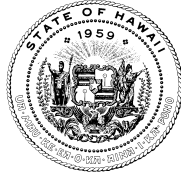


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**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE (GM) 676, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE MOLOKA'I IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS
ADVISORY BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DENISE KAWANO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2030**

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

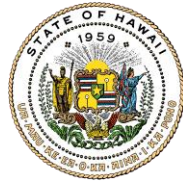
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of GM 676, the nomination of Denise Kawano to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board (MISWUAB).

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is pleased to support Ms. Kawano as a nominee for the MISWUAB because of her work and dedication for the people of Moloka'i at Hikiola Cooperative, the Molokai Farm Bureau, and various other committees and organizations. Ms. Kawano is an action and solution-oriented worker with education and experience in irrigation design, pipe fitting, and nursery planting. She has both the administrative skills to understand the operational intricacies and budgeting needs to maintain supply for community, and the groundwork experience to bring plans to fruition and bring people together. As an applicant on the DHHL Waiting List for Moloka'i, Ms. Kawano understands that the waters of Moloka'i-Nui-a-Hina are sacred and must be conserved in perpetuity for the beneficiaries of DHHL. DHHL is confident that Ms. Kawano's contributions toward the MISWUAB will flow through her community just as the waters of Moloka'i will flow around them.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to to testify on Governor's Message No. 676 nominating Denise Kawano to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board.

The department supports her nomination to serve as the Moloka'i County Farm Bureau member. Ms. Kawano has been employed in the agricultural industry for over 25 years. Ms. Kawano is active in the agricultural community as a member of the Moloka'i Farm Bureau and Moloka'i Livestock Association.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.