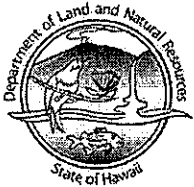


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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, February 19, 2010
3:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 306
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KAHANA VALLEY
LIVING PARK PLANNING COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MAY LEILANI AU,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2013**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nomination of May Leilani Au to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Mrs. Au retired from the United States Postal Service after serving for forty years as Postmaster at the Hau'ula, Kailua, and Kāne'ōhe stations. "Aunty" May as she is called by everyone, is a revered kupuna not only in Kahana, but in all the communities of the Ko'olauloa District. She exemplifies the spirit and aloha that was expressed by the people of Kahana when the living park was established under Governor John Burns.

When the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) completed the construction of the Kahana Store, Mrs. Au had established a nonprofit organization to provide an opportunity for the residents to engage themselves in activities that contribute to their required hours of interpretive services. Committed to the cultural programs and the heritage values which make the ahupua'a unique among the Hawaiian communities, she is always ready to help others in need and to give of herself for the betterment of the people of Kahana.

I am confident that Mrs. Au's qualities and assets will serve the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council well as they endeavor to find solutions that will integrate the lifestyle of the residents with the State's mandate to preserve the parks in their natural condition and improve them to retain their natural scenic and historic values for the use and enjoyment of the public. The Department is in complete support of her appointment for a three-year term and request that her nomination be confirmed.

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