



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
State of Hawaii
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Testimony of
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Before the Senate Committee on
Water and Land

Wednesday, May 13, 2020
1:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In **SUPPORT** of
GM 757, Frances Kaluhiwa
Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee

The Hawaii State Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) stands in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee, GM Frances (Rocky) Kaluhiwa for consideration and confirmation to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

One of the most cherished and well-known kupuna on Kakuhihewa, the Island of O'ahu, Rocky (as she is affectionately known) is well-versed in Native Hawaiian culture. She is a direct descendant of the konohiki of He'eia, an ahupua'a of Ko'olaupoko on the windward side of O'ahu. Added to that, Rocky works well with all kinds of communities as well as all levels of government.

Rocky Kaluhiwa has worked with every moku on O'ahu – Ko'olaupoko, where she lives and is from; Ko'olauloa; Waialua; Waianae; Ewa; and Kona. Her life experience with county and state policy makers enables her to be a comfortable bridge between the people and government, a gift that she shares with all.

Rocky is one of the few kupuna left who actually were the authors of the Aha Moku Bill. She knows its foundations and is faithful to its purpose. We are deeply honored that this genuinely respected kupuna continues to share her aloha, knowledge and life experience with the people of Hawaii. We urge this committee to support and confirm her to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure

Respectfully yours,

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KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

May 11, 2020

TO: Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Mahealani Cypher, Chair
Government Relations Committee
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

RE: GM756, Aha Moku Advisory Committee Nominee Frances Kaluhiwa,
Until June 30, 2020

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club extends its heartfelt aloha to all of you for continuing to kokua our communities through your work as state senators and public servants.

We offer our strong support for Mrs. Frances Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa to serve as a member of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) for a term ending June 30, 2020.

Mrs. Kaluhiwa is a dedicated and hard-working member of our community who has given much of her life to supporting native Hawaiian cultural practices, particularly to malama `aina and malama i ke kai. She and her family reside on Kane`ohe Bay, where they have practiced the Hawaiian culture through fishing and farming in the area for generations.

As a holdover member of the AMAC these past few years, "Aunty Rocky" - as she's known - has demonstrated a keen sensitivity toward the mana`o of our Hawaiian community and the broader general public as she works to help solve problems and find ways to address Hawaiian concerns that come before the AMAC.

She has helped to organize the various moku on O`ahu and truly believes that, as a member of the `Aha Moku Advisory Committee, her role is to help solve problems, often seeking to bridge any gaps that arise between communities and government.

We urge you to approve her nomination and forward to the full Senate for confirmation.

Mahalo for allowing us to offer our mana`o.

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".

GM-757

Submitted on: 5/8/2020 1:58:17 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

Comments:

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State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Gil-Agaran, and Committee Members,

I strongly support the nomination of Aunty Frances “Rocky” Kaluhiwa to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

I have known Aunty Rocky probably since I was about 5 years old when my mother or school would go down to He’eia to join and learn from her and her husband Uncle Jerry who were cultivating limu. I remember the taste of that limu, and the lessons learned. Indeed that limu planted a seed of my love for the live giving capacity of our home. Indeed, Aunty Rocky has been a scion of our community in regard to living and talking about the value and sentiment of aloha Ā• ina and mā• lama aina as a practice of those values. I was lucky to have grown up in and around a community where many people like Aunty Rocky and Uncle Jerry were ahead of the game.

I am also familiar with Aunty Rocky’s familial connections to the practice of konohiki and how it changed before and during her lifetime. I believe she brings these things along with her passionate aloha for my community and all Hawai’i to her service on the Aha Moku Advisory Council.

I strongly support your vote in favor of Aunty Rocky’s confirmation to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

PÅ«pÅ«kahi i holomua e ho'okanaka

Kevin Chang

GM-757

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua DeMello	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

My comments on this nomination is not directed at the nominee but rather at the process for which nominations were provided to the legislature.

The Aha Moku Advisory Committee Final Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, effective October 20, 2016, provides for the process for nominations. Part 1, section 1-2 states:

" The committee shall consist of eight members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate **from a list of nominations submitted by the 'aha moku councils of each island**. Oversight of the committee shall be by the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources. The committee members shall vote for the committee chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members."

My question is, did the Governor provide his list of nominees from a list submitted by the Aha Moku Councils? If not, these nominations cannot be supported by the legislature based on procedure alone.

This will be a comment that I repeat for each nominee under each GM number.