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**Testimony of  
LAURA H. THIELEN  
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**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 309  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KAHANA  
VALLEY LIVING PARK PLANNING COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
BENJAMIN DANIEL SHAFER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2011**

Thank you for this opportunity to support the nomination of Benjamin Daniel Shafer to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council for a term to expire 6-30-2011.

Mr. Shafer, along with his family, has been supportive of the State's efforts to provide an interpretive program that seeks to utilize the attributes and talents of the residents of the ahupua`a for the cultural enrichment and enhancement sought by visitors to the park. Mr. Shafer and Mrs. Ululani Beirne-Keawe are credited with getting the Kahana Community Association on its feet for the purpose of providing the residents with a means to collectively identify their needs and as a group, find the means to address those needs. In support of the interpretive programs offered through the park, Ben has been instrumental in bringing groups of people who are interested in the restoration of the fishpond and the Mormon Chapel.

Mr. Shafer's personal knowledge of the history of the Kahana ahupua`a and his dedication to Hawaiian cultural practices and values will help him to make significant contributions to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council. The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports his appointment for a one-year term and request that the Senate consent to his nomination.

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