year, when Aila was recommended to be the interim director, the former Director expressed how instrumental he was to move along many outstanding issues that DHHL has faced. As DHHL has been under fire for many years now for lack of results, we need Mr. Aila to be there as he has already made changes to promote more housing options for Hawaiian families. Please confirm Mr. Aila for this job through 12-31-2022.

Me ka ha`aha`a,

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GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 1:28:43 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Tada	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I strongly oppose this appointment. Mr Aila has been very hostile to DHHL Beneficiaries. He denied Mauna A Wakea Acces Road, AKA Dan Inouye Highway sits on DHHL Land. His disdain for DHHL Beneficiaries in my eyes, totally disqualifies Mr Aila from holding ANY position of power regarding DHHL.

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Submitted on: 1/20/2020 6:48:15 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

In my personal capacity,I support the confirmation of William Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila brings the necessary leadership skills to do this job having served as Deputy Commissioner of DHHL, Acting Commission Chair, and as the head of the Dept of Land and Natural Resources. Especially, I appreciate that Mr. Aila is advocating partnerships with key organizations in the community to advance the betterment of the Dept of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Committee On Hawaiian Affairs

Thomas-Ryan Cleek, Aloha 'Āina

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Oppose GM 506

My name is Thomas-Ryan Cleek. I am part-Hawaiian and native to Honokai Hale, where I reside today. I am here to voice my opposition to the confirmation of William J. Ailā, Jr. as Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

In 2018 Ailā ran to become a trustee at-large of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, which would require him to act exclusively in the interest of beneficiaries, hold and protect the trust property for beneficiaries, and to exercise such care and skill as a person of ordinary prudence would exercise in dealing with one's own property in the management of Hawaiian home lands. In regards to the issue of the Mauna Kea Access Road, Ailā demonstrated that he would not have been in compliance with the ascribed duties of a commissioner as trustee. The beneficiaries have asserted their right to the lands there, even under threat of violence and imprisonment, yet Ailā would side against the very beneficiaries he would have been entrusted to protect.

In August of last year Senator Kaiali'i Kahele himself pointed out the error in what Ailā deemed permissible, that error being the legality of the construction of the Mauna Kea Access Road on Department of Hawaiian Home Lands property without the appropriate land transfer. I do not hold Ailā responsible for the construction of the road itself, but an oversight like this may possibly translate into larger, more detrimental oversights. Again, Ailā demonstrates his willingness to side against his own beneficiaries.

I implore the committee to reconsider the appointment of William J. Ailā, Jr. as Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on account of his actions as it relates to the Mauna Kea Access Road and his shortcomings in protecting the interests and rights of the beneficiaries.

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Submitted on: 1/21/2020 9:22:48 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Buchanan	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I support the appointment of William Aila.

I have worked with William Aila for several years while he worked in public service. While we have not been agreement on may issues I know he has worked to balance competing interests while trying to fullfill the mandates of the offices he held which are so complex and controversial. After holding high executive positions in many state and federal agencies I know he has the experience to navigate through the complexities of government to achieve the goals of helping the public. In this appointment, I support William Aila continuing to implement the good work initiated by former chairpersons of DHHL. We need continuity and stability to see initiatives implemented. I am aware of persons and organisations that strongly oppose his confirmation and I will state that I do not agree with the philosophies and actions of those advocating to work outside and in opposition to the current DHHL leadership instead of trying to support and work in concert with DHHL. Please confirm William Aila as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Buchanan

Molokai

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Submitted on: 1/21/2020 9:27:48 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Kaapu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Senators- My name is David Kaapu and I serve as the West Hawaii Commissioner for the Hawaiian Homes Commission; hoiwever, I am submitting my testimony in my individual capacity.

I speak in strong support for the confirmation of William Aila as Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Homes and Commission. I have worked with William for the past five years and he is a very capable administrator and leader. I believe that you will find overwhelming support for him from other commissioners, staff and many beneficiaries. As you know, during his brief tenure as interim Chair, the Commission has been faced with many critical issues especially Mauna Kea. While many have tried to use this issue for grandstanding and to advance their own personal agendas, William, in consultation with the Commissioners, has, in my view, tried to uphold his kuleana to the State Constitution and the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

As we move forward, the Department and Commission will need to rely on someone who has the knowledge and experience to execute our mission of putting beneficiaries on the land and providing opportunities for our beneficiaries to be successful. I believe that William Aila meets all of the necessary criteria and is an asset to the Department and Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of William for Chair. If you have any questions or if I can be of furthyer assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

David B. Ka'apu

Bruce Lum
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January 20, 2020

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
THE 30TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2020

RE: In support of William J. Aila, Jr., Gubernatorial Nominee, for Chair of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

Aloha kākou Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele and committee members,

My name is Bruce Lum, a Hawaiian and great grandson of Henry R.M. Peters, original holder of a 1911, 999 year homestead lease, in the District of *Hanalei, Kaua'i*. I am testifying in SUPPORT of William J. Aila for confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

I have personal experience and confidence in William J. Aila, from when he was the Chairman of DLNR. He has the qualifications necessary to carry out the duties as Chairman of DHHL. My *Kaua'i 'ohana* has firsthand experience of his leadership, professionalism, dedication to community service and the commitment to doing what is *pono*.

My great grandparents raised their 13 children on property that my great grandfather was later granted a 999 year homestead lease for in 1911. They lived on that property since 1880. Their modest home, named *Hale Ola* (house of healing and health) has been available to all of their immediate 'ohana and descendants for 140 years.

Our lease rent was always affordable until it increased by \$390 a month in 1997, another \$830 increase in 1998 and finally a monthly lease rent of \$3,556 in 2003. That family lot and house is my cousin's primary residence. She has lived there for 19 years on her own, after surviving both her parents.

The incredibly high lease rent of \$3,556 was a serious struggle for her. After more than 13 years of struggling to pay the lease rent, she faced eviction multiple times and paid tens of thousands of dollars to hang on. She would have been evicted in 2011, if it wasn't for DLNR Chairman, William Aila's clear understanding of the root problem, and his leadership skills to motivate his staff to apply DHHL's resources to address the fact that the basis for the lease rent was the cause of the issue. He saw that the lease was being valued as if it were vacation rental property when use of the lease was clearly for non-income producing residential use, and that the leased property did not provide the same bundle of rights that neighboring properties were afforded. His problem solving skills resulted in a more proper lease valuation of our leased lot and a more justified lease rent of \$454 a month.

Bruce Lum
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We mahalo Mr. Aila everyday for solving what we thought was impossible to resolve with impartiality, consensus and fairness for the State and our 'ohana.

My family and I have the greatest confidence that William Aila is the right person to be DHHL Chairman and that he will deliver the very best, for all the people of Hawaii, with genuine fairness and *aloha*. Please vote "YES" and confirm William J. Aila, Jr.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify in SUPPORT of his confirmation.

Me 'oe ka ha'aha'a

Bruce Lum

GM506 – Consideration/Confirmation of William J. Aila to Commission Chair, DHHL

Written Testimony of Germaine Meyers

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I, Germaine Meyers, **unequivocally OPPOSE** the confirmation of William J. Aila to Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

In December 2014, Mr. William J. Aila was confirmed Deputy to the Chair of the Hawaiian Home Lands, specifically under Commission Chair Jobie Masagatani. Mr. Aila held this position, under Commission Chair Masagatani until May 2019 at which time he was appointed Interim Commission Chair of the DHHL. Shortly after his appointment, Mr. Aila hired to work for the DHHL the previous Commission Chair Jobie Masagatani, declaring to all his belief in her leadership, skills, character, and competency.

To my horror, I recently discovered that during Mr. Aila's term as Deputy to the Chair and his recent appointment as Interim Commission Chair, Mr. Aila allowed the surreptitious actions of ex-Chair Jobie Masagatani (including himself as Interim Chair) to **NEVER ONCE bring before the**

Hawaiian Homes Commissioners for their approval the minutes of 31 Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) monthly meetings, as evidenced in my attached report titled **Exhibit A**. In addition, there were other numerous agendized Special HHC meetings not included in my report.

The **31** HHC monthly meetings that were **NEVER ONCE agendized by the Commission Chair for review and approval by the Commissioners in a timely manner according to Title 10 Administrative Rules of the DHHL eff. 10/26/1998** are as follows:

- January through December 2016 (total 12 months)
- January through August 2017 (total 8 months)
- August through December 2018 (total 5 months)
- January through April 2019 (total 4 months)
- November through December 2019 (total 2 months)

As a matter of facts and **to my appall, beginning with the minutes of August 2012 through December 2019, NOT EVEN ONE SINGLE MINUTES during this period of time came to the Commissioners for their approval in a timely manner, as defined** by Title 10 Administrative Rules of the DHHL eff. 10/26/1998.

The specific Administrative Rules that were egregiously violated were 10-2-13 Minutes, 10-2-9 Suspension of Discussion Agenda Items, 10-2-2 Sessions, 10-2-16 Delegation of Duties to Chairman, 10-2-17 Ratification of Chairman's Actions, and 10-1-7 Severability.

GM506 – Consideration/Confirmation of William J. Aila to Commission Chair, DHHL

Written Testimony of Germaine Meyers

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In consideration of the **egregious violations of Title 10 Administrative Rules of the DHHL that implement the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, as amended, and Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 91 and HRS 92,** I believe Mr. Aila and ex-Chair Jobie Masagatani usurped the **timely ratification of the minutes by the Commissioners** and therefore **all discussions, deliberations, decisions, judgments and actions during the HHC meetings from August 2012 through December 2019 are null and void.**

I have compiled below the specifics of the **violated rules** and highlighted them for you on the attached documents titled **Exhibit B.**

Minutes. The **minutes shall be submitted by the chairman for approval at the next regular meeting.** Upon approval, the chairman shall sign and enter the date of approval upon the minutes. **The chairman shall also note thereon any changes ordered before approval and shall communicate them to the district office managers. All approved minutes shall be available for inspection by any interested person.** Except as otherwise provided by law, copies of the approved minutes shall be kept on file at the main office of the department and **also distributed to each commissioner and district office.**

Suspension of discussion agenda items. **The commission, for good cause by majority vote, may suspend discussion of any item on the agenda.** At its discretion **the commission shall continue discussion after all other agenda items have been completed or shall continue the discussion at no later than the next regular scheduled meeting.**

Sessions. Unless otherwise permitted under chapter 92, HRS, **no contract, appointment, or decision shall be finally acted upon at any such executive session.**

Delegation of duties to chairman. (a) **It is the desire of the commission that functions and duties, administrative in nature, be delegated to the chairman and duties requiring the exercise of judgement or discretion continue to reside with the commission.** (c) Subject to the provisions of section 10-2-17 (Ratification of chairman's actions) the chairman may:...

Ratification of chairman's actions. **The chairman shall report to the commission for ratification of any actions taken as permitted under section 10-2-16 (c.)**

Severability. **If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of Title 10 be for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this title.**

Attached are: Exhibit A and Exhibit B

HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
Agendized Approval of Meeting Minutes 2010 to 2019

LEGEND:

Commission Chair Albert Alapaki - Term: January 2010 to May 2012

Commission Chair Jobie Masagatani - Term: June 2012 to April 2019

***Deputy to the Chair William Aila Jr. - Term: December 2014 to April 2019**

Interim Commission Chair William Aila, Jr. - Term: May 2019 to January 2020

EXHIBIT A

Testimony of Germaine Meyers

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HHC Meeting		MINUTES AGENDIZED FOR APPROVAL									
2019		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
01 Jan		04 Apr			03 Mar						
		05 May			04 Apr						
	02 Feb	06 Jun			03 Mar						
		05 May									
	03 Mar	06 Jun			03 Mar						
04 Apr		06 Jun			04 Apr						
05 May		06 Jun									
06 Jun		06 Jun									
07 Jul		07 Jul									
08 Aug		07 Jul			04 Apr						
09 Sep	05 May				11 Nov						
	06 Jun										
10 Oct	07 Jul										
	08 Aug										
11 Nov	09 Sep										
12 Dec	10 Oct				11 Nov						

HHC Meeting	MINUTES AGENDIZED FOR APPROVAL										
2016					2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
01 Jan						07 Jul	02 Feb				
02 Feb						07 Jul 08 Aug	03 Mar				
03 Mar						07 Jul 08 Aug	03 Mar				
04 Apr						08 Aug	03 Mar				
05 May						08 Aug	03 Mar				
06 Jun						09 Sep	03 Mar				
07 Jul						09 Sep	03 Mar				
08 Aug						09 Sep	03 Mar				
09 Sep						09 Sep	04 Apr				
10 Oct						09 Sep	04 Apr				
11 Nov						09 Sep	04 Apr				
12 Dec						09 Sep					

HHC Meeting	MINUTES AGENDAZ FOR APPROVAL									
2013							2013	2012	2011	2010
01 Jan										
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11 Nov										
12 Dec							01 Jan			

HHC Meeting		MINUTES AGENDIZED FOR APPROVAL									
2018		2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	
01 Jan			10 Oct			05 May					
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HHC Meeting	MINUTES AGENDIZED FOR APPROVAL										
2012									2012	2011	2010
01 Jan										12 Dec	
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EXHIBIT B

Testimony of Germaine Meyers

TITLE 10

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS



EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 26, 1998

§10-2-13 Minutes. A running account of all proceedings of each meeting of the commission shall be kept in as complete detail as is reasonably possible. Minutes comprising a summary account of the proceedings and containing as much detail as is necessary to indicate the course of the proceedings and the actions taken by the commission shall be transcribed under the direction of the chairman. The minutes shall be submitted by the chairman for approval at the next regular meeting. Upon approval, the chairman shall sign and enter the date of approval upon the minutes. The chairman shall also note thereon any changes ordered before approval and shall communicate them to the district office managers. All approved minutes shall be available for inspection by any interested person. Except as otherwise provided by law, copies of the approved minutes shall be kept on file at the main office of the department and also distributed to each commissioner and district office. [Eff 7/30/81; am and comp 10/26/98] (Auth: HHC Act §222; HRS §91-2) (Imp: HHC Act §202; HRS §92-9)

§10-2-9 Suspension of discussion agenda items.

The commission, for good cause by majority vote, may suspend discussion of any item on the agenda. At its discretion the commission shall continue discussion after all other agenda items have been completed or shall continue the discussion at no later than the next regular scheduled meeting. [Eff 7/30/81; am and comp 10/26/98] (Auth: HHC Act §222) (Imp: HHC Act §202)

§10-2-2 Sessions. The commission may meet and exercise its powers in any part of the State. All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public, except that the commission may meet in executive session as permitted under chapter 92, HRS, from which the public may be excluded by a recorded vote of not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the

commission. Unless otherwise permitted under chapter 92, HRS, no contract, appointment, or decision shall be finally acted upon at any such executive session. [Eff 7/30/81; am and comp 10/26/98] (Auth: HHC Act §222; HRS §91-2) (Imp: HHC Act §202; HRS §§ 91-3, 91-4, 91-5)

§10-2-16 Delegation of duties to chairman. (a)

It is the desire of the commission that functions and duties, administrative in nature, be delegated to the chairman and duties requiring the exercise of judgement or discretion continue to reside with the commission.

(b) The commission shall be deemed to have delegated to the chairman duties, powers, and authority as may be lawful or proper for the performance of functions vested in the commission, including the following:

- (1) To appoint special committees and prescribe their powers and duties;
- (2) To preside over all meetings of the commission;
- (3) To approve and sign all vouchers, and to approve the assignment of funds to be received;
- (4) To approve leaves of absence;
- (5) To approve plans for construction of homes and improvements;
- (6) To screen matters referred to the chairman by staff and to select those of sufficient importance to place on the agenda for consideration by the commission; and
- (7) To sign commission resolutions, licenses, leases, and contracts approved by the commission.

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(c) Subject to the provisions of section 10-2-17, the chairman may:

- (1) Grant loans from any loan fund;
- (2) Approve the designation of successors;
- (3) Accept surrenders of homestead leases; and
- (4) Approve, in regards to general leases, plans, assignments, subleases, and mortgages.

(d) The chairman or a designee may approve and sign contracts under \$25,000 which are included in the commission's prior approved budget. [Eff 7/30/81; am 11/17/84; am and comp 10/26/98] (Auth: HHC Act §222; HRS §91-2) (Imp: HHC Act §202)

§10-2-17 Ratification of chairman's actions. The chairman shall report to the commission for ratification of any actions taken as permitted under section 10-2-16(c). [Eff 7/30/81; am 11/17/84; am and comp 10/26/98] (Auth: HHC Act §222; HRS §91-2) (Imp: HHC Act §202)

§10-1-7 Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of Title 10 be for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this title. [Eff 7/30/81; am 2/3/83; am and comp 10/26/98] (Auth: HHC Act §222) (Imp: HRS §91-2)

§10-2-3 Commission meetings. The commission shall meet at least once a month. The commission shall meet at least once a year on the islands of Kauai, Hawaii, Molokai, and Maui, and at various homestead communities on each island as practicable. [Eff 7/30/81; am and comp 10/26/98] (Auth: HHC Act §222) (Imp: HHC Act §202; HRS §92-7)

§10-2-4 Special meetings. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or at the request of a majority of all members to which the commission is entitled. The chairman shall notify the members of the commission of the time, place, and purpose of the special meeting. Special meetings are not to take the place of regular commission meetings. [Eff 7/30/81; am and comp 10/26/98] (Auth: HHC Act §222) (Imp: HHC Act §202; HRS §92-7)

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§10-2-5 Quorum; votes. A majority of all the members to which the commission is entitled shall constitute a quorum to transact business. Except as otherwise provided by law, the concurrence of a majority of all the members to which the commission is entitled shall be necessary to make any action of the commission valid. [Eff 7/30/81; am and comp 10/26/98] (Auth: HHC Act §222; HRS §92-15) (Imp: HHC Act §202; HRS §92-15)

§10-2-7 Agenda. A copy of the regular agenda, less any confidential information concerning applicants or lessees, shall be posted at every office of the department throughout the State and shall be filed with the lieutenant governor's office at least six calendar days before every meeting of the commission. [Eff 7/30/81; am 11/17/84; am and comp 10/26/98] (Auth: HHC Act §222) (Imp: HHC Act §202; HRS §92-7)

§10-2-8 Order of business. The agenda shall state the order of business to be conducted by the commission at its meeting. Persons wishing items of business to be placed on the agenda shall contact the chairman not later than two weeks before the scheduled meeting. [Eff 7/30/81; am and comp 10/26/98] (Auth: HHC Act §222; HRS §91-2) (Imp: HHC Act §202; HRS §92-7)

§10-2-10 Attendance at meetings. Unless excused, meetings shall be attended by all commissioners, by the chairman, and by such members of the staff as are instructed to attend by the chairman. [Eff 7/30/81; comp 10/26/98] (Auth: HHC Act §222) (Imp: HHC Act §202)

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 10:04:45 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Golojuch Jr	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I have known William Aila for decades and he has always been a caring, thoughtful, and considerate man. I know that he will be a great Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). He brings with him a wealth of knowledge to help guide DHHL into this new decade.

I hope that you will support his appointment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/16/2020 4:50:46 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesse K. Souki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro and Vice-Chair Kahele:

I write in support of Mr. William Aila's confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

I worked with Mr. Aila as the first deputy of the Department of Land and Natural Resources when he was its director and chair. I observed the qualities of a great leader in Mr. Aila: He is calm under pressure, he listens to diverse opinions before making a decision, his staff respects him, and he is willing to make tough decisions for the benefit of current and future generations. These qualities and his lifelong work caring for the lands, waters, and resources of the state of Hawai'i make him an excellent candidate for the position. I hope you will consider him favorably.

Thank you for your consideration and public service.

Mahalo,
Jesse K. Souki

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/23/2020 7:41:47 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deron Akiona	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro

Unfortunately, I come before this committee today to oppose the nomination of William Aila to remain as the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. My in-person comments will follow.

Mahalo,

Deron Akiona

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 12:36:42 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Thomas	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

My name is Steven Thomas, and I am testifying in opposition to the confirmation of Mr. William Aila as Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairperson.

I actually feel sorry for Mr. Aila.

Any position appointed by a government executive such as the Mayor or Governor carries with it the inherent probability of that position, in this case the HHC Chair position, being used as a political tool of the Government executive that appointed him or her. Mr. Aila has been in the unenviable position of having to walk the line between answering to the Governor and answering to the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. It is common knowledge that, with all due respect, not many Kanaka Maoli trust the government at all, myself included. Many will say all politicians are corrupt. I believe there are a few good ones. But the State legislature has a reputation for being a rubber stamp for the Governor.

I have had occasion to attend a meeting in which two former HHC Commissioners spoke. Both of whom left the Commission due to disenchantment. They both stated that the primary purpose of HHC and DHHL is to put beneficiaries on the land. Sadly, many like myself who could only be named as a successor due to provable blood quantum, have seen their family members die on the list as beneficiaries and now can no longer be named as their successors. It seems to us that HHC and DHHL's primary purpose as we see it, is to hold on to the land as an asset.

For generations, Kanaka Maoli have faced many issues laden with tension; Mauna Kea being the most visible of them today. Last August, at a Senate Informational Briefing which was televised on Olelo (I believe), Mr. Aila made statements throughout the briefing which sided with the State DOT regarding the ownership of Mauna Kea Access Road. Senator Kahele brought up research findings which showed that a deal between the State DOT and DHHL had been reached back in the mid-1990's regarding restitution for construction of roads on DHHL lands without permission. That deal was two fold. One required financial compensation for building without permission; this part was agreed to and implemented. The other required a land exchange, for which no record could be found as having taken place. As such, Senator Kahele very famously stated, and I paraphrase, "I would find that the state is in violation of that agreement and

that the land belongs to the beneficiaries of the HHCA of 1920 and they have every right to be on the road."

Additionally, Mr. Aila is being blamed for having given the order to go ahead with the takedown of the admittedly illegal structure that was intended to be used as a library for keiki up on the Mauna. You may recall that law enforcement officers proceeded with cutting through the Hawaiian flag during that enforcement action. Now there is something to be said for giving the go-ahead to take down the structure and another regarding the methods employed by law enforcement. I would have denounced those methods had I been in his position. As it is, he now also carries some of the blame for that.

I am loathe to testify that, in my opinion, I would be here regardless of the person being considered. Mr. Aila just happens to be that person in this case and I do oppose his confirmation for the afore mentioned reasons. As long as the position remains an appointed one, we need a chairperson that isn't afraid to square off against his or her appointer if in the best interest of the beneficiaries of the HHCA of 1920.

However, what I believe really needs to change is the process by which the position is filled. The position needs to be made an elected position rather than an appointed one.

Mahalo

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 1:15pm
Conference Room 016

RE: Testimony of Rebecca Justine 'Iolani Soon in **SUPPORT**
GM 506 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Commission
Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee,
WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-31-2022

Aloha nui e Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee on
Hawaiian Affairs:

I write today in strong support of GM 507, providing for the confirmation of William Ailā as
Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known Interim Director William Ailā for many years as a mentor and colleague. Mr. Ailā
has an incredible way of connecting with people on a very personal and human level. He stands in
multiple spaces in Hawai'i's community and serves as a strong and talented advocate for our native
Hawaiian community.

In his time at Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, he has helped accomplish many critical goals,
including: over 600 lots completed and awarded; 1,300 lots being developed in the next 5 years;
seeing the stabilization of the long-term debt; developing new ways to meet the residential needs
of beneficiaries; and record levels of NAHASDA spending towards infrastructure, rehab and
construction financing, homeownership preparedness, and foreclosure prevention.

Balancing the needs of all beneficiaries, including the 10,000 lessees, over 20,000 native
Hawaiians across waitlists, and native Hawaiians not on the waitlist, is a significant challenge.
However, Mr. Ailā passionately advocates for all beneficiaries and is willing to explore all
opportunities to advance the interest of small and native Hawaiian beneficiaries. I believe that he
has been, and if given the opportunity will continue to be, a critical leader in supporting the needs
of our community with great respect and humility.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my mana'o in **strong support** of William J. Ailā for this
important kuleana.

Me ka ha'aha'a,



Rebecca Justine 'Iolani Soon

Testimony of Oriana Leao
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILĀ, Jr. For Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 506)

January 23, 2020
1:15pm

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of Governor's Message 506, and I ask that you confirm William J. Ailā Jr. to be the Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

In his short time as Interim Chairman to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, William Ailā Jr. has spent Saturday mornings awarding lots, hosted countless community meetings, beneficiary consultation meetings, and monthly Hawaiian Homes Commission Meetings across the archipelago of Hawai'i. He has convened with the Federal Census Bureau because homesteaders count and protocol and permission matters when every ahupua'a (land division) is a little different. He has also convened with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to better advocate the shared purposes of OHA and DHHL. He has tackled water and infrastructure issues with County Councils and planners and welcomed several new Commissioners to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and supported a young, brilliant Hawaiian into the role of Deputy to the Chairman of DHHL. These are just a few of the tasks that he has completed and a small fraction of what he hopes to achieve in the years to come.

William Ailā Jr.'s extensive resume and genuine 'ano (energy, aura, persona) is a testament to his unmatched stamina and endurance to remain calm in some of the most turbulent times for Native Hawaiians. His historical knowledge of the Hawaiian community allows him to foresee certain situations. His institutional knowledge as the former director of DLNR and previously, as Deputy of DHHL, encourage him to be aware of unintended consequences. He does not compromise the integrity of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's Trust to fulfill the desires of certain beneficiaries. He is a Trustee. He thinks and believes in terms of generations that have passed and generations yet to come.

Mahalo,

Oriana A. Leao

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/16/2020 4:32:47 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support William Aila for Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. He possesses the experience, fortitude, and integrity required for such a position. Mahalo.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/16/2020 5:11:41 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Mather	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and Committee Members,

My name is Jen Mather, a resident of Lahaina in West Maui. I **OPPOSE** the confirmation of Mr. William Aila as the Commission Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Mr. Aila has been the deputy chair for the DHHL since 2014 and has acted as interim commission chair since mid 2019. Under his supervision the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission have seen no tangible gains in obtaining housing on DHHL lands.

The DHHL needs a Commission Chair that can inject the department with new, creative solutions and less excuses and rhetoric to stall time until our last 50% beneficiary dies on the wait list.

I implore you to vote NO on the consideration of Mr. Aila and request another, better suited candidate be submitted by the office of the Governor.

Mahalo for all you do for our community and for making the hard decisions that will move our state and people forward.

Aloha,

Jen Mather

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/17/2020 9:13:45 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lon Paresa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Mr. Bill Aila as Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Mahalo

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 8:37 AM
To: Teves, Glenn
Cc: Nicole Kinilau-Cano; shimabukuro2 - Richard; Maile Shimabukuro
Subject: Re: SUPPORT William Aila as DHHL Chairman

Glenn~ Mahalo!

Rich ~ Pls add this to the Testimony for Jan. 23.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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On Jan 16, 2020, at 8:03 PM, Teves, Glenn <TevesG@ctahr.hawaii.edu> wrote:

Aloha,

My name is Glenn Ioane Teves and I am a Ho'olehua homesteader. I'm in full support of William Aila as the new chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He needs to be given a chance to lead. As the former chair of DLNR and the Deputy of DHHL, he understands state government and how it operates which is the first step in making positive changes in getting native Hawaiian families on the land. He was born and raised in Waianae, and is also a homesteader who understands the challenges native Hawaiians face up close in this community.

It would be a disaster to bring someone new into this position due to intense challenges this department now faces. I give my full support to William Aila and I'm willing to assist him in any way to move Prince Kuhio's vision to fruition.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Glenn Ioane Teves
Ho'olehua, Molokai

Sent from my iPhone

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/17/2020 12:42:57 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Puni Kekauoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/17/2020 1:20:41 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Juanito Garcia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I urge the committee to confirm William J. Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/17/2020 5:21:24 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janice Javar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support the nomination of William J. Aila as the Director of DHHL.

He does not have the qualifications necessary to make mindful decisions for the Native Hawaiian Community.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/17/2020 6:07:56 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tammi Gumban	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose GM506 for nominee Mr. Aila to be considered as the DHHL Commission Chair.

Mahalo

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/18/2020 5:17:39 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra M Javar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/18/2020 5:29:09 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maiki Ann Mafi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aole for Aila's extension

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/18/2020 9:35:28 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trey Samoa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aole to renewing term.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/19/2020 2:56:19 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Banner Fanene	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do not confirm. Aila has no integrity. Aloha.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/19/2020 4:44:52 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alejandro Alike Aleman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Alejandro alika aleman STRONGLY OPPOSE William J Aila being allowed to continue any extended period of time and STRONGLY suggest removing him from his position on the grounds that he has not has not performed his duties justly and instead has manipulated and corrupted, whether it be on his own or with collaborations of other individuals the office he holds and has used our money to carry out his own personal agendas and not those of the public. He has clearly abused and mismanaged his power and resources given to him for his own benefit at the expense of the continued denationalization of the native Hawaiian people. I believe he is not fit to serve the citizens of hawaii and urge he be removed from his position as QUICKLY as possible. I do not support him staying in his job any longer than he already has as he and possibly other individuals are responsible for improperly using homestead land systems in place to benefit his own agendas and possibly the agendas of foreign enterprise instead of acting in the interest of the public and the native Hawaiian people. Which is who he is SUPPOSED to be serving, NOT using our resources to exploit the public!

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this measure!

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/19/2020 5:16:06 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noreen Keanaaina	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a kanaka maoli who values my people, my culture, and doing what is right for our people, I am in OPPOSITION of GM506.

William Aila has done NOTHING for our people. He is not qualified for this position. He has demonstrated time and time again that the beneficiaries are priority as far as Hawaiian homes are concerned. He continues to conduct business with the government for the benefit of outside entities. The waitlist is an ongoing issue yet he continues to lease properties to outside entities. He does not have the beneficiaries as a priority and he continues to add insult to injury to the rightful beneficiaries.

I oppose GM506. William Aila needs to be removed from DHHL.

The only ones qualified to appoint anyone to that seat would be the beneficiaries who continue to wait on the waitlist who are still alive.

Ke Kōmike Kuleana Hawai'i COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Kenekoa/Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Luna Ho'omalua/Chair
Kenekoa/Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Hope Luna Ho'omalua/Vice Chair

Subject: **GM 506** Consideration and Confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2022 Scheduled for Hearing Pō'ahā, Ianuali 23, 2020 @ 1:15 p.m

Aloha nō kākou,

I submit this testimony of my own free will in SUPPORT of the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee WILLIAM J. AILA, Jr as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

Despite serious disagreements with what I characterize as his mishandling of the Maunakea Access Road situation by denying beneficiaries such as myself the right of open consultation with the Hawaiian Homes Commission that led to be loss of support and faith in the Commission's abilities to understand and exercise its independence from the State of Hawaii and their duty of exclusive loyalty to the beneficiaries and not the governor, I nonetheless support his confirmation because I know deep down inside William is a man of integrity. I base this opinion from having worked with him for about 15 years in the care and protection of iwi kūpuna and moepū during which time I came to know his na'au and he came to know mine.

I recognize others may disagree with me, but when one works hand in hand to care for the ancestors, that is a bond not easily broken.

Ola nā iwi, the bones live,



Edward Halealoha Ayau
622 Wainaku Street Hilo, HI 96720
(808) 646-9015

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/19/2020 9:02:40 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julia Paul	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

William Aila is not trustworthy and treats Hawaiians poorly as shown by his attitude and comments during the 2018 eruption in Puna and his behavior at Mauna Kea. He has shown himself to represent the corporate world versus doing his job to protect the aina. Aila will misuse his position to do the dirty work of the Governor. The first thing Aila will attempt is to transfer the ownership of Mauna Kea Rd to the State. DO NOT ALLOW THIS FAKE HAWAIIAN TO BE THE HEAD OF DHHL.

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Maile Shimabukuro <maileshimabukuro@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2020 7:34 AM
To: Oz Stender
Cc: Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele; shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs Public Hearing 1/23/20

Oz~Got it, thanks.

Rich~ Please add the testimony below to the record for Thursday.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Saturday, January 18, 2020, 4:17 PM, Oz Stender <ozstender@icloud.com> wrote:

On Jan 18, 2020, at 4:07 PM, Oz Stender <ozstender@icloud.com> wrote:

Chair Shimabukuro and Vice-Chair Kahele: Please accept this email as my testimony for the scheduled public hearing on the Governor's nomination of William J. Aila as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. As a native Hawaiian and having a personal experience and several meetings to discuss an issue and eviction of a lessee of DHHL, I present this testimony against Mr. Aila's appointment. Based on my life long experiences in property management and in real estate in particular, my interchanges with DHHL tells me that the entire organization is in dire need of management changes and refocusing of personnel attitudes and operational skills. The process for the selection of the director and commissioners needs to be restructured to select the best that you can find to manage this most important asset for the benefit of our Hawaiian people as was intended by Prince Jonah Kuhio. Our Hawaiian people have waited much too long just to survive only because of second rate management which we allow to happen. Mahalo for this opportunity to be heard on this matter. Aloha. Oz

On Jan 17, 2020, at 2:26 PM, Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele
<senkkahele@capitol.hawaii.gov> wrote:

Aloha,

On Thursday, January 23rd 2020 at 1:15pm at the Hawai'i State Capitol Room 016 the Hawaiian Affairs Committee chaired by Senator Maile Shimabukuro has scheduled a public hearing on the Governor's nomination of William J. Aila as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands until 12/31/2022 and Tyler I. Gomes as the Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands until 12/5/2022.

As the Vice Chair of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee I would like to encourage the Hawaiian Homestead Associations, Hawaiian Home Commission Act Beneficiaries, Native Hawaiian Organizations and the public to submit testimony in regards to these critical nominations.

Please see attached link for the official hearing notice and how to submit testimony by the **deadline of Wednesday, January 22nd at 1:15pm.**

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2020/hearingnotices/HEARING_HWN_01-23-20_.HTM

I would also like to encourage Homestead Associations throughout the State, especially those on Hawai'i Island and Senatorial District One to provide their input on these nominations. Also, as I don't have a broad list of emails and homesteaders / associations, feel free to please forward this email.

Please let me know if you have any questions at 808-586-6760.

Mahalo,

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Kai

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Submitted on: 1/19/2020 1:48:36 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy McLeod	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to William Aila, Jr, as DHHL Chair. I have observed him to be disrespectful, combative, & a bully to the people he is supposed to represent. He has also be disrespectful to the Hawaiian Affairs Senate Committee by not showing up to the meeting that Kai Kahele invited him to attend. As a kanaka maoli, I ask that you not confirm William Aila, Jr. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 1/19/2020 4:53:14 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamana'o Mills	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the confirmation of William Aila as DHHL Chairman.

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Submitted on: 1/19/2020 7:41:36 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dee Green	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please consider looking further into Mr. Aila's background and previous works prior to confirming him for this appointment. It is my opinion that we have been allowing people to be moved around in various offices perpetuating the bureaucratic issues and situations in which we currently find ourselves. I have not seen Mr. Aila's resume but I have seen the destruction and hurt that has been caused by him and his policies in the community. It is time to stop the status quo and truly make a change. HE is not the change we need. Please vote no.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/19/2020 8:49:40 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordon B. Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose reappointment of William Aila due to; mismanagement of his position.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/19/2020 10:46:39 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gail Noeau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I, Gail Noeau, respectfully submit that, I "oppose" Mr. William Aila's confirmation to chair the Dept. Of Hawaiian HomeLands Division.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/19/2020 10:58:52 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kahealani	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I fully oppose William Aila becoming Head of DHHL.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/19/2020 11:43:13 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Castaneda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I request that Senator Kouchi and the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs reconsider GM506 and not confirm William Aila as the Commission Chair for DHHL. None of the oversights or mismanagement of homestead land on Kauai has been changed or corrected in the last 5 years. Although there has been some discussions about residential lots being developed, a very small percentage of leases have been made available. The delta between the thousands on the waitlist and hundreds of acres of residential, agricultural and pastoral land still held vacant by DHHL is unacceptable. I ask the Senate and Governor to consider other candidates that could improve the issuing of leasehold land and improve the lives of those affected by the statutes of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 12:41:16 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 1:14:33 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tanya K.D. Alana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I, Tanya Ku'uipo. Alana, OPPOSE WILLIAM AILA for the position as Commission Chair for Department of Hawaiian Homelands. William Aila has proven to mismanage the monies, mismanage the lands, unsuccessful of putting people on the list into homes, and clearly does not want to perpetuate and help the Aboriginal Hawaiians. It is obvious there are some side deals to benefit William Aila personally, and not the Aboriginal Hawaiians. When he listens to the corporations more than to his people, we know we have a problem. Again, I OPPOSE WILLIAM AILA.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 1:58:08 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Fernley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a mentor and trusted friend, William Aila has my support to be confirmed as commission chair of the Dept of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Having known William for over 30 years, his advise and leadership skills within our community are unsurpassed. He always sees both sides of any problem and always makes the right decision.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 2:13:58 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tadia Rice	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 2:27:28 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Isham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha!

My Name is Jerry isham and i am submitting testimony in support for Mr William Aila!

I believe Mr Alia is the best person for this position he has always showed Honesty, Knowelge,and integrity and he continues to support the hawaiian people.

Ive seen him have to make tough decisions as a DLNR chair that was fair to all partys involved and always with the peoples best intrist. I feel we are blessed he is willing to take on the dificult challenges ahead with this role.

Mahalo!

Jerry F. Isham

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 2:33:09 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Crystal Dombrow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

January 20, 2020

Senator Maile L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

SUBJECT: Written Testimony for support of William Johnson Aila, Jr.

Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Kaiali'i and committee members,

It is my honor to support to you William "Bill" Johnson Aila, Jr. as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have known Bill for 20 years and I have had the privilege of interacting with him often over the last 14 years. He is a person of unquestionable integrity, character and exceptional dedication. Without question he has the experience, leadership, keen sense of what is right and background to include the conviction and character to steer the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. His work ethics, devotion to duty, vision, enthusiasm and optimism is an awesome combination we must take full advantage of. His critical and cognition thinking skills is necessary when it comes to making quality decisions for the State of Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

With my service in the military of 33+ years ending as the Deputy Commander of the 29th Enhance Separate Infantry Brigade (Light), 15 years as a business owner, 4 years as a presidential appointee under the Bush and Obama administration, 4 years as a appointee under Secretary Shinseki with the VA and 6 years as a appointee by the Governor (Abercrombie and Ige), I have been around many leaders and critical thinker, both good and bad. My interacted with Bill places him among the realm of a quality critical thinking that does the right thing. His dedication to Hawaii and the community is most noteworthy. He continuous to give back to the community and protects our culture and environment. His work on the Wai'anae Coast with the Health Center and interaction with the military regarding Makua Valley are some of the community efforts Bill leads. Another noteworthy point is Bill's ability to "do his homework!" He is always prepared when he enters a meeting and extensively researches his topic. I have enjoyed many discussions with Bill on how to improve the conditions for the community on the Leeward coastline and his dedication to the "*Ania*." I find him to be a fair man with principles of character to do what is right!

Bill Aila is an effective leader for the Hawaiian Home Land and must remain the Chairman to continually lead it effort to help Native Hawaiians. . He is the right person, at the right time, to head up this critical department. His experience, leadership style and the ability to foster a collaborative environment is the right mix for such a critical and difficult position.

It is my honor to recommend to you this exceptional passionate leader for continuous service. He has without a doubt serve the State of Hawaii well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Jardine", written in a cursive style.

Hon. Raymond Jardine Jr., MA,MS, MSS, Ph.D.
Chairman and CEO, Kina'ole Foundation

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Karen Young <kgsyoung@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 9:00 AM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Cc: maileshimabukuro@yahoo.com
Subject: In SUPPORT of William Aila, Jr.

Please see my testimony below for the 01/23/20 confirmation hearing. Please confirm you have received this. Mahalo.

January 20, 2020

In SUPPORT of William Aila, Jr.

Aloha,

I am the treasurer and lifelong supporter of Malama Makua, whose mission is the return of Makua, Ko'iahi and Kahanaha'iki Valleys from the US military, to the people of Hawaii, and justice for those who were evicted 60+ yrs ago from Makua.

This group started nearly 30 yrs. ago and has been through many many struggles, both large and small, and it continues to this day.

William Aila Jr. was there for Makua throughout. He was there for the big protests/ the long night testimonies, but most often, he was effectively working behind the scenes for Makua.

William was Harbor Master when the homeless of Wai'anae began to congregate adjacent to the harbor. These are mostly part Hawaiian people in poverty. He let them use the water and restrooms and had empathy for them. Most people are critical but he provided them the time and space to organize, develop leaders/build community. Today this group has made history by purchasing land and seeking to transfer their community there. Yes of course they face fierce opposition, but it doesn't take away the fact of their actions to change from living as homeless to living legally on their own land. Consider these are 219 homeless individuals trying to take action to improve their lives collectively. I believe William will help, if given the opportunity.

I am also the president of the Women of Wai'anae whose mission is to support and help finance Wai'anae residents to return to college or trade school. We are a different kind of group with an incontestable mission. We do continuing fundraising for scholarships for our residents. William, in his busy schedule in Honolulu, has come out to our gatherings to help and enhance our programs, by bringing Wai'anae's history to our visitors and donors.

I have read recently that large tracts of DHHL land have been awarded to numbers of Hawaiian beneficiaries to build homes. I have also attended a meeting at the Wai'anae Comprehensive where small homes are also being considered for disabled and /or ill beneficiaries -to have living units adjacent to the health center. My certainty is that William Aila Jr will do everything in his power for DHHL for

its beneficiaries.

It is with highest regards and respect, I urge you to accept William Aila Jr as Director of DHHL.

Mahalo nui,

Karen GS Young

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Cheryl B
Cc: Sen. Karl Rhoads; shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Regarding William Aila confirmation

Cheryl Burghardt~ Mahalo

Rich ~ Pls see Testimony below

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On Jan 19, 2020, at 7:10 PM, Cheryl B <burgharc@gmail.com> wrote:

Aloha,

This email is not to give you the reasons for NOT confirming Mr. Aila. There are a myriad of reasons for not confirming. This email is to ask you to research and truly take time to understand the ramifications of continually rubber stamping people for offices. This email is to ask you to do your own research and determine for yourself if this person can meet the current needs of our islands.

Lately, we hear, "but no one else wants these jobs or the person is the best we have?" I challenge you to dig deeper, to question and delve into the interconnections of the people who are being nominated. I have only lived in the islands for 10 years and Mr. Aila has been around and around on various boards, places ALL which deeply impact the community in some way.

Please use your wonderful, resourceful staff to help you make informed, thoughtful and pono decisions on this confirmation and those upcoming (the BLNR board). In these times, status quo is not the answer.

Cheryl Burghardt

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Antoinette Almeida
Cc: kahelek@gmail.com; Sen. Kurt Fevella; Sen. Les Ihara, Jr.; senkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.govS; Sen. Russell Ruderman; shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Testimony against confirmation of William Aila, G507

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my committee clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro

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On Jan 19, 2020, at 6:01 PM, Antoinette Almeida <kumukauilani@gmail.com> wrote:

Aloha Honorable Senators, please print and include in the record for the Confirmation Hearing of Governor Ige's appointment of William Aila set for January 23, 2020. My political allegiance lies between two countries, first to the Kingdom of the Hawaiian Islands and second to the United States of America, who by law has trust responsibilities to the aborigines, therefore, I uphold the Constitution of the United States of America by being a voter as well as state my grievances in opposition of certain failures of their trust responsibilities. As an aborigine, I speak today as a Beneficiary under the Hawaiian Homestead Act 1920 amended 1921. I request that the Senate do its due diligence of taking far more serious the review of the appointments of the Governor than in the past, and in the case of William Aila, to vote NO on this appointment. I, as the President of the Panaewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association (PHHLCA) feel that we need a person who has the respect of the aborigines, a visionary, someone who knows a lot of people that want to make this DHHL successful as it was intended by Congress of 1920-21. The program has turned into a housing program for us and that was not the intent of this Act. First and foremost it was to provide enough land to raise our 10 plus kids to teach them the lessons of hard work, respect in their kupuna's hard work, and their community's hard work. Mr. Aila continues to treat this programs as a "housing " program. We would like to see the DHHL program lead by Trustees, elected not appointed by politicians, separate the Administrator position, selection and removal of Chair is by majority vote of Trustees. Again, NO, NO, NO to confirmation of William Aila, G507.

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Robin Danner
Cc: Senator Kahele; Sen. Kurt Fevella; Sen. Les Ihara, Jr.; Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole; Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi; Info@hawaiianhomesteads.org; shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Testimony on Confirmation of Bill Aila

Mahalo Robin. I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 19, 2020, at 1:33 PM, Robin Danner <robin@hawaiianhomesteads.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Honorable Senators,

Please print and include this testimony in the record for the Confirmation Hearing of Governor Ige's appointment of William Aila set for January 23, 2020.

I am a citizen of Hawaii, a voter. I am also an HHCA Beneficiary. I request that the Senate do its constitutional duty of taking far more serious the review of the appointments of a Governor than in the past, and in the case of William Aila, to vote No on this appointment. He's a good man, he's just not the right man for the times we are in, for the crisis of our people, the crisis we see across government in Hawaii today.

Voting No on a governor's appointment is one of the most significant acts the Senate as a body can do – to tell the Executive Branch to reach out to the professionals and talent in our state, that have actual experience in any one of the major areas DHHL must improve in - public finance and federal fund management, in loan portfolios and best practices when borrowers become delinquent, in CIP infrastructure development by getting subdivisions built, in aggressively issuing trust lands meant for Hawaiians to Hawaiians, and in putting together a meaningful strategy for DHHL to be successful for people, parents and kids. We need creativity, positive energy, new ideas, and the ability to leverage limited State resources. We don't need more reasons why "no can".

Most of all – a high level government official, simply must be a servant of the people, reaching out to hear from them, to build solutions with them. And in the case of DHHL, bringing HHCA beneficiaries and their homestead association leaders to the table. This has not been the case at all, the last year, nor the 4 years before that as Deputy Director. Bill is a fine person, he's just not the right person for the times and turmoil we are in.

As Senators, I ask that you expect more. There are so many talented professionals that would put their lives on hold to serve. Bernard Carvalho from Kauai, Halealoha Ayau or Mike Hodson from Hawaii Island, Glen Teves or Kammy Purdy from Molokai, so many names come to mind, with actual experience, with actual HHCA knowledge that can build a team at DHHL. Regardless of whether these individuals are willing, the point is, without the Senate voting No, none of us will ever know the talent that is out there that could step forward. Vote No, Require Governor Ige to call for applications, to do interviews, to do something unprecedented because the times we are in, the suffering we are in, requires it.

Speaking as the elected SCHHA Chairman, we want the Senate to demand experience, to expect results, to expect collaboration with Beneficiaries, to expect kindness and respect of Beneficiaries, to require honesty in answering any and every inquiry of a senator on the condition at DHHL. We expect our senators to expect more for the 28,000 dying on the waitlist. We expect our senators to expect more for Beneficiary owned businesses that have more of a right to our trust lands, than a Canadian firm. We expect our senators to expect DHHL to have written loan servicing policies before it evicts our families. We expect our senators to care that over \$40M in federal NAHASDA funds were lost the last 5 years, just poof, gone - funds we desperately need for affordable housing in this state.

Senators, we need an appointment with the right expertise, with the right demeanor and servant leadership that current times require. Your No vote, guides Governor Ige to return to the drawing board, to be more deliberate to inspire individuals in our state, to come forward, to apply for this all-important position. We have time. A vacant DHHL director position will not hinder progress, will not destroy the agency, certainly will not do more harm to us, your citizens. Your patience, your voting No to expect more of Governor Ige, is worth doing.

Doing the same thing year after year, and expecting different results – is unacceptable anymore. There are 45,000 Hawaii residents that live on homesteads statewide. 28,000 more on the waitlist. We are citizens that deserve your patient deliberation, your higher expectations for DHHL, for Governor Ige, not of Bill Aila, he has served for 5 years, his capacity at DHHL is already known, it hasn't gotten better, we all know this.

We deserve your higher expectations of Governor Ige to open the door to the talent in Hawaii, to the problem solvers that can take on DHHL and bring vastly different results than we have seen in just the last 5 years. The times warrant a new expectation by the Senate. The Senate is a parent of our Land Trust, entrusted to you 61 years ago by the U.S. Congress in the statehood act. Be a present parent, please. **Say No to Governor Ige so there is a chance to say Yes to a new way forward. Say No to the status quo, so there can be a new Senate standard that honors the thousands of lives impacted by DHHL.**

Mahalo. DHHL can be successful. It can be efficient. It can be a major part of the housing solution, of small business prosperity, of the State's economic growth. It requires change and reform, starting with Senate expectations of appointments. God Bless you.

Robin Puanani Danner
Homesteader, Waitlister & SCHHA Chairman

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 2:05 PM
To: onlinesurf@yahoo.com
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Fwd: 1/20/2020... Testimony in support of William Aila's confirmation as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands .
Attachments: 12-2019 CHS.jpg; ATT00001.htm; BANAGAS Overview - 122919.pdf; ATT00002.htm; SUMA Farms BanaGrass Overview-010720.pdf; ATT00003.htm

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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To: "Sen. Maile Shimabukuro" <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: 1/20/2020... Testimony in support of William Aila's confirmation as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands .

Senator Shimabukuro,

I realize you don't know me nor my associates, but we've updated our attached overviews (Banagas overview, Suma Farms overview & Napier grass planting unit grow at Castle HS), as an introduction to my testimony in support of William Aila's confirmation as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Bill has been supportive in helping George and me reach out to DHHL's ag tenant beneficiaries for the farming of our napier grass, as well as the review of qualifying sites as a benefit to the DHHL and its prospective development partners.

We haven't secured any DHHL ag tenants yet but we do have leases in Laie (PCC & HRI), Kunia (Pacific gateway Center) & Nanakuli (PVT Land) that compliment Bill's & the DHHL's synergistic support to grow grass as a feedstock and develop anaerobic digesters for the benefit of all in Hawaii.

That said, our years of experience has brought us to our first digester system in Laie. Following CH4Laie but in no particular order, we're planning to start CH4Nanakuli, CH4Puunene, CH4Kunia & CH4Kalaeloa.

Along the way, the DHHL, led by Bill, has been an important cornerstone towards the feedstock our State needs!

Please join our support for Bill's confirmation as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you & Aloha,
Paul

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Submitted on: 1/20/2020 5:05:12 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rick Gaffney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would strongly urge the HWN Committee and the entire Legislature to reconfirm William J. Aila as Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Chair Aila has a long history of productive community service ranging from his decades of work as Harbormaster at Waianae Small Boat Harbor, all the way up to the top job as the Chair of the vast and often unweildy DLNR, a very difficult position in which he served admirably.

Aila's most recent tenure as Chair of the DHHL came during one of the most troubled times for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, yet his easy managerial style, deep awareness of his culture and his Department's history, and his willingness to put in long hours, often under extremely contemptious circumstances, has more than proven his capability, his value to the State and the DHHL, and his ability to handle anything the job throws at him with alacrity.

William Aila should be confirmed Commission Chair until 12-31-2022 so he has a chance to finish what he has started and provide the Department with the quality leadership it both needs and deserves.

Mahalo,

Rick Gaffney

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 5:05:56 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malia L. Morales	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha!

It is with much confidence that I am submitting this testimony in support of the confirmation of William J. Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mr. Aila has a very long and distinguished history as an advocate for the physical, cultural, and environmental health of the community. He is well-known locally, nationally, and internationally as a staunch steward of our natural and cultural resources and he does not hesitate to advocate for action in which he believes to be beneficial for Hawai'i. An educated, well-informed, and strong-minded leader, Mr. Aila is an excellent choice for this position as he will work hard to ensure both the integrity and effectiveness of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I am in absolute support of Mr. Aila's confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

me ka 'oia'i'o,

Malia L. Morales

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 5:22:19 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Williamina Peters- Wong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This position and other positions appointed by the Governor, like the DLNR Chairperson, should be voted upon by the voters not appointed.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 6:11:06 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Francis Gaylen Apoliona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Fellow Committee Members:

My name is Francis Apoliona and I recently retired as the Administrator of the Enforcement Unit at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). I worked for DHHL for over 24 years. I humbly asked for your support in confirming Mr. William Aila as the Director of DHHL. Although I worked under Mr. Aila for only about 2 years I immediately admired his soft yet direct approach to addressing the many complex issues facing our department. Mr. Aila always had the time to listen to our suggestions and provide positive direction in how we needed to do our job. He quickly galvanized the staff to work as a team with the spirit of Aloha.

Although I am retired from DHHL I sit on the planning board of the National Native American Law Enforcement Association which provides vital training to various native American Agencies. I plan to use that forum to assist the DHHL Enforcement Office in getting the latest certified training possible. Mr. Aila supports our small team in this endeavor, which helps to ensure that our people do their job effectively and safely.

I appreciate any consideration you can in allowing Mr. Aila to continue in his capacity as the Director of DHHL and the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Sincerely, Francis Apoliona

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 6:59:08 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DENNIS YAMAGUCHI	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Committee Members,

I have known William Aila for over thirty years. First as a harbor master at the Waianae small boat harbor and later as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. In my opinion there is no public servant more dedicated, hard working or honest than Mr Aila. He has both helped and advised me personally on numerous occasions concerning lost and found items at the boat harbor and on fishing matters at the DLNR. He even hosted a "talk story" session once a month after hours at the DLNR. In all the years dealing with the State government, such dedication to the public by a department head is rarely seen.

Please confirm William Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Dennis Yamaguchi

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 7:04:34 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
M	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of William J. Aila, Jr. as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I ask that you confirm the Governor's nomination of Mr. Aila, (GM506). Thank you for your consideration.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 8:32:59 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sharon	Testifying for The keiki whose KALO Aila bulldozed!	Oppose	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 8:40:26 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Manera	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

He needs to go!!! Immediately. That is all. Mahalo!

Junedale Hashimoto
POB 22
Hanalei, Kauai, HI 96714

January 20, 2020

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
THE 30TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2020

RE: In support of William J. Aila, Jr., Gubernatorial Nominee, for Chair of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

Aloha kākou Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele and committee members,

I am testifying in SUPPORT of William J. Aila for confirmation as the Commission Chair
of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

I have personal experience and confidence in William J. Aila, as a leader and
administrator. He has the qualifications necessary to carry out the duties as Chairman
of DHHL. My *Kaua'i 'ohana* has firsthand experience of his leadership, professionalism,
dedication to community service and the commitment to doing what is *pono*.

My family and I have the greatest confidence that William Aila is the right person to be
Chairman and that he will deliver the very best, for all the people of Hawaii, with
genuine fairness and *aloha*. Please vote "YES" and confirm William J. Aila, Jr.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify in SUPPORT of his confirmation.

Junedale Hashimoto
POB 22
Hanalei, Kauai, HI 96714

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 9:10:13 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaylene Sheldon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha nā• ,

My name is Kaylene Sheldon and I am writing a letter in regards to William Aila. I feel that a person with experience in housing, financial, background should be given the opportunity to be in this position. And also a person with strong ethics, fairness, just and ecologically firm should be provided an opportunity. Mr. Aila has done extensive work in the past in conservation, fishing, 'iwi kupuna and in providing volunteer work in the heart of Waianae however his ethics and values seem to have changed over the years. I do not know why he chooses to support the TMT telescope when he served as a Board Member for Hui Mā• Iama I Nā• Kā«puna O Hawai'i Nei. He was also a Board Member of Kakuhihewa that funded resources or education for conservation from Kapolei to Kaena. I want to know specifically if William Aila is well suited for this position. What is his educational background in housing? Engineering? Construction? Blue print plans? Mortgage? Financial advising? Are we handing out positions with high salaries for obedient state employees? Are we giving opportunities to fill these positions to the people without experience because their boss or supervisors can easily pull their strings because they are loyal to them? What happened to being "pono" and living our state motto: "Ua mau Ke ea o Ka 'Ā€ina I Ka Pono?" Hawai'i is known as a corrupted state. How sad is this? Because people are not appointed based on their experience but based on how much they can be corrupted! Therefore I am in opposition to William Aila's position to become the chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homestead Lands. It is not personal, it is logical and ethical. Basically common sense! Why would he even be considered for the position if he has no experience in housing, development or finances? Please fake State of Hawaii, stop the corruption. It looks really bad. Thank you for your time,

Kaylene Sheldon

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 9:32:28 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leona Leialoha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose the appointment of William Aila as well as anyone else the governor nominates because I believe only DHHL homesteaders AND those on the waiting list should be voting on that position. Monies should be spent building homes for more waitlisters and DHHL should NOT be leasing lands to corporations and/or non Hawaiians. AILA has shown and proven NOT to have the best interests of the Hawaiian people but instead, he has done everything in his power of his authority as chairman to keep the Hawaiians down by allowing the state of Hawaii to keep taking our lands for the benefit of all.

mahalo for your time and consideration

Leona Leialoha

Jade Haunani Pacheco
P. O. Box 158
Kilauea, Hawaii 96754

January 20, 2020

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
THE 30TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2020

RE; In support of William J. Aila, Jr.,
Gubernatorial Nominee, for Chair of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire 12/31/2022

Aloha Kakou Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele and Committee Members,

I am testifying in SUPPORT of William J. Aila for confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

My family will be forever grateful to William Aila for assisting us when he was the Director of the Land and Natural Resources in 2012. My cousin had a 30 day revocable lease and her rent went from \$500 to \$3500 a month which was based on an unfair assessment of her property from the previous administration. The property was reassessed and a fair rent was established. Our 'ohana has lived in Wanini for over 100 years.

I believe that William Aila should be the next Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He is compassionate and professional in his dealings with everyone and has a heart for Hawaiian issues. Under his leadership I believe that many problems in the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands will be addressed. His confirmation to this position will be greatly appreciated.

Mahalo nui loa,

Jade Haunani Pacheco

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 10:21:07 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Colbert M. Matsumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is to express my strong support for the appointment of William J. Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have known Bill since 1995 when he was a Harbor Agent for the Waianae Boat Harbor and I was serving on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I know him to be a dedicated and capable public servant who has dedicated his life to serving our community. He does so in ways not limited to his professional responsibilities but by also taking on many other volunteer leadership roles in resource related organizations and entities. His many years of service in government give him a solid grounding in governmental processes and an understanding of the obstacles a leader must overcome to accomplish his mission. I have no doubt that Bill will bring those experiences and skills to bear to help lead DHHL successfully in achieving its important mission. I urge you to give his appointment your favorable consideration and consent.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 11:54:57 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joyce N Johansen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

In regards to the governors selection of William Aila to be Director of THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS, I OPPOSE the governors selection.

As a current lessee's WE the lessee's, successors, and beneficiaries need to be the people that chooses who we NEED that will represent us whole heartedly!

IN viewing the past prior months of William Aila's behavior, it was clearly shown that he IS NOT for the Hawaiians, he was AGAINST the HAWAIIAN'S! We have the right to protect what IS rightfully OURS from birthright "AS HAWAIIAN'S!" In seeing all the arrests, destructions, threats and lack of respect(our FLAG)he is NOT a good candidate to represent THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS.

AGAIN I OPPOSE the governors selection of William Aila for the position of Chairman of the DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Joyce N Johansen

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/20/2020 11:59:44 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ericka Lehuanani Murry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a wait listers, it is with great concern and extreme opposition of mine to not have Mr. William J Aila To be considered or confirmed as the commission chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. My concern with Governor Ige appointing someone or anyone for this position and not the Hawaiian people/community being able to vote someone into office or position that this body is to represent. Governor Ige has continually shown that he is more than willing to take Hawaiian homelands from the Hawaiian people and make it into state land or sell it off to foreign investors. Hawaiians are dying on the waiting list and fortunately but unfortunately I am one of those wait listers. It is with great hopes and prayers that the Hawaiian people in the very near future are allowed to vote a Hawaiian person into office to insure our voice is to be heard by the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Due to past events concerning Mauna Kea and seeing how Mr. Aila has consistently gone against the wishes of the Hawaiian people that he is supposed to represent. With Ailas direction and Governor Ige's ok, they both have also caused destruction of buildings built for the Hawaiians by the Hawaiians while other buildings that were built under the same circumstances still stand untouched on Hawaiian homelands but not for or of the Hawaiians. The destruction of the Hawaiian flag that the Hawaiian people hold near and dear to them was clear indication of what Mr. Aila and Governor Ige has condone in the interest for foreign investors.

Once again, I OPPOSE Mr. William J Aila for consideration or confirmation as the commission chair for the Department of Hawaiian homelands.

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka Lehuanani Murry

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 8:22:24 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am in FULL Support of the Nomination of William J. Aila Jr. for Chairman of the Hawaiian Home Lands

January 21, 2020

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 506, Support for the Nomination of William Ailā, as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and Committee Members,

My name is Jonathan Likeke Scheuer. It has been my pleasure to work with Mr. Ailā in his role as Deputy at DHHL for the last years, and in various other circumstances for well over a decade. I am happy to encourage you to recommend him for confirmation. While I have various official roles, I offer this testimony in my personal capacity.

We have not always agreed, and sometimes our thoughts on a proper action have been nearly opposite. When he served as chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Commission on Water Resource Management, I had to advocate before him on various water and land issues. Whether we were aligned, mostly aligned, or in opposition, I have always been able to count on William to be thoughtful, clear, and kind.

In my interactions with him in the time he has been at DHHL, I have also been privileged to see his internal leadership skills. Along with his kindness and clarity, he is tenacious, encouraging, humorous, and incredibly hard working. I have been privileged to see how he thoughtfully works through decisions and considers multiple viewpoints and issues before recommending action. These are critical skills needed to manage this precious trust and obligation held by the people of Hawai'i.

I encourage you to recommend the Senate that they Advise and Consent to this nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration of my mana`o.

Jonathan Likeke Scheuer, Ph.D.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 8:36:57 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erman Tancayo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha I am in FULL support of the Gubernatorial Nominee of William J. Aila Jr. for the term of Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands, for term to expire 12-31-2022.

Mahalo

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 8:40:13 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ivan Pauole	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 8:57:05 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carleen Elvenia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

He has created a mess on DHHL lands for benefit of self and forgot about the people. The Hawaiian people should be the main focus as the Chair. Senate please review records of his actions, starting with the demolishing of the building on MaunaKea to the cutting of the flag. How can one individual have so much power to take action.

How could this be ok. You PAU

Carleen

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 9:46:11 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Drena L. Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe it would be a mistake to confirm William Aila for another term simply because he has lost the trust of the Hawaiian people to which he is supposed to serve. I understand and do not agree with the governor appointing the DHHL commission as it is a conflict of interest to the people that it is supposed to serve.

When people are dying on the waiting list for housing and our Kupuna are getting arrested on their own land, when land is not transferred properly and paid for with no communication with the beneficiaries, something is wrong. The Hawaiian people feel as though Aila is a henchman for the governor and not concerned with the Hawaiian people and their plight. He will only cause further divisions within the community as we saw how he handled the situation on Maunakea.

I ask for me, my ohana, and the Hawaiian people that you do not appoint Aila to another term on the DHHL.

Mahalo

Drena Rodrigues

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 10:05:47 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaleo Cullen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha President and Members of the Senate,

I support the confirmation of William Aila who has been pivotal in moving Ka Ohana forward to Economic Independence, by granting us an ROE to start the process of creating an Eco Hub and supporting us in our Reforestation efforts, to bring back the watershed! He and his staff has been great in dealing with illegal squatters in Kahua by serving them with a Cease and Desist order, and it's been less challenging since! Please consider William cause he get's the job done!

Mahalo Nui!

Kaleo Cullen (President)

Ka Ohana O Kahikinui

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 10:06:19 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/21/2020 10:12:26 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Minerva Kailikea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am on the Hawaiian Homestead waitlist an I support William Aila .

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 11:09:14 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
renee u. tavares	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha my name is Renee Uilani Tavares and,I'm a member of the Hawaiian Homes lands.

I woud like to send my testomy in support for William J Aila as the Commision Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Lands for the term expires 12-31-2022

Mahalo,

Renee U Tavares

January 21, 2020

Senator Maile Shimabokuro
Hawaiian Affairs Committee
Hawaii State Senate

Subject: GM 506 – Nomination and Confirmation of **William J. Aila, Jr.** as the Chairman
of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

This is in strong support of Mr. Aila continuing his excellent work as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He has performed admirably over the past four years as Deputy and the last year as Acting Chairman of DHHL and he has truly helped the Department move ahead in its mission to place Hawaiian beneficiaries onto DHHL lands statewide. I have known and worked with Mr. Aila over the past 23 years and know him to be one of the most hard working and dedicated State employees who tirelessly gives both his time and best efforts to achieve the goals of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He works very well with the current DHHL administrative team and in fact I have heard several DHHL Division Administrators comment that they enjoy working with him and that he is always available to them whenever needed. His open-door policy is well known and appreciated by his fellow workers who regularly seek his advice and counsel on complicated or difficult DHHL issues.

During his tenure as DHHL Deputy he has had the opportunity to accompany staff regularly to public meetings that at times have been about controversial subject matter but Mr. Aila's calming demeanor at these times has helped to quell anxiety on both sides of the table. He possesses both excellent meeting management skills and inter-personal communication skills and the caring way in which he approaches his tasks enables him to work successfully with people in the Department and the public.

Mr. Aila has honed his administrative skills as a State employee over the past three decades and has risen through the "ranks" at DLNR (27 years) and DHHL (5 ½ years) thus giving him the unique perspective of knowing well the pertinent issues and goals for both departments. At DLNR, as Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources he learned the intricacies of land dispositions and as Chairman of the Commission on Water Resource Management he learned about water use and rights and then took this knowledge and experience to HHL (when he became Deputy and then Acting Chairman) where he utilizes it to assist in DHHL's

goal of land and water dispositions to their beneficiaries. Again, his work at DLNR helped to obtain water rights for DHHL beneficiaries and this shows how his past experiences serve him well when working through issues for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. His ongoing voluntary work with his community is evidence of his exceptional work ethic and he continues to use his personal time to make sure that the special attributes of the Waianae Coast are kept in-tact.

Many of Mr. Aila's past endeavors involve the successful conservation of resources throughout the state and on the Waianae Coast of Oahu. He has done this both at work in his former capacity as Chairman of DLNR/BLNR and as the Chairman of the Commission on Water Resources Management as well as on his own personal time (on conservation issues) because he is truly committed to saving what makes our Hawaii so unique. One of those efforts was to assist in establishing the Papahānaumokuākea Reserve in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and then again in 2016 he successfully fought for the expansion of the Reserve. Another example of his dedication involves his assistance at DHHL with the reservation of water rights for beneficiaries on DHHL lands in the Keauhou, Kona area of the Big Island. This dedication and commitment are evident in all the work done by Mr. Aila. His 40 plus years of giving back to his community/State and to the departments that he has worked for is evidence of his caring commitment and unwavering service to the people of our State and to keeping our Hawaii the very special place that it is.

In summation he is intelligent, kind, disciplined, respectful, empathetic, humble, loyal and has a self-deprecating sense of humor that serves him well quite often. Many of you on the Committee know him and I'm sure you could add to the list of positive attributes that he possesses. Basically, William J. Aila, Jr. is the whole package and Lokomaika'i (works well w/others) and would continue to be an asset to DHHL and the State of Hawaii as the Chairman of DHHL. Thank you for your time and attention to this testimony and I humbly request that you and the honorable members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee confirm the nomination of William J. Aila, Jr. as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and please do not hesitate to contact me if any clarification is needed regarding this testimony for confirmation of Mr. Aila.

Sincerely yours,

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Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Support for GM506, WILLIAM J. AILA, Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele and Committee Members -

I write in strong support of the Governor's Message 506 seeking confirmation of William J. Aila to serve as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

I have known Mr. Aila for several years, first during my time as a legislator when he was the harbor agent for the Wai'anae Boat Harbor, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation under the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), but got to work more closely with him when I was the Deputy Chief of Staff and we both were in Governor Neil Abercrombie's cabinet when he was the Director for DLNR.

William is forthright, honest and guided by core principals of goodness and kindness. I have been amazed at his ability to show his true spirit and wisdom in even when we are embroiled in the most controversial issues or discussions. He has a unique ability to enter into a room full of people who may oppose or even want to vilify him, but exudes calmness, rationality and patience. Even if in the end, those same people may not agree with the decision, William will ensure that they feel heard and considered.

I have also had the opportunity to work with William on projects when we seved together in the Administration. We would come up with a strategy and a plan of action, and once agreed upon, I never had to worry about William's follow through or whether the tasks would get done.

I think confirming his appointment to the Chair of Commission for the DHHL will help to provide stability and commitment towards finishing up the remaining time in this Administration.

Thus, I hope that you will look favorably upon his appointment to this position. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Blake K. Oshiro, Esq.

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 8:29 AM
To: mluoahu@hawaiiantel.net
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: GM506

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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On Jan 20, 2020, at 7:13 PM, "mluoahu@hawaiiantel.net" <mluoahu@hawaiiantel.net> wrote:

Aloha Senator Shimabururo:

I am contacting you to ask your support of GM506 to approve/confirm William J. Aila, Jr. as Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Maydeen Lu

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 8:32 AM
To: sharon willeford / Live Peace Hawaii
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: DO NOT CONFIRM WILLIAM AILA

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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On Jan 20, 2020, at 6:25 PM, sharon willeford / Live Peace Hawaii <slwsurfing@gmail.com> wrote:

DO NOT CONFIRM WILLIAM AILA

He bulldozed the kalo that the keiki planted at the King Kamehameha Statue in Hilo! Not pono on
Mauna Kea
Or for the kanaka!
DO NOT CONFIRM WILLIAM AILA

DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN Homelands !
NO to Mr. Aila's confirmation. NO MORE RUBBER STAMP Confirmations.

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GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 11:47:15 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ruby Terrago	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support William J. Aila to be the Commision Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 12:52:41 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sydney laukea	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am in strong opposition to the reconfirmation of William Aila at DHHL. My kupuna, Curtis laukea, was chairmain of the Hawaiian Homes Commission from 1933-1935. I am compelled to voice my opposition to a chairman that, in my view, does not stand for Hawaiians. Mahalo for your consideration.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 12:58:00 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nadine Pomroy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 1:05:00 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary K. Omori	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Shimabukuro,

Mahalo for allowing me to present favorable testimony on behalf of William Aila for the position of Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known Mr. Aila for the past 35 years and have the greatest respect for his integrity, honesty and his being totally committed to serving the best interest of the State. In all the positions that he held from being Harbor Master, Chair of DLNR and performed responsibly and was greatly respected by his staff. He is noted for being hands on and was not afraid of "getting his hands dirty," in order to insure that the work got done.

I firmly believe that he will carry out his responsibilities as Director of DHHL in a meaningful and positive way. I respectfully ask that you vote favorably for Mr. Aila.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Gary K. Omori

GM-506

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Moses Haia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

January 21, 2020

RE: GM 506-Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2020.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF WILLIAM J. AILA AS CHAIR OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

PRESENTED BY: MOSES K. N. HAIA III

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele, Members of the Committee:

Aloha mai kĀ• kou and mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of the confirmation of William J. Aila as the Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have known Mr. Aila for some time now. In that time, Mr. Aila has proved himself to me to be a very astute, fair, equitable, and compassionate person who is more than qualified to perform the significant moral and legal duties and obligations of this all important position. Mr. Aila holds the best interests of Hawai'i and its people quite close to his heart and I can say that I have no doubt he will serve with the passion and commitment demanded/required.

Again, I strongly support Mr. Aila's confirmation and mahalo each of you for your thoughtful consideration.

Moses K. N. Haia III

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 1:11:55 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Medeiros	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support William Aila Jr for Commissioner Chair of DHHL.

Mahalo fo your time and consideration,

Richard Medeiros

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 8:35 AM
To: Julia Paul
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: NO William Aila for DHHL

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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On Jan 20, 2020, at 1:52 PM, Julia Paul <pahoaproperties@hotmail.com> wrote:

This man is most definitely NOT the “right man for the job”. He is more interested in pleasing the Governor than he is at performing his job, as seen when he was in his position at DLNR. He has already shown that he is not trustworthy and he has antagonized thousands of Hawaiians, just here on the Big Island.

I truly believe that Gov Ige knows that DHHL still owns Mauna Kea Rd. He wants William Aila in position to assist him (legally or illegally) obtain the road for State. The State and County have no jurisdiction of Mauna Kea Rd and that is one of the reasons why all the arrests are illegal. It will come out in court very soon.

Approving William Aila will escalate the conflict and is the wrong approach.

I am a registered voter and 40 year resident of the Big Island.

Julie Paul
(808) 938-7527

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Keks Manera5
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: DHHL CHAIR

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 20, 2020, at 1:15 PM, Keks Manera5 <stephmanera@gmail.com> wrote:

We are hoping you do the right thing which is to vote NO to WILLIAM AILA CHAIR of DHHL.

Mahalo!!!!

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Maile Shimabukuro <maileshimabukuro@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 2:01 PM
To: Karen Young; eric@kaala.org
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Letter of support for Wm. Aila, Jr. for DHHL Chair.

Eric & Mom - Mahalo, this is VERY much appreciated!

Rich - Please see the attached testimony for Thursday.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro

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On Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 10:53:41 AM HST, Karen Young <kgsyoung@hotmail.com> wrote:

Please enter Eric's letter of support for William Aila, mahalo, Karen

From: Eric Enos <eric@kaala.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 6:17 AM
To: Cynthia K.L. Rezendes <rezentesc@aol.com>; william aila jr <ailaw001@hawaii.rr.com>; Karen Young <kgsyoung@hotmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Letter of support for Wm. Aila, Jr. for DHHL Chair.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Eric Enos** <eric@kaala.org>
Date: Tue, Jan 21, 2020, 6:12 AM
Subject: Letter of support for Wm. Aila, Jr. for DHHL Chair.
To: Jody Pihana <jody@kaala.org>

Aloha mai, Senate committee members of Hawaiian Affairs. My name is Eric Enos, I am a life long resident of the Waianae Moku. Our Lahui have been "forever activists" in perpetuating the care and preservation of the land, water rights, and all of the practices of our ancestors related to malama 'aina and healthy family traditions: in mind, body and spirit.

I have worked along-side William Aila, Jr. and his extended ohana for most of my life in all issues pertaining to the care and protection of cultural sites, both in the Moku of Waianae and outwards. I know William very well from working in the trenches alongside him and his ohana. He works tirelessly, consistently, without regard to public recognition and willing to stand up for the long haul of "change we must" to help correct the wrongs perpetrated against our indigenous people.

We have a government that has a long history of injustice and racial discrimination against indigenous cultures and people of color. We must stand United to correct past wrongs for the betterment of all, Kakou, from the 4 corners of this earth.

As native people, all us, from Maunakea, to Kaho'olawe, to Waiahole....to Makua valley. From the top of the Mauna, to a lonely island bombed and de-nuded, to restoring "Ka wai ola" in Waiahole..to the bombing of our Makua (our parent?).

We have been there together, some in body, but many in spirit. But, the spirit is divided: For! and Against!or, No bother me, I too busy trying to survive!

Our government and institutions and corporations and communities are under "Seige".

Something we all are doing is not working for many, many people. Any student of history needs to alert all of us. The past will be repeated.

But! Hawai'i is a special place. We are an island. Isolated....both a blessing and a burden.

The issues we face today at the Department of Hawaiian Homelands is not new. Historical mismanagement and corruption has resulted in law suits and on-going strife. We, with historical memories have gone thru many, many DHHL chairs. Some good, all trying to do their best, hopefully.

Yes, our community, and the rest of the world is deeply divided. Rich..poor. Black...white. Upper class...low in class. Native.."non native" (?).

Catholic...Protestant, Jew...Arab.."Believer"non- believer. Endless, e'a?

Whether or not William Aila, Jr. is confirmed, or not confirmed. You will be stuck with a broken paddle needing fixing. A suggestion, whomever we finally put in the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands has a uphill, and perilous climb. Many trying to climb that wall, are stuck in rhetoric. Others, we must help to climb up, and send rope down, or extra paddles. Hoe ka wa'a!

In time of storm and strife, for us, Willam Aila, Jr. and his ohana nui was always there to lend a hand, or even help to step up and swing. We cannot listen just to those in the stands. We have come on to the bench, have a plan, and get out into the field and "Kanu ka 'Aina".

In all respect for a great place we live, and the communities of color, we gotta make the place a better place for our babies. And, we start in our own homes and communities. From every ahupua'a, and from Waianae, we got to take care of our own "Mauna".

Tutu Maunakea will help us bring us together. Not going be easy. But we work together in the lo'i of every ahupua'a... , or clean lau hala in every ahupua'a, as we do that we help correct the wrongs, and make "pono". Ho'opono.

Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony. You all have a big burden. Our aloha for whatever your decision. We still got the road of hana pono ahead.

Take care.

Eric Enos

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 2:08 PM
To: 'Serafina Gajate'
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: RE: DO NOT CONFIRM WILLIAM AILA

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

~Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee

-----Original Message-----

From: Serafina Gajate <sgajate@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Sen. Karl Rhoads <SenRhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele <senkkahele@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi <senkouchi@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kurt Fevella <senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. J. Kalani English <jk.english@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Mike Gabbard <sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Gil Riviere <senriviere@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Russell Ruderman <senruderman@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole <senkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Gilbert Keith-
Agaran <senkeithagaran@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Roz Baker <senbaker@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye <seninouye@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz <sendelacruz@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Breene Harimoto <SenHarimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Les Ihara, Jr. <senihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Dru Mamo Kanuha <senkanuha@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim <senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Michelle Kidani <senkidani@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Clarence Nishihara <c.nishihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Brian Taniguchi <sentaniguchi@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Laura Thielen <sentihielen@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Glenn Wakai <senwakai@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Sharon Y. Moriwaki <senmoriwaki@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Stanley Chang <SenChang@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: DO NOT CONFIRM WILLIAM AILA

Aloha mai kākou,

I am writing to request that you DO NOT confirm William Aila as Director of Hawaiian Homes.

Mr. Aila has consistently acted against the best interests of the Hawaiian community, and several times in direct conflict with their publicly expressed desires and goals. he has neither the support nor trust of the community he purports to serve.

Please DO NOT confirm William Aila.

Mahalo,
Serafina Gajate
Resident and registered voter of Volcano, Hawaii Island

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 2:30 PM
To: 'Nanipua Peterson'
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: RE: NO for AILA

Mahalo for your testimony. I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.
~Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
Hawaiian Affairs Committee

From: Nanipua Peterson <nanipua@ahapunanaleo.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Sen. Karl Rhoads <SenRhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele <senkkahele@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi <senkouchi@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kurt Fevella <senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. J. Kalani English <jk.english@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Mike Gabbard <sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Gil Riviere <senriviere@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Russell Ruderman <senruderman@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole <senkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran <senkeithagaran@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Roz Baker <senbaker@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye <seninouye@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz <sendelacruz@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Breene Harimoto <SenHarimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Les Ihara, Jr. <senihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Dru Mamo Kanuha <senkanuha@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim <senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Michelle Kidani <senkidani@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Clarence Nishihara <c.nishihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Brian Taniguchi <sentaniguchi@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Laura Thielen <senthielen@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Glenn Wakai <senwakai@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Sharon Y. Moriwaki <senmoriwaki@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Stanley Chang <SenChang@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: NO for AILA

Aloha Kakou,

I am emailing you ask that William Aila is not confirmed as director of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Mahalo,
Nanipua Peterson

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 3:53:05 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taffi Wise	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 4:05:55 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Henkin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Good afternoon Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the committee,

My name is David Henkin, and I am testifying in my personal capacity in strong support of the confirmation of William J. Aila as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Aila for more than two decades, in his capacities as a community advocate, a cultural practitioner, and a government official. Mr. Aila has consistently demonstrated his commitment to protecting Hawai'i's unique and precious environment and cultural resources for the benefit of future generations and, more generally, to promoting the public interest above all else.

I have not always agreed with Mr. Aila, but, whether we agree or not, I have always found him to be respectful of differences of opinion and extremely thoughtful in reaching his decisions. We are extremely fortunate to have someone like Mr. Aila serving in government.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer this testimony in strong support of Mr. Aila's confirmation.

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 5:38 PM
To: Angela Medeiros
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: No to William Aila as Director

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my committee clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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On Jan 21, 2020, at 5:30 PM, Angela Medeiros <kapua40@gmail.com> wrote:

Aloha to All Senators at the Hawai'i State Capitol,

My name is Kapua Medeiros and I am requesting that you please vote No to the appointment of William Aila as the Director of Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Mr. Aila has shown over and over again through his various actions that he does not have the Best Interest of the Hawaiian Beneficiaries at heart. Therefore he is not qualified to lead this department.

Me ke Aloha,
Kapua Medeiros
808-753-3834

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 5:38 PM
To: herringjunior@gmail.com
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Opposition to William Aila/DHHL Discriminatory Practices

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my committee clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 21, 2020, at 5:29 PM, "herringjunior@gmail.com" <herringjunior@gmail.com> wrote:

Aloha Sen. Shimakuro,

I have emailed you before of my situation and I am writing you again as it has not been resolved as of April 2019 when I last wrote you. Here it is again:

On March 25, 2019, My daughter went into the East Hawaii DHHL Office located in Keaukaha, to ask for an application for my son residing in Hilo to apply for Hawaiian Homes and was denied an application. The manager, Nina Fisher, cited the reason being that on that day, they were short staffed and only processing mortgage payments. They do not hand out

applications without an appointment and in order to receive the application we had to have documentation required by DHHL rules, ie, SSCard, Birth Certificate, etc. We were asked to return on Wednesday to see if an appointment was available and left the office without an application. We were scheduled to return to O'ahu that evening but extended our visit till Wednesday afternoon with the intention to receive an application on that day to fill out and have ready for my son in Hilo to have ready to submit at the discretion of the appointment schedule. Unfortunately, we were not able to again receive an application on the 27th even though we had all documentation available for processing. The reasons we were told were that our documentation needs to be sent to O'ahu DHHL Office for verification of 50% blood quantum and that would take 2 to 3 weeks, depending on how fast O'ahu could process it. After approval from Oahu, they would call us to then make the appointment to fill out and submit an application. They do not hand out any applications. We again left without an application pending Oahu's approval of 50% blood quantum.

Upon my return to Oahu I called to file a complaint to DHHL of Administrative Inconsistencies at East Hawaii Office that cause discriminate disadvantages ONLY to beneficiaries seeking Hawaiian Homestead living in East Hawaii. I requested an in person meeting to air my concerns according to the DHHL website request requirements. I spoke to the Secretary of the Chair to request the meeting and expressed my concern stating that I will need 45 minutes to an hour to air my concerns and express my experience involving the East Hawaii Office and an avenue in which to write and have dialogue such as email, where responses will be given and steps to remedy the situation will be discussed prior to this meeting. Attendees I requested on behalf of DHHL should consist of Chair Jobie Masagatani, Chair at the time, or her Deputy, William Aila, the immediate supervisor of the East

Hawaii Office manager and/or the manager herself, Nina Fisher and a representative of the applications office on Oahu that understands processes and procedures of receiving and submitting an application for DHHL. I have never received such a meeting even when William Aila became Interim Chair, Jobie Masagatani became Special Assistant to the Chair, and an interim Deputy was named. It is now January 21, 2020. I have spoken to various people within the department throughout 2019, and in December 2019, the Office of the Ombudsman and have yet to have any meeting or resolution to my concern. To be honest, today I was told that even the investigator assigned from the Ombudsman Office is having trouble trying to talk to “the right people to address this”.

Furthermore, we are still awaiting verification of 50% blood quantum from Oahu for my son whose documentation was sent from the East Hawaii Office in Hilo on March 27th 2019, so that he can schedule an appointment to fill out an application to Obtain a spot on the list.

To be clear, I am a lessee. I have two adult children who are currently on the list. My son in Hilo has waited almost a year to receive an application! I was told by the Department that this practice only exists in East Hawaii and Molokai. Every other department Office including West Hawaii, gives out applications and accepts them prior to blood quantum determination. Only East Hawaii and Molokai determines blood quantum before giving out and processing applications.

This is a reflection of William Aila’s leadership as Deputy, then Interim Chair, and if approved by this committee, Chair for another term. This is a monumental error on this administrations watch. I ask you, how many Hawaiians who live outside of East Hawaii and Molokai lose their “place in line” due to inconsistent processes? If my son drove to Waimea and processed his application there instead of Hilo in March 2019, he would be on the list already. How many have

put their applications in elsewhere are on the list ahead of him because of this? Yet no resolution by the department. For almost a year.

I vehemently oppose the nomination of William Aila. I will also be submitting this statement as testimony for GM506.

Hawaiians are being discriminated against due to location, the concern is brought up for almost a year under his leadership and nothing is being done. It is time for a change in leadership.

Aloha,

Herring Kalua Jr.
Nanakuli, Oahu

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 5:39 PM
To: Michele Blackstad-Chong
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Whether to Confirm William Aila to DHHL Director – No

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my committee clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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On Jan 21, 2020, at 4:30 PM, Michele Blackstad-Chong <mahea923@gmail.com> wrote:

Re Whether to Confirm William Aila to DHHL Director – No

Aloha Member Senators of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee!

(Shimabukuro, Kahele, Ihara, Keohokalole & Fevella)

I am a citizen of Hawaii, a voter. Please include this in your confirmation hearing record set for January 23, 2020.

I ask my own Senator representing my district, and the Senators of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee and all Senators to vote No. Not because William Aila is a bad man, but because he is the wrong man for DHHL. Governor Ige must be told No by the Senate, to seek leaders that are everywhere on all islands, that have experience in being accountable with our funds, about finance, about loan portfolios, subdivision development, and the priority of issuing trust lands to Hawaiians. Someone that is kind, and transparent, someone that is open to the solutions of the people themselves. The Senate is the check and balance that Hawaiians need more than ever.

Thank you,
Michele Blackstad-Chong
PO BOX 4008
Lihue, HI, 96766

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 5:49 PM
To: ku ching
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: NO! On Confirmation Hearing of William Aila for DHHL - Hearing on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 1:15 pm.

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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On Jan 21, 2020, at 4:06 PM, ku ching <kahiwal@cs.com> wrote:

To: Senators
Subject: Hawai'i State Confirmation Hearing of William Aila for DHHL

From: Clarence ku Ching
64-823 Mamalahoa Highway
Kamuela, HI 96743

My recommendation is a "NO" on Mr. Aila's confirmation hearing.

Mr. Aila was the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources at the beginning of the TMT Conservation District Use Application CDUA) process. He led the "state's" approval of the CDUA by granting a CDUP (Conservation District Use Permit). However, in his exuberance and ineptitude - He and the Board erroneously got the "cart before the horse" when there were numerous requests and applications for a Contested Case Hearing. His determination to NOT follow the law and, then, ignoring all the facts of the Contested Case Hearing, moved the Hawai'i Supreme Court to revoke the CDUP.

During that same period of time - the Chair and Board of Land and Natural Resources were sued by yours truly for NOT complying on the lease restrictions of the stolen (so-called "ceded" lands) to the u.s. army at Pohakuloa Training Area. The case was initiated as Ching vs. Aila. However, Mr. Aila lost the Chairmanship when IGE became governor, and the Chair and Board lost the Hawai'i Supreme Court Appeal of resultant Ching vs. Case (in 2018). It was actually based on Mr. Aila's inaction failure to fulfil his duties on which the case was initially brought.

It is this writer's observation that Mr. Aila is the Governor's "Boy" in the appointed positions that he has been appointed to. In other words, he is a rubber stamp for the Administration and he does not respond to testimonial inputs of the citizens' of the "state." So, right or wrong - he's a rubber stamp.

The "State of Hawaii" cannot do business with such as Mr. Aila in key positions.

Therefore, I recommend that you vote "NO" on Mr. Aila's attempt to be confirmed as Chair of DHHL.

Thank you.

?s? Clarence ku Ching

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 5:19:39 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kea Kala	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 5:30:31 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ekekela Aiona	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE this candidate, Mr. William Aila, for the position of Commission Chair, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 5:34:22 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support William Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have known William Aila since the mid1990s. I have always found him to be a respectful and knowledgeable individual. He sticks to his principles and what he thinks is the best course of action for Hawaii and the Hawaiian people. This means that his decisions are not always popular but he is doing what he thinks is best.

Please confirm William Aila.

Thank you for allowing me to provide my support.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Lt Col, USAF (Ret)

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 5:45:35 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephen Loo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As Commission Chair, Mr. Aila has not represented the best interests of the very people he is supposed to represent. He has repeatedly failed during his interim term to listen and represent the concerns of the beneficiaries to the Hawaiian Home Lands. In doing so, he has in fact failed to consult with the beneficiaries. The action of attending Public Hearings and appearing to listen to testimony from beneficiaries and others, yet not factoring the concerns of the people he represents in the decision making process is not acting in the best interest of the beneficiaries, and is in fact contradictory to the spirit of the Hawaiian Home Lands Act. He has been derelict in his responsibilities to the people he is supposed to represent. For the reasons stated above, I again assert that I oppose the confirmation of Mr. William J. Aila as Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 6:00:25 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Chinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 6:26:27 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephen Thompson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I **strongly support Willam J. Aila** for the position of Commission Chair of the Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands. I cannot think of a more qualified and dedicated person to fill this important position. I have worked with Mr. Aila for over twenty years and it is with those experiences I know that he will provide the leadership necessary to continue progress to move Hawaiian Home Lands forward.

Mahalo, Steve Thompson

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 6:32:33 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chevy Place	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

He has shown to be very unfair to the Hawaiian People.

Disrespect to us all. The position needs someone with more respect to our people & not benefit self.

Chevy

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 8:47:25 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl M Jellings Sr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo Senate Committee HWN affairs

for Your Consideration of William Aila JR for Commission Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,. We are in Support.

Carl P Jellings Sr.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 10:55:20 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hokulei Lindsey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 11:02:57 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Pcola_Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My husband, Robert Davis and I, Susan Pcola-Davis strongly support ,GM 506 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

Mr. William J. Aila has distinguished himself in his exemplary performance as a public servant for the County of Honolulu. He has dedicated himself towards the environment and the protection of the land.

Mr. Aila lives and breathes the Hawaii state motto: "[Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono](#)" ("The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness").

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/21/2020 11:37:13 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sam ?Ohu Gon III	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support William Aila's confirmation as Commission Chair for DHHL. In many years of working with Mr. Aila on a wide range of projects, I have found him to be reasonable, dedicated, and a man of integrity. His skills are needed at DHHL.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 12:26:36 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pauline Sato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. William J. Aila's confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for a term to expire 12-31-2022. I have known Mr. Aila for about 20 years. He has been a steady, reasonable, fair, thoughtful, and honorable leader and public servant for decades in Wai'anae. His commitment to the betterment of the Hawaiian people and the 'aina throughout the state is unquestioned. He is the right person for this position at a critical time in the forward movement of the Hawaiian people and I humbly ask that his position be confirmed Mahalo nui loa.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 12:51:28 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimberly	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Kimberly Sales. I am opposed to the confirmation of William Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Aila has not been doing his job correctly. Just last year on August 14th he made claims regarding Mauna Kea access road that were disproven by Senator Kai Kahele at the DHHL Senate Briefing. Their discussion was regarding whether DHHL or DOT has control over Mauna Kea access road. And there are too many people dying on the Hawaiian Homes waiting list. The cost of living is so high in Hawai'i and it's just getting higher, and many Hawaiians are homeless. The Department of Hawaiian Homelands needs someone who will focus on building homes on Hawaiian Homelands and putting the people on the waiting list in those homes.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 3:41:08 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynette Marushige	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I **strongly support** the confirmation of William Aila Jr. as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. As the previous deputy of the Commission he has a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience and will continue to do good for the Native Hawaiian community. I kindly request the committee advise and consent to his appointment.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 3:50:23 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ford Fuchigami	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Committee Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the committee, I am writing in **strong support** of William Aila Jr. as Commission Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

I have known Mr. Aila for many years. As the former Deputy Director for DHHL, he has a lot of experience and knows the critical issues. . He is astute, steadfast, and dependable and I would ask the committee to allow him to continue to improve the living conditions of Native Hawaiians as Commission Chair and Director of the DHHL.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 6:19:34 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rodney Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 7:49:57 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emma Yuen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I had the pleasure of working with William Aila Jr. when he led the Department of Land and Natural Resources. He championed many ambitious initiatives such as the Department's watershed initiative. He expertly managed conflict, and better encouraged the public to participate and problem-solve. He led "public listening sessions" across the state and managed these meetings to be productive and connect DLNR leadership directly to communities.

He dedicates himself to carrying on Hawaiian cultural knowledge to the kuleana of protecting Hawaii's lands, waters, and people.

As part of that kuleana, he is extraordinarily interested in mentoring youth, generously offering his time, encouragement, and words of advice for aspiring natural resource managers.

I'm happy that William Aila Jr. has been nominated to lead DHHL. He is a strong, competent, and inspiring leader and should continue to be in a high level position to serve Hawai'i, his beloved home.

Aloha,**Emma Yuen****Ala Moana - Kakaako**

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 8:15:43 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melia Leslie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a constituent I strongly oppose the nomination of William Aila as chair of the DHHL. He does not support the Native Hawaiians in any way. PLEASE vote NO!

January 22, 2020

RE: Testimony

Aloha mai kākou:

My name is Euel Ray Kaleihau Kamauu and I submit this written testimony in strong opposition to the confirmation of William Aila as head of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). He has been a terrible disappointment to me and, on a larger level, the whole Lāhui. I've worked with him on kānaka maoli religious freedom efforts, Makahiki ceremonies, I've supported him in his run for governor. After his appointment to DLNR chief, his true colors came out. Kānaka arrested...Kānaka evicted. Kānaka criminalized.

I have witnessed his huli-ma-ka-flip from proud aloha 'āina to some kind of puppet of those (non-beneficiaries) who aim to criminalize Hawaiians and push Hawaiians off of what little lands they have left. Mr. Aila's confirmation as head of DHHL, is like putting the fox in charge of guarding the hen-house.

A'ole 'Aila! A'ole Danner! A'ole FED-Wreckers!

Kū Halealoha Ayau! Kū Kalaniākea Wilson! Kū Kepa Kaeo! Kū Uncle Earl De Leon!

Kū Aloha 'Āina!

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 8:43:28 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Henry boothe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 9:28:01 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamana`opono M. Crabbe, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Private Citizen of Ke `Aupuni Hawai`i

TESTIMONY OF

KAMANA`OPONO M. CRABBE, Ph.D.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, January 23, 2020

1:15pm

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of

GM 506

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

I submit this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the confirmation and appointment for **William J. Aila, as Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands**

1. Aila has an extensive career spanning over 20 years of public service as a former Waianae Boat Harbor Master, Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Land (DHHL) divisions. In his tenure as a state employee it has provided opportunity and experience consisting of comprehensive policy development, managing budgets, strategic planning and vision, and community engagement. He has held leadership roles for government agencies often confronted with controversial Native Hawaiian issues regarding preservation of natural and land resources, protection of sacred sites, housing development, and perpetuation of marine ecosystems and bio-diversity ocean fisheries.

Over the years, Mr. Aila has demonstrated his community advocacy by his involvement on a range of challenges from land and water issues, military occupancy of Public Land Trust assets set aside for Native Hawaiian as well as the public's interests, and the management of Maunakea since 2012.

He is a principled leader and a man of integrity based on respect and aloha for others despite their social status as a fundamental tenant of his character. Such qualities are foundational to developing quality relationships towards the opportunities of diplomacy as a core belief for transcending and leading change for a better Hawai'i.

For these reasons, I encourage the committee to consider his confirmation for the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Thursday, January 23, 2020 1:15PM Conference Room 016

GM506

Testimony in strong support of William J. Aila's confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. My name is Charles Toguchi and I am providing written testimony in strong support of William Aila.

I have had the privilege and pleasure of knowing William Aila for many years. With his present role as Interim Chairman of the Department of Home Lands and his former role as Deputy to the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, William Aila is uniquely qualified to assume the position of Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As former chair of BLNR and director of DLNR, William Aila ably and capably directed the agency's activities including the management of public lands; forest, fish and game resources of the State; and of the forest reserve, state parks, small boat harbors, and historic sites.

In my interactions with William Aila, he has always impressed me as a person of high integrity and dedication to his profession. He has a long track record of community advocacy...strong work ethics...and a willingness to listen to all sides. He is recognized by many for his leadership...his energy...his forward thinking vision...positive actions...and the ability to diffuse tense situations. William Aila brings to us the values and experiences needed to guide and support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Without any reservations, I strongly urge your favorable consideration and confirmation of William J. Aila to the position of Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this written testimony.

Aloha,
Charles T. Toguchi

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 9:42:26 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marla Wain	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 9:57:39 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lana Ululani Robbins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Mahalo to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs for the opportunity to testify about William Aila as Commission Chair of the Department of Home Lands.

Mahalo to Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro and to Senator Kaiali'i Kahele for the opportunity to submit my testimony opposing Aila's confirmation.

My grand uncle William Among was the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands under Governor John Burns. Today I am a real estate broker in the State of Hawai'i, State of Washington, and the State of Florida.

I oppose the confirmation of William Aila as Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have attached a file to my statement of opposition which shows that as of June 30, 2018 there were 45,241 applications held by 28, 306 applicants.

You can see the names of those who are still waiting on the SoH website:
<https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/applications/application-wait-list/>

We can do better. Please choose someone else other than William Aila who empathizes with those Hawaiians who are still waiting for what is rightfully theirs.

Mahalo and Aloha,
Lana Ululani Robbins

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 9:59:02 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helen N. Wai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 9:59:42 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blaine De Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose William J Aila

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 10:11:08 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gene Ross K. Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Board Members of the HWN Affairs Committee, I ask for your Support and Consideration in the Confirmation of William Aila Jr to the position of Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman and Director of the DHHL. Mr Aila has a long History in the Hawaiian Community of serving our people, he has also served in the capacity as Chair of DLNR, which also qualifies him for this position.. It is his Calm Nature, Honesty, Integrity and Willingness to Work Hand in Hand with our people that are Qualities needed to Resolve the Hawaiian Issues and Concerns at the State level..

I humbly ask this Board and Committee continue to support the Vision of Prince Jonah Kuhio and his Legacy of the HHC Act of 1921, by providing the Financial Assistance and Support needed as outlined in the Nelson Case. Please also provide assistance in Housing Development, Loans and Rehabilitation Programs which will directly impact the Waitlist and provide housing for the native Hawaiian people.

I humbly ask for your Support and Consideration in this Confirmation of William Aila Jr. as Chairman and Director, and Invite you to work closely with Mr Aila and the HHC for the betterment of Hawaiian Home Land Programs and its people.

Mahalo,

Gene Ross K Davis

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 10:17:56 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lani Minihan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Do NOT CONFIRM Mr. William Aila as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Homes. He has proven himself incapable of providing fair housing opportunities for Hawaiian Homeland Housing and Hawaiian people.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 10:42:18 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ross Kapeliela	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SENATE

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

January 23, 2020

Greetings Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele, and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs: I come before you to offer a strong recommendation for the confirmation of William Ailā as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

William offers a combination of background and personal skills specifically important to managing a Department like DHHL with its unique constituency and unique issues that differ from any other department within the State network. As someone who lives on the homestead himself, he understands the joys and frustrations of working with the Department; as a native Hawaiian deeply immersed in Hawaiian causes, he has a perspective that is important to understanding our trials and opportunities; and as a well-tested leader, he has the toughness and wisdom to carefully guide the efforts of the homestead community.

The litany of organizations on which William has served is impressive to anyone, but a close examination indicates his special ability to touch many, many parts of our native Hawaiian community. I have known William for over 30 years and have always been impressed with his commitment to the ocean, to the Leeward coast and to the protection of Hawaiian values, past and present. He is often called upon to counsel international and national leaders, but it's his willingness and ability to sit with anyone who needs his involvement, no matter how big or small the problem, that is most impressive.

Let us not forget that William is the first person living on the homestead to serve as Director of the Department; that is no small aspect of this appointment. He has spent time as the Department's Deputy learning the details of the organization before stepping up to take the helm in an acting capacity for a year now. It's evident that we were well past time for leadership to come from within the homestead community. The skills are honed, the commitment is evident. It only takes your support to allow him to continue in this critical leadership role.

I urge you to move forward William Ailā's confirmation as Chair of the Commission and Director of the Department.

Ray Soon
Former Chairman of the HHC, 1998-2002

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 11:23:47 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Apo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to support William Aila for the position of Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have known William for many years - from his community leadership on the Leeward Coast, to his leadership positions within government agencies. He is thoughtful, fair, and strong in his convictions. I believe he will serve the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the Hawaiian community, and the community at large very well in the position of Chairman. I have also personally know past DHHL Chairpersons, and have personally worked with department, to know what issues they face and what leadership is needed. Thank you for considering my testimony.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 11:29:35 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anuheia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Anuheia Drummondo am writing in opposition towards the GM506. I feel like WILLIAM J. AILA is not fit for this position because he consistanly supports foreign companies to occupy the land of the kanaka and refuses to work with the . We know nothing has changed because my 'ohana has been on list for 30 plus years and still haven't been reached out to. It is an issue that will never stop coming up because they will not see eeyeto eye with the kanaka. It is not fair for the people of Hawai'i having to fight for what is legally ours! I oppose to WILLIAM AILA continuing as the commission chair of the department of Hawaiian home lands.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 11:37:07 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tara Rojas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

NO, ABSOLUTELY NO.

This position requires one who cares about, understands, and works FOR Hawaiians in Hawai'i...and will do what it takes to get Hawaiians on Hawaiian land. Period. DEPT. OF "HAWAIIAN" HOMELANDS.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 11:47:40 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ka'inoa Kea	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am STRONGLY OPPOSING Governor David Ige's appointment of current Deputy of the Chairperson William Aila as the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land's Commission Chair.

I BELIEVE Mr. Aila's personal views (under the influence of the Governor) are NOT PONO and do not align with the position and purpose of the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land entity.

His career record in other capacities have showed duration but provided little results and, in this detrimental position as the lead representative for our Native Hawaiian people, he has produced very little progress towards the Waiting List conundrum, invoking distrust and anger as the body of the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land does NOT operate to assist kanaka maoli and their descendents to remain here on their aina, in their homeland.

WILLIAM AILA IS THE ABSOLUTE WORST CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION-PERIOD.

Signed,

A Native Hawaiian single mother in Ma'ili without Hawaiian Homestead land speaking on behalf of my 'ohana still waiting on this list...Ka'inoa Kea

January 23, 2020

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
and the Committee On Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania St., #016
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

RE: GM 506 Consideration and Confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, William J. Aila for a term to expire 12-31-2022

My name is Karen Piltz, testifying in support of William J. Aila Gubernatorial Nominee, for consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

I have worked a lot with Mr. Aila and his staff for many years, as well as with members of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Commission. Mr. Aila is a strong leader and has a leadership style that is very inclusive and open. I have found Mr. Aila to be fair and always open towards finding common ground and solutions on issues that are at times very divisive.

Mr. Aila's a strong background in land management and cultural practices help his decision making processes, as it incorporates perspectives from different groups, while allowing him to find unique solutions to issues that many face at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I believe that he has the necessary leadership tools that are necessary for the Department of Home Lands to forge forward and address many of the issues before it.

I strongly urge you to support for consideration and confirmation the nomination of William J. Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 12:02:00 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debbie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I am in strong support to confirm William J Aila,Jr. to Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo,

Debbie Aliviado

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 7:55 AM
To: Sharron Cushman
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Do Not Confirm William Aila

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 22, 2020, at 6:32 AM, Sharron Cushman <reikimastertaichichih@gmail.com> wrote:

DO NOT CONFIRM WILLIAM AILA AS DIRECTOR OF DEPT. OF HAWAIIAN HOMES"

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 7:57 AM
To: governor.neil@gmail.com
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: A Statement inSupport of William Aila (Sent via Fax: 586-8529)

Aloha Governor Abercrombie!

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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From: Neil Abercrombie <governor.neil@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 12:32 AM
To: William Aila Jr. <ailaw001@hawaii.rr.com>
Subject: Fwd: A Statement inSupport of William Aila (Sent via Fax: 586-8529)

Governor Neil Abercrombie
Pacific Strategies
76 N. King St., Suite 203
Honolulu, HI 96817

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Neil Abercrombie <Governor.Neil@gmail.com>
Date: January 21, 2020 at 11:49:29 PM HST

To: "William J. Aila, Jr." <william.j.ailajr@hawaii.gov>

Subject: A Statement in Support of William Aila (Sent via Fax: 586-8529)

A Statement in Support of William Aila
As
Director, Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands

I suspect I am only one among many who will be submitting testimony in favor of William Aila as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. I suspect as well that others will extol his many virtues and outstanding record of public service.

My desire then is simply to recount to you my personal knowledge of his particular qualification to be Director of DHHL.

I have known William both as a State Legislator, a Member of Congress and as Governor of Hawaii. He has been a trusted resource on all matters Hawaiian, a hands-on dynamic Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and above all a compassionate, endlessly patient and deeply knowledgeable Native Hawaiian who has always put the cause of Native Hawaiian and all the people of Hawaii as his first priority, professionally.

You will never find a better friend, a more sympathetic listener or anyone more committed to the welfare of Native Hawaiians. He is calm, organized and dedicated.

All of us will be the beneficiaries of his leadership.

Aloha,

Neil Abercrombie
Governor 2010-2014

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shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 7:58 AM
To: Bugs & Bub Designs By Kuamo'o
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: OPPOSE TO AILA BEING DHHL HEAD

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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On Jan 22, 2020, at 1:11 AM, Bugs & Bub Designs By Kuamo'o <bugsnbub@gmail.com> wrote:

The accusations were just that until documents started surfacing. The right questions were being asked and to think this man had to odyssey to think he could throw around the head seats authority and enter us into the publicly of all time.

To think he stands a long side crooks who accept falsified documents to bring disrespect to our aina.

He is done! Remove him.

I "DO NOT CONFIRM WILLIAM AILA AS DIRECTOR OF DEPT. OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Mahalo,

Kapi'olani Kuamo'o

Bruce Lum
99-546 Iwaiwa Street
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January 20, 2020

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
THE 30TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2020

RE: In support of William J. Aila, Jr., Gubernatorial Nominee, for Chair of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

Aloha kākou Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele and committee members,

My name is Bruce Lum, a Hawaiian and great grandson of Henry R.M. Peters, original holder of a 1911, 999 year homestead lease, in the District of *Hanalei, Kaua'i*. I am testifying in SUPPORT of William J. Aila for confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

I have personal experience and confidence in William J. Aila, from when he was the Chairman of DLNR. He has the qualifications necessary to carry out the duties as Chairman of DHHL. My *Kaua'i 'ohana* has firsthand experience of his leadership, professionalism, dedication to community service and the commitment to doing what is *pono*.

My great grandparents raised their 13 children on property that my great grandfather was later granted a 999 year homestead lease for in 1911. They lived on that property since 1880. Their modest home, named *Hale Ola* (house of healing and health) has been available to all of their immediate 'ohana and descendants for 140 years.

Our lease rent was always affordable until it increased by \$390 a month in 1997, another \$830 increase in 1998 and finally a monthly lease rent of \$3,556 in 2003. That family lot and house is my cousin's primary residence. She has lived there for 19 years on her own, after surviving both her parents.

The incredibly high lease rent of \$3,556 was a serious struggle for her. After more than 13 years of struggling to pay the lease rent, she faced eviction multiple times and paid tens of thousands of dollars to hang on. She would have been evicted in 2011, if it wasn't for DLNR Chairman, William Aila's clear understanding of the root problem, and his leadership skills to motivate his staff to apply DHHL's resources to address the fact that the basis for the lease rent was the cause of the issue. He saw that the lease was being valued as if it were vacation rental property when use of the lease was clearly for non-income producing residential use, and that the leased property did not provide the same bundle of rights that neighboring properties were afforded. His problem solving skills resulted in a more proper lease valuation of our leased lot and a more justified lease rent of \$454 a month.

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We mahalo Mr. Aila everyday for solving what we thought was impossible to resolve with impartiality, consensus and fairness for the State and our 'ohana.

My family and I have the greatest confidence that William Aila is the right person to be DHHL Chairman and that he will deliver the very best, for all the people of Hawaii, with genuine fairness and *aloha*. Please vote "YES" and confirm William J. Aila, Jr.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify in SUPPORT of his confirmation.

Me 'oe ka ha'aha'a

Bruce Lum

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 8:23 AM
To: Fevella1 - Kamalani; kelii_ioane@yahoo.com
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: William A'ila Testimony

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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From: kelii ioane <kelii_ioane@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Fevella1 - Kamalani <fevella1@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Re: William A'ila Testimony

aloha kakou my name is Kelii W. Ioane Jr. I have been on the waiting list for 40 yrs. I oppose Bill Aila for chairman of the Dept. Hawaiian Homes Land.

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 8:30 AM
To: LANCE nobriga
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: In Opposition to Aila

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 21, 2020, at 11:08 PM, LANCE nobriga <nobrigs@msn.com> wrote:

Aloha Member Senators of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee!

I am a citizen of Hawaii, a voter and Vice President of Pi'ilani Mai Ke Kai Community Association (not speaking on behalf of PMKKCA). Please include this in your confirmation hearing record set for [January 23, 2020](#).

The DHHL needs new leadership, it is my hopes that the Hawaiian Affairs Committee will take a leadership role and require the governor to listen to the Hawaiian people when it comes to selecting the new DHHL Chair. We have suffered through decades of failures and Mr Aila during his tenure has not done anything to improve things for our people. We need new dynamic independent leadership in this position.

Governor Ige must be told No by the Senate, to seek leaders that are everywhere on all islands, that have experience in being accountable with our funds, about finance, about loan portfolios, subdivision development, and the priority of issuing trust lands to Hawaiians. Someone that is kind, and transparent, someone that is open to the solutions of the people themselves. The Senate is the check and balance that Hawaiians need more than ever. I respectfully request that you VOTE NO to the confirmation of William Aila.

Thank you.

Mahalo,
Lance Wang Nobriga
Kaua'i, Hi

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 8:31 AM
To: Angel N Mark
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: A'ole Aila

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On Jan 21, 2020, at 11:05 PM, Angel N Mark <asaizon7@gmail.com> wrote:

Please do not confirm William Aila as the Director of DHHL! He is corrupt and does what he wants with DHHL lands. He abuses his power and puts his personal interest before the people he is supposed to be helping! Get him out so we can end the corruption! Our people have suffered enough! A'ole Aila!!!!

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shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Daniel Arias
Cc: Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele; Daniel Arias; shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: A'ole Aila

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the greed of money! He is the perfect example of why Native Hawaiians cannot work together because it is our own kind that will take you down! I definitely do believe that Jobie Masagatani recommended Aila, is simply because they knew he would be an easy target to finish all the unfinished corrupted business that Jobie didn't finish. What you say? Another coincidence that Jobie is re-hired to be the Assistant to Aila! We Native Hawaiians have endured so much pain and suffering, due to a long line of weak, money thirsty, abusers of power, Department Directors. But this must stop now...and only through you our Senators, to NOT vote William Aila inn will send a clear message to all us Native Hawaiians that there is hope for a new, better and thriving Hawaii

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shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 8:33 AM
To: Hawaiian Kingdom Descendant
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Testimony Of Kevin Kamaile

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

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On Jan 21, 2020, at 9:55 PM, Hawaiian Kingdom Descendant <hypermph@gmail.com> wrote:

<https://kanakagenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2010/04/kaeliwai-m-a-47-m-a-48.pdf>

<http://files.hawaii.gov/dlnr/meeting/submittals/120608/D-Land-Submittals-D11.pdf>

<https://books.google.com/books?id=gcwKAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA732&lpg=PA732&dq=john+paalua&source=bl&ots=MkEeuMJznn&sig=ACfU3U3R7VkAD-tWr5bflCO-CNxq2AMDRA&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwib-9Wux5bnAhUKsZ4KHfrVDs4Q6AEwAXoECAEQAAQ#v=onepage&q=john%20paalua&f=false>

These are the cases

On Tue, Jan 21, 2020 at 9:48 PM Hawaiian Kingdom Descendant <hypermph@gmail.com> wrote:
Testimony

My grandpa is Isaac Kailiwei and William Alia either doesn't know my unalienable inherent right to land or he just doesn't want to learn. It's a Fee Tail for a reason. Look at the name Paalua and study the Hawaiian Historic Value of who we are. I believe Hawaiian Beneficiaries who understand the law from a Hawaiian Kingdom perspective can use historical facts to remedy all of this illegal occupations.

DO NOT CONFIRM WILLIAM AILA AS DIRECTOR OF DEPT. OF HAWAIIAN HOMES

I am a victim of inculcation and I can not speak my native language because of military service members who took Olelo Hawai'i away. One of the last schools ordered to follow Americanization was Maunaloa Elementary School on the island of Molokai. I do not know how to read the Palapala Sila Nu'i and do not understand how DHHL has Authority and do not know if I am Hawaiian or American. But I know I have Kanaka blood of Ko Hawai'i PaeAina. I have studied by myself about my ancestors that I am a Descendant of the Hawaiian Kingdom Monarchy. This is my first message I have ever testified by and I want to thank each one of you with the warmest Aloha. To my knowledge I have unalienable fee tail undivided interest in a lot of land across many islands including crown lands.

With all do respect I am still learning how much as of yet and with no help from most officials of the United States of America or the State of Hawai'i. I believe nothing has changed legally since the case of the grand daughter of Kahuna Nu'i Hewahewa whose name is Paalua.

This is my Genealogy

Grand Mothers Lineage and a few royal cabinets

Loeau Kalilikauoha
Ulumāheihēi Hoapili
Keali'iokahekili
Kame'eiamoku
Kanoena
Keawepoepoe
Kalanikauleleiaiwi
Lonoikahaupu
Keakealaniwahine
Kāneikailani
Iwikau-i-kaua
Keakamahana
Keali'iokalani
Kaikilani
Kanaloakua'ana
Kapukāmola
Makakauali'i
Kāneikailani
Jane Loeau
Koakanu
Aberahama Kaikioewa Palekaluhi
Pius F. Koakanu
Abigail Maheha
Kailinoa
Mary Ann Kiliwehi
Paki-liilii Kaelemakule
John Robert Jasper
Marvin Seger
S. L. Kaelemakule

Elizabeth Hina (Kaelemakule)
Keaupuni Hina, Sr.
Keaupuni Hina, Jr
Virginia Sabarre
Mabel Elizabeth Libarios
Estelle Frances Kainoa DeGuair
Kinoiki Kekaulike
Ka'apuwai Kapua'amohu
Kaumualii
Ka'apuwai
Kaumeheiwa
Kaneoneo
Kaeokulani
Ke'eaumoku II Pāpa'iahiahi
Kūma'aikū
Kalanikauleleiaiwi
Lonoikahaupu
David La'amea Kahalepouli Kinoiki Kawananakoa
Victoria Kuhio Kinoike Kekaulike, II
Edward Abnel Keli'iahonui Pi'ikoi Keliiahonui
Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole
Theresa Owana Kaohelani La'anui
Kailipalaki La'anui
Kalokuokamaile
Kalani Pai'ea Wohi o Kaleikini Keali'ikui Kamehameha o 'Iolani i Kaiwikapu kau'i Ka
Liholiho Kūnuiākea
Elizabeth Kamaikaopa
Alexander Joy Cartwright III
Alexander "Alick" Joy Cartwright Jr.
Eva Kuwailanimamao Cartwright
Daisy Emmalani Napulahaokalani Cartwright
Virginia Kahoa Ka'ahumanu Kaihikapumahana
Robert Kalanikupuaikalaninui Keōua Wilcox
Elizabeth Ka'akaualaninui Wilcox
Henry C. Keaweikekahialiokamoku Salazar
Paul C. Kalokuokamaile Salazar
Michael Carl Kauhiokalani Salazar
Stephen Craig Laanui Salazar
Owana Kaohelani Mahealani-rose Salazar
William Harry Nalielehua Purdy
Rose Kamaile Purdy
William Nalielehua Purdy
Pahana Kamaile
Kawailipolani Ku

Rebecca Kawaluna Kamaile
Ali'i-O-Hana Ali'i-O-Kipahulu Ali'i-O-Kaupo
Real Name
Rebecca Kawaluna Young Davis Ka'eo Kailiwai Kamaile

Grand Fathers Lineage

Maui- Potiki
Hihiriotu
Waingarongo

Taharawa
Toi-Kai-Rakau
Birthday: before 1152
Rua-rangi-takin
Birthday: before 1152
Whatoma
Birthday: 1092 - 1152?
Poutiriao
Birthday: 1157?
Te Manutohikura-a tane
Birthday:1188?
Uenuku
Birthdate: 890
Paimatuhanga
Birthdate:estimated between 860 and 920
Uenuku
Birthdate: 890
Birthplace: Mangaia, Cook islands
Kamea
Birthdate: 915
Pohukaina
Birthdate: 940
Hua
Birthdate: 965
Pau
Birthdate: 990
Huanuikalalailai
Birthdate: 1015
Paumakua
Birthdate: 1040
Haho
Birthdate:1065
Palena

Birthdate: 1090
Hanala'anui, (This Line Goes To The Island Of Hawaii)
Birthdate: 1115
Lanakawai
Birthdate: 1140
Pili / Pilikaaua
Birthdate: 1190
Koa Hina'a'aumai
Birthdate:1215
Lo'e-Ole Hinamaileli'i
Birthdate: 1240
Kaniuhi
Birthdate: 1290
Kukohou Kukohou, 1155-1185
Or
Birthdate:1265
Kanipahu,
Birthdate:1315
Kalapanaku'io'iomoa,
Birthdate:1340
Kahaimoelea / Kahai'moeloaikaikapu... Kahai-moelea-ikaikapukupou,
Birthdate: 1365
Kalaunuiohua Kalaunuiohua,
Birthdate: 1390
Kuaiwa (Mo'i, Ruler of Hawaii),
Kahoukapu,
Birthdate: circa 1375
Kauholanuimahu (Kauhola),
Birthdate: 1465
Kiha-nui-lulu-moku KIHANUILULUMOKU (KIHA), 11th Alii Aimoku of Hawaii
Birthdate: 1490
Liloa
Birthdate: circa 1604
Hakau-a-Liloa Hakau,
Birthdate: circa 1465
Keali'iokaloa,
Birthdate: circa 1500
'Umi-a-Liloa,
Kukailani (Kuka'ilani),
Birthdate: circa 1585
Husband of Kaohuki-o-kalani
Kapukamola
Birthdate: circa 1692
Makakaulii

Also Known As: "(Kamakakakauaii)"

Birthdate: circa 1605

Iwikauikaua

Birthdate: circa 1625

Kaneikawaiwani (Kaneikauaiwani), 2nd Husband

Birthdate: circa 1645

Kalanikauleleiawi (Kalanikauleleiawi I) (Queen of Hawai'i Island), Chiefess

Birthdate: circa 1680

Keaweʻīkekahialiʻiokamoku

Birthdate: circa 1665

Kalaninuiʻiamamao, Chief

Also Known As: "Ka'i'imamao", "Lono-a-Keawe"

Birthdate: circa 1690

Keawemaʻuhili (1710–1790)

Mokulani (Moku) (Ali'i-o-Hilo) ('I Chief, Ninaupi'o) Mokulani

Birthdate: 1670

Papa'ikaniaunui Lonoikaniau Niau

Birthdate: circa 1700

Ululani / Ululaninui Ululani or

Hana Ululani Kamakainaina o Kapiolani Nui

Birthdate: 1760 or

Kaiwaokalani must surely refer to Helina Kaiwaokalani Maikai, the daughter of Annie Kaikioewa (daughter of George Washington Lilikalani and Hana Ululani Kamakainaina o Kapiolani Nui) from her first marriage with Samuela Ulumahiehie Maikai. She later marries Hoa C. Ulukou, and then marries Aaron C. Simerson.

Kaiwaokalani it seems was sent to Kalaupapa...

Naholowaa was born about 1810 in Keokea, Hawaii, Hawaii. She married Mukoi (Makaoi).

Mukoi (Makaoi) was born about 1806 in Keokea, Hawaii, Hawaii. He died about 1898. He married Naholowaa.

Kanakaole (Kanakaole I, Kanakole-a-Mukoi, Kanakaole Makaoi) was born about 1836 in Kona-Kailua, Hawaii, Hawaii. He married Kahula.

Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox

William Slocum Wilcox

Kailiwai and Kamakainaina Kailiwai (born Kalua).Kamakainaina Kanakaole was born in 1865 in Keokea, Kona, Hawaii. She died on 17 march 1900.

George Kailiwai was born 1866

George married Noonohu or Moohohu Kailiwai (born Paokalani).

Noonohu was born on February 16 1870, in Kona, Hawaii, Hawaii.

They had 2 children: George Kailiwai and one other child.

George Kailiwai Jr

Annie Kealoha Kailiwai (born Haina) 1874 - 1942

David Kailiwai

Elizabeth Nahuina Piha Kaeliwai or Kailiwai (born Kapihanui) was born in month 1854, at birth place, to Kapiha or Kapela and Naliipoepoe.

Kapiha was born in Paape island.

Naliipoepoe was born in Maui, Kingdom of Hawaii.

Elizabeth married William Leleku Kailiwai in 1872, at age 17 at marriage place, Hawaii.

William was born in August 1843, in Koolaupoko, Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii poss Maui.

Elizabeth passed away on month day 1917, at age 62 at death place, Hawaii.

Liwai Isaac Kailiwai Kamaile III

Liwai Isaac Jr Kailiwai

Born in 2 Oct 1924 and died October 9th 1956 Honolulu

Isaac Kaumualii Kailiwai (Kaeliwai) Kamaile Jr born May 2nd 1954

Susan Kamaile (Maloy) 1957

Kevin Kamaile 1984

This is my testimony to better manage the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands with historically accurate decision making skills I believe could be better off with a chair person that has more clarity of Control. And I wonder why I am also a beneficiary considering how much unalienable lands I may have. I also wonder how anyone has the authority to claim land that was abandoned because of the Inculcation that the Provisional Government enforced.

I decline as a beneficiary to have William chair of Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Without prejudice toward him with all hopes he understands more of Hawaiian Kingdom Law Cases as it pertains to the State Of Hawaii.

Mahalo

shimabukuro2 - Richard

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Aloha,

I am writing you today to share my opinion that William Aila is not the right candidate for any position at DHHL let alone the position of Director. Mr Aila's past actions against native Hawaiians shows his agenda is not aligned with what most Hawaiians want or need. His call to arrest Kupuna who were exercising their native rights unnecessarily inflamed an already delicate situation on Mauna Kea. Clearly his position and actions have been manipulated by interests outside of Hawaii.

DHHL needs a director who will put beneficiaries first and who is dedicated to protecting Hawaiian lands for beneficiaries. Mr Aila may say he supports Hawaiians but his actions reveal private corporations and his own personal gain are his true priorities. DHHL has earned a very bad reputation and track record with Aila's involvement and this must come to an end. Part of your duty is to do what is best for Hawaiians and repairing what is broken at DHHL by declining Aila as director is a great first step you can take right now. Hawaii and DHHL deserve a lot better, I pray you agree.

Mahalo

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 8:33 AM
To: Leah's email
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: G506 Testimony in oppositin of William Ailla to DHHL chairmen

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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On Jan 21, 2020, at 9:23 PM, Leah's email <leahkpereira@aim.com> wrote:

I vote NO to the appointment of William Ailla to the chairmen of DHHL
I am a homesteader for over 40years and a member of West Kauai H homestead Association

Mahalo,
Leah Pereira

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Maile Luuwai
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: GM 506 / Testimony In Opposition to the Confirmation of WILLIAM J. AILA as the DHHL Chair

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

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On Jan 21, 2020, at 7:02 PM, Maile Luuwai <maile@luuwailaw.com> wrote:

RE: GM 506 / Testimony In Opposition to the Confirmation of WILLIAM J. AILA as the DHHL Chair

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs Hearing Date: January 23, 2020

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

The Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association requests that the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs vote **NO** on William Aila's appointment as the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Chair.

It is critical that this Committee understand that the DHHL Chair is not only responsible for administration of a state agency, the Chair is responsible for protecting the DHHL land trust and accountable to DHHL beneficiaries. This position is not your normal appointment!

The DHHL Chair does not work on behalf of Governor Ige, the AG's office, DLNR or the Department of Transportation. All the Governor's appointments are accountable to the Governor. NOT THE DHHL CHAIR!

The DHHL Chair does not serve the Governor, the Chair serves the DHHL Land Trust and DHHL beneficiaries. Period!!!

As interim Chair, Bill Aila has primarily served the interests of Governor Ige and his administration, not DHHL beneficiaries. As Deputy Director and over the past year, Bill has not worked with our communities. Zero collaboration, minimal communication.

An excellent example of this is the Maunakea Access Road. At an August 19, 2019 Senate briefing, Bill Aila admitted to Senators that DHHL still owns the land under the Maunakea Access Road. Two weeks later, on August 30th, Bill joined the Attorney General's office and the Department of Transportation to issue a joint press release stating that the road was under "DOT jurisdiction" and that the "Beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 do not own Mauna Kea Access Road". HAR-264-2 requires that the State DOT own public roads and highways in fee simple. DOT does not own the land under the Maunakea Access Road, and thus it does not have jurisdiction. Law 100.

If you understood your trust responsibilities as DHHL Chair, would you release a statement that was false and misleading? We get it coming from the Governor, but not from the DHHL Chair. Irregardless of one's position on TMT, false and misleading statements coming from someone who is charged to work on behalf of the DHHL land trust and its beneficiaries is unacceptable. For months, the Ige Administration waged a deceptive public TMT media campaign and Bill appeared locked in step with the Governor's manipulated distortion. You must have seen it.

Uncle Pat Kahawaiolaa says, "You cannot serve two masters". Bill has chosen his master. We do not trust Bill to work on behalf of the DHHL land trust or on behalf of DHHL beneficiaries. Standing next to the Governor on the evening news while he throws crumbs to beneficiaries fuels the lack of trust in Bill's ability to truly lead one of the most important agencies for Native Hawaiians.

We need someone who is qualified to lead this department. You have testimony from Robin Danner of the Sovereign Councils of Hawaiian Homelands Assembly addressing this issue.

Last year, you narrowly voted to recommend that Bill serve another term as DHHL Deputy Director despite our opposition. The Governor had already planned to set Bill up as interim Chair to give him credibility for this appointment.

Please hear us! We, our children and our grandchildren are DHHL beneficiaries. Our Association represents 285 leases, approximately 800 individuals on 1,615 acres of DHHL land. Moreover, Pana'ewa has the highest DHHL commercial lease revenue generation in the State of Hawai'i.

We and the DHHL land trust deserve more than crumbs.

Please vote **NO** on Bill's confirmation as DHHL Chair.

Mahalo,

Maile Lu'uwai

President

Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 8:34 AM
To: rose malia
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: DDHL Director

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 21, 2020, at 7:01 PM, rose malia <jackietomacder@msn.com> wrote:

Aloha,

I am a citizen of Hawaii, a voter. Please include this in your confirmation hearing record set for [January 23, 2020](#).

I ask my own Senator representing my district, and the Senators of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee and all Senators to vote No. Not because William Aila is a bad man, but because he is the wrong man for DHHL. Governor Ige must be told No by the Senate, to seek leaders that are everywhere on all islands, that have experience in being accountable with our funds, about finance, about loan portfolios, subdivision development, and the priority of issuing trust lands to Hawaiians. Someone that is kind, and transparent, someone that is open to the solutions of the people themselves. The Senate is the check and balance that Hawaiians need more than ever.

Mahalo nui loa

Jacalyn Tomacder

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 8:35 AM
To: kuu'home molokai
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Attn: Shimabukuro, Kahele, Fevella, Keohokalole, Ihara and all 25 Senators of the Legislature.

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 21, 2020, at 6:41 PM, kuu'home molokai <lihipali10c@gmail.com> wrote:

My name is Melvin Ioane Hanohano Sr. from Ho'olehua, Moloka'i and I'm a leasee of the Hawaiian Homestead Commissions Act and the DHHL. Myself, along with my wife and 3 children, were awarded a 1 acre residential lot in 1979 under the DHHL's Rehabilitation program to get Native Hawaiians on Homestead. My 3 children are beneficiaries to Lot 10-C Lihipali Avenue in Ho'olehua and currently reside here till this day.

I speak on behalf of my late wife who would've been here voicing her concerns and opinions as to what we are faced with in the last 5 years. She waited for this day to come in hopes things are made right, but ailing health issues took her to soon.

I hereby and say, I'm against Gov. David Ige's appointment of Bill Aila as Deputy Director of DHHL that will take place on Thursday January 23rd, 2020. I also ask of all 25 Senators including the 5 mentioned above to vote NO on Gov. Ige's plan.

Gov. Ige needs to follow through proper protocols and seek reliable, trust worthy, responsible, applicants or individuals to fulfill the position as Deputy Director for DHHL. This can only happen with the Senate and State Legislature's guidance and help in hearing our voices and concerns as well as testimonies.

Again, vote NO to Gov. Ige's appointment of Bill Aila.

Mahalo Nui,

Melvin I. Hanohano Sr.

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 8:40 AM
To: Harold Johnston
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Testimony on Confirmation of William J. Aila as DHHL Director

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 22, 2020, at 8:31 AM, Harold Johnston <hcalljohnston@live.com> wrote:

Aloha, members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

My name is Harold Johnston. I am a homesteader at Papakolea, where my family has lived for 70 years. I submit my testimony via this email opposing Governor Ige's nomination of William J. Aila as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mr. Aila appears to be a very decent Hawaiian, but we need a different type of leadership at DHHL, which continues to be recognized as an underperforming agency of the State, both by the homestead communities and the general public. He has had an opportunity during his previous role as DHHL Deputy Director, and more recently in his appointment as the Interim Director, to improve the Department's performance. I just don't see the needed and hope-for improvements.

We continue to have a department that is slow or non-responsive to required financial-accountability reporting requested by your own Committee, an organization that is slow in its responsiveness to homesteader inquiries, and by its decisions on land use assignments to non-Hawaiians, that it is either not well versed, or intentionally disregarding its trust responsibilities stated in the provisions of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and the Hawaii State Admissions Act. I wish Mr. Aila well and thank him for his interest in serving, but we need leadership at DHHL that can drive the desperately needed performance improvements.

Mahalo,

Harold Johnston
808-291-0750

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Maile Shimabukuro <maileshimabukuro@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 11:19 AM
To: ronpua37@yahoo.com
Cc: Robin Danner; shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: William Aila-VOTE NO

Pua -

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Sharon Freitas <ronpua37@yahoo.com>
Date: January 22, 2020 at 9:37:20 AM HST
To: "senchang@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senchang@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "senkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "sendelacruz@capitol.hawaii.gov" <sendelacruz@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "senkidani@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senkidani@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "senenglish@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senenglish@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "senmoriwaki@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senmoriwaki@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov" <sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "sennishihara@capitol.hawaii.gov" <sennishihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "senharimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senharimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "senrhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senrhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "senihara@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "senriviere@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senriviere@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "sentaniguchi@capitol.hawaii.gov" <sentaniguchi@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "senthielen@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senthielen@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "senwakai@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senwakai@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Cc: Robin Danner <robin@hawaiianhomesteads.org>
Subject: William Aila-VOTE NO
Reply-To: "ronpua37@yahoo.com" <ronpua37@yahoo.com>

Aloha to all of my Senators of Hawaii,

My name is Sharon Pualani Freitas, I am one of the 28,000 WAITLISTERS on the Dhhl list for Hawaiian Homestead LANDS.

I am asking you to VOTE "NO" to the confirmation of William Aila as the Dhhl Chairman.

Currently he sits as the Deputy Director of Dhhl, and has allowed non BENEFICIARIES to have access to our Hawaiian Homestead LANDS that I am waiting for.

I do NOT understand why he would allowed 147 acres of Hawaiian Homestead LANDS in Kapolei, to be given a lease to a Canadian company, when so many of us HAWAIIANS wait for OUR OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE on these lands.

William Aila said it was not suitable land for people to live on????? I told him "KAHALA" at one time was not suitable, yet today all that land is worth MILLIONS OF DOLLARS today.

Many of you are supportive to our Hawaiian Homestead Commission Act of 1920, and yet many of you are not? I believe it is because those who are not supportive are not aware that the Hawaiian Homestead Commission Act of 1920 is FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED and PROTECTED by Congress, and that William Aila is mismanaging our land illegally. Please vote NO TO WILLIAM AILA AS CHAIRMAN.

I ask you is it ok to have William Aila as a COMMISSIONER on the Board and the Chairman of that Board at the same time?????

Isn't that just like having the Mayor sit on the City Council as Chairman???

Isn't that a conflict of interest?

I am asking you IS THIS OKAY WITH YOU??

It BOTHERS me that he sits in the interest of non Hawaiians more then HAWAIIANS, being able to make alot of money off our LANDS and we are not able to live on this same lands.

WELL IT IS 100 YEARS LATER, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

Thank you for your ATTENTION & TIME, ON THIS MATTER.

Have a good day and may God Bless you with a double portion of what YOU BLESS THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE.

Aloha,
Sharon Pualani Freitas,
AHHL Central Oahu Leadership
Association of Hawaiians For Homestead Lands
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Paige Barber <alohakap@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 1:14 PM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: maileshimabukuro@yahoo.com

Aloha Senator and Committee,

I am submitting testimonial today to approve William Aila and Tyler Gomes as for positions of Director and Deputy of The Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

These are exemplary candidates with years of experience and qualifications, and who understand the politics of the position and will not compromise their ethics in order to get ahead.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Paige Kapi'olani Barber
Executive Director
Nanakuli Housing Corporation

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Fevella1 - Kamalani
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro; shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: FW:

From: Elizabeth Tatofi <e.tatofi@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Fevella1 - Kamalani <fevella1@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: FW:

From: Natasha Welch-Ornellas <nwelch7389@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Sen. Kurt Fevella <senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject:

Re: Confirmation Hearing DHHL Director and Deputy, Thursday, January 23.

Aloha kakou,

The director of Hawaiian Homelands should be a person of honesty and integrity and have compassion for the people he serves. Before making and taking a stand on issues, a leader should consult with the people; these decisions will have the most impact on; the Hawaiian people.

I AM IN OPPOSITION, that the interim director, William Aila, be appointed the Director for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. I vote "NO" to this nominee.

Mahalo nui,

On behalf of the 'ohana of Natasha Welch-Ornellas - Hawaiian at Heart & Hawaiian by Blood

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Thursday, January 23, 2019 at 1:15pm
By
Elmer K. Ka'ai
Hawaiian Home Land Trust Beneficiary

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 506 – CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS
THE COMMISSION CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN LANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM J. AILA, FOR THE TERM TO EXPIRE
12-31-2022.

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the committee. Thank you for opportunity to provide written testimony opposing Gubernatorial Nominee, William J. Aila, as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Sadly, I have been a strong supporter of Interim Chair Aila in his other endeavors; unfortunately, I cannot remain silent in my disappointment in his leadership and decision-making regarding the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust and its beneficiaries.

The “straw that broke the camel’s back” that prompted me to provide this testimony was Tuesday’s “Governor’s State-of-the-State Address.” There was no mention of the critical housing crisis of the Hawaiian home land waitlist beneficiaries. Some might say that Interim Chair Aila has no direct impact on what the Governor’s will identify as his State’s priorities; however, this action is a direct reflection of Interim Chair Aila’s leadership. One of the obvious solutions in the Hawai’i’s housing, homelessness and health issues is addressing the 28,000 beneficiaries of the Hawaiian home lands waitlist. Remarkably, the Governor promoted a joint package on housing for the University of Hawai’i West O’ahu. The priority here is that faculty and professional housing is more important because it help a “small” population over a “long waiting” native Hawaiian population. I have way no way of knowing if Interim Chair Aila lobbied for the beneficiaries with the Governor; regrettably, the simple fact that UH housing needs was mentioned and nothing on Hawaiian home lands is enough evidence for me on where he stands in the Governor’s cabinet.

We need a new direction and it must start with leadership at all levels. As for Hawaiian Home Commission (HHC) Chair, we need someone with a strong background in land management and development, to include, the tenacity to take on bold initiatives and be responsive not reactive. Sorry to say, Interim Chair Aila is not that person.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 12:25:13 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanoe Wilson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose the confirmation of William Aila for the position of DHHL Commission Chair. I believe William Aila does not represent the best interests of Native Hawaiian homestead communities throughout the State of Hawaii. His track record with both DLNR and DHHL have been horrendous and better leadership should be sought for an appointment that has is based on having strong relationships with the State and Federal governments. Aila has clearly proven that he is not the man for the job and other measures should be taken that he be removed completely from his duties and that a stronger appointee that has experience in working with developing relationships at the federal and state levels be considered for this appointment. Mahalo for the consideration.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 12:48:10 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Regina	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing to say that I do not agree to having William Aila as Commission Chairman of DHHL, ever. The people of Hawaii who are subjects to the Hawaiian Kingdom should be those that decide who fits best in position in any and all platforms that will lead our nation- and these positions require those that will do their ALL to protect and perpetuate our Lands, our Hawaiian culture, and our Hawaiian Kingdom laws in every which way possible for the betterment of the people of Hawai'i. William Aila, you are not one of them!!!

you are a good person and a hard worker -outside of the position you have been granted by the leader of the illegal occupiers of the fake state of Hawai'i, and I have nothing against you personally, however, your disregard for your kuleana as a Hawaiian to your Kupuna and your fellow people of Hawaii is disgraceful, and extremely unacceptable. You should be ashamed of who you have allowed yourself to become!!! DO NOT CONFIRM THIS POSITION BY GRANTING IT TO WILLIAM AILA, I AM 100% AGAINST IT!!!

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 1:04:23 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaleo Manuel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony of Marvin Kaleo Manuel**IN SUPPORT**

GM 506 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-31-2022.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

January 23, 2020

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Committee,

I am writing in SUPPORT of Governor's Message 506, and ask that you confirm Mr. William J. Aila to be the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I had the privilege to serve along side Mr. Aila when he was the Deputy Director with DHHL and I was the Acting Planning Program Manager. In my work with him, I appreciated his openness to listen, especially when our views on matters were not in alignment. I also respect and honor his ability to make decisions and his conviction to stand by those decisions. As a leader, I believe that he will be open to listen and make hard decisions for the betterment of the beneficiaries and the trust corpus.

As the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust will mark its centennial existence in this administration, this is a great opportunity to do so with leaders like Mr. Aila.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of my testimony.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 1:06:13 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Cates	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

Please accept this testimony in strong support for nominee William Aila as the Commission Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. William is an excellent nomination for the Chair position, secure with lifetime knowledge and experience with Native Hawaiians and beneficiaries of the Department. William has an extensive history of cultural and traditional Hawaiian practices and expertise to help strengthen the scope of knowledge required in making key decisions.

His dedication extends far beyond his home on the Waianae Coast. I have personally known William for decades, back to when he was a commercial fisherman and beginning his career with the State as harbor master in the 80s. William has always stood out as a man of integrity and great morals even when faced with difficult decisions. William is a well-rounded nominee who has served on a multitude of councils and advisory positions that have helped the Native Hawaiian community in numerous capacities. I have always known William to put the needs of others before his own. His dedication to the State and people of Hawaii has never wavered in the 30+ years I have known him.

Your consideration and confirmation of William Aila for Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands will be a positive action for Native Hawaiians, beneficiaries and the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Randy Cates

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 1:09:46 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amel Chun	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please confirm Mr. William J. Aila for Chairman of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila is a well-respected individual in the community. I had the pleasure of working with him, and he is a hard working man and is a person of integrity.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 1:12:53 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jazzmin Cabanilla	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha kāua,

I oppose confirming William Aila as the Commission Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

According to the DHHL website: "The primary responsibilities of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands are to serve its beneficiaries and to manage its extensive land trust. The land trust consists of over 200,000 acres on the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, O'ahu, and Kaua'i."

Unfortunately the department under its current leadership fails to follow through with their primary responsibilities and does not serve its beneficiaries to the best of its ability nor does it properly manage its extensive land trust.

I am a mo'opuna of one of the 1st 'ohana to receive 'Āina in Keaukaha, my great grandfather was the secretary of the 'Āina Ho'opulapula group in Keaukaha and also held a position within the Royal Order Māmalahoa Chapter.

I was also one of the many women who witnessed our kāpuna being arrested in early July and who stood on the line for over 3 hours that same day. I can honestly tell you that my life will never be the same and that the trauma that we endured could have been prevented if individuals such as William Aila were not allowed to assume positions of authority and make decisions that impact generations and generation of not only people but all kanaka maoli organisms that call Hawai'i home.

Again, I along with my keiki firmly oppose the confirmation of William Aila.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 1:35:55 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rayne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose on any decisions or plans of Chair Aila. He's a disgrace and dissatisfaction to the People of Hawai'i the Aina and Hawaiian's aboard. Land swaps A'ole!!

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 2:08:14 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mele Spencer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I am a member of the Keaukaha Panaewa Farmers Association, in Hilo and vehemently oppose the appointment of William Aila to the post of Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. This is based on his past performance in DLNR and as Deputy at DHHL which reflect no benefits or safeguards to hawaiian beneficiaries, both lessees or those on the waitlist.

I hope you will take these comments to heart.

Sincerely,

Mele U. Spencer, muspencer@hawaii.rr.com

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 2:49:10 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danielle Chavez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 2:56:51 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Lauifi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Mr. Aila for Chair of DHHL. I know that he will do the right thing given the chance. With the right team in place, he will be able to make a difference.

Thank you

Stephanie Lauifi

4th Generation Homesteader

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 3:28:10 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doreen Gaspar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/22/2020 3:43:31 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bradley Duncan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in full support of the confirmation of William J. Aila Jr. to be the next Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. My family and I have known William since the 1980's when he was Harbormaster at Waianae Boat Harbor and my father, Herbert Duncan Sr., was a Part-time commercial fisherman.

William is the best person to lead DHHL because of his experience as Deputy to the Chairman and now the Appointed Chairman from about 2014 at this Department. He is also an excellent Servant Leader whom the DHHL staff respects very much. He is an honest, caring, and genuine leader who the staff enjoys working for.

I can say this because I too currently work for the DHHL as a Land Agent in the Land Management Division and have been for the last 15 years.. I have had the privilege of working closely with William on DHHL projects on Kauai and Oahu. I enjoy working with him very much and I'm humbled to call him a friend. Over the 15 years I have worked at DHHL I believe William to be the best Chairman I have worked for.

To change the leadership at DHHL now will cause havoc within the Department and its Staff. Its extremely important to keep the continuity going as DHHL has made great progress over the last 5 years because of William's leadership ability to put Native Hawaiian DHHL beneficiaries in homes, the mission of DHHL. Staff at DHHL will be upset if William is not Confirmed as the Chairman.

William is decisive, smart, articulate, and he treats everyone at DHHL the same whether you are a custodian or clerk typist or the Deputy to the Chairman, he looks down on no one. He has a great welcoming open door policy and makes himself easily accesible to DHHL staff, which is very important. I have worked for other Chairman at DHHL who looked down on staff and chose not to have an open door policy and history proved they were a poor leader who did not do half of what William has been able to do at DHHL over the last 5 years.

William is a Hawaiian with much Aloha and the perfect fit to be the next Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Thank you for allowing me to share my full support for William J. Aila, Jr.

Aloha and Mahalo,

Bradley "Kaipo" Duncan

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 3:58:15 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia A Sing	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the confirmation of William J. Aila Jr. as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:00 PM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: FW: No to Bill Aila

From: Allyson Duncan <titarila@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Fw: No to Bill Aila

From: Allyson Duncan
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 12:53:52 PM
To: senchang@capitol.hawaii.gov <senchang@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: No to Bill Aila

Aloha,

My name is Allyson A Duncan and I would like you to VOTE NO for Bill Aila. He and the Department has missed used there power. The department has fraudulently represented themselves by not using the beneficiary that was designated for transfer of lease, upon death of a lessee. The department felt that another person should take over the lease. Not the person that the lessee left it too. That has caused severe damage to a family. Unrepaired damage for ever. Don't know who Tyler is but I would like to VOTE NO. For not having enough experience for a job like this.

Mahalo Allyson

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:36 PM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: BRANDY HANOHONO: NO- This is for ALL senators RE: THE PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM J. AILA

From: Kahealani Hanohano-Nunez <bhanohanonunez@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 10:00 AM
To: All Senators <sens@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: This is for ALL senators RE: THE PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM J. AILA

My name is Brandy K Hanohano-Nunez, a beneficiary to residential lot on the island of Molokai.

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to the proposed reappointment of William J. Aila as deputy director of DHHL.

On behalf of myself and immediately family, also beneficiaries of Hawaiian Homelands, frown upon the past mis management of allocated funds for DHHL's past, current and future lessees and beneficiaries. His improper use of appropriated funding has done more harm than good for us as people Native to Hawaii.

Please accept this as my submitted written testimony in opposition of Mr. Aila's reappointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy K. Hanohano-Nunez

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:32 PM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: CORA SCHNACKENBERG: William Aila NO

From: Cora Schnackenberg <cora.schnackenberg@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Sen. Stanley Chang <SenChang@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole <senkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz <sendelacruz@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Michelle Kidani <senkidani@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. J. Kalani English <jk.english@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim <senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kurt Fevella <senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Sharon Y. Moriwaki <senmoriwaki@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Mike Gabbard <sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Clarence Nishihara <c.nishihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Breene Harimoto <SenHarimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Karl Rhoads <SenRhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Les Ihara, Jr. <senihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Gil Riviere <senriviere@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Brian Taniguchi <sentaniguchi@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Laura Thielen <senthienen@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Glenn Wakai <senwakai@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Cc: Robin Danner <robin@hawaiianhomesteads.org>
Subject: RE: William Aila

Aloha! Senators of Hawaii,

My name is Cora Schnackenberg. I am one of 1,075 agriculture waitlisted on DHHL for the island of Molokai. Please consider voting "NO" to William Aila appointment for DHHL Chairman.

I am one, who in the beginning supported Mr. Aila as DHHL interim chairman. However, after observing his action and decision making, it appears his decision did not support or have the best interest of the Hawaiian beneficiaries. And, appeared that the beneficiaries were not a priority to their land as indicated in the "Trust."

Therefore, I do NOT support Mr. Aila for DHHL Chairman. Mahalo for the opportunity to allow my VOICE to be heard.

Blessings,

Cora Schnackenberg

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:26 PM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: FW: 'A'ole AILA

-----Original Message-----

From: Dondi Feliciano <dondifeliciano@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Sen. Karl Rhoads <SenRhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele <senkkahele@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi <senkouchi@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kurt Fevella <senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. J. Kalani English <jk.english@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Mike Gabbard <sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Gil Riviere <senriviere@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Russell Ruderman <senruderman@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole <senkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran <senkeithagaran@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Roz Baker <senbaker@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye <seninouye@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz <sendelacruz@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Breene Harimoto <SenHarimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Les Ihara, Jr. <senihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Dru Mamo Kanuha <senkanuha@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim <senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Michelle Kidani <senkidani@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Clarence Nishihara <c.nishihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Brian Taniguchi <sentaniguchi@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Laura Thielen <senthielen@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Glenn Wakai <senwakai@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Sharon Y. Moriwaki <senmoriwaki@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Stanley Chang <SenChang@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: 'A'ole AILA

Aloha mai kākou,

I join my fellow kānaka in the opposition of confirming William "Bill" Aila as Commission Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. During his interim chair tenure, William Aila was responsible for evicting numerous houseless Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries trying to survive in their make shift shelters on undeveloped Hawaiian Home Lands without assisting the houseless Hawaiian beneficiaries in any way whom this department is required to serve. He is also responsible for arresting kūpuna protectors on Mauna Kea which has had world wide consequences of slowing economic growth around the world. He continues to violate the policies of the Department by ignoring Hawaiian beneficiaries who testify and submit beneficiary consultation. He places the entire Department and State at risk for not complying with the rules of the Secretary of the Department of Interior that is required before any Hawaiian Home Lands are transferred. I oppose William Aila as Chair for he is a threat to houseless Hawaiian beneficiaries and also a threat to the State of Hawaii for not complying with Federal rules of the Department of Interior. Furthermore, the DHHL Chairperson should be selected by the Hawaiian people, for the Hawaiian people. It should not be a position appointed or selected by the State's Governor.

Mahalo for your time and attention to this matter.

Me Ke Aloha,
Dondi Feliciano

Sent from my iPhone

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:34 PM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: MAHI HULIHEE: URGENT & IMPORTANT: Written OPPOSITION of GM506 Consideration of William J. Aila for Commission Chair of DHHL

From: Info@hawaiianhomesteads.org <info@hawaiianhomesteads.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele <senkkahele@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Fwd: URGENT & IMPORTANT: Written OPPOSITION of GM506 Consideration of William J. Aila for Commission Chair of DHHL

Please include in your hearing record as on time.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Iwalani Kadowaki <ivkadowaki1949@gmail.com>
Date: January 22, 2020 at 10:47:35 AM HST
To: Robin Danner <robin@hawaiianhomesteads.org>
Cc: "Info@hawaiianhomesteads.org" <info@hawaiianhomesteads.org>
Subject: Re: URGENT & IMPORTANT: Written OPPOSITION of GM506 Consideration of William J. Aila for Commission Chair of DHHL

I Iwalani Mahi Hulihee Manuel Kadowaki a beneficiary of Molokai Hawaiian Homelands, is in opposition of GM506 consideration of William J. Ails for commission chair for DHHL.

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:39 PM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: JODI OMO: YES, Letter of Support for William J Aila
Attachments: January 20.docx

From: Jodi Omo <jodi@kauaibeachresortandspa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>; enkahele@capitol.hawaii.gov; Sen. Les Ihara, Jr. <senihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim <senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kurt Fevella <senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi <senkouchi@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Letter of Support for William J Aila

My name is Jodi Hashimoto-Omo and I am in support of William J. Aila Jr., Gubernatorial Nominee, for Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:25 PM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: FW: WILLIAM AILA -VOTE NO
Attachments: Honorable Senators AILA - VOTE NO 1-23-20.pdf

From: Kai MacDonald <kai@creditedgesolutions.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole <senkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz <sendelacruz@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kurt Fevella <senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. J. Kalani English <jk.english@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Breene Harimoto <SenHarimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Glenn Wakai <senwakai@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Gil Riviere <senriviere@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Brian Taniguchi <sentaniguchi@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Laura Thielen <senthienen@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: WILLIAM AILA -VOTE NO

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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Kai MacDonald

Native Hawaiian Owner & Strategy Consultant

at [Credit Edge Solutions](#)

Cell# [\(808\)-419-8646](#)



shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:26 PM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: FW: In OPPOSITION of WILLIAM AILA for Director of Department of Hawaiian Homelands!

From: Lucy Salas <ching.salas@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 1:09 PM
Subject: In OPPOSITION of WILLIAM AILA for Director of Department of Hawaiian Homelands!

Re: Confirmation Hearing DHHL Director and Deputy, Thursday, January 23.

Aloha kakou,

The director of Hawaiian Homelands should be a person of honesty and integrity and have compassion for the people he serves. Before making and taking a stand on issues, a leader should consult with the people; these decisions will have the most impact on; the Hawaiian people.

I AM IN OPPOSITION, that the interim director, William Aila, be appointed the Director for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. I vote "NO" to this nominee.

Mahalo nui,

On behalf of the 'ohana of Lucy Makepa Salas - Hawaiian at Heart & Hawaiian by Blood



Corinthians 13:4-5: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

Peace be with you.

Lucy M. Salas

Cell #: (808) 439-3471

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:20 PM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: TESTIMONY: OPPOSE GM 506 & GM 507

-----Original Message-----

From: NANO TAHITI <hynhulagurl@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 2:45 PM

To: Sen. Karl Rhoads <SenRhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi <senkouchi@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele <senkkahele@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kurt Fevella <senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kurt Fevella <senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Mike Gabbard <sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Gil Riviere <senriviere@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Russell Ruderman <senruderman@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole <senkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran <senkeithagaran@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Roz Baker <senbaker@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye <seninouye@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz <sendelacruz@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Breene Harimoto <SenHarimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Les Ihara, Jr. <senihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Dru Mamo Kanuha <senkanuha@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim <senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Michelle Kidani <senkidani@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Clarence Nishihara <c.nishihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Brian Taniguchi <sentaniguchi@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Laura Thielen <senthielen@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Glenn Wakai <senwakai@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Sharon Y. Moriwaki <senmoriwaki@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Stanley Chang <SenChang@capitol.hawaii.gov>

Subject: OPPOSE GM 506 & GM 507

DO NOT CONFIRM WILLIAM AILA

DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMES

He is not for Hawaiians. He is for whatever fills his pockets. And if you confirm him, you are too!

Sent from my iPhone

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:40 PM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: PAULA AILA: Support Confirmation of William J. Aila, Jr. & Tyler Gomes to DHHL

-----Original Message-----

From: paula.aila@gmail.com <paula.aila@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Cc: Aila, Paula <paula.aila@gmail.com>
Subject: Support Confirmation of William J. Aila, Jr. & Tyler Gomes to DHHL

As an applicant beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act 1920, I'm requesting your support to confirm William J. Aila, Jr. to Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I'm also requesting your support to confirm Tyler Gomes to Deputy to the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo,
Paula Aila
HHC Beneficiary Applicant

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:22 PM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: TESTIMONY: OPPOSE AILA Vote NO when considering WILLIAM J. AILA as the Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) Commission Chairperson for a term to expire 12-31-2022, instead, vote YES for ROBIN PUANANI DANNER for that position

From: Puanani Woo <gpwoo@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: RE: Vote NO when considering WILLIAM J. AILA as the Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) Commission Chairperson for a term to expire 12-31-2022, instead, vote YES for ROBIN PUANANI DANNER for that position

Dear Senator Shimabukuro:

Am sending this to you b/c my 1st email listed your email incorrectly & thus you did not get it. Here is my mana'o.

Gratefully,
Puanani Woo

From: Puanani Woo
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 1:33 PM
To: kahelek@gmail.com; senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov; senshimbukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov; senkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov; senihara@capitol.hawaii.gov; senkouchi@capitol.hawaii.gov; sens@capitol.hawaii.gov
Cc: info@hawaiianhomesteads.org; Maile Luuwai <maile@luuwailaw.com>; Diane Kanealii <dkanealii02@gmail.com>
Subject: Vote NO when considering WILLIAM J. AILA as the Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) Commission Chairperson for a term to expire 12-31-2022, instead, vote YES for ROBIN PUANANI DANNER for that position

Dear Honorable Senators, all of you, but especially members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

I am writing to request that you NOT consider confirming WILLIAM J. AILA, as the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) Commission Chairperson for a term to expire 12-31-2022. He is a very nice, smart, thoughtful, respectful person & that is wonderful.

But in my estimation we need a DHHL Chairperson who:

- is an intellectual,
- is part-Hawaiian (Native Hawaiian),
- lives & acknowledges w/pride his/her multicultural lifestyles which is the truth of how successful Hawaiians/all people live today &

- can quickly summon DHHL approved or pending program details, funding sources available & used or NOT used & legal DHHL constraints.

I recommend your body consider appointing **Robin Puanani Danner of Kauai** as the new DHHL Commission Chairperson for a term to expire 12-31-2022 for the following reasons:

- she is brilliant & knows the HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT OF 1920 as the recipe for proper actions,
- is an excellent speaker/orator & respectfully gives others a chance to speak contrary-wise,
- writes narratives briefly & to the point,
- writes money sources like a trained CPA but I don't think she is a CPA,
- & therefore, is detail-centric when analyzing funding sources received, properly spent & NOT spent,
- clearly knows the legal connections of DHHL to our State of Hawaii government & to the U.S. Dept. of Interior,
- is a Hawaiian Homesteader herself on Kauai,
- and therefore **Robin Puanani Danner of Kauai** has the strong/broad intellect good leaders must have **plus** a loving heart for the Hawaiian people & a willingness to serve all 50% or more blood quantum Hawaiian people & their descendants who qualify for a DHHL Homestead Award.

I don't know Robin personally. I attended 2 mtngs in 2015-2016 in Waimea when she spoke to us Hawaiian Homesteaders, some driving in from Hilo to hear her. I've also heard her speak at other venues. She's all the above to me.

In gratitude for the opportunities provided me from DHHL & wishing more from DHHL for today's Hawaiian people, I am, sincerely yours,
Mrs. Puanani Woo (formerly Kini)

- ✓ Kawaihae Hawaiian Homestead lessee since 2007
- ✓ 86 yrs old to be 87 this mid-April 2020 driving my 2008 GMC 4-dr truck w/confidence
- ✓ formerly from Waimanalo Hawaiian Homestead 1941-1965
- ✓ married a 9th grade drop-out Waimanalo Hawaiian Homesteader & together we raised 3 lovely, well-educated, financially strong/fee simple residential owners, all in the early 60s today & oh it was a very hard job
- ✓ M.Ed. UH Manoa + continuing education
- ✓ retired educator/administrator 1958-1988, KS Honolulu
- ✓ 2nd retirement educator 1992-2004 WHS Hilo

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shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:25 PM
To: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: FW: Opposition testimony to the confirmation of Bill Aila as the Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of DHHL

From: ROLINA FAAGAI <rolina.faagai@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 1:31 PM
To: HWNTestimony <HWNTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Cc: All Senators <sens@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Opposition testimony to the confirmation of Bill Aila as the Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of DHHL

Aloha Mai Kākou,

I write this letter of opposition to my state government leaders on behalf of all Native Hawaiians, those served, barely served and those underserved by the current DHHL administration.

I have nothing personal against Mr. Aila, this opposition is purely based on his tenure as Deputy Director and Interim Directors accountability and responsibility for the departments results and lack there of. The loss of NAHASDA federal funds, numerous cancellation of leases, no mercantile leases awarded, no pastoral leases awarded and nearly 1000 vacant lots/homes currently sitting empty while 28,000 people dying daily on the death list aka waitlist. We need change, and we need change now! You have the opportunity and obligation to change the course of history to support the Hawaiian community on our quest to self determination.

Prince Kuhio intended for Hawaiians to have access to OUR trust lands, OUR trust funds and OUR path to self determination. We need someone who is an expert on the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, someone with executive experience, someone who has a proven track record of understanding the federal systems and how to ensure Hawaiians have the same opportunity as all citizens of this state and country. We cannot and will not wait for the state to fulfill its prerequisite obligation for statehood.

As your constituent I implore you to consider my testimony and the numerous others that will continue to write theirs in opposition of your selection of Director for DHHL. As your fellow citizen I ask that you listen to those who are impacted the most and do your civic duty by making your very final decision, let it be an informed decision and do so by taking the time to converse with HHCA beneficiaries.

Mahalo For Your Consideration,

Rolina Faagai

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 5:24 PM
To: donna simpson
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Mr. William Aila and Mr. Gomes I don not recommend for consideration and confirmation as Chair and Deputy to Chair

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my committee clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
District 21
(Kalaeloa, Honokai Hale, Ko Olina, Nanakuli, Ma`ili, Wai`anae, Makaha, Makua)
State Capitol, Room 222
[415 South Beretania Street](#)
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Facebook: [Like Me](#)
Twitter: [@SenMaile](#)
Blog: <http://21maile.com>
Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 22, 2020, at 12:52 PM, donna simpson <dhelekunihi@yahoo.com> wrote:

Aloha to all of Senators of Hawaii

My name is Donna Sterling a 20 year kahikinui homesteader lot #41. As a beneficiary and lessee at kahikinui, I lease our ancestral 119 acres of land at kahikinui from Ulupalakua Ranch, under a 501 c-3 non profit called Helekunihi Cultural Foundation. Our mission statement is to engage in reforestation of native Hawaiian plants and preserve ancestral archaeological sites and seek natural resources such as water. Because our parcel is landlocked we have obtained an half mile easement from dhhl. Our foundation has received 3 complaint letters from 2008 to 2019 from the Ka Ohana O Kahikinui association. It seems all the community needs to do is pick up the phone report issues to dhhl and we receive complaint letters. Our recent 2019 complaint was based on an anonymous persons call to dhhl. We have responded twice to dhhl even senators and Mr. Aila including the State Attorney General. This started in November of 2019. No letter from dhhl.

Mr. Aila has given full authority to the Ka Ohana O Kahikinui association to make decisions on our foundation which is managed by Board of Directors comprised myself and family members. We have had no investigation into the anonymous person. Last year dhhl set up a Kahikinui Commision Investigative Committee to look into the criminal activities of community members as well as Ka Ohana O Kahikinui Board members. No report from from dhhl Mr. Aila. Therefore, we are demanding that they investigate charges, and the so called anonymous complaint which lead to dhhl threatening our foundation of revoking our easement to our parcel. No written response from dhhl.What was the complaint? the anonymous person reported our foundation was planning a cattle round up to our parcel in Kahikinui. Wrong Lie lie lie. Papers our with dhhl now. No response again from Mr. Aila or staff.

We are seeking council.

We have had 9 fires since 2003 and as recent as November 21, 2019. Dhhl wants to add more lots to get the waitlist numbers down for Kahikinui 500-600. At this time fire and safety our imperative to homesteading here. We do not have enough ingress and egress out of community we have no fire hydrants because no water. Dhhl is to provide a safe human habitation for homesteaders. They have not done this under Mr. Aila's watch. Kahikinui is anything but safe. No one wants to lose life or homes here (2016 fire a house structure was burned) Thank God homesteader was not home. The liability rests with DHHL> Again Mr Aila's watch.

If DHHL would use some of OHA's money for water and roads at Kahikinui, we could open up more lots possibly 5 acres instead of 10-20 acres. Win Win drop the waitlist numbers. Mr. Aila cannot move these issues forward because the same players from 20 years ago are still there.

And the Governor's recommendation Tyler I Gomes has no experience of governing dhhl and should also not be considered as Deputy to Chair.

Frankly, I would rather see Robin Danner or other homestead leaders at the helm of DHHL.

Sincerely

Donna Sterling
Lot #41 Nawini Road
Kahikinui Maui
Beneficiary, Lessee

Founder and President
Helekunihi Cultural Foundation
Mahamenui Ahupua'a
Moku O Kahikinui

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 5:45 PM
To: Garrett Ikaika Danner
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Anahola Hawaiian Homestead Association (AHHA) Opposition Testimony to the Nomination of Bill Aila

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my committee clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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On Jan 22, 2020, at 12:01 PM, Garrett Ikaika Danner <ikaika.danner@gmail.com> wrote:

Aloha Kākou

The Anahola Hawaiian Homestead Association (AHHA), founded in 1982 by Native Hawaiian Beneficiaries of Anahola working to fulfill the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA), have voted to oppose the nomination of William (Bill) Aila as the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We need a DHHL Chair that represents beneficiaries and protects the DHHL trust on our behalf. AHHA stand with all beneficiaries who oppose Mr. Aila's Nomination. We feel DHHL, through Mr. Aila, fails to provide transparency and promotes fear mongering. Any agency moving without beneficiary mana'o fails to fulfill the intent of the departments fiduciary responsibility to this trust and most importantly the beneficiaries.

It is not personal that AHHA is in opposition of Mr. Aila, AHHA would like to find a more qualified DHHL Chair. Someone who isn't learning on the job, someone with the expertise to move DHHL into this 21st century. We are on the 100th year anniversary of the HHCA and WE

NEED Prince Kuhio's vision for our people of attaining self-sufficiency, sustainability and parity. Clearly, Prince Kuhio vision is not realized today, but it can be. Tomorrow the Senate committee on Hawaiian Affairs will listen to a collective of beneficiaries whose voices have been diminished for far too long and we will stand together and say NO to the nomination of Bill Aila as the Chair of HHC and Director of DHHL. Tomorrow we will also hear immaterial testimony from those without a stake in the Hawaiian Homes Commission and DHHL and we hope you will listen to our voices, we who are directly impacted by all that is DHHL and HHC..

On behalf of the Anahola Hawaiian Homestead Association and Its board of directors we are opposed to the confirmation of Mr. Aila as Chair of HHC and Director of DHHL.

Mahalo,

Garrett Ikaika Danner
AHHA President

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JANUARY 21, 2020

Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol Building
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Confirmation Hearing GM506 consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

To the Honorable Committed of Hawaiian Affairs;
Madam Chair: Maili Shimabukuro
Vice Chair: Kaiali'i Kahele
Senate Committee Members: Les Ihara Jr, Jarett Keohokalole, and Kurt Fevella

My name is Kihei A. Ahuna.

It is with a duty to my existence as a HHCA 2nd generation beneficiary that I address with this letter of testimony to this pertinent committee.

I am a Beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homeland Commission Act. Federally Mandated by Federal Law in reservation for the betterment of all qualified Hawaiians to which the United States Government agreed upon in 1921.

Born in the year 1960 (The year after Hawaii became a State upon which our HHCA program was inserted into the Hawaii State Constitution) to goodly parents who resided on this land (Keaukaha Community) and from then until this time, the Good Lord had continued to bless me with the breath of life. I grew up in this community from my childhood to who I am now. I applied for my own lease the year I graduated from High school to receive a parcel during in the year 1984 in the same community of which I reside today.

In this life time I've observed many years of administrations that dictated our progress and wellbeing as beneficiaries of the HHCA, witness our State thru the DHHL design rules, policies, amendments, and land planning which frankly has and continues to benefit copious individuals of non-beneficiary qualification and organizations, also benefiting as non-beneficiary entities. This type of practices had stifle our benefits for those that qualify to have these rightful utilities and all components that allows us to maintain self-sufficiency and govern our own lands according to the HHCA. This is a very concerning reality of mines and many alike.

I do not have all of the answers that would cure all of our real concerns within this program. I do understand that it would be beneficial to know that we as beneficiaries are protected by those (DHHLC) that should be monitoring the well-being of our program following the real intentions of the HHCA that is in the Hawaii State Constitution. It is in there that these individuals would realize their fiduciary responsibilities and follow the law.

It is also sad to realize that our Governor continues to not understand his fiduciary duty as the top Executive in this State, he has not realized the importance of searching our communities and getting feedback to make his selections of those that not should, could, or would be but will be good stewards of this Federal Act specifically reserved for the initial sole benefit of those to which it is intended to benefit.

One who fully understand and is truly focused to protect this HHCA in behalf of us, the beneficiaries in my book is imperative and a requirement which strongly support.

Having shared this brief history of my observation and knowledge of our Governor's choice to appoint Mr. William Aila as the Chair to the Hawaii Homeland Commission is an appointment that **I OPPOSE** and encourage you to vote NO!.

Mr. Aila is a good man and one with integrity. However I believe that his integrity in this program is not the normal entity of the government that he has been use to. He has for many years been employed by State government with serving in responsibilities that answers directly to the Governor with is the State business as usual.

This DHHL Government entity requires one that will know that he is not in a business as usual operation of the State.

This is problematic and transparent in our view that he is answering to the Governor in behalf of the State of Hawaii and to the benefit thereof.

We require a better selection to be the Chair of the DHHL.

Thank you for your time to consider this testimony that I leave you at this time to process and I'm hopeful that you will all be mindful of what you have before you.

Sincerely,

Kihei A. Ahuna
HHCA Beneficiary
Board Member/ Keaukaha Panaewa Farmer's Association

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Submitted on: 1/22/2020 4:19:49 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanani Higbee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I, Kanani Higbee, represent myself, an applicant of Hawaiian homes , maui residential and agriculture. I do not support William Aila Jr being the chair for DHHL any longer. He doesn't advocate for applicant interests enough. He doesn't get homes built in Lahaina ever and keeps delaying it further. My mom is on the list for 34 years, my brothers, sister and myself for 13 years. It's ridiculous we are waiting so long. He just doesn't advocate for funding enough. He runs away from my county council member when she tries to set him up with developers. He's very two faced and tells applicants one thing, legislators another, and county council yet another. He also lies a lot about Native Hawaiians not being on the list though they can because he claims they have homes already. This is not true because my cousins and aunt haven enough blood to be on the list but left Hawaii because too expensive. Other Hawaiians dislike DHHL since Hawaiians don't own the land. I feel that we could use a better person for his position honestly. One that knows we don't get much funding and will try hard to get Hawaiians on the land and make the homes more affordable.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 4:36:12 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shar Poe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

January 23, 2020

Testimony in Support for GM 506

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 1:15 p.m.

Conference Room 016

Aloha, my name is Sharlette Poe and I am from Puea, Waianae and a lessee in the Waianae Valley Homestead. As a native Hawaiian, Hawaiian Homelands lessee, business owner and community advocate I am pleased to provide my recommendation in **Support** of William J. Ailā• , Jr. for the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

I believe that William's background and experiences as a cultural practitioner, local businessman, and community leader lends itself to better understanding the challenges that our native Hawaiians face as we pursue progress that is pono for us, all while working within and navigating a system that has not always been supportive of this initiative. And although we may not always agree on the pathways to solutions and goals, I do not question his heart for our people, and the desire he has to serve our people to the best of his ability, within this same structure and system. I also believe that the experiences, skills and relationships he has gained and developed in the last 10 years alone make him an ideal choice.

It is not easy being in this position of authority he is in, whose decisions and actions are also influenced and directed by other advising and decision-making bodies, but he has done a good job balancing the different "sides" while also being innovative enough to I do believe that William has the best interests of our people in mind and heart, and that he strives to find ways to better incorporate avenues of support,

empowerment and funding that open up ways for our people to truly thrive, not just survive.

I therefore request your support to confirm William J. Ailā• , Jr. as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 5:16:56 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Norman Sakamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair and Members,

This testimony is in SUPPORT of the nomination of William Aila as Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have worked with Mr Aila and have seen him work as a leader.

Mr Aila has the ability to communicate with individuals or groups that are seeing things from different perspectives. He has the ability to make progress when confronted with difficult decisions. He has the knowledge and skills to move the department forward toward more housing and homes for the beneficiaries.

I ask you to confirm William Aila.

Blessings,

Norman Sakamoto

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Submitted on: 1/22/2020 5:28:49 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Enos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony in Strong Support for GM 506

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 1:15 p.m.

Conference Room 016

Aloha mai, e nā• Iā• Iā• o Ke Kā• miki Kuleana Hawai'i,

My name is Eric Enos, I am a life long resident of the Waianae Moku. Our Lahui have been "forever activists" in perpetuating the care and preservation of the land, water rights, and all of the practices of our ancestors related to mā• lama 'Ā• ina and healthy family traditions: in mind, body and spirit.

I have worked along-side William Aila, Jr. and his extended 'ohana for most of my life in all issues pertaining to the care and protection of cultural sites, both in the Moku of Wai'anae and outwards. I know William very well from working in the trenches alongside him and his 'ohana. He works tirelessly, consistently, without regard to public recognition and willing to stand up for the long haul of "change we must" to help correct the wrongs perpetrated against our indigenous people.

We have a government that has a long history of injustice and racial discrimination against indigenous cultures and people of color. We must stand united to correct past wrongs for the betterment of all, kā• kou, from the 4 corners of this earth.

As native people, all us, from Maunakea, to Kaho'olawe, to Waiahole....to Makua valley. From the top of the Mauna, to a lonely island bombed and de-nuded, to restoring "Ka wai ola" in Waiahole..to the bombing of our Makua (our parent?).

We have been there together, some in body, but many in spirit. But, the spirit is divided: For! and Against!or, "No bother me, I too busy trying to survive!"

Our government and institutions and corporations and communities are under "Seige".

Something we all are doing is not working for many, many people. Any student of history needs to alert all of us. The past will be repeated.

But! Hawai'i is a special place. We are an island. Isolated....both a blessing and a burden.

The issues we face today at the Department of Hawaiian Homelands is not new. Historical mismanagement and corruption has resulted in law suits and on-going strife. We, with historical memories have gone thru many, many DHHL chairs. Some good, all trying to do their best, hopefully.

Yes, our community, and the rest of the world is deeply divided. Rich..poor. Black...white. Upper class...low in class. Native..."non native" (?).

Catholic...Protestant, Jew...Arab.."Believer"non- believer. Endless, strife.

Whether or not William Aila, Jr. is confirmed, or not confirmed, you will be stuck with a broken paddle needing fixing. A suggestion, whomever we finally put in the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands has an uphill, and perilous climb. Many trying to climb that wall, are stuck in rhetoric. Others, like us, must help to climb up, and send rope down, or send extra paddles. Hoe ka wa'a!

In time of storm and strife, for us, Willam Aila, Jr. and his 'ohana nui have always been there to lend a hand, or even help to step up to the plate. We cannot listen just to those in the stands. We have to come on down to the bench, make a plan, and get out into the field and "Kanu ka 'Āina".

In all respect for a great place we live, and the communities of color, we gotta make our communities a better place for our babies. And, we start in our own homes and communities. From every ahupua'a, and from Wai'anae, we got to take care of our own "Mauna".

Tā"tā Maunakea helps us bring us together. Not going be easy, our nation is divided. But if we work together in the lo'i of every ahupua'a... , or clean lauhala in every ahupua'a, and as we do that we will help correct the wrongs, and make "pono". Ho'opono.

Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony. You all have a big burden. Our aloha for whatever your decision. We still got the road of hana pono.

We therefore request your support to confirm William J. Ailā• , Jr. as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

E MÄ• lama Pono (Take care)

Eric Enos

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Submitted on: 1/22/2020 5:41:02 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Villanueva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha kakou,

I am writing in opposition to William Aila's continued leadership as the chairman of DHHL. He has shown many times that he operates in direct OPPOSITION to the benefit and desire of the Lā• hui. I have nothing personal against him, in fact I think he's done well in his career protecting natural resources and caring for the waianae coast. However, something has changed in this position of leadership. I think he is confused about where his authority comes from and how to honor his kupuna, his mo'opuna, the Lā• hui, act 14, and Prince Kuhio's work for the betterment of Hawaiian beneficiaries to whom Aila owes exclusive loyalty to. There has been many times where he has exercised the interests, will, and laws of the state over the federal laws that give him power over the state. Not to mention the international and Hawaiian Kingdom constitutional laws that many of his agendas and decisions are in violation of. It is also debilitating to us that the governor of the "state of Hawaii" gets to pick whomever he wants to be the chair! This position should be picked by an election similar to OHA. Please, we cannot allow DHHL to continue under this leadership. Please support someone who has a heart for low income/poverty level families, has experience building homes, is aloha 'Ā• ina, a'ole TMT, and has a people over profit track record. A'OLE WILLIAM 'AILA!

Mahalo piha no!

Matthew "Makaio" Villanueva

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GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 5:42:50 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
meghan rau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support the confirmation of William Aila. He has not fdone anything to help put more Hawaiian beneficiaries on the land. He said it would take 400 years to clear the waitlist which is ridiculous. He did not do a good job in DLNR and had not done a good job as chair thus far.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 6:34:06 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derek Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/22/2020 8:36:10 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marsha Joyner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators Shimabukuro and Kahele,

It is with great honor and privilege that we request your confirm William Aila for the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

William Aila has been a friend and supporter of every project we have endeavored since he was Waianae BoatHarbor Harbormaster.

Mahalo

MarshaRose Joyner

Testimony
IN SUPPORT

GM 506 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
Gubernatorial Nominee,
WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-31-2022.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

January 22, 2022

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of Governor's Message 506, and humbly ask that you confirm Mr. William J. Aila to be the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I am a beneficiary of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and a homestead leader in the Kapolei region on O'ahu.

Mr. Aila has been a strong supporter of the homestead community in Kapolei in is former position as the Deputy to the Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. His professional experience coupled with being a homesteader provides Mr. Aila with important insights in decision-making as the Department's Commission Chair. Having personally worked with Mr. Aila on important initiatives in Kapolei, I can attest to his willingness to serve the trust's beneficiaries and his capacity to lead the Commission and the Department. I'm encouraged by his appointment and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with Mr. Aila and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to make the Kapolei homestead region a better place.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of my testimony.

Me ka mahalo,
Scott A. Abrigo
Kapolei Homesteader and Homestead Leader

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 8:42:30 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Evander Faletogo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 8:49:08 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Duane DeSoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony of Duane DeSoto

IN SUPPORT

GM 506 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
Gubernatorial Nominee,
William Aila, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

January 23, 2020

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Committee,

On behalf of myself, I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 506, and ask that you confirm Mr. William Aila to be the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I support Mr. Aila's nomination.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of my testimony.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 9:07:08 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Henry Somerville	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

William Alia is a proven candidate for this position. He has a record for advocating for native Hawaiians and protecting the environment. He is an excellent candidate and I completely support his nomination.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 9:26:29 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ernesta Masagatani	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in strong support of confirming William Aila Jr. as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. As a kupuna beneficiary on the waiting list, I believe he is the right person for the job at this time. I encourage you to act quickly in confirming William so that he can return to the challenging work of addressing the waiting list and managing the trust.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 9:32:19 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosemary Eberhardt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
And Members
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: GM 506 - CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE COMMISSION CHAIR OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
WILLIAM J. AILA**

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and Committee Members,

I submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Mr. William Aila to serve as the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila is a dedicated public servant who has led other departments and units within the State of Hawaii. I have known and worked with Mr. Aila for more than 9 years and know him to be a man of integrity, compassion, and diplomacy. He has the necessary patience and understanding to bring people together and does so with a keen focus on resolving conflicts.

These are all the types of abilities that will surely make Mr. Aila a successful Chair for the Department. I urge the Committee and the Senate to vote in favor of Mr. Aila's confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


Kalbert K. Young

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/22/2020 10:53:53 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jane Pascual	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please vote to Confirm William J. Aila's nomination as DHHL Commission Chairman.

Mahalo

January 23, 2020

Testimony in Strong Support for GM 506
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016

I have personally known William J. Aila, Jr. for about 19 years and have watched firsthand his steadfast commitment to issues pertaining to the betterment of Native Hawaiians, their culture and future. I have watched William show a long-standing commitment to protecting land and ocean resources by personally volunteering with community work, participating in community dialog meetings, being a member on community and nonprofit boards. His knowledge of ocean and near shore waters gained thru his work as the Harbor Master for the Waianae Small Boat Harbor and his knowledge of natural resources and land management gained thru his work as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources will greatly help him with his duties as the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have learn many things from William that I carry into my continued community work but the one I hold above all things I have learned from William is that “we can agree to disagree”, you see myself and William don’t always agree on issues and once many years ago in a community meeting we were on opposite sides of an issue and at a stand off and it was William who stated to me “we can agree to disagree” but lets have the discussion, and all these years later he still has the discussion regardless if you/we agree or disagree on an issue.

I’m confident that in his new position as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands he will bring his leveled headedness, his compassion and passion for the betterment of Native Hawaiians, their culture and the next 7 generations to his new role.

I therefore request your support to confirm William J. Aila, Jr. as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo,
Jo Jordan, Former Representative State of Hawaii
Makaha, Oahu

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/23/2020 1:16:53 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beverly Pauole Moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Ms Maile Shimabukuro, Chairman

Hawaiian Affairs Committee Members

SUPPORT GM 506 - Mr. William Aila

My name is Beverly Pauole-Moore of Molokai. My grandfather Miitchell Pauole was one

of the first Homesteaders in Hoolehua, Molokai. I was born and raised on Molokai on

Hoolehua Homestead (father Robert Pauole) and I am third generation. Our family now,

six generation.

I am in support of William Aila for Chairman for Hawaiian Homes . While his previous position as Deputy and TA as Chairman with his confirmation he will be able to imua more forward. Mr. Aila is transparent and is always accessible to the people here.

I humbly ask for your consideration for William Aila as Chairman for Hawaii Homestead Land.

With Aloha

Beverly Pauole-Moore

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Submitted on: 1/23/2020 5:13:01 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Noelani Robbins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

William Aila is not qualified to represent the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. He does not work with the Hawaiians' best interests at hand, has not increased their financial capacity and assets, and has not made progress after the Hawaiian Homes Act with this year being the 100th anniversary. In his previous role with the DHHL, the agency has only served about 30% on the list. The search should continue for a qualified individual who represents the Hawaiian people and aligns with the DHHL missions, values, and initiatives.



January 23, 2020

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: IN SUPPORT for Governor's Message 506 Nomination of William J. Aila as
the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee:

It is my honor and privilege to testify in support of Mr. Aila's nomination as the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. As former Chief of Staff to Gov. Neil Abercrombie, I had the opportunity to work closely with William while he served as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

During our tenure under the previous Governor's administration, I witnessed first hand William's ability to navigate complex issues and resolve protracted conflicts. I came to rely upon his counsel on matters related to native Hawaiians, environmental concerns and numerous other issues. He is a problem solver with the gumption to tackle the most challenging tasks.

While we all recognize the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has faced numerous problems over its long history, I know there are few individuals more qualified to lead this important agency. Furthermore, in these divisive times, I believe he has the capability to bring the many stakeholders together to ensure we provide housing opportunities for native Hawaiians.

Hawaii would be hard-pressed to find a more qualified candidate to serve as Chair of DHHL.

I strongly urge the Hawaiian Affairs Committee to advise the Senate to confirm Mr. Aila to this important post.

Mahalo,

Bruce A. Coppa
President

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/23/2020 9:23:48 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kananiloaanuenue Ponciano	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Re: The consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

I, Kananiloa'anuenue Ponciano submit this testimony in strong opposition to the confirmation of William J. Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. In the past I have supported Mr. Aila and all his efforts in doing what is pono for communities and the Hawaiian people and I have realized that was a mistake I made long ago. I am quite disappointed with the lack of leadership and decision making Mr. Aila has made that ultimately had traumatic impacts on beneficiaries. Some of those impacts include: Lack of accountability and transparency where he has failed to provide annual financial reports to our communities and also the legislature, a high rate of beneficiaries foreclosing on their homes with no programs to help aid and assist them to keep it, failing to develop and build homes on HHL and monies, millions of dollars forfeited or mismanaged that was to be used to address housing needs for Hawaiian Home Lands.

I am asking that you please DO NOT CONSIDER AND DO NOT CONFIRM William J. Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Please do not consent to his nomination.

Best,

Kananiloaanuenue Ponciano

Kahuku Resident

kkawahakui07@gmail.com

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/23/2020 9:31:59 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rainbow	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 supports individuals and families who work for the benefit of our communities around the State. William Aila is one of the individuals along with his Spouse who live their core values.

One example is the Sunday when my spouse and I were walking around Pokai Bay. As we walked up to the Hawaiian Mound, we came upon William and his spouse, they were watering the indigenous plants. They were in their own family . This is the first time since 1981 when we first arrived on the islands that I have found an elected official working for our our environment on a day off on their own time.

Mr. Aila brings to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, his experience, education, intelligence and love of our islands that is so rare in this world of ours. During the week he completes his duties with the same values he conducts his off duty time.

I humbly request that you select Mr. Aila as the Committee Chair of the Department of our Hawaiian Homelands in order that he continue to honor our people and our Hawaiian Homelands in the exemplary manner that he has brought to this office!

Thank you for your attention to GM506.

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 9:26 PM
To: Sam King
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Please confirm Bill Aila

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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On Jan 22, 2020, at 8:12 PM, Sam King <kingsam2@gmail.com> wrote:

Please confirm Bill Aila as Director of DHHL. He has stayed strong for the Hawaiian people on TMT and he deserves re-appointment so we can see this project through to the end.

Mahalo,

Sam King

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Maile Shimabukuro <maileshimabukuro@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 9:58 PM
To: Carolann Rowe
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: William Aila, Jr. - Support for confirmation

Carolann ~ Got it, thanks so much !

Rich ~ please add to the testimony.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 9:54 PM, Carolann Rowe <r_carolann@hotmail.com> wrote:

Carolann Rowe
1823-C 10th Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96816

January 22, 2020

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, Senate President
and Members of the Senate
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Re: Support for the confirmation of William Aila, Jr. as Chairperson of the Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands

Dear Senate President Kouchi, Senator Shimabukuro, Senator Kahele and Members of the Senate:

This letter is in support of William Aila, Jr for the confirmation of the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). I have known Mr. Aila for over 15 years. He is a person who works hard for the community with integrity.

Over many years, there has been complaints of the long waiting list of beneficiaries on DHHL. William Aila, Jr. has only recently worked at DHHL for the last 5 years and is not responsible for the long waiting list.

Mr. Aila was first confirmed as the Deputy Director of DHHL March 6, 2015, and more recently as the Interim Chairperson of DHHL on May 16, 2019. Since he has become the Interim Chairperson of DHHL, these are a few highlights that have happened:

- 07/27/19: DHHL offers lots on Lanai
- 08/10/19: Waimanalo Vacant lots offered to DHHL
- 09/21/19: 37 turn-Key lots in Kapolei Kanehili division were offered to DHHL beneficiaries
- 11/02/19: 23 lots in Kapolei Ka'uluokaha'i Subdivision – Increment B
- He requested to hire private counsel to advise the Commission on the valuation of compensation through funds and land owed to DHHL, pursuant to Act 14.

If William Aila, Jr. is confirmed, I believe that he will work tirelessly with his department and the Native Hawaiian community to whittle down the DHHL waiting list and to house DHHL beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

Carolann Rowe

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:24 AM
To: Charmaine Bugado
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Oppose Confirmation of DHHL commissioners Aila n Kaleikini

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 23, 2020, at 8:16 AM, Charmaine Bugado <charmaincita@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear State of Hawaii leaders,
As a beneficiary of DHHL operations, I oppose the selection of Aila n Kaleikini to the Department.

These selections are "business as usual" options for the State to continue development and desecration of Hawaiian Islands government and crown lands. The laws made by your organization are not properly enforced and hewa abounds.

Shift to Kingdom laws as international conventions signed by the USA dictate. Genocidal policies are what you're managing and overseeing. REORGANIZE to House of Nobles n House of Representatives to BEGIN being Pono in your work to the Chiefs and People of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

C. Kainoa Bugado
Panaewa, Waiakea, Hilo, Hawaii island
Kingdom of the Hawaiian Islands. H. I.

TESTIMONY OF SUPPORT FOR
WILLIAM J AILA, GM506

THIS AS MY WRITTEN SUPPORT
FOR WILLIAM J AILA AS CHAIRMAN
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS.

Donna Lankford
730 Wilikina Dr. #606
Wahiawa, HI 96786
Ph: 808-9794802

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:27 AM
To: Hilu Holthansen
Cc: Sen. Kurt Fevella; shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Oppose Aila in DHHL as Deputy Director

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 23, 2020, at 7:26 AM, Hilu Holthansen <hiluholt.hansen@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Senator Fevella and Shimabukuro,

I oppose Mr. Aila as the deputy director for DHHL. He is a puppet for the State and not a leader who can guide DHHL to serve the people who need land and homes on DHHL land. I don't have statistics but it's there in the news and the statistics are in the books. But, it just takes a mere look at the obvious facts and you can see. It's a sad story. I am Hawaiian, I have been on the waiting list but my heart is open not just to Kanakas who meet the blood quantum imposed by America's government but to all of Hawaii's true citizens. The cost of living here is high and locals are having a hard time. Firstly, let's get him out and get someone who can make a difference.

Sincerely,
Harrinette Holt-Hansen

RE: GM 506 / Testimony In Opposition to the Confirmation of WILLIAM J. Aila
as the DHHL Chair

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs Hearing Date: January 23, 2020

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

My name is Jodi Akau I am from Kanehili Community in Kapolei. I am the President of Ka Laulima Ho'omalua (Protection Corporation) is a subsidiary of the (NSW) Kanehili Neighborhood Security Watch in partnership with the Honolulu Police Department. The (NSW) Kanehili Neighborhood Security Watch request that the senate Committee of Hawaiian Affairs vote (NO) on William Aila's appointment as the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Chair.

It's very important that this committee understand that DHHL's handbook is not only important to the beneficiaries but that DHHL follows through their handbook as well, especially when it comes to "DRUGS" in the Homestead Communities.

LEASE VIOLATIONS AND COMPLAINTS page 28 DHHL's handbook

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands does not tolerate drug use or drug solicitation on Hawaiian Home Lands. If drug solicitation is discovered on a leasehold property, the Lease for that property may be cancelled. To report any illegal drug activities occurring on Hawaiian Home Lands, please contact your local police department.

Kanehili NSW is in our 10th year of serving Kanehili Community in receiving thirteen awards from the Honolulu Police Department and Council of the City and County of Honolulu. Over these years numerous complaints was taken to DHHL's Law Enforcement and William Aila who was DHHL's Deputy at the time. It felt useless in these meetings with Mr. Aila, as the complaints came in from our residents of more drug activities that we could no longer address these issues with the DHHL. Our efforts were futile. Instead we took the complaints and

information directly to HPD's Narcotics and Vice Units. . Throughout the years, we (NSW) monitored (4) four drug homes in the Kanehili Community. As a result of our efforts and the assistance of the Narcotics and Vice Units there is no more drug activities coming from those homes.

In 2019 we attended the Hawaiian Affairs meeting at the State Capitol, Senate Kai Kahele asked our interim Chair William Aila if he was aware of any "DRUGS" in the Homesteads **Aila replied (NO)** that was an insult to all of us that attended that day, (Aila was fully aware of the drug activities). DHHL took no action when it came to illegal drugs in the homesteads. It would have been nice if the DHHL had written a letter of a complaint of drug activities as a reminder of their DHHL handbook, **(DHHL does not tolerate drug use or drug solicitation)**. We did exactly as the handbook says; contact your local police department.

DO WE TURN OUR HEADS AWAY FROM DRUGS IN THE HOMESTEADS?
NOT THE NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH!

DO WE FOLLOW DHHL's HANDBOOK?
DEFINETLY!

We **VOTE NO** on Bill Aila's confirmation as DHHL Chair, there is NO support when it comes to drugs.

Mahalo,
Jodi Akau

Jodi Akau
President/Ka Laulima Ho'omalu
Kanehili NSW Patrol
District 8 Community Policing Team
Phone: (808) 620-9169
Email: kanehilinsw@gmail.com

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:24 AM
To: Kilia Purdy-Avelino
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Confirmation of DHHL Director

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 23, 2020, at 8:21 AM, Kilia Purdy-Avelino <kpurdyavelino@yahoo.com> wrote:

January 23, 2020

To: Member Senators of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee
Shimabukuro, Kahele, Ihara, Keohokalole, Fevella

To: Sentaor English

Fr: Kilia Purdy-Avelino, Citizen, Voter

Re: Whether to Confirm William Aila to DHHL Director – No

I am a citizen of Hawaii, a voter. Please include this in your confirmation hearing record set for January 23, 2020.

I ask my own Senator representing my district, and the Senators of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee to vote No. Not because William Aila is a bad man, but because he is the wrong man for DHHL. Governor Ige must be told No by the Senate, to seek leaders that are everywhere on all islands, that have experience in being accountable with our funds, about finance, about loan portfolios, subdivision development, and the priority of issuing trust lands to Hawaiians. Someone that is kind, and transparent, someone that is open to the solutions of the people themselves. The Senate is the check and balance that Hawaiians need more than ever.

Thank you,
Kilia Purdy-Avelino
Ho'olehua, Molokai, Hawai'i

Sent from my iPhone

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 9:31 PM
To: Kim Balauro
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Testimony on Confirmation of DHHL Appointment

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 22, 2020, at 7:00 PM, Kim Balauro <kimibalauro@gmail.com> wrote:

January 22, 2020

Honorable Senators

State of Hawaii

Re: Confirmation Hearing DHHL Director and Deputy, Thursday, January 23.

Aloha Senators,

Please print and include this testimony in the record for the Confirmation Hearing of Governor Ige's appointment of William Aila set for January 23, 2020

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way" (John C Maxwell). An effective leader should have decision-making capabilities since they have a profound impact on the masses. The director of Hawaiian Homelands should be a person of honesty and integrity and have compassion for the people he serves. Before making and taking a stand on issues, a leader should consult with the people; these decisions will have the most impact on; the Hawaiian people.

In my opinion, the interim director, William Aila, is not the right person for this appointment of Director for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. I vote “no” to this nominee.

Mahalo, for hearing my voice!

Sincerely,

Kim Balauro

Waiāhole Valley DHHL Lessee

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 10:08 PM
To: Larry Kamai
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Confirmation re: William Aila

Aloha Larry!

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 22, 2020, at 10:02 PM, Larry Kamai <larrykamai@hawaii.rr.com> wrote:

Aloha Maile,

Sorry for the delay and hope this reaches you before the confirmation hearings tomorrow. I wish that I could continue to support William in continuation as head of DHHL, however his actions as Deputy and then Director indicate otherwise. I understand as an appointee of the governor he needs to comply with the governors wishes, however when it is in violation of Federal Legislation and state laws I believe he should be informing the governor of such issues and be more support of the people (DHHL beneficiaries).

As such I pray that his confirmation be denied and another name submitted by the governor.

With all Respect

Larry Kaili Kamai

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Logan Eaton <toni7041@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:24 AM
To: HWNTestimony
Subject: DHHL Chairman & Deputy

I don't approve of William Aila. This administration needs to huli. I question how Jobie Masagatani can step down from the Chair into the Executive Assistant position? How could she not get confirmed as the Chair but still run the show? It's the same ole, same ole. This administration spit in your faces by letting her stay on. It's time for a change.

Give Tyler a chance. Maybe his youthfulness and optimism will build up moral within the department. The Kanaka Maoli and the Trust deserves better.

Sent from my iPhone

TESTIMONY OF SUPPORT FOR
WILLIAM J AILA, GM506

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS MY WRITTEN SUPPORT FOR
BROTHER WILLIAM J AILA AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS.

WILLIAM HAS TRIED TO MAKE MOVING OUR HAWAIIANS ON
THE HAWAIIAN HOMELAND A PRIORITY. UNDER HIS
MANAGEMENT, THE STAFF HAS FOUGHT HARD TO FINDING
FUNDING TO CONTINUE TO BUILD AND OFFER MORE HOUSING
NEEDED FOR OUR NATIVE HAWAIIANS WITH PROGRAMS TO
HELP THOSE WHO ARE AWARDED BE FINANCIALLY ABLE.

MAHIKI LANKFORD
PO BOX 346
MAUNALOA, HI 96770
Ph: 808-552-0211

TESTIMONY OF SUPPORT FOR
WILLIAM J AILA, GM506

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS MY WRITTEN SUPPORT FOR
BROTHER WILLIAM J AILA AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS.

HE FIGHTS TIRELESSLY FOR THE RIGHTS TO HELP
GET HAWAIIANS ON THE HOMELAND. ALL HIS
EFFORT HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON PROVING WAYS TO
BUILD MORE MUCH NEEDED HOMES FOR NATIVE
HAWAIIANS STILL ON THE WAITLIST.

Manuel Aila
P O Box 263
Waianae, HI 96792
PH: 808-479-9150

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:30 AM
To: Penny Tomacder
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Whether to Confirm William Aila to DHHL Director - No

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 23, 2020, at 7:21 AM, Penny Tomacder <mapuana1@hotmail.com> wrote:

Aloha Member Senators of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee!

(Shimabukuro, Kahele, Ihara, Keohokalole & Fevella)

I am a citizen of Hawaii, a voter. Please include this in your confirmation hearing record set for [January 23, 2020](#).

I ask my own Senator representing my district, and the Senators of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee and all Senators to vote No. Not because William Aila is a bad man, but because he is the wrong man for DHHL. Governor Ige must be told No by the Senate, to seek leaders that are everywhere on all islands, that have experience in being accountable with our funds, about finance, about loan portfolios, subdivision development, and the priority of issuing trust lands to Hawaiians. Someone that is kind, and transparent, someone that is open to the solutions of the people themselves. The Senate is the check and balance that Hawaiians need more than ever.

Thank you.

Penny Tomacder

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Sandra Castell
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: "DO NOT CONFIRM WILLIAM AILA AS DIRECTOR OF DEPT. OF HAWAIIAN HOMES"

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 22, 2020, at 11:02 PM, Sandra Castell <sandra.castell@gmail.com> wrote:

Aloha,

I am kânaka maoli, and I respectfully request you do NOT confirm William Aila as Director of Dept. of Hawaiian Homes. He is taking actions at the request of nonHawaiians for nonHawaiian benefit. He fails to consult and poll the 50%ers, fail to move the 50%ers on the land. It is my understanding 43,000+ acres of the 200,000 acres is leased to nonHawaiians while the Waitlisters die waiting for land.

We need fresh leadership, unburdened by the requests of nonHawaiians. William Aila is not a good fiduciary at all. Selling the Muanakea Access Road is for what benefit to the 50%ers?

He is strongly disliked by all Hawaiians. Hawaiians live and let live, unless actions are not pono. They we come on in unison and speak generally in one voice. Do not escalate the growing gap between Hawaiians and nonHawaiians. Hawaiians have the aloha to keep this state running efficiently, and that aloha has been continually tested.

After 100 years, it would seem Statehood should be revoked for breaching the Admissions Act to rehabilitate the Hawaiians by putting them on the land.

Do something pono for all the people, Hawaiians and nonHawaiians. Reject William Aila. Also, please acknowledge you have received my written request, and will take into consideration what I have advised.

Na,
Sandra C. Castell
91-1298 Kaikohola St.
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706
sandra.castell@gmail.com

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shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Shaena Hoohuli
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Testimony for William Aila

Aloha Shaena!

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 23, 2020, at 8:31 AM, Shaena Hoohuli <buildteam50@gmail.com> wrote:

Aloha my name is Shaena Hoohuli, I stand in support of -Director Chair William Aila, not for his PAST described by others AND their personal experiences rather than understanding him and his JOB and what it entails but by his genuine serenity "ALOHA SPIRIT" that he has demonstrated on a personal and professional humbling experiences for the fifty individuals who showed up on our very first Nānākuli Homestead Cemetery, our teams visions are progressing & I've had the honor and privilege to sit with him, his team and other DHHL staff, his beautiful wife, Community town hall mtgs., neighborhood board mtgs. , his warm support for the constituent volunteers at multiple Clean ups along the West Coast - 96792 just to name a few good deeds he is already actively committed and involved with.

I'm grateful humbled and blessed to work beside DHHL and always stand in support of his efforts and alternative resolutions & plan of actions... Results speaks for itself and more importantly for the betterment of all parties concerned !

Aloha Ke Akua
Shaena Hoohuli, Executive Director
808-479-1936
In God we trust☐GB

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: molmens001@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 10:53 AM
To: HWNTestimony
Cc: 'susan.n.richey@hawaii.gov'; 'ailaw001@hawaii.rr.com'
Subject: Testimony from Steven Molmen re GM506

Aloha: I was able to register but unable to use your website to submit testimony. A member of your staff was very helpful on the phone. She advised I could submit the testimony via this email address. My testimony follows:

Date: January 20, 2020

To: Senate Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, State of Hawaii

Re: Letter in Support of William J. Aila as Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands; GM 506

From: Steven Molmen, former DLNR staff member, 2003-2015

Aloha Kakou! I write in support of the nomination of William J. Aila as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, GM 506.

I have known William since 2003, when I became a member of the DLNR ohana and William was harbor master of the Waianae Boat Harbor.

What initially struck me about William was his passion for public service. He was always using his vacation time to testify at the Capitol about issues that concerned him and his wife, Melva. He wasn't being paid much by my calculation, but that didn't seem to matter with him. What mattered was that he wanted to make a difference and have his voice heard and hopefully, thereby improve our State government.

Another thing that struck me was that he didn't seem to recognize any time limitations on his commitment to his job. He was always reachable, and if he didn't pickup his cellphone immediately, you could always count on a prompt return call.

I was extremely pleased when William was named by then Governor Neil Abercrombie as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. He deserved that appointment and I can tell you that he was deeply respected by the 700+ staff members of DLNR for the job he did there.

I retired November 30, 2015, so I can't speak to William's tenure at DHHL. But we meet socially every few months, and I can confirm that his passion for public service continues unabated. My sense of these positions, first at DLNR and then DHHL, is that they are very tough positions to hold, where there are frequently issues where 51% of the public want one thing, and 49% want another. So, if you take a position, it is inevitable that many of the public will perceive your leadership as a negative. It comes with the territory. What sustains William, I believe, is his honesty and integrity. You may not always agree with him, but he always is sincere and believes he is doing the best he can for the people of Hawaii.

Please vote to confirm William J. Aila as Commission Chair of DHHL.

Sincerely,

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 9:23 AM
To: susanp60@yahoo.com
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Testimony GM506

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
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On Jan 23, 2020, at 9:15 AM, Susan Pcola-Davis <susanp60@yahoo.com> wrote:

My husband, Robert Davis and I, Susan Pcola-Davis strongly support ,GM 506 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

Mr. William J. Aila has distinguished himself in his exemplary performance as a public servant for the County of Honolulu. He has dedicated himself towards the environment and the protection of the land.

Mr. Aila lives and breathes the Hawaii state motto: "[Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono](#)" ("The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness").

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:31 AM
To: kuu laumauna
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Opposition of Aila Appointment to DHHL Chair

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

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On Jan 23, 2020, at 7:01 AM, kuu laumauna <kulaumau@yahoo.com> wrote:

Aloha e Senator Maile,

I am a beneficiary of Hawaiian Homes and reside in Nānākuli Valley. I oppose the appointment of William Aila as Chair to the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land and humbly ask that your support this opposition. Mahalo for your attention.

Aloha,
C. Ku`ulei Laumauna
(808)383-6568

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:30 AM
To: M. L.
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: Oppose William A'ila appointment

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my Committee Clerk.

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On Jan 23, 2020, at 7:11 AM, M. L. <beatingheart1@gmail.com> wrote:

02/23/2020

Dear Senator Shimabukuro:

I am submitting this brief testimony to oppose the appointment of William A'ila as Deputy Director of DHHL. He has repeatedly made decisions and has supported behavior that is contrary to the beneficiaries of Hawaiian Home lands. While he may be of Hawaiian ancestry his behavior has been against the people he is suppose to protect as well as their land interests.

I vehemently reject his nomination/appointment and believe the beneficiaries will do far better with him removed from his duties altogether.

Mahalo for allowing this testimony,

MeleLani Llanes
Makakilo, O'ahu
Registered, active voter

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/23/2020 10:00:29 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Margaret Maaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support the confirmation of William J. Aila. In the time that he has been associated with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, he has failed to address the serious uncompensated removal of lands from the DHHL inventory by the Hawaii State Government over the years. There are many, many Hawaiians on the waitlist who are missing out on homesteads as a result of this lack of due diligence.

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/23/2020 10:03:07 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laiana Wong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/23/2020 10:13:13 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louise Yee Hoy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony on GM506

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health impacts that had on the local agricultural and human population in the community. He understood the plight of the homeless as they gathered along the Wai`anae Boat Harbor at a place called Opae `Ula and before being called the Pu`uhonua `O Wai`anae, and tried to provide assistance to the extent that he could get away with it, by leaving the bathrooms at the boat harbor which was under his watch, open after hours, and provided rubbish bags for the residence to maintain a clean living space for all. He promoted malama `āina and encouraged families to return to the `āina, to plant gardens and produce food, helping to distribute gardening implements through the community. Small as these measures were in comparison to the overall needs of the State, it reflects a soul of a person which carries forth in all of his activities, whether as a fisherman while on the sea, or as a chairman of a board of directors or commission in a State office.

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I am willing to entrust in William J. Aila continuing responsibility of leadership in this Department of Hawaiian Homelands program and urge his confirmation as its Chairperson.

Pōkā Laenui

Testimony of Perry Artates
Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Inc.
IN SUPPORT
GM 506 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
Gubernatorial Nominee,
WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-31-2022.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

January 23, 2020

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of Governor's Message 506, and ask that you confirm Mr. William J. Aila to be the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

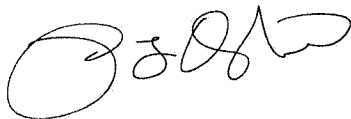
My homestead community has seen exponential growth over the last few years and is expected to continue over the next few years. The leadership at DHHL under Mr. Aila as well as the support of our elected officials have been the key to this growth. Our community is also extremely proud of innovative projects like the Kealahou program, a reintegration home building pilot program that will result in a house built in Waiohuli by inmates of the Maui Community Correctional Center who will receive education and training at the UH Maui College.

Mr. Aila is a homesteader and his experience will provide important insights in decision-making at the DHHL on behalf of the beneficiaries. His professional experience as Deputy to the Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands these past four years, Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Waianae Harbor Master speak for themselves.

As a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, Mr. Aila's leadership will directly and positively impact our lives, and the lives of many others in the broader Hawaiian community and our state. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with Mr. Aila and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill Prince Kūhiō's vision.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of our testimony.

Perry O. Artates
President
WHHA Inc.



TESTIMONY OF ESTHER KIA'AINA
IN SUPPORT OF GM 506 BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

January 23, 2020, 1:15 p.m., Room 016

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

My name is Esther Kia'aina testifying in support of GM 506, supporting the confirmation of William J. Aila for Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I had the honor of serving with William at the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) from 2012-2014 when I served as First Deputy at DLNR while he was chairman. I witnessed first-hand the complexity of issues he faced and the professionalism he always exerted in fulfilling his kuleana.

There is no doubt that our Hawaiian community faces some of its greatest challenges in recent years, especially as it relates to the stewardship of our land and natural resources, the management and administration of the Hawaiian Home Lands Program and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the protection of our traditional and customary rights, and the continued revitalization of our language and cultural practices.

While I have a lot of concern over the direction of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, I am hoping that William, with the right management staffing and resources, can help set the department on the right track. This must include the right leadership staff to help the department with improved operational and fiscal efficiency, staff morale, customer service to beneficiaries, better management and oversight of the land exchange program, divestment of its conservation lands in return for agriculture lands for homesteading purposes, and restoration of confidence by our Hawaiian community, the general public, and political leaders in the leadership and effectiveness of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Respectfully,

Esther Kia'aina

GM-506

Submitted on: 1/23/2020 2:14:18 PM

Testimony for HWN on 1/23/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Ward	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. I strongly support the appointment of William Aila as director of DHHL. I have known Mr. Aila for almost 20 years, from the time we were both employed at DLNR. I have had many opportunities to observe his commitment and unselfish service to the people of Hawaii, throughout his career. From harbormaster to involvement in community advisory committees, to DLNR leadership, and now DHHL he has demonstrated a determined and thoughtful grasp of complex issues. He has remained a calm and thoughtful evaluator of community concerns, agency responsibilities, and able to comprehend the legal ramifications of management decisions. He has shown great humility and patience to listen to strongly held views of varying constituencies and make decisions for the greater public good. Please approve his appointment. We need someone like him to be the right man in the right place at the right time.

Mahalo

Deborah Ward

Honolulu

January 23, 2020

Senate Committee On Hawaiian Affairs
Chair Maile S.L. Shimabukuro,
Vice Chair Kaiali'i Kahele
Members of the Committee

Re: GM 507 & GM 506

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee

I'm Homelani Schaedel, a beneficiary residing at Malu'ōhai in Kapolei for the past 19 years, a homestead leader in the Kapolei region, and an advocate for the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust.

I've sat in Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) meetings in Kapolei since 2008. During this time and through this process, I've observed the challenges and successes of five (5) different Chairs, seen DHHL staff come and go, listened to lessees and applicants with various requests, demands, criticism, and yes; even witnessed their appreciation to both DHHL and the HHC.

Placing native Hawaiians on our lands and providing adequate amounts of water and supporting infrastructure has and must continue to be the top priority for the HHC and DHHL; both of these purposes go hand in hand. We may have the land, but without infrastructure, we cannot and should not place our people on the land. Our people deserve better and should not have to struggle to live, farm, or raise cattle without water and supporting infrastructure. Some may disagree, but water and infrastructure requires funding, and the lack of it has been the bane of our existence.

DHHL's Informational Briefing on August 14, 2019 to this Committee included their 5 Year Plan to address development and awards of residential, agriculture, and pastoral lands to our beneficiaries. I encourage this Committee to continue with DHHL's briefings to monitor, support, assist, be part of the solution, and share in its' successes. We **all** must hana pu ame ho'olaulima.

Please consider; it took four (4) months for the Governor to appoint Tyler Gomes as Deputy Director and another four (4) months for this hearing. If one or neither of them is confirmed, how long will it take the Governor to select other candidates for one or both of these positions? How long will it take those positions to be confirmed? How long will it take the next person to get up to speed? What do you expect he or she to accomplish in less than two (2) years? Do you really want to set the next person up for failure and criticism?

I'm aware there is opposition to William Aila's confirmation; from within and outside of these walls. I've heard the kahea for change at DHHL, and I agree. Change must also come from within these walls.

My kupuna taught me... "When you point a finger at someone, you also have 3 pointing back at you. That means you must look at yourself at least 3 times before you judge someone else".

I'm not pointing my finger at you, I'm reaching out with both hands to respectfully ask you to support the confirmation of both William Aila and Tyler Gomes for their respective terms. To do otherwise would be a travesty and disservice to our beneficiaries.

Mahalo for the opportunity to have my voice heard and to share my mana'o,

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Pōkā Laenui



Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair

Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

January 22, 2020

RE: SUPPORT OF GM506- NOMINATION OF WILLIAM AILA

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee,

John R. Monis, Executive Director of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF). We are a labor management fund representing 4000 unionized members in the heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction.

Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund supports the confirmation of William J. Aila, Jr as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Mr. Aila has demonstrated that he has the leadership and experience in leading the DHHL. Mr. Aila supports the Chair by providing support in the implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and overseeing seven divisions, including the Land Development and Land Management divisions. In addition, Mr. Aila maintains that he supports various levels of housing projects, which includes everything from affordable rentals projects, housing and apartment projects, to "no-utility" homesteading. We feel that these types of projects are what will move DHHL forward.

We urge you to confirm Mr. Aila to serve as the Chair of the DHHL.

Sincerely,

John R. Monis

Executive Director

Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund

shimabukuro2 - Richard

From: Maile Shimabukuro <maileshimabukuro@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Georgie Navarro
Cc: shimabukuro2 - Richard
Subject: Re: W. Aila

Hi Georgie!

Mahalo for your testimony, I am cc-ing my committee clerk.

Aloha 🌺,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro

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On Thursday, January 23, 2020, 10:20:14 AM HST, Georgie Navarro <navarrog0427@gmail.com> wrote:

Aloha e,

I stand undecided. Kanalua

The years of dedication for his service to our people has been heavy on his shoulders and years of experiences at that. No matter what happens...

My decision stands.

Mahalo for your time and consideration to hear me out.

Respectfully
G. Navarro