### **GM54**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i

Measure Title: Community Development Authority Heeia District, Gubernatorial

Nominee, DONNA CAMVEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

Report Title:

Hawai'i Community Development Authority Heeia District

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LATE TESTIMONY

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## STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 869 PUNCHBOWL STREET HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

August 29, 2017 1:15 p.m. State Capitol, Room 414

#### G.M. 54

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Community Development Authority Heeia District, Gubernatorial Nominee, DONNA CAMVEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

#### Senate Committee on Housing

The Department of Transportation (DOT) strongly **supports** Donna Camvel as a Heeia member to the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Ms. Camvel is a lecturer of Hawaiian studies at Windward Community College, University of Hawaii.

We are eager to serve with Ms. Camvel and believe her knowledge and expertise as a Hawaiian cultural practitioner are well suited to restore 400 acres of Heeia wetlands into a working agricultural and cultural district that aims to meet the highest needs and aspirations of Hawaii's people.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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## LATE TESTIMONY

August 29, 2017

To:

Senator Will Espero, Chair

Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair Members, Committee on Housing

From:

Aaron Mahi, President

Ko'olau Foundation

Subject:

G.M. 54, Confirmation of Donna Camvel's Appointment

To the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, He'eia Seat

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Harimoto, Honorable Members of this Committee:

On behalf of the Ko'olau Foundation, we offer our strong support for the confirmation of Donna Camvel to serve as a He'eia member of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

The Ko'olau Foundation is a Native Hawaiian non-profit community organization that has been working to preserve cultural resources in the uplands of He'eia Ahupua'a through the establishment of a cultural preserve in Haiku Valley.

Donna Camvel comes from a large, extended Native Hawaiian family that has roots in the He'eia area dating back centuries. An active cultural practitioner, she also brings with her the knowledge of ahupua'a management through a konohiki training program in which she participated at the University of Hawai'i's Kamakakuokalani School of Hawaiian Knowledge.

She is interested in helping HCDA make good decisions regarding the future of the state's lands at He'eia, and offers a healthy community perspective to assist in the work of HCDA in its oversight of the lands at He'eia-uli.

We ask your confirmation of her appointment.

Mahalo.

### LATE TESTIMONY



### KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

August 29, 2017

TO:

SEN. MAILE SHIMABUKURO

And Members, Hawaiian Affairs Committee

FROM:

ALICE P. HEWETT, President

Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

RE:

<u>GM#54 – APPOINTMENT OF DONNA CAMVEL TO HCDA-HEEIA SEAT</u>

On behalf of our president Alice Hewett and the members of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, ALOHA to Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Committee Members.

Our civic club strongly supports confirmation of Donna Camvel to a He'eia seat on the board of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

Donnie, as we call her, is well known and respected in the Ko'olaupoko area, having organized various cultural events at Mokapu and elsewhere, and regularly tending to her family's lo'i kalo in 'Ioleka'a, the uplands of He'eia ahupua'a, for many years. She is also known for her work as a valued instructor at the University of Hawai'i's Center for Hawaiian Studies.

As a Native Hawaiian, Donnie brings a tempered, balanced perspective to the work of HCDA in its deliberations over the lands it controls at He'eia-uli.

We urge your committee to recommend confirmation of her appointment to HCDA.

Mahalo.

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko'olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."

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