

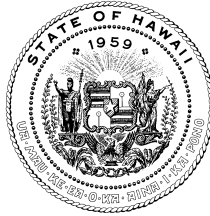
TESTIMONY

GM 23

Hokulani Holt-Padilla

Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve
Commission

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013
2:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 23 –
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
HOKULANI HOLT-PADILLA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is pleased to support Governor's Message 23, nominating Hokulani Holt-Padilla to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2016.

Maui-resident Hokulani Holt-Padilla is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawaii, who currently serves as the Cultural Programs Director at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center. She is also a lecturer on Hawaiian language and culture at the University of Hawaii, Maui College. Previously, she was the Culture and Education Manager for the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (Commission), providing training and instruction in cultural practices for the Kahoolawe Island clean-up project, as well as providing community education and outreach for the Commission.

As a Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner and a dance instructor in traditional and contemporary hula, Hokulani Holt-Padilla has dedicated much of her life to preserving Hawaiian history, culture, and language. Her on-the-job years working for the Commission make her an ideal Commission member. The Department is confident that Hokulani Holt-Padilla will bring the same kind of passion and dedication that she has been known for to the Commission.

The Department urges this Committee to recommend that the full Senate confirm her appointment to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission.



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The lines
of the heavens
are red...
they disappear.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

GM 23 – Hokulani Holt-Padilla

Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC)

Senate Committee on Water and Land Hearing

October 30, 2013

Room 225

2:30 p.m.

Aloha Chair Solomon, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

On behalf of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, we support the nomination of Hokulani Holt-Padilla to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission.

Ms. Holt-Padilla is a respected Native Hawaiian who is knowledgeable on the history and traditional culture of Moku O Kanaloa, more commonly known as the Island of Kahoolawe. She understands the historical connection between Kahoolawe and the Moku of Honuaula on the Island of Maui – a relationship not often known by those outside of the families who still know this cultural significance. We believe that Ms. Holt-Padilla, a respected Native Hawaiian historian will help to cement the bridge between Kanaloa and the rest of the Hawaiian Islands in a time where the kanaka maoli, those who love and respect the island itself, and what it stands for, are needed to shape its future.

We support Hokulani Holt-Padilla's nomination and believe her knowledge of and commitment to the protection of Kahoolawe will benefit the island and the Hawaiian nation to whom the island is bequeathed. We urge this committee to confirm Ms. Holt-Padilla to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission.

Respectfully yours,

Leimana DaMate, Executive Director

Aha Moku Advisory Committee

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WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013
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**GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE 23 – SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE HŌKŪLANI HOLT-PADILLA**

Aloha Chairperson Solomon, Vice-Chairperson Galuteria, and members of the Committee on Water and Land. Governor's Message No. 23 nominates Hōkūlani Holt to serve on the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) in the seat reserved for a representative of Native Hawaiian Organizations. On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express my strong support and recommend her confirmation.

Ms. Holt’s involvement with the protection and restoration of Kaho‘olawe began with the Protect Kaho‘olawe Ohana (PKO), where she dedicated her time and effort to help with the movement to return Kaho‘olawe to the State of Hawaii, brought students from Nā Pua No‘eau Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children to Kaho‘olawe and founded and dedicated a traditional hula pā in Hakioawa. It was through her hula training and traditions that many hula practitioners and students have been to Kaho‘olawe to learn about its importance to Hawaii.

Later, Ms. Holt continued her support of Kaho‘olawe as the Cultural and Education Manager for the KIRC during the Navy’s cleanup of the island. Through her foundational knowledge and expertise in Hawaiian cultural practices that she was able to develop the orientation program that sensitized the many workers, who were a part of the cleanup, to the importance of Kaho‘olawe’s place in Hawaii’s history and the special nature of the island to the people of Hawaii. She was instrumental in introducing Hawaiian cultural practices as part of the everyday life of the KIRC and educated KIRC staff in the many finer points of caring for an island that is an important symbol to future of native Hawaiian Sovereignty.

Her later work with the Maui Arts & Cultural Center, Lālākea Foundation, Kauahea Inc. and the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement is a testament to her continuing efforts to enrich and better the lives of Native Hawaiians and the people of Hawaii.

Again, we strongly support the confirmation of Hōkūlani Holt to the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. Her long commitment to native Hawaiians and to Kaho‘olawe makes her uniquely qualified for the appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 23
HOKULANI HOLT-PADILLA
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 30, 2013; Room 225; 2:30pm

Aloha Madam Chair Solomon, vice chair Galuteria and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is pleased to support the nomination of **Hokulani Holt-Padilla** to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

While Ms. Padilla is a respected Kumu Hula from the Island of Maui, she has also been involved with the revitalization of Kahoolawe for decades. She has participated in many ways to breathe life back into the island and we agree that her confirmation to serve on the commission is both fitting and appropriate.

We urge the Senate to confirm her appointment. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Memo

From: Ann Kalei Nuuhiwa

Sent: October 28, 13

To: Selection Committee for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission

Re: GM 23 Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, HOKULANI HOLT-PADILLA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Aloha:

I am writing to testify that I am in full support of **GM 23 Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, HOKULANI HOLT-PADILLA.**

Hōkūlani Holt-Padilla is an excellent candidate for the position. I have personally known her for nearly 25 years in various capacities.

As a teacher and mentor, Ms. Holt-Padilla has always been a strong Native Hawaiian woman with infinite knowledge regarding traditional and western methodologies of the natural environment, history, & hula practices of Hawai‘i. She is patient and has the ability to see the potential in any person, place or project. Through this insight, Ms. Holt-Padilla is able to draw out that potential and nurture it until it is fully realized. She is also able to guide the individual, place or project all the way through to its completion.

As a manager, Ms. Holt-Padilla is fair and thoughtful. During her time with the KIRC, she was able to lay the foundational cultural programs that were necessary for the KIRC during the UXO Clearance Project. She also established protocols and Hawaiian ceremonies that assisted in the relationship building between the KIRC and the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana. Ms. Holt-Padilla has extensive and personal knowledge regarding the history, cultural practices and evolution of the island Kaho‘olawe.

As a fellow researcher, Ms. Holt-Padilla is a dynamic researcher who lends her unique erudition willingly to further the process along. I’ve had the pleasure of traveling with her to Mokumanamana twice to conduct research with site & spatial alignments, flora & fauna surveys and historical research not easily found in the Hawaiian language newspapers and other literature.

The Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission will benefit greatly through her intimate knowledge and unique experiences of Kaho‘olawe. Ms. Holt-Padilla will be a valuable asset to this commission.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Ann Kalei Nuuhiwa

Papahulilani – Kilo Practitioner

Phone: 808-322-5342

Date: October 28, 2013

Re: KIRC – Hokulani Holt

Fr: Clifford J. Nae'ole

To whom it may concern:

Please consider this note to be a sincere testimony in favor of having Kumu Hula Hokulani Holt as a member of KIRC. Her love and passion for all things Hawaiian is without question. Her knowledge and teachings are renown throughout the State of Hawaii.

Her days are extremely busy and I know that for her to want to dedicate more of her valuable time to this cause is proof that the protection and preservation of Kaho'olawe is paramount to her heart. I have traveled with her to Kaho'olawe and the concern from her heart about the land and the future of this island stood evident.

Please allow Hokulani Holt to serve the community, the state...and the island of Kaho'olawe. We will ALL benefit from her dedication.

Feel free to call upon me for additional comments or information.

“E ola ia oe...long life to you.”

Clifford J. Nae'ole
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