

TESTIMONY

GM 507



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Testimony on GM 507
Confirmation of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a
Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Governor Neil Abercrombie

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
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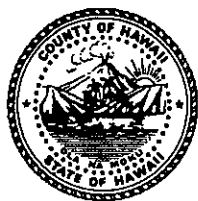
February 2, 2011
2:45 p.m. Room 224

Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan and committee members, I respectfully ask for your favorable support of my nominee Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Since being appointed on December 15, 2010, Mr. Nahale-a has shown tremendous leadership skills within the DHHL. His management abilities and skillset are exactly what is needed in DHHL to move the state forward. He also understands the challenges ahead and that it will take all of us to make a difference.

Mr. Nahale-a is the right person to lead DHHL and I am proud to have him as a member of my team to ensure a New Day in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration to confirm this leader.

William P. Kenoi
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February 2, 2011

Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on
Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 224
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of the nomination of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a as chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

For the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to succeed, it must do more than build houses. The department must build healthy communities that offer meaningful jobs, recreational activities and educational opportunities for our youth. Alapaki will work tirelessly to deliver both the infrastructure and the services needed to create those healthy communities.

His work as a Hawaiian Homes Commission member for East Hawai'i and his background as development specialist with Rural Community Service Corporation have given him the background and experience needed for him to succeed as chairperson. He has demonstrated his commitment to providing opportunities for our youth through his work as project manager at Hawai'i Community College and director of Ka Umeke Kaeo Charter School.

Alapaki's understanding and commitment to our Hawaiian communities is unquestioned, in part because he has deep personal ties to the Hawaiian Homes communities of Pana'ewa and Keaukaha. I respectfully urge the committee to support his nomination. Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

William P. Kenoi
MAYOR

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January 31, 2011

Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Confirmation of Mr. Alapaki Nahale'a as DHHL Director

Testimony in **SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-chair Ryan and members of the Committee,

My name is Bob Lindsey and I am the Hawai'i Island Trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in Support of Mr. Alapaki Nahale'a's Confirmation as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known Mr. Nahale'a since he was a student at Kamehameha Schools and have had the good fortune of watching him grow and mature into both a "good and industrious" Hawaiian Gentleman and an extraordinary Hawaiian Leader. He is 'Āina Ho'opulapula, born, raised and nurtured on the homesteads of Keaukaha and Panaewa. Alapaki is one of us. He knows our

concerns, issues, needs and wants. He is definitely grounded in the community, pa‘a to our People, deserving of this great honor to lead us into the Future. He has served on the Hawaiian Homes Commission so he knows firsthand the challenges and opportunities he will be working with. He has Administrative experience having served as Administrator for our Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools. He has Legislative experience having served as Legislative Aide to former Hawai‘i County Council Member John Ray. He has been active in community affairs, primarily the Hawaiian Community on Moku O Keawe. His life has been one of humble service to the residents and citizens of Hawai‘i Island. He is a good listener, easy to approach, a clear thinker, a people person. Clearly he is Mission Driven but one of his strengths (and he has many) is this, he is a ‘consensus builder.’ He will definitely reach out to People and when serving our People, this is a Must. The pūwalu he held at Kapolei two weekends ago is evidence of his wanting to employ Hawaiian values in his daily work at DHHL; Aloha, Lōkahi, ‘Ohana, Kuleana, ‘Imi ‘Ike, Ho‘omanawanui and Ha‘aha‘a.

In closing, I want to thank Mr. Nahale‘a for being willing to accept this wonderful challenge to serve our People. Please make his interim appointment as DHHL Director a permanent one.

Aloha Pumehana,

Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.
OHA Trustee - Hawai‘i Island

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February 2, 2011

Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Vice-Chair, Senator Pohai Ryan
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Re: GM 507: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A, for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Melissa Pavlicek. I am an attorney and the co-owner of a small business and I reside in Honolulu. I have known Alapaki Nahale-a for about five years, working closely and often on a daily basis with him when he served as the director of a Hawaii island public charter school and when he served as the executive director of the Hawaii Charter School Network.

I am writing to ask for your support for Alapaki Nahale-a as the director of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. I have personally observed Alapaki's commitment to the Hawaii community as a whole, the children who are enrolled in public charter schools and his deep knowledge of and love for issues concerning the native Hawaiian community. He possesses the ability to work collaboratively with people of all walks of life, all abilities and education levels. He understands on a personal level what it is like to both have a seat at the table where important and far reaching decisions are made and to be excluded from a seat at the table. He has the highest degree of diligence and integrity. I have observed him effectively conduct meetings where policy decisions and implementation plans were adopted by a large group of contentious stakeholders. He is intelligent, compassionate and committed to public service.

He digs deep into his own pocket when a child is in need and "walks" the "talk." He once noted to me the sign in a public school that said "no lunch money, no lunch" and stated in the strongest possible terms that the sentiment when applied to *children* has no place in our island community. I have stood before him in a room of five hundred people as he spoke about the education of children in a way so moving that tears streamed down my face and a standing ovation erupted before he was even done talking.

Please confirm Alapaki Nahale-a's appointment.

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Wednesday, February 2, 1011 at 2:45 pm
by
Elmer Ka'ilikole Ka'ai

GM 507 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a, for a term to expire December 31, 2014

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan and members of Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Alapaki Nahale-a as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Land. I'm sure that you will receive a number of testimony highlighting his life and accomplishments; I want to share a simple and recent story about Mr. Nahale-a which won me over.

Two weekends ago, Mr. Nahale-a invited a number beneficiaries and partners to a two-day retreat for help him shape the focus and direction of the Hawaiian Home Land Trust. I was honored to be invited and participate in this first-time and historic "kukakuka" session. Mr. Nahale-a brought together individuals with the strong feeling for and against the department and the trust, in fact several of the participants had or have pending lawsuits against the department. Despite these issues, Mr. Nahale-a and his staff must be commended for their proactive approach in discussing, at times heated and pointed, matters about the department. Mr. Nahale-a was open to frank criticism and reply with what I thought were honest responses. As brother Skippy loane would say "no bullshit!" I'm sure that if you ask all the participants that attended the retreat, all would agree that Mr. Nahale-a approach in facing the challenges of the department and trust started in the right place – with the people. Mahalo Alapaki, Bobby and all the DHHL staff for a fulfilling and rewarding weekend.

I urge the committee's support for Mr. Nahale-a confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.



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TESTIMONY OF

Robin Puanani Danner, President and CEO
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

IN SUPPORT OF CONFIRMATION

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee:

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement is a network of over 100 Native Hawaiian Organizations working to enhance the cultural, economic and community development of Native Hawaiians. We are a subject matter expert on the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act under which the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is charged to administer.

CNHA stands in strong support of Governor Abercrombie's selection of Alapaki Nahale-a. He is the right leader at the right time, to unify the talent and energy of our trust resources and the human capital of talent that exists in homestead leaders across the state. His experience as the chief executive officer of a public corporation and charter school, faced with state and federal regulatory requirements, insufficient funding resources, and an obligation to meet the needs of parents, students and stakeholders is a testament to his ability to manage. DHHL needs fresh and experienced management, to bring people together around common goals in order to make the tough decisions required to not only survive the current economic environment, but to thrive and lead this unique trust through it.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Alapaki Nahale-a, and Governor Abercrombie by requesting your confirmation of this appointment. CNHA stands ready to provide any additional information, by contacting me at 808.652.0140 or via email at info@hawaiiancouncil.org.

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS
TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

SUPPORTING GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 507

Before the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
2:45 pm; February 2, 1011; Room 224

Aloha Chairman Galuteria, Vice chair Ryan and members of the committee. I am Soulee Stroud, President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and I am honored to testify today in support of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of **Alapaki Nahale-a** as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is a volunteer membership organization with component clubs throughout the State of Hawaii, eleven states on the continent and the District of Columbia. We advocate and support the betterment of conditions of Native Hawaiians and work in areas of cultural practices, historic preservation, education and social welfare, among others.

Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole was a founder of the first civic club in 1918, and it was those early members who assisted him in passing the landmark Federal legislation that exists today as the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Our two organizations are forever connected as siblings.

On January 22, 2011 the Board of Directors met and as an agenda item was the nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a. About 40% of our members are beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust and Mr. Nahale-a is well known to civic club members as a product of the homesteads in Hilo and Panaewa. Our board members praised this nomination, and were especially proud that the early vision of Prince Kuhio is manifest here, in **Alapaki Nahale-a**.

As an alumnus of Kamehameha Schools and the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Nahale-a is well-educated. As a seasoned administrator in private and government agencies, he has a professional background. As a volunteer, he has a history of community service that stretches across the State. We have confidence in his ability and leadership and look forward to a productive working relationship with Mr. Nahale-a and his team. There can be no doubt that Governor Abercrombie has made the right choice, and we urge the committee's approval.

Mahalo for your consideration. For more information on the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs please contact Government Relations chair, Jalna Keala at jalna.keala2@hawaiiantel.net or by phone at 373-3070.

TESTIMONY OF Curtis Muraoka, Co-Director,
West Hawaii Explorations Academy Public Charter School

STRONG SUPPORT OF GM507
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Honorable Members of the Committee:

I am writing as an individual and former colleague of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a, now before you for consideration and confirmation as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

While Mr. Nahale-a was Po`okumu at Ka `Umeke Ka`eo Public Charter School, I had the personally enriching experience of collaborating with him on administrative public education issues and policy. His drive, vision and perseverance in growing Ka `Umeke was impressive, as was his ability to bring unity within the broader school community.

While he served as Executive Director of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, I had the opportunity to work closely with him on initiatives that focused on building capacity and quality in the service of children via the growing national context of charter school public education. Over the years, I have seen him bring together community grassroots, varied levels of government, and school stakeholders in focusing interest on what's best for kids.

These core values of service to both present community and to future generations, in addition to his excellent skills and initiative combine for a highly qualified leader driven by the needs of those he serves—in this instance, the Hawaiian Home Lands trust and beneficiaries, as well as the larger scope of interests statewide.

Alapaki's sincere brand of commitment to community makes him an outstanding choice for this position. Therefore, I respectfully urge this esteemed committee to concur with Governor Abercrombie, and confirm this nomination.

For more information, please contact me at (808) 987-2522.

Sincerely,



Curtis Muraoka, Co-Director
West Hawai`i Explorations Academy Public Charter School

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Submitted on: 1/30/2011

Comments:

To Honorable Chair Galuteria and Vice Chair Ryan:

I am writing in support of Mr. Nahale-a's nomination. I am confident he has the knowledge of the Department, administrative experience, and commitment to the Hawaiian people necessary to lead the organization into a better and prosperous future. I am confident he will lead DHHL in a manner that is mindful of the needs of all homestead beneficiaries.

The next DHHL Chairman faces difficult years ahead. Special interest organizations like CNHA and SCHHA, who represent only a minority of beneficiaries, have publicly declared their intent to interfere with the autonomous leadership of DHHL. I am confident that Mr. Nahale-a and his staff can rise to these and other challenges to lead the organization in a manner that is just, fair and with the integrity Prince Kalaniana'ole envisioned for the Trust.

He is an excellent nominee and I appauld the Governor in making this wise selection.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Trisha Kehaulani Watson

IN STRONG SUPPORT

I write my most enthusiastic support for the confirmation of Alapaki Nahale-a to the position of Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have come to know Mr. Nahale-a as a highly valued colleague over the past few years. He has a rare combination of abilities. He is highly intelligent, passionate about Hawaii, its people and the education of its children. He is an attentive and perceptive listener. He is also able to accommodate and synthesize a variety of viewpoints and he conveys his own valuable ideas in a convincing and appealing manner. His opinions are universally sound and well considered. He possesses strong interpersonal skills and practices firm leadership strategies.

He has a clear understanding of educational issues and the need for innovative solutions to meet the challenges facing public traditional and charter schools. He has been willing to actively participate in the reform efforts throughout the state and has always been a strong advocate for individual and collective school populations. Mr. Nahale-a is the ideal colleague who generates enthusiasm in all with who he interacts.

The head of the Hawaiian Home Lands must possess skills in leadership, management, and supervision to protect, develop and enhance the human, natural and cultural resources of the State. It is my opinion that Mr.. Nahale-a has demonstrated mastery in all these areas and has done so with compassion, firmness, and elegance.

Mr.. Nahale-a is comfortable working with high officials at all government levels as well as with the second grader in a rural elementary school. He is well liked and respected by educators in Hawai'i. He never says "no we cannot do it" rather "how can we help support you." He has helped Hawai'i charter schools and has worked very hard as a former director of the Charter School Network.

Mr.. Nahale-a is a superb administrator, instructor, and human being who will prove to be an asset to the Department. He brings a wealth of experience, sincere devotion to his passions and dedication to task. It is, therefore, without hesitation that I submit my letter of support for Alapaki Nahale-a and believe that he will be a valuable asset to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.



Diana Oshiro

Hawai'i State Senate
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hon. Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Hon. Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

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GM 507 – Consideration and Confirmation of Albert Alapaki Nahale-Ā

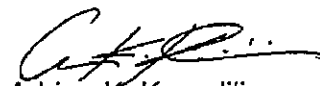
Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan and members of the committee,

Pae 'Āina Communications is honored to support **Mr. Albert Alapaki Nahale-Ā** for consideration and confirmation as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

We have worked with Mr. Nahale-Ā in his position as Executive Director of the Hawai'i Charter Schools Network. We are pleased with his leadership style and his effective ability to bring people together to focus on a common cause.

There will be much work ahead with DHHL and we are confident that Mr. Nahale-Ā will be able to pool the various resources and groups to find solutions. As a *kanaka ho'opulapula* he will bring intimate knowledge and knowhow of the needs and the vision needed to continue DHHL's work for future generations.

We ask for your strong consideration of Mr. Nahale-Ā and we thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.



Adrian K. Kamali'i



JOHN B. RAY

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January 30, 2011

Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
The Senate, Twenty-Sixth Legislature
Conference Room 224, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Confirmation of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a to Chair the Department of Hawaiian Homelands

Dear Senator Galuteria and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic and wholehearted support for the confirmation of Albert "Alapaki" Nahale-a to serve as director of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I have known Mr. Nahale-a since the mid-1990s. Our professional association began when I served as a member of the Hawaii County Council for two terms (1994-98). Alapaki then served as a legislative analyst for the Council's Legislative Auditor's office where he was promoted to the position of Fiscal/Program Review Auditor. He was a highly capable legislative staffer who assisted me and other council members in the drafting of legislation and the annual review of the county budget. During these years, he helped organize and staff a unique initiative called the Waimea Water Roundtable, an ad hoc stakeholder forum for the discussion of water development and water resource issues on the Big Island.

Later, I served as Chairman of the Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation (HICDC). HICDC develops self-help and low-income elderly rental units on the Big Island. Alapaki, then serving as a development specialist for the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), a federally designated Community Development Financial Institution, collaborated with HICDC to establish the Ouli Mutual Self-Help Housing Project in Kamuela, a project developed by HICDC and financed by RCAC's loan fund.

Alapaki Nahale-a is a highly personable, engaged and effective public servant. He cares deeply about the well-being and advancement of the Hawaiian community. I believe he will provide outstanding leadership and sustain the progress DHHL has made in recent years. Without reservation, I applaud his nomination by Governor Abercrombie and urge your committee to confirm his appointment.

Sincerely,


John Ray
Kamuela, Hawaii



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Communications, Inc.

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January 31, 2011

Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Chairman
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol Room 221
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Letter in Support of GM 507, Appointment of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a
Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Hearing date: February 3, 2011 at 2:45 pm in Room 224**

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

My name is Robert Kihune, a resident of Hilo, Hawaii for 16 years until last month, and the CEO of Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc., a rural telephone company that serves only on Hawaiian Home Lands. The purpose of this letter is to provide my strongest recommendation in support of the confirmation of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a to be the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

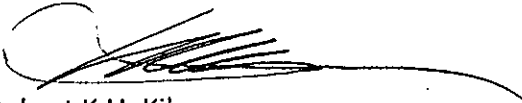
I have known Mr. Nahale-a for a number of years, both socially and professionally, during the ten years I served as a Trustee of the Kamehameha Schools as well as my years as the CEO of Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. As a Commissioner of the Hawaiian Homes Commission for the past two years, he not only has the detailed knowledge and necessary experience to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands during one of the most fiscally challenging periods facing the State of Hawaii, but he also possesses the intelligence and leadership needed in this difficult times to implement innovative initiatives to secure new funding resources to allow the thousands of beneficiaries who are still on the waiting list to attain their dream of owning a home on Hawaiian Home Lands. As a native Hawaiian who has grown up on Hawaiian Home Lands and a person who has served in numerous positions in organizations with missions of improving the well being of all Hawaiians, Mr. Nahale-a is without question the right Chairperson at the right time. These organizations include Aha Punana Leo, the County of Hawaii, Rural Community Assistance Corporation, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Hawaii Community College, Ka Umeke Kaeo Hawaiian Immersion Public Charter School, and the Hawaii Charter Schools Network. I can think of no one better to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands during these crucial times than Alapaki Nahale-a.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Chairman
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
January 31, 2011
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I therefore urge you and your committee to consent to the nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a to be the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

For more information, please contact me at (808) 540-5779.

Very respectfully,

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Robert K.U. Kihune
Chief Executive Officer
Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc.

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cc: Senator Pohai Ryan
Senator J. Kalani English
Senator Clayton Hee
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Senator Gilbert Kahele



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TESTIMONY: GM 507: Confirmation of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAII AFFAIRS

Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Sen. Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

2:45 pm

Conference Room 224
State Capitol

Hardy Spoehr, Executive Director

Aloha Chairman Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. Papa Ola Lokahi expresses its strong support for Mr. Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mr. Nahale`a brings to the department his strong understanding of culture and his extensive background in public service and education. The challenges of the department require all of these. Our board extends its congratulations to Mr. Nahale-a and looks forward to working with the department under his direction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this strong supportive testimony.

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January 31, 2011

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee:

Subject: ***IN SUPPORT of GM 507 – Confirmation as Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a, for a term to expire December 31, 2014***

Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc. supports the nomination and confirmation of **Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a**, as Chairperson and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

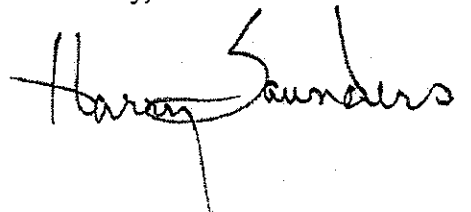
Mr. Nahale-a has served in a number of positions which has demonstrated his leadership skills, particular insights and perspectives to work towards the improvement of the Native Hawaiian community. His experience serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission, leading the Hawai'i Charter Schools Network, directing a charter school for six years, working for the County of Hawai'i and his involvement with many community focused organizations provide well grounded experience that make him well qualified for this position.

He is a proven leader with a commitment to serve the best interests of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community.

DHHL's continued success in providing homes for its clientele is an important component in addressing the overall shortage of new housing stock in today's market as there is an overall shortage of new home inventory for a wide spectrum of needs. DHHL's program plays an integral part in addressing new housing stock for their targeted constituents.

We respectfully request your confirmation of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. We believe his continued leadership and commitment would be beneficial to DHHL and their constituents.

Sincerely,



TESTIMONY OF JONATHAN S. DURRETT
STUBENBERG & DURRETT, LLLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

IN SUPPORT OF GM 507

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

Honorable Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of GM 507 and specifically confirmation of ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A as Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

I first met Mr. Nahale-a when I was appointed by the Hawaii State Bar Association to serve as a Board Member of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation in 2002 during which time he also was serving as a Board Member. Mr. Nahale-a was appointed to serve as the Board's community representative from the Big Island and served in a number of capacities on the Board through which he demonstrated leadership skills and the keen ability to work successfully with and within the Native Hawaiian community.

As a devoted proponent of Olelo Hawaii, Mr. Nahale-a became a tireless advocate of Hawaiian Charter Schools, providing inspired leadership to the HCS Network and directing a Big Island charter school for six years foregoing numerous other professional opportunities (far more lucrative), because of his aloha for his beloved charter school. He once commented to me that he would often observe in pain as brand new, yellow Kamehameha Schools buses drove through the community to pick up children to attend its campus while the charter school only was able to make ends meet with the help of dedicated parent volunteers. Inevitably the charter school's best teachers would also be lured away to Kamehameha Schools in search of a more financially stable job environment.

Mr. Nahale-a also has a deep conviction of the importance of self-reliance and the debilitating impact of the dole on Native Hawaiian communities. Having worked in the area of economic

development for many years, he knows that achievements which have been duly earned will have a far more beneficial and lasting effect on Hawaiians than hand-outs which breed economic dependency and almost always results in negative social consequences. Native Hawaiian justice must not come at the price of divesting beneficiaries of a strong work ethic and willingness to participate in the larger society. Mr. Nahale-a understands that pride of home ownership, which is a centerpiece of DHHL's trust work, must also carry with it the concomitant sense of responsibility that achieving such a worthwhile goal requires.

Mr. Nahale-a's past experiences and beliefs uniquely qualify him for this new challenge as Chairman of DHHL. I respectfully urge your Committee's swift and unanimous confirmation of this appointment. For more information, please contact me at anytime at 526-0892.

Mahalo nui ka kou.

TESTIMONY OF ANNE L. MAPES, CHAIRMAN EMERITUS
BELT COLLINS HAWAII

IN SUPPORT OF GM 507

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee:

I am in full support of GM 507 and urge your favorable consideration and confirmation of ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A to the Chairmanship of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

My husband John and I are personal family friends of the Nahale-a's and we have had the privilege of seeing Alapaki grow and develop into the engaged community participant and successful leader that he is today. His leadership potential was evident even during his days as a student at Kamehameha Schools where he served as student body president.

During the 10 years I was president of Belt Collins Hawaii (a kamaaina planning and engineering consulting firm) and the subsequent 5 years when I was chairman of the company (to 2010), I had many meaningful conversations with Alapaki on issues of importance to the Hawaiian community as well as to our Hawaii islands home in general. I have seen Alapaki's involvement and leadership grow to encompass a far reaching variety of groups, in the grass roots, governmental and educational arenas.

Alapaki is already a proven leader and I know he has a strong commitment to the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust. He is a thoughtful listener and a skillful negotiator and is able to synthesize disparate voices into a supportable outcome for many. You can do no better than to confirm his nomination and I respectfully urge you to do so. You may contact me at amapes@beltcollins.com.

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IN SUPPORT OF GM 507

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee:

Our organization testifies in support of GM 507 and the favorable consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A, for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

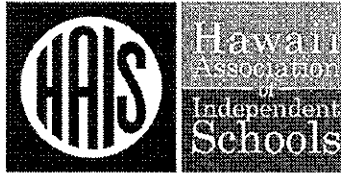
Mr. Nahale-a has served in a number of positions through which he demonstrated leadership skills and the keen ability to work successfully with and within the Native Hawaiian community. His experience serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission, leading the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, directing a charter school for six years, working for the County of Hawaii, and his involvement with dozens of Hawaiian grassroots groups through the duration of his career make him very well qualified for this position. He is a proven leader with a commitment to serve the best interests of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community.

Our organization is an association of Hawaiian Homestead farmers from the Pana'ewa area located in Hilo. Our mission is to support, motivate, and educate our farmers to establish a viable, sustainable farm community. Mr. Nahale-a has always shown a genuine interest in our community and shared our enthusiasm to provide opportunities and encouragement to our homesteaders. He practices transparency, collaboration, and effectiveness in all that he does and will bring DHHL into focus as a "trust agency."

For all these reasons, we respectfully urge you and your committee to confirm Mr. Nahale-a's nomination as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. For more information, please contact me at (808) 959-5026 or by email.

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"To support, motivate and educate Keaukaha Pana'ewa agricultural lessees to establish a viable, sustainable farm community; preserve Hawaiian culture; achieve self sufficiency; and strengthen pono management and respect for the 'aina."



Wednesday, February 2, 2011
2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224

TESTIMONY TO
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

RE: GM 507- Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a, for a term to expire December 31, 2014

Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Robert Witt, executive director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS).

Our organization hereby testifies in support of GM 507 and the favorable consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, **ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A**, for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

My perspective on the leadership qualifications of Mr. Nahale-a comes from close collaboration with him during his tenure as executive director of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network. His vision for charter education and the strategies he developed to advance the well-being of charter schools in Hawaii was both inspired and effective.

Mr. Nahale-a has also served in a number of other positions through which he has demonstrated leadership skills and the keen ability to work successfully with and within the Native Hawaiian community. His experience serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission, working for the County of Hawaii, and his involvement with dozens of Hawaiian grassroots groups through the duration of his career make him very well qualified for this position. He is a proven leader with a commitment to serve the best interests of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries, and the native Hawaiian community.

We respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

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From: Tom Witten [twitten@pbrhawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 8:12 AM
To: HWN Testimony
Cc: dreanalee.k.kalili@gmail.com; paki@alapaki.com; Scott Abrigo
Subject: IN SUPPORT OF GM 507- Alapaki Nahale-a (February 2, 2011, 2:45 pm, Room 224)

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee:

Our firm wishes to express our support for and request your favorable consideration and confirmation of Alapaki Nahale-a as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Having had the opportunity to recently meet with Mr. Nahale-a, we were impressed with his experience and vision to continue to improve the Department to achieve the mission of Prince Kuhio's trust and best serve the beneficiaries of trust. His diverse business and professional experience and having been born and raised in a Hawaiian homestead community provides Mr. Nahale-a with a unique perspective that will certainly contribute to his success in leading the Department and Commission.

As a 38 member community planning, environmental planning and landscape architectural firm celebrating 40 years of business in Hawaii, with offices in Honolulu, Kapolei and Hilo, we have had the privilege of providing our professional services to the Department to assist in achieving their mission. There are some very good projects and partnerships that the Department has been able to embark on and their continued success requires talented and enlightened leadership.

We respectfully urge you and your Committee to consent to this nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo,

Thomas S. Witten, ASLA
President



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Subject: GM 507 - In Support of Alapaki Nahale-a (Wednesday, February 2, 2011, 2:45 p.m.)

PBR HAWAII - Kapolei Office

February 1, 2011

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

To Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair; Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee:

PBR Hawaii – Kapolei Office would like to express its full support for Mr. Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a. We humbly request your favorable consideration and confirmation of Mr. Nahale-a as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mr. Nahale-a is an excellent, experienced administrator. His previous experience allowed him the opportunity to serve Native Hawaiians as the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Charter Schools Network and as Director of the Hawaiian-focused public charter school Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo in Hilo. Mr. Nahale-a will provide a unique perspective to the chairmanship as both a homesteader and former commissioner. Mr. Nahale-a was raised in a Hawaiian homestead community and is a respected leader. This will help him navigate the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as its director.

Mr. Nahale-a is a goal-oriented and hands-on leader. He understands Prince Kūhiō's mission for the Trust and has the experience and vision to best serve the Trust's beneficiaries. Prior to his confirmation, Mr. Nahale-a led a strategic planning/visioning session with Department of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries and Hawaiian leaders to develop important initiatives for Hawaiians. He actively participated, but more importantly listened intently to the Trust's beneficiaries and Hawaiian leaders. The session was productive and yielded important initiatives that will benefit Hawaiians if Mr. Nahale-a is confirmed as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

PBR HAWAII & Associates, Inc. is a locally based firm that has been active in all aspects of Land Planning, Landscape Architecture, Environmental Studies and Graphic Design in Hawai'i for more than 40 years. PBR HAWAII's Kapolei Office has had a long relationship with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and has had the privilege of working with the department on many successful initiatives.

We respectfully request that you and your committee consent to the nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Director for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo,
Scott Alike Abrigo - Managing Director
Malia Cox - Project Manager/Planner
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Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair

Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 2, 2011
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in Support of

GM 507

Chairperson Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair Senator Pohai Ryan, and Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on GM 507. My name is Lynn DeCoite and I am the President of The Molokai Homestead Farmers Alliance, we support Mr. ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Chairman.

We believe he has the skills as well as mind set to move the Hawaiian Community forward. He is man of wisdom, and experience, and we believe the first Hawaiian Homesteader to be appointed for this position. During his interim, he is also the first person to bring USDA and Hawaiian Homestead Leaders to sit down on the same table to work each other side by side. This says a lot of what is to be bigger and better things for the Department. We look forward to working with him in the years to come.

I hope your committee finds it in the Hawaiians best interest to confirm him to this position.

For those reasons we support Mr. ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Chairman.

Mahalo,

Lynn DeCoite

Molokai Homestead Farmers Alliance, President

The Senate
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
February 2, 2011
2:45 p.m., Room 224

Statement of the Hawaii Carpenters Union on the Confirmation of Albert
(Alapaki) Nahale-a as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

The Hawaii Carpenters Union urges the confirmation of Albert "Alapaki" Nahale-a nomination to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mr. Nahale-a represents a continuation of, and building upon the success of the Department in getting families into decent, safe and sanitary housing. We have seen the production levels of recent years far exceed comparable periods of the past. We have also seen, and wish to continue a cooperative approach that has produced, for example, a program for preparation and entry into carpenter and drywall apprenticeship for Department beneficiaries.

While he has broad experience with numerous issues of importance to Native Hawaiians, Mr. Nahale-a has also gained knowledge as a Commissioner in the money management and development roles the Department plays today. It is a time of opportunity and responsibility, and he is up to the task.

Mr. Nahale-a will bring understanding and compassion for those the Department serves, combined with the experience and business sense needed to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support of the confirmation of Albert "Alapaki" Nahale-a.

February 1, 2011

Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Hon. Brickwood Galuteria, Chairman

Email: wlltestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

GM No. 507 – Confirmation for Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Hearing: Wednesday, February 2, 2011 @ 2:45pm, Room 224

Aloha e Hon. Brickwood Galuteria, Chair, Hon. Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair and
Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian
Affairs:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of
confirmation for Alapaki Nahale'a as DHHL Chairman.

My name is Shirley Swinney, and I am President of Kapolei Community
Development Corporation (KCDC) and am here on behalf of KCDC. KCDC
serves 2,000 homestead families that will locate to Kapolei.

Governor Abercrombie's "New Day in Hawaii" vision describes Alapaki
Nahale'a, who in the short interim as Chairman Designate has managed to
synergize cultural and administrative protocols with fresh ideas and bold
leadership.

On a recent weekend, Alapaki gathered a dynamic array of beneficiary,
legislative and agency leaders. During facilitated sessions, participants freely
shared constructive critique purposed on moving an improved Homelands
program forward. As the sessions closed, Hawai'i Aloha resonated deeply in
everyone as individual thoughts coalesced into collective support for DHHL and a
renewed sense of hope for the future of native Hawaiians.

KCDC believes Alapaki has just purpose and importantly, the courage to
lead DHHL through the many challenges ahead. KCDC supports the
confirmation of Alapaki Nahale'a as Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian
Home Lands

Mahalo,

Shirley Swinney
President, Kapolei Community Development Corporation

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Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:

I fully support the nomination of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a. He truly represent our communities needs.
Mahalo

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Submitted by: Katie Benioni
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E-mail: katie@kalo.org
Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:

I fully support the nomination of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a. As I feel he truly represents our community needs.

Mahalo

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Submitted by: V. Kaiulani Pahio
Organization: Kanu o ka 'Aina Learning 'Ohana
Address:
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Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:

I fully support the nomination of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a. In the 10 years I've known him, he has demonstrated accountability, innovation, professionalism, and especially ALOHA! In every capacity he will Kulia i ka nu'u - Strive for the best to better serve his (native) community. Mahalo, Kaiulani

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: William Hancock
Organization: Kanu o ka 'Aina Learning 'Ohana
Address:
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E-mail: will@kalo.org
Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:

I fully support the nomination of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a. He is the wonderful combination of hard work and spirit of heart. He has worked tirelessly to support his community together with an understanding of their true needs. Paki is an out of the box thinker with unique solutions to often difficult and intractable problems. Our community will be greatly enriched by his appointment. Thank you.

TESTIMONY OF VAUGHN W. CHONG, FINANCIAL SECRETARY/TREASURER/BUSINESS
MANAGER
UNITED UNION OF ROOFERS, WATERPROOFERS AND ALLIED WORKERS, LOCAL 221

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 1, 2011

**GM 507 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALBERT
(ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A, for a term to expire December 31, 2014.**

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Vaughn W. Chong, Financial Secretary/Treasurer/Business Manager of the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers, Local 221, a Labor Organization in the State of Hawaii.

On behalf of our organization and its members, I respectfully request that your committee favorably consider the nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a to serve as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mr. Nahale-a has years of experience and a proven track record in community development and he comes to this position with two years of experience serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. During his tenure he has demonstrated support of the department's development projects, keen insight into the management of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, and a good rapport with the beneficiaries. We look forward to working with him and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on future development of DHHL projects.

Roofers Union Local 221 respectfully asks that your committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Nahale-a's nomination to serve as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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E-mail: pualaa@ilhawaii.net
Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:

Please support Alapaki Nahalea's appointment to Chair Hawaiian Homes. I have worked with Alapaki over the past 8 years and find him to be a very dependable, thoughtful and progressive leader. He will be an asset to the position for our state.
Mahalo

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E-mail: duke@sandwichisles.net
Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:
We look forward to a productive term that encompasses beneficiary-focused strategies!
Imua!

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Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of Albert "Alapaki"; Nahale-a as Chairperson for Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

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Submitted by: Miles Muraoka
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:

Strongly support Albert Nahale-a as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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Submitted by: ROSE AH SING YAMADA
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Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:

Hawaiian Home Lands has the potential to be the uplifting scaffold for our people, rather than the scourge that many Indian reservations have become. We need a strong, visionary leader with roots in the power of education.

These characteristics are found in Alapahi Nahale-a. Mahalo for your favorable consideration of this support.

JAMES CAMPBELL COMPANY LLC

February 1, 2011

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
The Honorable Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol, Room 224
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan and Committee Members:

GM 507 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee,
ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A, for a term to Expire December 31, 2014

The James Campbell Company supports the confirmation of Albert Nahale-a as Chairperson of
the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mr. Nahale-a has served in a number of positions through which he demonstrated leadership
skills and the keen ability to work successfully with and within the Native Hawaiian community.
His experience serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission, leading the Hawaii Charter
Schools Network, directing a charter school for six years, working for the County of Hawai'i,
and his involvement with dozens of Hawaiian grassroots groups through the duration of his
career make him very well qualified for this position. He is a proven leader with a commitment
to serve the best interests of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native
Hawaiian community.

We believe that Mr. Nahale-a will be an asset to the department

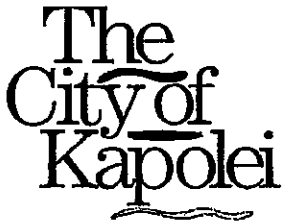
We respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For
more information, please contact me at 674-3232.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Dahl /mga

Richard J. Dahl
President & Chief Executive Officer

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February 1, 2011

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
The Honorable Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol, Room 224
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Dear Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan and Committee Members:

GM 507 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Chairperson
of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee,
ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A. for a term to Expire December 31, 2014

Kapolei Property Development supports the confirmation of Albert Nahale-a as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mr. Nahale-a has served in a number of positions through which he demonstrated leadership skills and the keen ability to work successfully with and within the Native Hawaiian community. His experience serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission, leading the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, directing a charter school for six years, working for the County of Hawaii, and his involvement with dozens of Hawaiian grassroots groups through the duration of his career make him very well qualified for this position. He is a proven leader with a commitment to serve the best interests of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community.

We have met with Mr. Nahale-a and find him to be dedicated to the Hawaiian people and the integration of the Department's beneficiaries into the broader Kapolei community. We look forward to working with him.

We respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at 674-3117.

Sincerely,

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David W. Rae
Senior Vice President, Development

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February 1, 2011

VIA FACSIMILE (808) 586-6659

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Confirmation of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a
as Director of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Senator Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee of Hawaiian Affairs:

I strongly support the confirmation of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a as Director of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands ("DHHL").

Armstrong Builders, Ltd. and Armstrong Development, Ltd. have been working with DHHL on two residential projects. During the course of these projects, I have seen DHHL's efforts to place its lessees and beneficiaries in homes. I have also seen the challenges DHHL faces during these tough economic times in bringing new residential projects online and, just as importantly, in helping its beneficiaries qualify and prepare for home ownership.

I have met with Alapaki to discuss these types of issues. I believe he is exactly the type of leader DHHL needs to help it thrive in these challenging times. Having been born and raised on homestead lands, Alapaki is committed to the homestead program and wants to continue and build on the program's successes. His experience serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission, leading the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, directing a charter school for six years, working for the County of Hawaii, and his involvement with dozens of Hawaiian grassroots groups through the duration of his career has prepared him well for the demands of the position. He has demonstrated good leadership skills and the ability to work successfully with the native Hawaiian community.

Alapaki also brings business experience to the table. As an entrepreneur, he has gained critical experience in running successful businesses and organizations that will help him find creative ways to address and resolve difficult issues. Significantly, he has already reached out to business

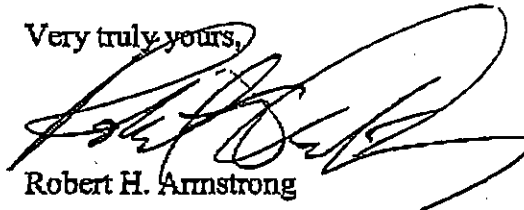
and community partners, and this will be critical to leverage DHHL's resources to maximize the benefits to the trust beneficiaries.

I am impressed by Alapaki's passion and commitment to serve the best interests of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries, and the native Hawaiian community. I believe he would bring that passion and commitment to the Department at this critical time.

For all of these reasons, I believe Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a will be an exceptional Director, and I request that his appointment as Director of DHHL be confirmed.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this testimony.

Very truly yours,



Robert H. Armstrong

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As part of Armstrong Development, Ltd., I have been working with DHHL on two residential projects. I have seen DHHL's successes, as well as the challenges faced by DHHL during these tough economic times.

I was a member of an industry group that met with Alapaki to explore ways that the business community can partner with DHHL in furthering its mission. I was impressed by Alapaki and look forward to working with him and the Department to bring new residential projects online and to help DHHL's lessees and trust beneficiaries qualify and prepare for home ownership.

Alapaki has the experience needed to lead DHHL. Having been born and raised on homestead lands, Alapaki is committed to the homestead program and wants to continue and build on the program's successes. His experience serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission, leading the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, directing a charter school for six years, working for the County of Hawaii, and his involvement with dozens of Hawaiian grassroots groups through the duration of his career has prepared him well for the demands of the position. He has also demonstrated good leadership skills and the ability to work successfully with the native Hawaiian community.

Alapaki brings business experience to the table. As an entrepreneur, he has gained critical experience in running successful businesses and organizations that will help him find creative ways to address and resolve difficult issues. He has credibility with business and community

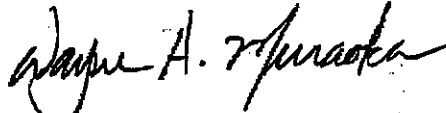
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Thank you very much for your consideration of this testimony.

Very truly yours,

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Wayne H. Muraoka

Riley W. Smith, P.E.
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February 1, 2011

Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Via email: sengaluteria@capitol.hawaii.gov
senryan@capitol.hawaii.gov

**Re: Support of Alapaki Nahale'a: Chair of the Department
of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 507)**

I am in support of GM 507 and the favorable consideration and confirmation of Alapaki Nahale'a to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

I have known Mr. Nahale'a, since I moved to the big island in 1993. At that time, I worked with the Department of Public Works and he was a Council Aide. He always impressed me as someone who is smart, articulate, detail oriented and shows much compassion. Over the years, our paths have crossed on numerous occasions. Most recently, I have observed him as he has led the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, and also as a Commissioner to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, representing East Hawaii.

As a native Hawaiian, graduate of the Kamehameha Schools and product of the Keaukaha Homestead, he is well suited to lead the Department, through its many challenges. A few weeks ago, I had an opportunity to observe him address the Waimea Hawaiian Homestead Association members, at the Waimea Community Assn meeting (1/6/11). He has a firm grasp of the issues at hand, has good listening skills, an understanding of the current economic situation that our State is in and is able to

communicate with the homesteaders and commit to moving the Department forward.

I respectfully ask for your support in approving his selection as Chair of the Department. Should you have any questions, I can be reached via email (rsmith@lanihau.net) or cell phone: (808) 936-7129.

A hui hou,

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Riley W. Smith, P.E.

Testimony In Support of

ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A

For Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

By Al Lardizabal, Director of Government Relations
Hawaii Laborers' Union

To the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 2, 2011
Room 224, 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair; Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Business Manager Peter Ganaban, the officers and members of the Hawaii Laborers' Union, we strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We are thoroughly impressed by Mr. Nahale-a's passion and drive to serve the homestead community of beneficiaries of the Prince Kuhio trust. He is one of them by birth, culture, experience, education and family upbringing. Thus, he completely understands the needs and desires of those he is appointed to serve. What better leadership connection can there be?

Mr. Nahale-a's expressed three point theme and leadership philosophy, *Entrepreneurship, Service and Pono*, for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is visionary and revealing of his innate ability to lead and inspire his DHHL team who must implement the programs. As a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission for several years, he is able to "hit the ground running" without pause in the department.

We have every confidence in Mr. Nahale-a to take the DHHL to another level of accomplishment and success for the beneficiaries. His previous community track record and professional history speaks for itself. We humbly request a favorable decision by the Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Mr. Nahale-a's confirmation.

February 1, 2011

Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Honorable Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Re: GM 507 - Confirmation of Albert ("Alapaki") Nahale-a, Gubernatorial Nominee as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands – Support

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee:

It gives me great pleasure to write in support of the nomination of Albert ("Alapaki") Nahale-a to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

Alapaki has demonstrated his deep commitment to service in our communities by giving his time and talent to serve on local, state and federal levels. He is a devoted servant to our state and is an ideal candidate to lead DHHL and to serve its beneficiaries.

Locally, Alapaki served as head of school for the Ka Umeke Kaeo Hawaiian Public Charter School where he was responsible for the academic and personal success of students and management of faculty and staff. During his tenure, which served a 95% at-risk population, students consistently met AYP standards. He has also served in the County of Hawaii Charter Commission.

Within the state, Alapaki served as a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner since 2008, as a board member of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement and is presently on the Board of the Kuikahi Mediation Center. Most recently he led the Hawaii Charter Schools Network as the first Executive Network.

Federally, Alapaki became President Barack Obama's nominee to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education, which advises the President and Congress on the education matters of native populations.

With his years of service and dedication to the state and to our native Hawaiian community, Alapaki is deserved of this nomination. As such, I humbly request your support for his confirmation.

Sincerely,



J. Douglas Ing

TESTIMONY OF Eric Enos, Executive Director
Ka'ala Farm, Inc.,

IN SUPPORT OF GM 507

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee:

Our organization testifies in support of GM 507 and the favorable consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE'A, for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

Mr. Nahale'a has served in a number of positions through which he demonstrated leadership skills and the keen ability to work successfully with and within the Native Hawaiian community. His experience serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission, leading the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, directing a charter school for six years, working for the County of Hawaii, and his involvement with dozens of Hawaiian grassroots groups through the duration of his career make him very well qualified for this position. He is a proven leader with a commitment to serve the best interests of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community. We feel that he will bring a fresh perspective in the needs of the Hawaiian Community.

Our organization is Ka'ala Farm, Inc. (KFI) a 501 c3 not for profit organization located in Wai'anae. Ka'ala Farm, Inc. has been in operation for more than 25 years. Ka'ala Farm, Inc.'s (KFI) mission is to reclaim, preserve, and practice the living culture of the po'e kahiko (people of old) in order to strengthen the kinship relationships between the 'aina (land, that which nourishes) and all forms of life necessary to sustain the balance of life on these vulnerable islands.

We reclaim our living culture by learning and teaching traditions that have been nearly lost and make them relevant for today's world. We preserve our living culture by facilitating the transfer of knowledge from one generation to the next and by advocating for land use that supports the necessary connection between people and our land. We practice our living culture by inviting students, community members, and visitors of all ages to engage in hands-on, experiential learning with us. We create places where our traditions can be practiced and enable more people to take them to their own backyards.

We respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at 808.291.2014. Mahalo.

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From: Mahealani Cypher [malama pono@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 1:24 PM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: GM507 - Appointment of Alapaki Nahale-a to DHHL

Aloha, Chair Brickwood Galuteria, Vice-Chair Pohai Ryan, and Members,
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

I am forwarding this testimony on behalf of Aunty Alice P. Hewett, President, Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, concerning Gov. Neil Abercrombie's appointment of Alapaki Nahale-a as director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands:

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club offers its support for the confirmation of Alapaki Nahale`a to head the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. We are pleased that the governor has appointed someone with strong credentials as a native Hawaiian leader, and one who brings with him the knowledge of our culture and our language as strengths that will help him serve both the mission and people who are beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homelands trust.

We look forward to working with Mr. Nahale-a toward establishment of the cultural preserve in Ha`iku Valley, approved by this body a few years ago, to ensure that the cultural resources of this `aina are protected in perpetuity.

We urge your expeditious confirmation of his appointment.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o.

Me kealoha pumehana,

ALICE P. HEWETT
President
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

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KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2011
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224, State Capitol

January 31, 2011

Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Vice-Chair, Senator Pohai Ryan
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Re: GM 507: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A, for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

Aloha Chairman Galuteria, Vice-Chairwoman Ryan and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. Mahalo nui a loa for offering us this opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Alapaki Nahale-a as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

It has been our pleasure to work closely with Mr. Nahale-a in both his capacity as President of the Hawaii Charter School Network and as the head of Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo public charter school in Keaukaha on Hawai'i Island. He is a passionate advocate for the well-being of native Hawaiians, a visionary thinker and strong strategist who can combine business solutions with advocacy. Mr. Nahale-a's ability to unify and lead a diverse staff has made Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo one of the strongest public charter schools in Hawai'i, performing well in all measures of success – governance, economics, educational achievement, and community engagement. With his guidance, Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo consistently met Annual Yearly Progress targets while providing rigorous culture-based educational approaches to support students in meeting Hawai'i's public school standards and learner outcomes – all in Hawaiian language.

Minutes after his appointment, Mr. Nahale-a was in touch with us to further the combined vision of Kamehameha Schools and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to develop a learning community for the Wai'anae Coast. He is focused, courageous and action oriented, and we are honored to have such leadership to move a mission forward that holds great hope not only for the Wai'anae Coast but also for our State. He also played an important role in supporting that state's Common Education Agenda and its successful second round Race to The Top application. His leadership and perspective earned him an invitation to be part of the Native Hawaiian Education Outcomes Council that advises Superintendent Matayoshi.

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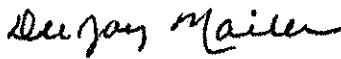
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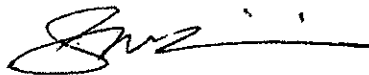
We have no doubt that Mr. Nahale-a will bring the same integrity, appreciation for all viewpoints and critical thinking to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and all of the people of Hawai'i will benefit from his leadership.

Please confirm Alapaki Nahale-a as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Me ka ha'a ha'a,



Dee Jay Mailer, CEO
Kamehameha Schools



Shawn Kana'iaupuni, Director
Public Education Support Division
Kamehameha Schools

**Malu'ohai Residents Association
P.O. Box 700911
Kapolei, HI 96709**

February 1, 2011

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Testimony of Malu'ohai Residents Association

Hearing on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224

Support for GM 507, Consideration and Confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a

Aloha,

Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair; Honorable Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair, and members of this committee.

My name is Homelani Schaedel, President of Malu'ohai Residents' Association and a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act residing on homestead lands in Kapolei.

In the days to come, this twenty-sixth (26th) legislature will have many challenges to face. Today, you are faced with the confirmation of Alapaki Nahale-a, for Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Although a young man, Alapaki displays the wisdom of his elders. Respect is always present in his approach and conduct. His thoughtful arrival when making decisions, are rarely without questions. Often, difficult questions but nonetheless necessary to benefit the greater rather than the few. Alapaki will use his intellect, skills, energy, to focus on the mission of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your confirmation for Alapaki Nahale-a will reflect your commitment to the people of this state; that the vision of our beloved Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole is in the hands of one who understands and is devoted to this sacred trust.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Malu'ohai Residents' Association, serving two hundred and twenty-six (226) homes in Kapolei, we humbly ask for your support to confirm Alapaki Nahale-a as the next chair of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit our testimony in support of Alapaki Nahale-a.

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December 31, 2011

The Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria
The Honorable Senator Pohai Ryan
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I truly believe he will help guide the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and its beneficiaries forward with respect.

With Aloha,

Christina R. Kay
Christina R. Kay

January 31, 2011

The Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria
The Honorable Senator Pohai Ryan
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Aloha,


Glynn Yamada

January 22, 2011

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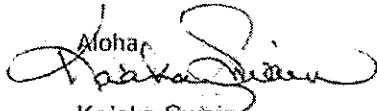
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Aloha

Ka'aka Swain

January 22, 2011

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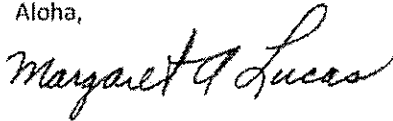
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Aloha,


Margaret Lucas

January 22, 2011

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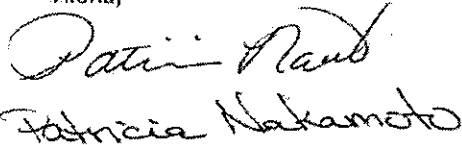
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Aloha,


Patricia Nakamoto

January 22, 2011

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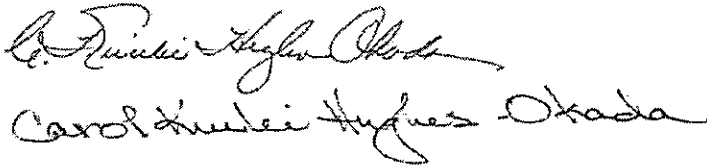
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Aloha,


Carol Kunihei Hughes Okada

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TESTIMONY OF John Kaohelaulii President
Ke Aloha O Ko Kakou Aina

IN SUPPORT OF GM 507

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee:

Our organization testifies in support of GM 507 and the favorable consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A, for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

Mr. Nahale-a has served in a number of positions through which he demonstrated leadership skills and the keen ability to work successfully with and within the Native Hawaiian community. His experience serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission, leading the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, directing a charter school for six years, working for the County of Hawaii, and his involvement with dozens of Hawaiian grassroots groups through the duration of his career make him very well qualified for this position. He is a proven leader with a commitment to serve the best interests of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community.

I have had the opportunity to work with him in the last few weeks and find that he brings a fresh new approach to the Department with a strong integration of Hawaiian Values that I haven't seen in a long time. With that kind of leadership, I feel that the Department is heading in the right direction.

Our organization is Ke Aloha O Ko Kakou Aina

We respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at 808-651-5668.

John W. Kaohelaulii
President
Ke Aloha O Ko Kakou Aina

**TESTIMONY OF DAVID TARNAS
IN SUPPORT OF GM 507:
NOMINATION OF
ALAPAKI NAHALE-A
AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011
2:45 PM IN CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and members of the Committee.

My name is David Tarnas, and I am a resident of Waimea on the Island of Hawaii. My testimony is in support of the nomination of Mr. Alapaki Nahale-a as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have known Mr. Nahale-a professionally for fifteen years and can attest to his integrity, intelligence, hard work, thoughtfulness, and dedication to Hawaii and its people.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands offers great challenges and opportunities to the new State administration. Mr. Nahale-a has the vision and management skills to inspire and guide the DHHL staff and Hawaiian Home Lands Commission. He has the creativity and leadership to work with the Department planners and project managers to put together development projects that would attract private sector companies to work with the Department. Mr. Nahale-a also has the compassion and humility to work effectively with the lessees on Hawaiian Home Lands, as well as those on the DHHL waiting list.

Please support Mr. Alapaki Nahale-a as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I believe he will be an effective leader to help the Department develop residential, pastoral, and commercial projects on Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo.

David Tarnas
P.O. Box 6882
Kamuela, HI 96743



IN SUPPORT OF GM 507

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee:

I am Barry Taniguchi, President of KTA Super Stores on the Island of Hawaii. We strongly support the nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have known of Mr. Nahale-a for his work and support of the Hawaiian community in various capacities.

He has served in a number of positions through which he demonstrated leadership skills and the keen ability to work successfully with and within the Native Hawaiian community. His experience serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission, leading the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, directing a charter school for six years, working for the County of Hawaii, and his involvement with dozens of Hawaiian grassroots groups through the duration of his career make him very well qualified for this position. We believe he is a proven leader with a commitment to serve the best interests of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community.

As a commissioner of the Hawaiian Homes Commission for the past two years, he has the experience necessary to lead the department through one of the most fiscally challenging times in our state's history. Mr. Nahale-a will seamlessly translate his past experience to effectively and successfully lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We urge your support for GM 507 and thank you for this opportunity to voice our support of Alapaki Nahale-a as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

If you have questions regarding our testimony, please feel free to call me at (808) 959-2817 in Hilo.

Sincerely,

Barry K. Taniguchi
President

THE GENTRY COMPANIES



February 2, 2011

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair,
and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Galuteria and Members:

RE: GM 507 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A, FOR A TERM
TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014

Gentry Homes, Ltd. would like to express its support of Gubernatorial Nominee Alapaki Nahale-a
as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I believe that Mr. Nahale-a would be a fitting leader of DHHL. As a former member of the
Hawaiian Homes Commission, he is familiar with the workings of the Department and firmly
believes in its mission. He is open-minded and enthusiastic and has high aspirations for the job.
He has worked with prior Chairpersons and is totally committed to continuing the fine work that
was initiated under the prior administration. With the combination of heart, humility, commitment,
hard work and passion, I am confident that Mr. Nahale-a will do a fine job on behalf of the native
Hawaiian beneficiaries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GENTRY HOMES, LTD.

Robert W. Brant
President and CEO

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From: Tasha [kahukama@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 4:02 PM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: Confirmation of Albert Alapaki Nahale-a

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 2, 2011
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

GM 507 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Testimony Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
Status Gubernatorial Nominee, ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A, for a
term to expire December 31, 2014.

I am in support of this nomination.

Tasha Kama
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Senate Hearing

Feb. 2, 2011

2:45 pm – Room 224

**To: Senate Committee on Hawaiian
Affairs: Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria,
V. Chair. Pohai Ryan**

**From: Kamaki Kanahale
Chairman**

**Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands
Assembly (SCHHA)**

The SCHHA is in Support of the confirmation to the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A,

Aloha Mr. Chair, members of the Committee. I am Kamaki Kanahale, Chair of the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (SCHHA). The SCHHA is here today in support of the confirmation to the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A.

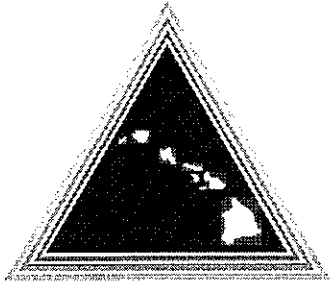
As Governor Neal Abercrombie's theme, "A New Day in Hawaii" begins to be amplified as a reminder of things to come, so it shall be also with we beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homelands Trust. With the passage last year of SB 3152 requiring DHHL to conduct beneficiary consultation and to inform us prior to any decisions by the Commission and/or its Chair, the SCHHA believes that such an act by Mr. Nahale'a, had he been Chair, shall have been practiced even if said Bill did not exist.

Never before have our community members been accorded a place at the decision-making table and with this Chair, we believe that this bodes well for the future of our Hawaiian communities and a governance, with Mr. Nahale-a, can move the mountain, even with faith the size of a wiliwili seed, simply because we are all going to do it together.

Your kokua to confirm Mr. Nahale'a as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home lands and its Commission is appreciated.

Mahalo for your support.

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Richard Soo
Executive Director

January 31, 2011

To: **Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair**
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair & Members of the
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs

From: **Kali Watson, Chairman**
Statewide Housing & Economic Development Committee
SCHHA
Honolulu, Hawaii 96792

Re: **Hearing on Appointment of Alapaki Nahale'a as Director**
of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
February 2, 2011 at 2:45 pm
Conference Room 224, State Capitol

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Dear Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Pohai Ryan and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the appointment of Mr. Alapaki Nahale'a as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I believe that Mr. Nahale'a would make a good director. I've known Mr. Nahale'a for several years, seen the way he works, and his ability to grasp complex ideas, and figure out solutions. The most important attributes that separate him from other people, is his commitment to native Hawaiians and to the job. While only the interim appointee, he is already fully engaged with the staff and beneficiaries. He's already taking steps to move the program forward. His willingness to try new things on a larger scale is commendable. For example, as the Housing Chairman for the SCHHA, it is important that DHHL understands the needs of its beneficiaries. With over 20,000 on its waiting lists, new products, especially in housing, are needed. There is a large segment of beneficiaries that can't afford the \$200,000 to \$300,000 single family homes. Mr. Nahale'a is willing to commit resources to more rentals and rent-to-own houses, especially for the kupuna. He appreciates the need for multi-unit buildings in the form of townhouses and condominiums. With limited funding, the need to leverage limited resources is critical. He knows how to use low-income housing tax credits, Hula Mae bonds, access to HHFDC's rental housing trust funds, HUD's infrastructure grants and loans, and NAHASDA funds to get the job done.

The Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, formerly the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations was founded more than 20 years ago to unite homestead communities and to advocate for the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921. The SCHHA is the oldest statewide advocacy organization representing the interests of more than 30,000 beneficiaries and families residing in the communities of the Hawaiian Home Land Trust. Its mission is to promote the self determination of native Hawaiians and the well being of homestead communities. I urge you to please also support the appointment of Mr. Nahale'a as Director of DHHL.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kali Watson'.

Kali Watson
Chairman of Economic Development

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Senate Hearing

Feb. 2, 2011

2:45 pm – Room 224

**To: Senate Committee on Hawaiian
Affairs: Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria,
V. Chair. Pohai Ryan**

From: Kalena Hew Len

President, Waianae Kai Homestead Association

Kahu, Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (SCHHA)

**To Support the confirmation of ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A,
to the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,**

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Aloha Mr. Chair, members of the Committee. I am Kalena Hew Len President of the Waianae Kai Homestead Association and Kahu of the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (SCHHA). I am here today on behalf of my association in support of the confirmation to the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands of ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A.

Waianae Kai Homestead Association members believe that Mr. Nahale'a has walked the walk of we beneficiaries, lived and labored on the lands, tasted the bitterness in being a native Hawaiian and even in this youthful time of his, understands the plight of his people and what must be done to make a difference in all of our lives. As Governor Neal Abercrombie's nominee, his selection by a governor, who knows that what is good for we Hawaiians shall be good for Hawaii, can only be realized if like-minded people can work together to make a positive difference in, this Hawaii's most difficult times. The Governor's "A New Day..." begins for we beneficiaries with a new Chairman that we Waianae Kai Homesteaders believe can look to good economics, land management, financial stability and brighter building future for us all.

Your kokua to confirm Mr. Nahale-a as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home lands is appreciated. Mahalo.

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014.**

**Wednesday, February 2, 2011
Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair**

**Honorable Chairman Senator Galuteira and Vice Chair Ryan and members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Aloha Kakou!**

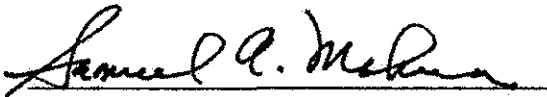
**My name is Samuel A. Makua and a resident of the Waimanalo Hawaiian homestead
community. We are proud and hardy homesteaders of Waimanalo living the direct affects
of the economic downturn and challenges. Yet, we continue to bravely support our
government and local leader's economic decisions.**

**After our meeting with Alapaki, we believe Alapaki is in a better position to understand the
important issues facing the Hawaiian homesteads, the department and our fellow
beneficiaries. On these matters and others which I consider important we do agree upon
what are problems, but more importantly the possible solutions.**

**We value self-governance, improving our capacity to build for ourselves, sustainability and
self-reliance as our predecessors accomplished so many of these personal challenges as they
settled the homestead residential, pastoral and agricultural lands in Hawaii.**

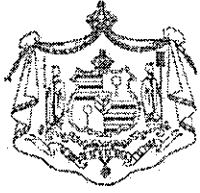
**I ask for your support to confirm Albert "Alapaki" Nahale-a as the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and ask for his continued dedication to allowing all
Hawaiian homestead communities to actively seek their destiny as individuals and as a
community to the multitude of opportunities available in our great State and Nation.**

Me Kealoha Pumehana,



Samuel A. Makua, Waimanalo Homesteader

"A Member of a Hawaiian Homestead Community Association and 'AINA"



O`ahu Council
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
P. O. Box 664
Kane`ohe, HI 96744

February 1, 2011

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
And Members
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM507 – Appointment of Alapaki Nahale-a – DHHL Director

Aloha mai kakou:

On behalf of the O`ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, I urge your committee to approve the appointment of Alapaki Nahale-a as director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and to forward his name to the full Senate for confirmation.

Born and raised on homestead lands in Keaukaha and Pana`ewa, he has developed a keen understanding of the opportunities and challenges ahead for the homesteads program.

Mr. Nahale-a has an impressive professional and community background, having worked in government and community programs for much of his professional career.

It is our view that he offers a promising vision and the energy to achieve that vision for native Hawaiians and the Hawaiian Home Lands program. We are most hopeful that his vision to embed entrepreneurship, service and pono in DHHL will be successful as he begins his leadership of the department.

We ask your expeditious approval and confirmation of his appointment. Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o.

Me kealoha pumehana,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mahealani Cypher'.

MAHEALANI CYPHER
Pelekikena
O`ahu Council-Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs



STANFORD CARR DEVELOPMENT, LLC

January 31, 2011

Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania St., Room 221
Honolulu, HI, 96813

Re: Letter in Support of Alapaki Nahale-a

Senator Brickwood Galuteria & Senator Pohai Ryan

Aloha Ka Kou,

On behalf of Stanford Carr Development, I write in support of Alapaki Nahale-a and suggest to you, Chair Galuteria and Vice Chair Ryan, that he be confirmed for the position of DHHL Director. This is a unique position special only to Hawaii and to its Native people; therefore it is imperative that the new Director have the leadership and experience to uphold the financial and fiduciary duties of the Department. Mr. Nahale-a understands these responsibilities and will do his part to better each homestead and community that is developed by the DHHL. We thank you for receiving this letter of support and hope that Mr. Nahale-a is considered in the confirmation process, for Director of the DHHL on February 2, 2011.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stanford Carr', written over a horizontal line.

Stanford Carr
President