

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 561

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 561, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

G.M. No. 561      AMBER NAMAKA WHITEHEAD,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2012,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee, and finds Amber Namaka Whitehead to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Testimony in support of Ms. Whitehead's nomination was submitted by Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Kohe Malamalama O Kanaloa Protect Kaho'olawe Fund, and three individuals.

Ms. Whitehead is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools. She received her Bachelor's degrees in Hawaiian Studies and Botany from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and is presently enrolled in the Department of Botany in a Doctorate program specializing in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology.

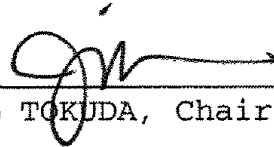
Ms. Whitehead is employed by the Kamehameha Schools as an ecologist for lands on Hawai'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, Kaua'i, and Maui. In that position she manages the natural resources, stewardship activities and partnerships for over 360,000 acres of land and



oversees and is responsible for a budget of over two million dollars annually. She has been a member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana for the past fourteen years and has the responsibility of being an access guide to the island.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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JILL TOKUDA, Chair



