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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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OPPOSITION TO ALL APPOINTMENTS OF THE MIS ADVISORY BOARD

According to Hawaii State Auditor Marion Higa's recent MIS audit, the structure of the MIS USERS BOARD SHALL BE MADE UP OF 2/3 HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD USERS OF THE MIS. I urge the committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs to follow her recommendations.

At last months March MIS advisory board meeting, the members vowed to follow Ms. Higa's finding. The State Department of Agriculture Deputy Duane Okamoto has developed (with users input) a roadmap matrix to go along with Ms. Higa's conclusion, giving high priority to the 2/3 homestead MIS users board. Considering any appointments at this time will conflict with both Ms. Higa's and Mr. Okamoto recommendations and plans. The continued appointments of non-user and non-farmers of the MIS are to be disputed.

I oppose the three appointments of Audwin Calairo, Richard Wheeler, and Steven Arce.

To approve any appointments at this time will only complicate the process to execute Ms. Higa's recommendations and Mr. Okamoto's implementation of our (the MIS users) proposed MIS roadmap matrix.

Mahalo!