

GM 454



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TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE  
STATE OF HAWAII

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 454  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO  
THE MOLOKA'I IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS ADVISORY BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, AUDWIN A. CALAIRO,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2011.

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Governor's Message No. 454 nominating Audwin A. Calairo to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board (MISWUAB). The department strongly supports his nomination.

Mr. Calairo is a life-long resident of Moloka'i and is currently employed by Monsanto-Moloka'i as a mechanic and maintenance technician. He is a parent participant in the Moloka'i 4-H program and a member of the Moloka'i Farm Bureau. Mr. Calairo's interest in becoming a member of the MISWUAB is to insure that the system is well managed and properly maintained. His work experience and knowledge in the technical area of equipment maintenance and repair will be invaluable to the board and the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Calairo will be representing the non-homestead MIS water users on Molokai and his prior and current work experience and community involvement makes him an

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ideal candidate. As a native Hawaiian, he can relate to the concerns of the homesteaders while at the same time bringing the non-homesteaders' issues to the attention of the MISWUAB.

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Keith Kawano, Maui County Police Officer  
P.O. Box 1324  
Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748

Honorable Governor Linda Lingle or To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is my personal reference for Audwin Calairo regarding his application for the position of Board Member, Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board representing the non-homestead users on the island of Molokai.

I have known Audwin for 25 years as a personal friend. He is an active member of our community and a responsible person. In the MISUAB Board Member position, Audwin will properly and impartially represent the best interests of the MIS and its customers. I highly recommend that you approve his appointment.

Sincerely,

Keith Kawano

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Kawano". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "A".

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Clarence Loo  
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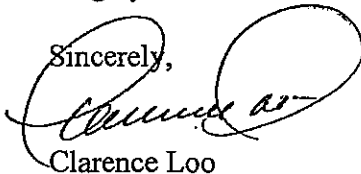
Honorable Governor Linda Lingle or To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is my personal reference for Audwin Calairo regarding his application for the position of Board Member, Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board representing the non-homestead users on the island of Molokai.

I have known Audwin for 15 years, 13 years as his supervisor and 2 years as a personal friend. He is an active member of our community and a responsible person. In the MISUAB Board Member position, Audwin will properly and impartially represent the best interests of the MIS and its customers.

I highly recommend that you approve his appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clarence Loo", written over a large, loopy flourish.

Clarence Loo

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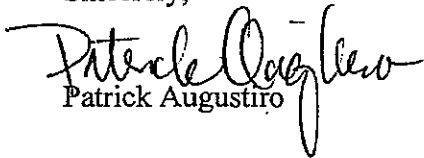
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This letter is my personal reference for Audwin Calairo regarding his application for the position of Board Member, Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board representing the non-homestead users on the island of Molokai.

I have known Audwin for 15 years as a personal friend and co-worker. He is an active member of our community and a responsible person. In the MISUAB Board Member position, Audwin will properly and impartially represent the best interests of the MIS and its customers.

I highly recommend that you approve his appointment.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick Augustiro

**testimony**

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**From:** Viola [tippy@sandwichisles.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2008 11:47 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony GM 454

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair  
NOTICE OF HEARING – GM 454

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 1, 2008  
**TIME:** 2:45 PM.  
**PLACE:** Conference Room 224  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION**

My name is Viola K. Mundrick-Wichman and I am a Ho'olehua homestead farmer. I oppose the confirmation for Audwin A. Calairo because he is not a farmer neither is he a user of the MIS Irrigation system. Based on the audit and its recommendations by the state auditor he does not fit the criteria. I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Viola K. Mundrick-Wichman

**testimony**

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**From:** sweet potato [ldrd@wave.hicv.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2008 11:32 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** 'Alan Murakami'; 'Viola Mundrick'  
**Subject:** GM 454

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

My name is Lynn DeCoite and I am a third generation homestead farmer. I oppose the confirmation for Audwin A. Calairo because he is not a farmer neither is he a user of the MIS Irrigation system. Based on the audit and its recommendations by the state auditor he does not fit the criteria. I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Lynn DeCoite, Sweet Potato Farmer



**testimony**

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**From:** Teves, Glenn [TevesG@ctahr.hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2008 4:33 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Confirmation of MIS Advisory Board

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF  
AUDWIN CALAIRO AS A MEMBER  
OF THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION  
SYSTEM USERS ADVISORY

My name is Glenn I. Teves and I am a Ho'olehua homestead farmer. I have been farming banana and other fruits commercial for the last 20 years and I oppose the confirmation of Audwin A. Calairo because he is not a farmer/user of the MIS Irrigation system. Although he is employed as a mechanic for Monsanto, he doesn't fit the qualifications in the HRS. Based on the audit and its recommendations by the state auditor, he does not fit the criteria as a nominee. I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Glenn I. Teves

**testimony**

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**From:** jose faraon [josefaraon@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2008 4:15 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

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My name is Jose Faraon and my wife Rollanda Faraon are Hoolehua homestead farmers. We oppose the confirmation for Audwin A Calairo because he is not a farmer neither is he a user of the MIS Irrigation system. Based on the audit and its recommendations by the state auditor he does not fit the criteria. I thank you for the oppurtunity to submit testimony.

Jose Faraon  
Rollanda Faraon

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# Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board

Adolph Helm, Chairman  
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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. 454 nominating Audwin A. Calairo to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. I strongly support his nomination.

Mr. Calairo is a Native Hawaiian and life-long resident of Moloka'i and currently works for Monsanto-Moloka'i as a mechanic and maintenance technician. He is an active member in the community participating with his family in many positive activities. His knowledge and expertise in mechanical applications will help in our efforts to improve and sustain the Molokai Irrigation System. I highly recommend Mr. Calairo to the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board as our newest member.