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To: The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

Date: March 9, 2010
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

From: Darwin L.D. Ching, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

**GM 293 – SAMUEL MOKU
Civil Rights Commission**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Samuel Moku for the Civil Rights Commission. I have known Mr. Pendleton both professionally and personally for several years. He is well qualified for this position because of his skills, intelligence, dedication, professional and educational experience, character and integrity.

Mr. Moku attended the University of Hawaii where he graduated with a BA degree in Economics. He continued his education at the University, where he obtained his MBA.

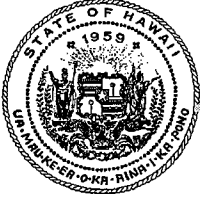
Mr. Moku is currently employed in the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) where he is the Director of the Home Ownership Assistance Program. Prior to that he worked in the Land Management Division of the DHHL.

In my dealings with Mr. Moku, he has demonstrated that he is an intelligent, thoughtful, and honest person who is willing to carefully listen to other's perspectives and viewpoints before making a decision.

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In addition to his professional life, Mr. Moku is active in our community. He is active with the Special Olympics, University of Hawaii Letterwinners Club and ABC Athletics.

In addition to his exceptional education, background, and community service, Mr. Moku is conscientious, dedicated and fair, which are important traits for serving on the Civil Rights Commission.



HAWAI'I CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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March 9, 2010
Rm. 016, 9:30 a.m.

TO: The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Dwight Takamine, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

FROM: Coral Wong Pietsch, Chair,
and Commissioners of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission

RE: Governor's Message 293

Nomination of Samuel Moku
to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission

The Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) has enforcement jurisdiction over Hawai'i's laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and access to State and State-funded services. The HCRC carries out the Hawai'i constitutional mandate that no person shall be discriminated against in the exercise of their civil rights. Art. I, Sect. 5.

The HCRC supports the confirmation of the nomination of Samuel Moku to the Commission.

Mr. Moku brings to the HCRC a strong record of public service. From 2004 through the present, he has worked for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), first as a land manager and since 2005 as the Director of the DHHL Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOAP). As Director of HOAP, Mr. Moku works with Native Hawaiian families and various organizations to provide low income beneficiaries the tools they need for home ownership, developing programs to improve financial literacy and provide job training and addictions treatment services. He has a strong interest in issues affecting Native Hawaiians. Prior to his employment with DHHL Mr. Moku worked as Chief of Staff to State Senator Bob Hogue.

Since 1993 Mr. Moku has served as the Special Olympics Hawaii Volunteer Head Track & Field Official and Coordinator for the Summer Special Olympics State Track Meet, responsible for training volunteer coaches and officials. The mission of Special Olympics Hawaii is: "...provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community."

Serving as an interim appointee, Commissioner Moku has attended and participated in the two most recent HCRC commission meetings held in December 2009 and February 2010. In these first meetings, he has proven to be engaged and active, collegial and serious, capable and sincere in his interest. Commissioner Moku adds his strengths to those of his fellow commissioners, all four of whom are attorneys. He understands policy and process, the roles of commission and staff, and legislative and administrative processes. His input and perspective will be valuable when the HCRC engages in rulemaking to adopt rules to conform state law to the new stronger and broader protections established by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 2008.

Upon confirmation, Samuel Moku will be a valuable contributing member of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. He will serve the public interest and the people of Hawai'i well. We support confirmation of his nomination.

The Senate
Committee On Judiciary and
Government Operations
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
9:30 a.m., Room 016

Statement of the Hawaii Carpenters Union in Support
Of the confirmation of Samuel Moku to the Civil Rights Commission

The Hawaii Carpenters Union supports the confirmation of Samuel Moku to the Civil Rights Commission. Our union has had direct experience working with Mr. Moku in his current position as Director of the Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOAP) of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We have found Mr. Moku to be honest and forthright, but just as importantly, able to digest new information and concepts, then come to well-reasoned conclusions and implementation plans.

Mr. Moku developed a unique program with our union, to provides jobs with training to beneficiaries of the DHHL. It opens the possibility of a beneficiary learning a skilled trade while building homes in their future neighborhood, and earning income to pay for their home purchase. This is a first-of-a-kind program, and required quick learning, adaptability and creativity by all.

We have also worked with him on other aspects of the DHHL's growing planning and development initiatives, and have seen a real-world business sense combined with compassion and fairness.

Sam Moku will add to the combined strength of the Civil Rights Commission. Please consider our support for the confirmation of his appointment.

From: Ben Henderson [bhender@QLCC.org]
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 11:38 AM
To: JGO Testimony
Cc: sammoku@yahoo.com
Subject: GM 293 - Testimony In Support

To: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Committee On Judiciary and Government Operations

Subject: Testimony In Support of the Appointment of Samuel Moku to the Civil Rights Commission – GM 293

This is to express my strong support of Mr. Samuel Moku's nomination to the State Civil Rights Commission.

I have known Mr. Moku both personally and professionally for nearly ten years. He is a person of high character and integrity. He has a strong sense of fairness and is objective in evaluating all sides of an issue. I believe he will bring a strong, positive voice to the work of the Civil Rights Commission

I first met Mr. Moku when he worked as a Legislative Aide at the Legislature. At the time I was the Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Between 2004 and 2008 I had the opportunity to work closely with him on a variety of program and policy matters in his role as a Senior Analyst at DHHL. I have found Mr. Moku to be a hard worker who does his homework, is not afraid to think outside of the box, and is not quick to jump to conclusions.

Again, I believe he will be an asset to the work of the Civil Rights Commission and urge the Committee's favorable support of his appointment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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March 8, 2010

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**Re: LETTER IN SUPPORT OF SAMUEL MOKU FOR A
POSITION ON THE HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION**

Dear Chair Taniguchi:

I write in strong support of Samuel "Sam" Moku to serve on the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. I have known Sam for over twenty years, as an athlete, as a public servant, and as a close personal friend. During that time, I have had the pleasure of witnessing Sam's well-earned reputation for leadership and community involvement. Throughout his life, Sam has demonstrated a strong intellect and a unique understanding of the people of Hawai'i. More importantly, he has always been honest, straightforward, and committed to improving our community.

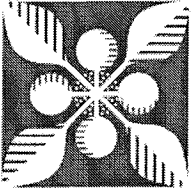
Sam is a consummate professional. He is unwavering in his commitment to public service, yet always finds time for his family and friends. He has served honorably and dutifully in many different capacities, most recently with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He has also coached track and field at Kamehameha Schools, and is actively involved in many community activities in Kaneohe.

Sam will bring to the Civil Rights Commission a wealth of knowledge and experience, and a passion to serve the public. He will also no doubt foster a strong working relationship between the Commission and the general public. In sum, Sam clearly possesses the professional credentials, the life experience, and a strong record of community service that, in my humble opinion, would enable him to excel on the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of Sam Moku's application.

Very truly yours,



Kevin A. Souza, Esq.



NĀNĀKULI HOUSING CORPORATION

BASEYARD HAWAII

March 8, 2010

The Honorable Senator Brian Taniguchi,
Chair of Judiciary and Government Operations

via e-mail sentaniguchi@Capitol.hawaii.gov
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Aloha mai . . .

in re: GM293, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SAMUEL MOKU, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE
6-30-2011.

*"... but for the paths of lighted trails, the directions of our conscience likely would fade
first from benefit and then from use." B. Franklyn*

I have known and followed the examples of Samuel Moku's commitment to the enabling efforts of our fellow native Hawaiians for the past 5 years. Samuel's personal determination and farsightedness, is a beacon, which helps me to light my own path. During his recent years as program administrator for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Samuel Moku has provided guidance and given a voice to our native Hawaiian families thru the Home Ownership Assistance Program.

As Prince Jonah Kuhio said, *"You must lay a strong foundation, before you build your home."* Samuel Moku has done just that for our native Hawaiian families. Thru his leadership, he has removed barriers to homeownership especially for our low-income families by providing financial education, credit counseling, and employment opportunities, and, all the while shining an ever reminding light on our trail.

My support for Sam Moku comes without compromise.

Mahalo nui loa for your kokua,

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*Our Mission
is that every
Native
Hawaiian
family,
regardless of
their economic
status, will
build their
personal assets
thru home
ownership.
Our Vision is
that every
Native
Hawaiian
family will
have a home.*

To: Senator Brian Taniguchi
Chair of Judiciary and Governmental Operations
Re: Submission for Consideration and Confirmation of Smuel Moku to the
Civil Rights Commission Measure GM 293 Tuesday 03/09/2010 at 9:30 am
From: Harvey H. McInerny

Dear Senator,

It is with great pleasure that I submit this testimony in favor of Sam Moku's appointment to the Civil Rights Commission. I have been a friend, fellow coach and business associate of Sam for the past twelve years. I must say, that of all the people I know Sam would be the one most uniquely qualified to serve on the Civil Rights Commission. Over the years I have been able to observe Sam not only when things are going smoothly but more tellingly during times of challenge and strife. Sam will always help the downtrodden, less fortunate, physically impaired and the underdog. He has excellent organizational talents, is a great motivator and is an extremely hard worker. These traits will serve Sam well as a member of the Commission. However, his one trait that may stand out above the rest is his personal integrity. Sam always does the right thing and this along with his passion for fair play will be a huge asset for him if chosen to serve. Please confirm Sam for this important position, it will be good for him and the people of our state.

Aloha,

Harvey H. McInerny
President/CEO, McInerny Financial Group