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TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008; 2:45 P.M.  
ROOM 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 291  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO  
THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS ADVISORY BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMES A. BOSWELL,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Governor's Message No. 291 nominating James A. Boswell to the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. The department strongly supports his nomination.

Mr. Boswell is a graduate of Molokai High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University - Provo. Mr. Boswell currently serves as vice president of the Molokai-Lanai Soil & Water Conservation District and has been a member of the district board for the past eight years. He is an assistant professor at Maui Community College and for the past 21 years has taught classes that have included horticulture, soils technology, farm and tractor operation, greenhouse and nursery management, general botany, Hawaiian ethno botany, plant disease, irrigation principles and design, and agricultural

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business management. He is a homestead farmer and has been a member of the Hoolehua Homesteaders Association since 1984 and has assisted the organization with various community projects and events. His expertise and experience in agriculture and strong desire to serve his community will continue to be an asset to the board in his second consecutive term.

Mr. Boswell has been an active Board member attending meetings regularly and engaging in the important matters coming before the Board. We respectfully request the support of this committee for Mr. Boswell's nomination.

# Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board

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TESTIMONY OF ADOLPH HELM  
CHAIRPERSON, MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS  
ADVISORY BOARD BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

APRIL 1, 2008, 2:45 P.M.

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

My name is Adolph Helm. I am a Molokai resident and Chairman of the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Governor's Message No. 291 nominating James A. Boswell to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. I strongly support his nomination.

Mr. Boswell is a Hawaiian Homesteader and currently serves as vice president of the Moloka'i-Lanai Soil & Water Conservation District and has been a member of the district board for the past eight years. He currently teaches agriculture courses at Maui Community College. James contribution in his four years of service has been invaluable. His knowledge and experience in agriculture and strong desire to serve his community will be an asset to the board in his second consecutive term.



## Hikiola Cooperative

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March 25, 2008

The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda  
State Capitol, Room 218  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Letter of support for James A. Boswell

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing in support regarding the nomination of James A. Boswell to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board as the representative for the Moloka'i Land and Water Conservation District.

As the general manager of Hikiola Cooperative I am well acquainted with Mr. Boswell's outstanding service to our island's agricultural community. Hikiola Cooperative is an agricultural supply cooperative and has served the agri-businesses on Moloka'i for 36 years.

James possesses the qualifications to competently serve in this position. His contribution to the board is his 21 years as an educator in the field of agriculture with the Maui Community College, his reputation as a successful businessman and community volunteer, and his long family ties to this island. I trust him to make decisions in the best interest of Moloka'i and share with him the objective for the economic success of the system users.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tina Tamanaha".

Tina Tamanaha  
General Manager