

**TESTIMONY**  
**GM 355**



## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

# RESPONSES FROM MR. STUART K. HANCHETT

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor Linda Lingle to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. To assist the Senate with its confirmation process, I am requesting that the following information be submitted to my office:

A written statement that addresses the following questions:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission?

1. There are three major projects that are currently planned or in progress on the Island of Kauai. I would like very much to be a part of these projects and see them to their conclusion. They are the Anahola housing project all three phases, the Anahola Town Center, and the Wailua housing project.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission?

2. I feel my role and responsibilities as a Commissioner to do all in my power to protect the trust, continue to provide homes for our beneficiaries, while providing our beneficiaries the tools needed to continue on the road toward self sufficiency.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

3. I have had approximately twenty years of management experience in the airline industry and have run my own company for fifteen years. Having had a strong religious background I believe that I can be a fair and caring person to those beneficiaries who appear before us seeking remedies to special problems that they have encountered.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

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4. In addition to the projects outlined in question one, I hope to provide future a solid foundation to continue providing the beneficiaries with home and fair policies.

- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Hawaiian Homes Commission?

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- (1) I consider myself to be an honest individual.  
(2) I believe that I can recognize what is Pono and what is not.  
(3) In my life, I have experienced good and bad times, approaching each with common sense.

- (6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Hawaiian Homes Commission?

6. At my ranch on Kauai, approximately four times per year, we invite native Hawaiian youth to the ranch for a week of horsemanship cultural education. Each child is required to make daily entries in a journal. Reading these entries and how the experience has influenced their lives is quite rewarding. How the feel toward me and my Ohana makes the effort worth it.

- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Hawaiian Homes Commission? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

7. No

- (8) The \$30,000,000 annual entitlement will end in 2014. What thoughts going forward do you have to ensure a revenue stream to continue the mission of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands? Please be specific.

8. Approximately 10% of our lands have been designated as income producing properties. I would like to Continue this practice which not only generates revenue for the Department but provides jobs for our beneficiaries. Our first sale of bonds went well. We should continue both the practices.

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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and  
Hawaiian Affairs

Dear Senator Hee:

Re: GM 355 – Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
Stuart K. Hanchett, for a term to expire 6-30-2013

I am writing this letter in support of Commissioner Hanchett's confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I work at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and have personally observed Commissioner Hanchett's performance over the past 4 years as the Commissioner for the island of Kauai.

He is a hard worker, displays a high level of integrity and is committed to serving the beneficiaries of the Trust. At our monthly 2 day commission meetings, he is always prepared. I believe that what sets him apart from others is that he is responsive to the people he represents – whether they are leaders of the community or an individual with a gripe about the Department. Also, he's very approachable and respectful to all.

The island of Kauai is indeed fortunate to have Commissioner Hanchett as their representative and I have no doubt that if he is given another 4 years to serve the people, he will continue to give his best for the people of Hawaii.

I respectfully request that he be reappointed for another 4 years. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Aloha,

Kay Ahina

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