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## TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

#### BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

APRIL 8, 2024 1:30 PM CONFERENCE ROOM 224

**GOVERNORS MESSAGE NO. 599** 

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE MOLOKA'I IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS ADVISORY BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMES BOSWELL, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 599 nominating James Boswell to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. The department supports his nomination. Mr. Boswell has been involved in the agricultural industry for over 35 years. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in ornamental horticulture from Bringham Young University. Mr. Boswell worked with the Moloka'i Institute of Agriculture, as an Ag Technician, an agronomist for a solid waste company, and an outreach counselor at Moloka'i High School. Mr. Boswell spent 29 years working for Maui community College as an Agriculture Instructor and Farm Manager. At Maui Community College, he has taught botany, biology, and all agricultural courses.

Mr. Boswell retired in 2016 but has remained active in the community. He is a past and current member of the Moloka'i Land Soil Conservation board and is a past member of the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR STATE OF HAWAII Ke Kia'āina o ka Moku'āina 'o Hawai'i

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# TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIRMAN HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT HEARING ON APRIL 8, 2024 AT 1:30PM IN CR 224

#### IN SUPPORT OF

#### GM 599

for consideration and confirmation to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board Gubernatorial Nominee, **JAMES BOSWELL**, for a term to expire 6-30-2027

April 8, 2024

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Richards, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of James Boswell to serve on the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands looks forward to working with James Boswell and we respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.