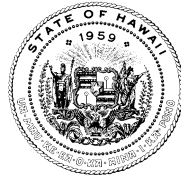


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**TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
HEARING ON MAY 13, 2020 AT 3:00 PM IN CR 016**

**IN SUPPORT OF**

**GM621**

for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, **MICHAEL KALEIKINI**,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2021

May 13, 2020

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Committee:

It is an honor to provide this testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Mr. Michael Kaleikini to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC). Mr. Kaleikini has been serving on the Commission since his appointment in January.

Mr. Kaleikini has worked in the power generation field for the past 34 years, having spent six years in the United States Navy and 28 as an employee with Puna Geothermal Venture in Pahoia, Hawai'i Island. His responsibilities have ranged from plant operations to administration to his current role in business development.

Mr. Kaleikini resides in Waiakea, Hawai'i Island. He is active in his community serving on the East Hawai'i Advisory Council for the American Red Cross, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawai'i, the Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, the Hawai'i Island Economic Development Board, the Hawai'i Leeward Planning Conference, and the Mainstreet Pahoia Association Boards respectively.

This extensive experience in renewable energy and business make Mr. Kaleikini a valuable addition to the HHC. We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



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Re: GM 621  
Letter of Support for MICHAEL KALEIKINI to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

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

The Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports the confirmation of Michael Kaleikini to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mike has been active and vital member of our Chamber for many years having served as president of our organization, member of our Board of Directors, and chair and member of our Government Affairs and Economic Development Committees. His knowledge of community-related issues has been invaluable and his willingness to educate our leadership on those issues has enabled our organization to make sound, educated decisions. Our entire community is better because of him.

Mike is known as a person of great integrity and is highly respected in the sustainable energy industry and overall Hawai'i Island business community. He is one who looks for what is best for our island and we are pleased to offer him our support.

Sincerely,

Miles Yoshioka  
Executive Officer

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 2:51:30 PM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqui Hoover	Testifying for Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference	Support	No

## Comments:

My name is Jacqui Hoover and I have the privilege of serving as President of Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference (HLPC) a private, member-based 501(c)3 organization incorporated in 1974 by a group of forward-looking individuals who saw the need for an organization which would work with government and the community to promote sound planning decisions for Leeward Hawaii (since expanded to all of Hawaii) Island.

The 100+members and affiliates of HLPC strongly support the nomination of Michael Kaleikini to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Michael possesses the business, social, economic, infrastructure, development, and Native Hawaiian perspectives necessary to help guide the commission especially as we emerge from the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus crisis.

His strong understanding of the importance of navigating through, recovering from, and rebuilding in a responsible and resilient manner has been showcased with the 2018 lower Puna eruption.

Michael's leadership on the front lines of a crisis was demonstrated with regular, transparent and timely communications with the community (both Native Hawaiian and broader community) about impact, activities, and rebuilding. Innovative and critical thinking were also demonstrated through his implementation of a program where employees unable to work due to eruption activity resulting in the shutdown of operations at Puna Geothermal/ ORMAT were retained on payroll and continued to contribute to the community through participation in projects and volunteerism.

Lesser known but equally important is the manner in which he filters through the lens of strong aloha values which serve as the foundation to his leadership, generosity, personal volunteerism, contributions and efforts to ensure that the community is able to access food, shelter, and other critical needs.

Michael Kaleikini is the right person with the right style of effective and efficient leadership, understanding, and mana`o needed on the commission.

Mahalo for this opportunity and privilege to support this nomination.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [jacqui\\_hlpc@yahoo.com](mailto:jacqui_hlpc@yahoo.com) or telephone (808)960-7503 if I may be of any assistance.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 3:10:00 PM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqui Hoover	Testifying for Hawaii Island Economic Development Board	Support	No

**Comments:**

My name is Jacqui Hoover testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board (HIEDB) in strong support of the nomination of Michael Kaleikini to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

As Hawaii emerges from the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus crisis, Michael is uniquely positioned to provide the business, social, economic, infrastructure, development, and Native Hawaiian perspectives needed to help guide and ensure resilience for Hawaiian Homelands.

His experience and strong understanding of the importance of navigating through, recovering from, and rebuilding from a crisis in a responsible and resilient manner has been showcased with the 2018 lower Puna eruption.

Michael's leadership on the front lines of that crisis was and continues to be demonstrated with regular, transparent and timely communications with the community (both Native Hawaiian and broader community) about impact, activities, and rebuilding. Innovative and critical thinking were also demonstrated through his implementation of a program where employees unable to work due to eruption activity resulting in the shutdown of operations at Puna Geothermal/ ORMAT were retained on payroll and continued to contribute to the community through participation in projects and volunteerism.

Lesser known but equally important is the manner in which he filters through the lens of strong aloha values which serve as the foundation to his leadership, generosity, personal volunteerism, contributions and efforts to ensure that the community is able to access food, shelter, and other critical needs.

In summary, Michael Kaleikini is the right person with the right style of effective and efficient leadership, understanding, and mana`o needed on the commission.

Mahalo for allowing HIEDB this opportunity to support this nomination.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [jhoover@hiedb.org](mailto:jhoover@hiedb.org) or telephone (808)960-7503 if I may be of any assistance.

GM 621 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian  
Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL KALEIKINI,  
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**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 5:43:59 PM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kirstin Kahaloa	Testifying for Hawai'i Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce	Support	No

## Comments:

Aloha e Senator Maile Shimabukuro and Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

On behalf of the Hawai'i Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, I recommend Mike Kaleikini to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, as the East Hawaii Representative. Mr. Kaleikini currently serves as a board member of the Hawai'i Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce as well as in many leadership roles that support Native Hawaiians and residents. He is a role model and leader on Hawai'i Island and we are truly grateful to have him in our community. We highly support this nomination and hope that you will too!

Mahalo for your time and consideration!

Regards,

Kirstin Kahaloa

President, Hawai'i Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce

info@huioihana.com

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 3/13/2020 9:40:07 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/7/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doreen Gaspar	Testifying for Napualei o Hina	Oppose	No

Comments:



**Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna**  
*committed to the well-being of Hawai'i for the next generations to come*  
[kupuna4moopuna@gmail.com](mailto:kupuna4moopuna@gmail.com)

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 Time: 3:00PM Place: Room 016

Re: GM 621

**STRONG OPPOSITION TO CONFIRMATION OF**  
**MICHAEL KALEIKINI AS EAST HAWAI'I COMMISSIONER**

**Stop Legal Thievery!**



**Protect Hawaiian Home Lands Trust !**

Aloha Senators on the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

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, stand unified with our East Hawai'i HHC Keaukaha-Pana'ewa Farmers Association in **strong opposition to the confirmation of Michael Kaleikini to the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC).**

We, HHC beneficiaries of East Hawai'i, demand an East Hawai'i commissioner who will serve us, the beneficiaries, by protecting our Hawaiian Home Lands Trust and by fulfilling the vision of Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole. We deserve an East Hawai'i commissioner with proven advocacy for HHC beneficiaries who will serve us in East Hawai'i with courage, intelligence and integrity.

**Please do not confirm Michael Kaleikini as HCC East Hawai'i Commissioner.**

## **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

### **COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

#### **RE: GM 621 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL KALEIKINI**

The Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association is submitting testimony in opposition to the confirmation of Michael Kaleikini to represent East Hawai'i on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

The Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association represents 285 agricultural lessees on 1,615 acres of DHHL trust land on Hawai'i Island.

Once again, Governor Ige and his administration has selected someone to sit in the East Hawai'i commissioner seat who will represent political and business interests focused transferring DHHL trust lands and generating revenue on the backs of Native Hawaiian DHHL current and future beneficiaries.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) needs an East Hawai'i Commissioner who truly understands that the HHC has a fiduciary duty to the DHHL trust and its beneficiaries; not the Governor, the DHHL Administration or Hawai'i Island and state businesses, entities and politicians pushing for projects that are detrimental to the DHHL trust and the long term interests of DHHL beneficiaries.

Last year, the Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association and its members expended countless hours and resources opposing the development of the Alaska Aerospace Corporation (AAC) Rocket Launch Facility next to our DHHL Pana'ewa homestead community. KPFA not only attended and testified at multiple meetings and hearings, our members consulted and secured legal representation for our community. KPFA was prepared for and would have effectively challenged the Environmental Assessment for this project.

KPFA and member research found AAC Board meeting minutes and public statements verifying that AAC worked with the Hawai'i Island Economic Development Board behind the scenes for years to support the Rocket Launch Facility. Our extensive research also found that AAC **lied** about the AAC Rocket Launch Facility 'job' opportunities and economic impact. You would think that the Hawai'i Island Economic Development Board would, at minimum, conduct some background research before blindly supporting the development of a Rocket Launch Facility near our communities.

Michael Kaleikini serves on the Hawai'i Island Economic Development Board Executive Committee. Board members, including Michael Kaleikini, knew after reading Hilo Herald Tribune front page headlines that Pana'ewa DHHL beneficiaries, as well as other adjacent communities, opposed this project. The Hawai'i Island Economic Development Board not only failed to contact our Pana'ewa community regarding this project, the Board continued to support the project until the landowner for the project site pulled out in October 2019 and the project dissolved.

Mr. Kaleikini's response to a KPFA Director questioning his support of the Rocket Launch Facility next to our DHHL Pana'ewa homestead community was disingenuous and insulting. "If I had known" does not cut it when Hawai'i Island Economic Development Board knew of our opposition, as well as the opposition from other East Hawai'i communities, but still supported the Rocket Launch Facility Project.

Mr. Kaleikini clearly does not ‘get’ that the DHHL trust lands need to be protected for current and future beneficiaries. His business and pro-development mindset is detrimental to DHHL trust responsibilities.

Since his interim HHC appointment, Mr. Kaleikini has done Zero outreach and communication with our East Hawai‘i DHHL homestead community. Our homestead community is used to this type of arrogance and disregard from Ige appointees.

Based on our unfortunate experience with your committee, we know that you will move Mr. Kaleikini’s confirmation forward.

If you can find the fortitude, we ask that you deny Mr. Kaleikini’s nomination and send a message to Governor Ige and his administration that they should, at minimum, consult with East Hawai‘i DHHL beneficiaries prior to making HHC appointments.

We would rather have no one in the seat than someone who is detrimental to the DHHL trust and beneficiary interests.

And please- vote yes or no. The ‘yes with reservations’ is as empty as it sounds

By the way, the East Hawai‘i homestead community had a very competent and qualified Native Hawaiian Lessee as a candidate for the East Hawai‘i Hawaiian Homes Commission seat. As usual, the Ige administration was not interested in someone that does not serve the administration’s specific political and business interests.

Onipa‘a,

Maile Lu‘uwai  
President  
Keaukaha Pana‘ewa Farmers Association



*Do you want this next to your community?*

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 3/13/2020 8:15:19 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/7/2020 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Ha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators

I strongly support Mike Kaleikini. He knows his stuff. He is a very solid Hawaiian person. He is an engineer and main person at Puna Geothermal. At this critical time in our history, Mike is the right person at the right time.

Mahalo

Richard Ha

geothermal.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 3/16/2020 2:33:58 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/7/2020 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Everett Dowling	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please see my attached testimony and let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at [everett@dowlingco.com](mailto:everett@dowlingco.com)

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/8/2020 12:49:21 PM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 1:38:31 PM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jordan hara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Michael Kaleikini for Hawaiian Home Commission due to his extensive knowledge in business and compassion for the people of Hawaii. I feel he is able to compromise to allow forward movement when tough issues arise.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 3:17:20 PM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vern Yamanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

5/11/10

RE: GM621

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

I speak in support of GM621 and the appointment of Michael Kaleikini to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for a term to expire on 6-30-31. I have known and worked with Michael Kaleikini for over 25 years when he started as the plant operator of the Puna Geothermal Venture power plant in Puna. I have been a life long resident of the Big Island and born in Puna. I had been involved in Geothermal development since its inception in Hawaii and Mike has been the first operator to address the industry from a cultural perspective.

He shares sound land management practices with that same cultural sensitivity. His work ethic and drive will provide the Committee with effective management and direction. I hope you support his appointment.

Mahalo,

Vern Yamanaka Pres.

Yamanaka Enterprises Inc.

1266 Kamehameha Ave.

Hilo, Hi. 96730



**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 3:26:03 PM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ross Wilson Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Michael Kaleikini is a respected member of the Hawaii Island community and active in civic affairs. He would be a great addition to the Hawaiian Homes Commission representing East Hawaii. As a native Hawaiian, I wholeheartedly support his nomination. IMUA!

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 4:20:46 PM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Mike has been an active community member in East Hawaii, having held leadership positions in several civic groups and Hawaii Island and Japanese Chamber of Commerce. His civic leadership abilities will serve this commission well and he will be a great asset to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 9:16:20 PM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Ha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Richard Ha. I have been a commercial banana and tomato farmer for 40 years. I am also immediate past president of Hui Oihana, the Hawaii Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce.

I very strongly support Mike Kaleikini for East Hawaii DHHL Commisioner.

Aloha

Richard

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 9:02:44 AM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This letter is to show my support for Mike Kaleikini.

I have known Mike for over 20 years and have the deepest respect for Mike as an individual, business leader, and fellow community member.

While I served on many boards with Mike and recognize his knowledge and experience in the business sector, I also appreciated Mike's understanding of his community and willingness to engage his community when it came to sensitive matters.

Mike has a good, calm disposition and listens well and is able to think clearly through tough situations.

He will make a good commissioner and bring good perspectives to the table.

Mahalo

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 9:29:42 AM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benson Medina	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**Attention: Chair Shimabukuro and Vice-Chair Kahele:****RE: GM 621**

I testify today on behalf of Michael Kalekini, nominee for Hawaiian Homes Commission as East Hawai'i Representative. I have been associated with Mr. Kalekini through a work relationship as sub-contractor for ORMAT, as a community service participant through the Rotary Club of South Hilo and as a fellow board member of the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce (Hui Oihana) on Hawaii Island. We are also both alumni of Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama.

My sister resides on DHHL land in Hilo and many members of my family (including myself) have sat on the waiting list for decades dating back to the 1950's. It would be people like myself, my siblings, my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that would be the primary group that would be served by Mr. Kalekini. While I wouldn't be alone in assessing that the DHHL processes need significant overhaul, our most immediate need is intelligent, compassionate and articulate representatives that understand what Hawaiian families have been through and have the ability to individually and publicly communicate DHHL policies and procedures.

There's also a cultural aspect that needs to be considered. In my work with Michael, he has exhibited a cultural understanding that helps him to integrate with people of all ages and backgrounds. That understanding stems from a deep-rooted sense of respect (ho'oihi) Mike has for our culture and our people. Serving with him on the Native Hawaiian Chamber and watching him (in his sometimes controversial position) as spokesman for ORMAT, I've been able to see first-hand his leadership ability (while being humble), his courage to tackle difficult projects (while being respectful) and his willingness to work with people who are both for and against him (while being calm and patient).

Michael Kalekini is a unique man that possesses character traits that have been forged by a dedicated work ethic, a deep compassion for the plight of others and a commitment to serve a purpose beyond just himself. For these reasons, I give Michael Kalekini my unrestricted highest recommendation.

Mahalo,

Benson Medina - Vice-President Native Hawaiian Chamber (Hawaii Island), President -  
Rotary Club of South Hilo, Former Owner - Hawaii Electrical Maintenance Services

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 9:41:47 AM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leatrice Burrows- Nuuanu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

Wednesday, May 13; 3:00 p.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016

**Re: GM 621 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL KALEIKINI, for a term to expire 6-30-2021 – IN SUPPORT**

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

I am submitting testimony in support of the nomination of Michael Kaleikini to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I have known Mike for many years and have had the pleasure of working with him in his capacity as Senior Director for Puna Geothermal Venture.

His background and relevant experience on the Commission make him well qualified to serve. Mike has integrity and strong leadership skills. I've also been impressed by his commitment to community service.

Your favorable action on his confirmation is respectfully requested. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments in support.

Lori Lum  
98-1008 Piku Place  
Aiea, HI 96701





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Consulting Civil Engineers

Testimony of  
Ken C. Kawahara

Before the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

3:00 P.M.

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Conference Room 016

In consideration of

GM 621

APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL KALEIKINI

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

I respectfully testify in support of the consideration and confirmation of Michael Kaleikini to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

I met Mr. Kaleikini through his volunteer service at the Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference. In addition, he has and continues to volunteer on various boards and commissions. He is an effective leader who has a unique understanding of what the community needs are (both Native Hawaiian and abroad).

I am confident that Mr. Kaleikini will make significant contributions to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and strongly support his nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Ken C. Kawahara, P.E.

EVERETT R. DOWLING

March 16, 2020

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro  
Chair  
Hawaiian Affairs Committee  
The Senate of the State of Hawaii  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Mr. Michael Kaleikini, to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Mr. Kaleikini shares a strong desire to serve the beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. His experience will enable him to offer valuable input and guidance to the director and staff of DHHL.

DHHL's beneficiaries and the State of Hawaii as a whole are fortunate that Michael is willing to serve on the commission. I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Mr. Michael Kaleikini to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,



Everett Dowling

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/13/2020 6:57:52 AM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Henderson	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

I have known Michael Kaleikini for over twenty years and have served with him on the boards of Hawaii Island business organizations. During this time I have found Michael to be thoughtful and dedicated to fulfilling the goals of the organization. He is a calm and level headed person and is a excellent candidate to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I strogly recommend your committe's approval and an affirmative vote by the Senate on his confirmation.

Sincerely,

Richard Henderson

Former State Senator

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 3/16/2020 8:18:36 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/7/2020 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rayne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 7:31:20 PM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justine Kamelamela	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou,

My name is Justine Kamelamela. My 'ohana and I OPPOSE the consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL KALEIKINI, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

We believe he does not have the best interests in mind for the beneficiaries of the Hawaii Homes Commission Act. We need a leader that is balanced. Who cares for the 'Āina and for our people.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha Pana'ewa,

Justine Kamelamela

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 7:21:48 PM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Douglas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Mike does not represent the beneficiaries but rather commercial and corporate interests.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/13/2020 7:48:38 AM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose Michael Kaleikini's confirmation to serve as East Hawaii DHHL Commissioner.

We need representation " for " the people of East Hawaii. Nothing else will do.

i am a kupuna, and have lived on DHHL homestead for 43 years of my 63 years here on earth, in East Hawaii.

We need righteous representation.

LISTEN to the voice of the people you represent.

Mahalo,

Mrs. Elizabethanne Lee Loy Masaoka

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/13/2020 7:54:25 AM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bridgit Bales	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I am strongly OPPOSING the confirmation of Michael Kaleikini as East Hawaii Commissioner to the HHC. This is another example of Gov David Ige ignoring the voices of the DHHL beneficiaries, including the East Hawaii DHHL Associations who have vehemently opposed the Governors' nomination of Michael Kaleikini. I am standing with my Keaukaha-Panaewa Farmers Association STRONG OPPOSITION of Mr. Kaleikini's confirmation.



**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/13/2020 8:14:53 AM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nako'olani Warrington	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**STRONG OPPOSITION to GM 621**

I am a Hawaiian homesteader in East Hawai'i. Now, more than ever, East Hawai'i needs a DHHL commissioner who will protect our trust lands and our beneficiary interests.

Mahalo.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/13/2020 9:27:26 AM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lucianne Pukahi-Viernes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I, Lucianne Pukahi-Viernes, a member of Keaukaha Panaewa Farmers Association, and a longtime resident of Panaewa, oppose the selection of Michael Kaleikini to represent East Hawai'i on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Feel free to contact me at: [lucianne.pukahi@gmail.com](mailto:lucianne.pukahi@gmail.com) or 808-208-6644 with any clarifying questions.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 5/13/2020 9:45:33 AM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Uilani Naipo	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I am submitting this testimony on behalf of myself, a kanaka maoli residing in Keaukaha-Pana'ewa Farmers Association [KPFA] homestead and on behalf of my kuleana as a Board of Director of Keaukaha-Panaewa Farmers Association.

The kuleana entrusted to Hawaiian Homes Commissioners needs to represent and work on the behalf of the beneficiaries interests – that of which I do not see Kaleikini has demonstrated. His work experience and community outreach does not exemplify prior or current experience with working with the Hawaiian Homes communities of Hawai'i island and moreso East Hawai'i.

In the recent struggle to disband efforts to construct a rocket launch facility near our homes, Kaleikini announced his claimed to being unaware of our opposition, demonstrating his lack to perform due diligence and thorough community outreach. Since then, if it ever was a consideration that he would be a candidate for this position, he has never met with us – the beneficiaries for who he will working on behalf. Instead, our KPFA Board of Directors sought out candidates that have demonstrated their aptitude to fulfill the role of East Hawai'i Commissioner.

I do not support the confirmation of Kaleikini for East Hawai'i Commissioner.

E hahai i ke ala kÅ«pono,

U'ilani Naipo

**GM-621**

Submitted on: 3/13/2020 9:35:19 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/7/2020 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Doreen Gaspar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair**  
**Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice-Chair**  
**COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

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Hawaiian Homes Commissioner  
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**HEARING DATE: Wednesday, May 13, 2020**  
**TIME: 3:00 p.m.**

**Support for:**

GM 621 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL KALEIKINI, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

GM 622 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, ZACHARY HELM, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

GM 623 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, RUSSELL KAUPU, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

GM 624 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDY AWO, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Dear Senator Shimabukuro, Chair  
and Senator Kahele, Vice-Chair

I am Pauline Nakoolani Namuo, a current Hawaiian Homes Commissioner. I have had the privilege of serving with all of these individuals and I strongly support their nominations to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Their varied ages and backgrounds lend a diverse perspective to our conversations and I believe our discussions will be much more lively as we push to find action oriented solutions to our current economic situation. We need to have a stable and courageous Commission now, and we need to work with YOU to do that.

I humbly ask for your support in supporting these outstanding individuals.

Mahalo,

*Pauline Nakoolani Namuo*  
Hawaiian Homes Commissioner