

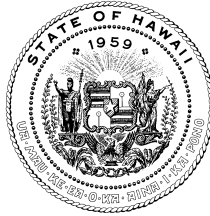
TESTIMONY

GM 24

Ulalia Woodside

Natural Area Reserves System
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 24 –
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE NATURAL
AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ULALIA
WOODSIDE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 24 to appoint Ulalia Woodside to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission (Commission) for a term to expire 6-30-2017. Pursuant to §195-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Ms. Woodside will serve on the Commission as the member possessing a background in native Hawaiian traditional and cultural land and water preservation and management practices and customs.

Ms. Woodside attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she earned a Bachelors of Arts in both Political Science and Hawaiian Studies as well as a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning. She has been a Kumu Hula since her completion of Uniki Rites and Requirements at Pau o Hiiaka in 2008. Ms. Woodside is currently Kamehameha Schools' Regional Asset Manager for Natural and Cultural Resources where she is responsible for the management of a 190,000 acre property portfolio. She is also responsible for the development and implementation of programs on Kamehameha Schools' lands that preserve cultural resources and promote environmental stewardship statewide. Ms. Woodside's recent publications demonstrate her interest in both cultural and ecosystem services. Her extensive background in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices will improve the effectiveness of the Commission in overseeing and advising on the management of cultural and archeological resources within natural area reserves. Ms. Woodside's membership would benefit the Commission and the Department.

The Department supports Governor's Message 24 on the appointment of Ulalia Woodside to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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LAND
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The lines
of the heavens
are red...
they disappear.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

GM 24 – Ulalia Woodside

Natural Area Reserves System Commission

Senate Committee on Water and Land Hearing

October 30, 2013

Room

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 strongly support the nomination of Ululia Woodside to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

Ms. Woodside is a respected Native Hawaiian who is knowledgeable on the intricacies of the ahupua'a natural resource system. She understands the balance of nature that is critical to the well-being of all natural resources.

We support Ms. Woodside's nomination and believe her knowledge of and commitment to the protection of the resources of our natural area reserves system will benefit the public trust. We urge this committee to confirm Ms. Woodside to sit on the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

Respectfully yours,

Leimana DaMate, Executive Director

Aha Moku Advisory Committee

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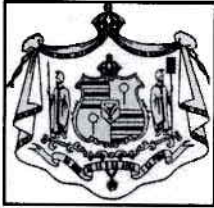
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| Hokulani Holt-Padilla | Kauahea Inc. | Support | No |

Comments: It is without reservation that I support Ulalia Woodside as a NARS Commissioner.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 24
ULALIA WOODSIDE
Natural Area Reserves System
Wednesday; October 30, 2013; 2:30pm; Room 225

Aloha Madam Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land. I am Soulee Stroud, President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC) here to testify in support of Governor's Message 24 nominating **ULALIA WOODSIDE** to the Natural Area Reserves System(NARS) Commission.

During the regular legislative session of 2013 the Senate introduced and passed Senate Bill 1172 which would change the makeup of the commission to include a Hawaiian cultural resource person and remove the Superintendent of Education. The Department of Education seemed to have no objections to being moved off of the commission. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs testified in favor of that bill in the Senate but the House has not yet given it a hearing.

The AHCC believes that the confirmation of Ms. Ulalia Woodside to the NARS commission would be in keeping with the Senate's intent of naming a commissioner with a background in Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices. We also agree that Ms. Woodside would be an asset in oversight and consultation on management of cultural and archaeological resources within the natural area reserves.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

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| Sam ?Ohu Gon III | Individual | Comments Only | No |

Comments: I support the nomination of Ulalia Woodside for the NARS Commission. As an At-large Member of the BLNR, and a colleague in land conservation, I have full confidence in Ulalia's ability to make balanced and informed decisions for the good of our most valuable natural areas. She would make a superb addition to the NARS Commission, bringing expertise in land management as well as Hawaiian cultural values and approaches. A powerful combination, indeed!

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**Testimony of
Michael K. Nahoopii**

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

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013
2:30 P.M.
State Capitol, Room 225**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 24 – SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE NATURAL AREA RESERVE COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE ULALIA WOODSIDE**

Aloha Chairperson Solomon, Vice-Chairperson Galuteria, and members of the Committee on Water and Land. Governor's Message No. 24 nominates Ulalia Woodside to serve on the Natural Area Reserve Commission (NARS). I wish to express my strong support and recommend her confirmation.

I have come to know of Ms Woodside through her work as the Regional Manager for Kamehameha Schools' Natural and Cultural Resources unit for the Land Assets Division and as a kumu hula and Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner. I believe her work and experiences in both areas makes her extremely qualified and prepared to provide the necessary thought provoking and well informed decisions needed as a NARS Commissioner.

As the part of Kamehameha Schools' Land Asset Division, she knows the importance of environmental protection and resource conservation as a necessity to protect trust lands for future generations. I have worked closely with her and her staff to further engage the next generation of conservationist to ensure our future generations will have a rich and vibrant, native landscape to call their home in Hawaii.

Her training as a kumu hula and cultural practitioner has also prepared her to understand and appreciate the delicate balance that is need to protect Hawaii's natural resources, but as the same time fostering the continuing legacy that is the indigenous cultural of Native Hawaiians. I have recognized her ability to defend and cultivate the rights of Native Hawaiians but at the same time bringing parity to the plight and protection of our island's natural and cultural resources. She is both sensitive and strong enough to balance the demands that these sometimes opposing positions may present.

Again, I strongly support the confirmation of Ulalia Woodside to the Natural Area Reserve Commission. Her long commitment to native Hawaiians and to the environment makes her uniquely qualified for the appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Aloha Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Senate committee on Water and Land,

I'd like to testify in support of the confirmation of gubernatorial nominee Ulalia Woodside for a seat on the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
Anela Evans

Memo

From: Ann Kalei Nuuhiwa

Sent: October 28, 13

To: NARs Commission Selection Committee

Re: Natural Area Reserve Commission GM24, Ulalia Woodside –
Candidate

Aloha:

I am writing to testify that I am in full support of **Ulalia Woodside** for the **Natural Area Reserve Commission GM24**.

Ulalia Woodside is an excellent candidate for the position. I have personally known her for nearly 25 years in various capacities. Ms. Woodside is a strong Native Hawaiian woman who has extensive traditional and western knowledge of natural resource management methodologies through her work as a Regional Manager in the Land Assets Division of Kamehameha Schools and also as a hula and chant practitioner.

Her intimate knowledge of forest plants, native birds and varying Hawaiian climates & environments exemplifies both the western and traditional Hawaiian ways of understanding the environment.

Ms. Woodside's work with conservation and management of pristine ecosystems on the private lands of Kamehameha Schools continues to assure that those lands remain well-preserved for the future beneficiaries of Pauahi's legacy.

I have personally traveled to Mokumanamana three times with Ms. Woodside to conduct spatial & site alignment data, flora & fauna surveys and other research applicable to Hawaiian practices associated with resource management methodologies and have always been amazed by her insight and knowledge. Am humbled to call her a friend too.

Ms. Woodside will become a unique and valuable asset to the Natural Area Reserve Commission.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Ann Kalei Nuuhiwa

Papahulilani – Kilo Practitioner

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Mahealani Cypher

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October 28, 2013

To: Chair Malama Solomon & Members
Senate Committee on Water & Land

From: Mahealani Cypher
Mahealani Cypher

Subject: Testimony in Support of Ululia Woodside – Natural Area Reserves System Commission

Aloha Chair Solomon and Committee Members:

I am pleased to offer my strong support for Ululia Woodside to serve on the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

I have known Ululia for a number of years, and have great respect for her knowledge of Hawai`i's fragile and precious environment. She weaves her knowledge of our `aina with her respect and celebration of our Hawaiian culture, encouraging the teaching and learning of both as deeply intertwined in the Hawaiian landscape.

She will serve this commission well, bringing with her many years of working with the lands managed by the Kamehameha Schools.

I urge this committee to approve her appointment.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share my mana`o.

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| Snookie Mello | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha, Ulalia Woodside is an excellent candidate for a position on the NARS commission. In 1976-77 I worked as a student helper for NARS. It has come a long way since then. I believe Ms. Woodside would make an admirable and able commissioner to further the program. Her cultural and scientific background will stand her in good stead as a commissioner.

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