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TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2009
3:00 P.M.
ROOM 229

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 458
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS ADVISORY BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STEVEN L. ARCE,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2013

Chairperson Hee and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Governor's Message No. 458 nominating Steven L. Arce to the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. The department strongly supports his nomination.

Mr. Arce has voluntarily served on the board since July 2007 to provide input relating to operational matters concerning the Molokai Irrigation System. Since his confirmation, he has attended every scheduled meeting of the MIS board and participated in all three of the Roadmap to Improvement Meetings held on three weekends in 2007. He is employed by Mycogen Seeds as a farm tractor operator and represents the Molokai Farm Bureau. Mr. Arce has managed the operations of Molokai Hay for approximately 12 years and is also a member of the Hikiola Agricultural Cooperative. Molokai Hay is a farm business that harvests grass from homestead and non-homestead lots and sells the grass to owners of horses, cattle, and goats. His expertise and experience in agriculture and strong desire to serve his community is an asset to the board.

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