



**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 767, Robert Luuwai
Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee

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

Robert Luuwai was born and raised in the culture of traditional natural and cultural resources of Maui. He was raised to respect, honor and shelter the lands of Maui. And because he comes from 'ohana who have customarily worked with and supported the twelve moku of Maui – Honuaula, Kahikinui, Kaupo, Kipahulu, Hana, Koolau, Hamakualoa, Hamakuapoko, Wailuku, Kaanapali, Lahaina and Kula, Mr. Luuwai is uniquely competent in working with the different ahupua'a of these moku. Further, in today's world Mr. Luuwai also has relevant knowledge and in-depth experience in executive management, engineering, construction and planning of major projects. He is easy to talk to, and communicates well with government, communities and the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure. We are honored to have him as a member of AMAC who maintains his kuleana for his island and for his people.

Respectfully yours,

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From: Mahealani Cypher <malamapono744@aim.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Linda Menda <l.menda@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Re: WTL GMs

Aloha mai kakou!

We are re-submitting our support for the following nominees to boards and commissions, for the Wednesday, May 13, 2020, meeting:

GM550 - Dawn Chang, LUC - SUPPORT

GM584 - Wesley Yoon, BLNR - SUPPORT

GM670 - Jonathan Scheuer, LUC - SUPPORT

GM756/757 - Frances Kaluhiwa, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM758/759 - Godfrey Akaka, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM760/761 - Keith Robinson, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM762/763 - Lewellyn Kaohelaulii, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM 764/765 - Manuel Kuloloio, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM 766/767 - Robert Luuwai, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM776/777 - Cedric Bertelmann, Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council - SUPPORT

GM 778 - Frederick Reppun, Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council - SUPPORT

GM7808 - Angela Hiilei Kawelo, Natural Area Reserves System Commission - SUPPORT

We had neglected to include the following two nominees:

GM752/753 - Anthony Pacheco, `Aha Moku Advisory Commission - SUPPORT

GM754/755 - Charles Young, `Aha Moku Advisory Commission - SUPPORT

We have attached letters for some of these nominees which apparently did not show up during our attempts to submit our testimony earlier.

Mahalo for letting us know of the mistakes in our submittals today.

A hui hou,
Mahealani Cypher, Chair
Government Relations Committee
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

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Submitted on: 5/11/2020 10:52:52 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 5/11/2020 11:37:53 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 5/12/2020 10:14:34 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Cody	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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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.