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TESTIMONY OF KAULANA H. R. PARK, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

ON GM 355

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, STUART K. HANCHETT, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

March 24, 2010

Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

We strongly support the nomination of Stuart K. Hanchett to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and at its regular meeting on March 23, 2010, the commission voted unanimously to support this nomination.

Commissioner Hanchett has served on the Hawaiian Homes Commission since 2005 and during his tenure has strongly advocated for and fairly represented the beneficiaries of the island of Kaua'i. Commissioner Hanchett is himself an applicant on the Hawaiian Home Lands waitlist. As a small business owner and rancher, Commissioner Hanchett consistently brings a "common sense" perspective to the Commission's deliberations.

In four years, Commissioner Hanchett has consistently demonstrated that the trust's beneficiaries are his first priority and has acted in the best interest of beneficiaries. For these reasons we

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respectfully request that your committee consent to this nomination.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Statement of
BEN HENDERSON

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Wednesday, March 24, 2010
2:45 P.M

In consideration of GM 355, Relating to the
**CONFIRMATION AND REAPPOINTMENT OF
STUART K. HANCHETT**

To the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Tokuda, and members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs,

I am pleased to provide testimony as a private citizen in **strong support** of the confirmation and reappointment of **Stuart K. Hanchett** to a second term on the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC).

In my former position as Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Land (DHHL), I had the opportunity to work closely with Commissioner Hanchett in his capacity of Hawaiian Homes Commissioner representing the Island of Kauai. He is diligent and objective in his consideration of matters brought before the Commission. While he understands and advocates for the needs of his Kauai constituents, Mr. Hanchett also sees the big picture and in my view, makes his decisions based on what is in the best interests of the Hawaiian home lands trust and all of the beneficiaries he represents.

Having served for the past four years as a commissioner, he has a clear understanding of the mission and purposes of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and his fiduciary responsibility as a commissioner. I believe he will continue to serve the commission with fairness and integrity, and respectfully urge your favorable recommendation on his reappointment to a second term. Mahalo.

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