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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

**COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair  
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice-Chair

Subject: Confirmation of Alapaki Nahale`a as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Date: Monday, February 1, 2011

From: Representative Chris Lee *ce*

I am writing in strong support of Alapaki Nahale`a as a nominee for Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mr. Nahale`a has demonstrated a real understanding of the mission of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands through his work as a Land Commissioner. He has been a strong leader serving as the Executive Director of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, working on the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, and the Rural Community Assistance Corporation, to name a few.

I ask that the Senate recognize that the success and high regard found in Mr. Nahale`a's professional experience qualifies him to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and move to confirm his appointment.

Representative Chris Lee  
51st House District  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 313 / Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
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OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Legislative Testimony

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

**GM507**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A.**

February 2, 2011

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

Testimony of Clyde Nāmu'o, Chief Executive Officer, Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

I support the nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Through Mr. Nahale-a's professional life, he has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the Native Hawaiian community. Most recently, he served as Executive Director of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, an organization that advocates for a total of 31 charter schools including 16 Native Hawaiian-focused charter schools. He brought to this position expertise learned from his prior experience as the Director of Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo, a Native Hawaiian-focused charter school located on Hawaiian home lands in Keaukaha, a position he held for six years. He also served as the Development Director for Aha Punana Leo from 1997 through 1998. Along with his extensive experience in the education field, Mr. Nahale-a also served as a board member for the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation for five years.

In addition to these experiences with the Native Hawaiian community, Mr. Nahale-a has a diverse background having worked with administering a federal program at the Hawaii Community College; providing technical assistance through national and local non-profits including Rural Community Assistance Corporation and the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; and serving as a Commissioner on the County of Hawaii Charter Commission.

In 2008, Mr. Nahale-a was selected as the East Hawaii Commissioner for the Hawaiian Homes Commission, a position he held until his selection by Governor Abercrombie to the cabinet position of Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. A product of the homestead, Mr. Nahale-a brings a unique understanding to the issues confronted by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands that only a homesteader can bring.

Mr. Nahale-a's diverse background and demonstrated commitment to the Native Hawaiian community coupled with his roots in the home lands give every indication that he will bring vision, direction, leadership, and understanding to address the important and complex issues that face the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, an agency with a purpose and mission that is critical to the Native Hawaiian community.

Therefore, I urge the committee to **PASS GM 507**. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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**LATE**PETER B. CARLISLE  
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ACTING DIRECTORBRIDGET HOLTHUS  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

February 1, 2011

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria  
Senate Chair  
Hawaiian Affairs Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 221  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813The Honorable Pohai Ryan  
Senate Vice Chair  
Hawaiian Affairs Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 213  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM-507 – Testimony in Support

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

I support the nomination of Albert Alapaki Nahale-a as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) for the State of Hawaii.

I have known Alapaki and his family for many years and he brings a great deal of strength and experience from his involvement in native Hawaiian community over the past several years. I have had the pleasure of interfacing with him as a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner over the past two years, when I was the DHHL Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOAP) Director. As a commissioner, he was astute, understanding, reasonable, and very passionate about his role on the commission. It was through his insights that I was able to make changes to the HOAP program that better served the beneficiaries.

I am confident and assure you that Alapaki will be a great asset and leader for the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

Me ke aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samuel E. H. Moku". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Samuel E.H. Moku  
Acting Director  
Department of Community Services



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THE RESORT GROUP

February 2, 2011

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria  
Chair, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: GM507 -- 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.**

Honorable Chairman Galuteria,

I strongly support the confirmation of Alapaki Nahale-a as the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). I have had the pleasure of working closely and directly with Mr. Nahale-a over the course of the last month, as The Resort Group collaborates with Kamehameha Schools (KS) and DHHL on completing the gifting of Makaha Lands for the *Ka Pua Initiative*. This initiative proposes the creation of affordable homes and a KS Learning Community Campus in the heart of the Leeward Coast.

As Ka Pua was conceived of and initiated by Mr. Nahale-a's predecessors at DHHL, Mr. Nahale-a has had to very quickly and efficiently enter a complex land transaction with multiple stakeholders. From my perspective, this work exemplifies the situations and skills required of a DHHL Director. Mr. Nahale-a has hit the ground running, balancing the needs of the Department's beneficiaries with a positive vision of the future and the skill set to accomplish complicated tasks with grace and ease.

On a personal note, I find Mr. Nahale-a to be forthright, trustworthy, careful, thoughtful, fair and intelligent – exactly the type of young leader that the State and the Department will be proud to call their own. It is also clear that beneath these obvious skills and traits lies a large and caring heart, that has driven a life dedicated to public service and the improvement of the lives of Hawaii's people.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Stone  
President



Testimony of C. Mike Kido  
External Affairs  
The Pacific Resource Partnership

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

GM 507 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALBERT (ALAPAKI)  
NAHALE-A

Wednesday, February 2, 2011  
2:45 P.M.  
Conference Room 224

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

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs for the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

PRP respectfully request that your Committee favorably consider the nomination of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a to serve as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Mr. Nahale-a currently leads the Hawaiian Homes Commission, managing the staff at DHHL, and oversees its budget and operations. Given his roots in the Keaukaha and Panaewa Hawaiian homestead communities and experience in the government and community sectors, he has the ability to grow and stabilize the capacity of DHHL to give more Native Hawaiians a homesteading opportunity.

PRP respectfully ask for your *favorable* consideration of Mr. Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a's nomination to serve as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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Honolulu, HI 96819  
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**GCA of Hawaii**

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

Quality People. Quality Projects.

February 1, 2011

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TO: THE HONORABLE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
OF THE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: GM507 CONFIRMATION OF ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A AS  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Dear Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

The General Contractors Association (GCA), an organization comprised of over five hundred eighty (580) general contractors, subcontractors and construction related firms, urges your confirmation of Albert (Alapai) Nahale-A as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Mr. Nahale-a is a graduate of Kamehameha School and a commissioner of the Hawaiian Homelands. He has served in various positions working within the Hawaiian community and we believe he understands the needs of the community and will work closely with them to deliver the services of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands in an efficient and collaborative manner.

The GCA supports the appointment and confirmation of Alapaki Nahale-a as chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Very truly yours,

Sherman Wong, Chair  
Legislative Committee





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TESTIMONY OF KENNETH J. KOBATAKE, PRESIDENT  
DELTA CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

**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 Kenneth J. Kobatake, President of Delta Construction Corporation ("Delta"). Delta 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 respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at 682-1315.

Respectfully submitted,

DELTA CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION,

By



KENNETH J. KOBATAKE

President

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January 22, 2011

The Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria  
The Honorable Senator Pohai Ryan  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
State Capitol  
Conference Room 224  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM507 - Confirmation of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a  
Chairperson of the Department of Hawaii Home Lands


Dear Senators Galuteria and Ryan:

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I believe he will move the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands forward.

Aloha,

  
Larry NAKAYAMA

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Aloha,



HANS K. SANTIAGO

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Joanne E. McComber

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Aloha,

  
LAURIE GAY N. MACHIDA

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Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
State Capitol  
Conference Room 224  
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I truly believe he will help guide the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and its beneficiaries forward with respect.

Aloha,



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Aloha,

Darcy Malani Alameda  


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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2011 5:34 PM  
**To:** HWN Testimony  
**Cc:** ukotner@mindspring.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for GM507 on 2/2/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Testimony for HWN 2/2/2011 2:45:00 PM GM507

Conference room: 224  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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E-mail: [ukotner@mindspring.com](mailto:ukotner@mindspring.com)  
Submitted on: 2/1/2011

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong support of the confirmation of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I was fortunate to work with Mr. Nahale-a as a colleague at the Hawaii Charter School Network. While he served as Executive Director of the Hawaii Charter School Network, I had the opportunity to work closely with him to build strong charter schools and a strong charter school community. Mr. Nahale-a showed unfaltering dedication, commitment, and integrity in the face of challenge. He is truly dedicated to doing what is best for children, and never lost sight of this goal.

In addition to being a person of incredible commitment and integrity, Mr. Nahale-a is also uniquely skilled at building relationships, creative problem-solving, effective communication, and always inspiring his colleagues to strive to do better for their communities.

Therefore, I respectfully urge this esteemed committee to concur with Governor Abercrombie, and confirm this nomination. Please feel free to contact me at (808) 987-1275

Sincerely,

Usha Kotner



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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE 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.**

Submitted to: Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair and Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice-Chair

Hearing Date: February 2, 2011, 2:45p.m.

Submitted by: Leimana DaMate, Executive Director, Aha Kiole Advisory Committee

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Alapaki Nahale-a as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I live in the ahupua'a of Kahuku, Moku of Ka'u, Mokupuni Moku O Keawe. I am also a leasee of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. For the past thirty years, I have been active in Native Hawaiian community affairs and issues on all islands, but especially on my own mokupuni, Hawai'i.

Over the years, I often saw Mr. Nahale-a in Keaukaha, at community meetings, at schools and always with a smile and patience for our people. Inherited from his kupuna, he has always had a spirit that is uniquely Hawaiian and because of that, he understands us. That understanding is critical in the position of the Director of Hawaiian Home Lands. That understanding will guide him in doing the right thing for our people. However, being only understanding is not enough to be a Hawaiian leader. One must be strong, smart and loyal. I believe Mr. Nahale-a embodies all of those qualities. I believe he will be behind the economic engine that will bring DHHL to the forefront of our State. I believe he sees us as 'ohana and thus, as Hawaiians that need to be part of the reality of our current times, both economically and culturally. I believe that Mr. Nahale-a will be loyal to us as Hawaiians, and as homesteaders. He cannot help it – he is a true Hawaiian.

On behalf of my 'ohana, my children and grandchildren, I support Mr. Nahale-a in every way, and urge that he be confirmed as the Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo nui loa,

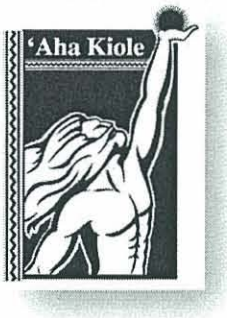
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Aha Kiole Advisory Committee

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE**  
**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.**

Submitted to: Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair and Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice-Chair

Hearing Date: February 2, 2011, 2:45p.m.

Submitted by: Leslie Kuloloio, Kiole for Kahoolawe, and Vice-Chair of the Aha Kiole Advisory Committee. Testimony is submitted on behalf of the other Members of the Aha Kiole Advisory Committee and the 43 moku from each island they represent: Vanda Hanakahi, Moloka'i (Chair); Timmy Bailey, Maui; Winifred Basques, Lana'i; Pi'ilani Ka'awaloa, (Po'o) Hawai'i; Charles Kapua, O'ahu; Sharon Pomroy, Kaua'i; Keith Robinson, (Konohiki) Ni'ihau.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Alapaki Nahale-a as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The Aha Kiole Advisory Committee (AKAC) is comprised of representatives of the 43 traditional moku of the main Hawaiian Islands who are focused on the sustainability and protection of the natural and cultural resources in the State of Hawaii. The very root of our organization rests in the cultural foundation of our people. Hawaiians are connected completely to our land and our ocean. Many of our moku and ahupua'a nurture our Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Many of our homesteaders are Native Hawaiian lawai'a and mahiai who are also moku and ahupua'a representatives.

Of the Aha Kiole Advisory Committee, three are Hawaiian homesteaders. Our Chair, Vanda Hanakahi is a lifetime resident on the Ho'olehua Hawaiian Homestead on Moloka'i and is a descendant of one of the original homesteaders of this second oldest homestead created; Kiole

Winnie Basques lives on the Island of Lana'i Homestead; and Kiole Sharon Pomroy lives on the Anahola Homestead on Kaua'i. Our people have contacted the homesteaders in their communities and all are in strong support of Mr. Nahale-a as Chair for DHHL. Many of us know him and know of his sincere efforts in helping our Hawaiian people. He believes in us and is spiritually grounded. Fluent in our language and understanding of our kauna, Mr. Nahale-a is a wonderful role model and champion of our people. We trust him to do what is pono, and to guard our precious Hawaiian Home Lands for generations of Hawaiians to come.

We support Mr. Nahale-a in every way, and urge that he be confirmed as the Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo nui loa,

Leslie Kuloloio, Kiole, Kahoolawe

Vice Chair, Aha Kiole Advisory Committee

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A  
TO SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

BEFORE THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
FEBRUARY 2, 2011  
CONFERENCE ROOM 224  
2:45 P.M.

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

My name is Noelani Kalipi and I am submitting testimony in favor of the nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a to serve as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I am a Native Hawaiian who lives in Hilo, Hawaii. My maternal and paternal grandparents have homesteads in Keaukaha and Panaewa, and I have worked for a number of years to enhance opportunities for Native Hawaiians in the areas of governance, housing, health, education, and economic development.

I applaud Governor Abercrombie for nominating Paki to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. This is a critical time for the Department and for native Hawaiians. Paki has the experience, the management skills, and the will to succeed that will be necessary to carry the Department through the next four years. Paki is a collaborator and leader who is not afraid to consult and work with the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes trust. More importantly, he understands the role of the Department as a trust and as a State agency with a responsibility to assist the United States in fulfilling its trust relationship with Hawaii's indigenous peoples, Native Hawaiians.

I urge you to support his nomination. He is a leader whose service will benefit the entire State of Hawaii.

**NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

P.O. Box 597, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96809-0597

Testimony for the hearing of the  
**Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**  
to be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, at 2:45 P.M.  
in Senate Conference Room 224

TESTIMONY OF DIRK SOMA, President

**IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A (GM 507)**

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

Founded in 1974, the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce (NHCC) strives to encourage and promote the interests of Native Hawaiians engaged in commerce, services and the professions. NHCC members participate in a variety of economic, social and public affairs.

**Mission Statement – To strengthen Native Hawaiian business and professions by building on a foundation of relationships, resources, and Hawaiian values.**

In keeping with our mission, NHCC provides opportunities for networking among members, the people of Hawai'i and those engaged in business and industry, serves as a means to organize the Hawaiian business community into a viable economic and social voice and provides the necessary facilities for members' educational advancement in subject areas relevant to business, industry and commerce.

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.

Mahalo

**galuteria1 - Ikaika**

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**From:** Mapuana Tector [sherylleetec\_tor@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2011 8:41 PM  
**To:** HWN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support The New Director for DHHL

Aloha,

My name is Mapuana Tector and I am a lessee of the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Land and I am in support of Mr. Alapaki (Albert) Nahale'a to be the current DHHL Director.

Mahalo,

Mapuana Tector

**galuteria1 - Ikaika**

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**From:** Luwella Leonardi [kanakaoomaunawili@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2011 9:00 PM  
**To:** HWN Testimony  
**Subject:** GOV MSG NO 507

February 1, 2011

Honorable Sahn S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
State Capital, Suite 409  
Honolu, HI 96813

Dear Senate President Tsutsui:

I hear by am submitting my support for Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a to be the next Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. A few nights ago, I attended a community meeting in Nanakuli and the people attended were in favor of the governor's nominee for DHHL Director.

I am told that he is an DHHL leasee and so am I, however, that is not the reason for favoring his nomination. I feel that the people that will serve the native Hawaiians should be a team player and someone that is open to the peoples needs that are already a leasee.

Our present conditions on DHHL are in 'bad shape', and we need attention from the state to support the reappear of our homes and surrounding area. For example, the economy is no longer sustainable and our homes are in disrepair. Another problem we have are policies that are not yet understood for example forced changes by the City of Honolulu, taxes, permitting, sewers, road repair where not needed. Developments on DHHL that benefits the general public and not the Leasees.

Thank you for considering my nominee.

Sincerely,

Luwella K Leonardi  
Waianae DHHL Resident



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THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

COMMITTEE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair  
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

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

Aloha Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair:

The Ahupua`a o Moloka`i (Mokupuni o Moloka`i) submits our support for Gubernatorial Nominee, Albert Alapaki Nahale`a as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mr. Nahale`a has met with our homestead leaders and we are excited to collaborate with him for the next four years. As native people of Hawaii, we are pleased that Governor Abercrombie chose this intelligent Hawaiian man that lives, breathes, and believes in our Hawaiian way of life. Albert Alapaki Nahale`a is passionate about directing a positive course for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and its beneficiaries. He is refreshing and he gives us hope...

We encourage your committee to please confirm Mr. Nahale`a as Chairperson of the Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo,

Kammy Purdy, President

C: Presidents of Homestead Associations under Ahupua`a o Moloka`i  
Ochie Bush, Ho`olehua Homestead Assn.  
Vivian Ainoa, One Ali`i/Kamiloloa Homestead Assn.  
Leilani Wallace, Kapa`akea Homestead Assn.  
Lynn Decoite, Moloka`i Homestead Farmers Alliance  
Renee Montizor, Moloka`i Homestead Livestock Assn.  
Sybil Lopez, Kalamaula Mauka Homestead Assn.  
Harry Purdy, Ho`olehua Homestead Agriculture Assn.

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 Heidi Ilima Ho-Lastimoso. I have been a resident of the Waimanalo Hawaiian homestead community for 38 years and am actively involved as a volunteer on our Waimanalo homestead board. Along with my 'ohana, we have and continue to be a very proud and content homesteader in Waimanalo despite the economic turmoil and challenges our government and local leaders face daily.

I have personally met, talked and discussed with Alapaki what I would consider 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.

Mahalo & God Bless,

Heidi Ilima Ho-Lastimoso



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**LATE**  
Strategic Communications \* Community and Government Relations \* Public Relations  
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Testimony from: Alicia Maluafit, Owner – Lo'ih Communications and  
President – Poi Dogs & Popoki (a 501c3)

**In Support of 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.

**Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2:45 p.m – room 224**

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

As the President and Founder of Poi Dogs and Popoki (PDP), and the owner of native Hawaiian consulting sole proprietorship, I testify in support of GM 507 and request your favorable consideration and confirmation of ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A, as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

My father and his ohana was raised in Papakolea, I lived there with my grandparents for three years, and many members of my family now have their own leases – from big island to Maui to Waianae. We have seen and experienced first-hand the challenges of native Hawaiians as they wait patiently for their leases. I believe that Mr. Nahale-a is ready to serve and to lead. He has held 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.

As the president of a nonprofit that reaches out extensively to Hawaiians on homestead as well as homeless Hawaiians to help them care for their pets, PDP believes that a compassionate, caring and committed leader is needed to take DHHL to the next level. Quality of life means not only having a roof over your head or food on the table, but the ability to care for our entire ohana – even our pets – during these tough economic times.

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

Alicia Maluafiti

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LATE

*From the Desk of Micah A. Kane*

February 2, 2011

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria  
Chairman, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. Mahalo for this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of the nomination of Mr. Alapaki Nahale'a as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

My name is Micah Kane and I am submitting this letter in my individual capacity and I humbly ask for your support of Mr. Nahale'a's appointment.

I believe DHHL has proven that it can produce homesteading opportunities and can compete with the best of the major landowners in Hawaii when it comes to residential and commercial development.

This is due to the collective support of every previous Chairman/Director, their respective Commissions, Administrations, Legislatures, staff and community leaders.

While the Trust today is uniquely positioned to continue building affordable homes and generating revenue, the future lies in building people.

I believe Mr. Nahale'a is uniquely qualified to serve the Hawaiian Homes Trust in a way that few could, based on the needs of today.

His personal and professional experience is about building people. He will administer the programs at a very high level with a humble leadership style that will galvanize his team to achieve great things for the Hawaiian Homes Trust, its beneficiaries and the State of Hawaii.

It is my honor and joy to support Mr. Alapaki Nahale'a in this effort and I look forward to the good work he has ahead of him.

Sincerely,  
Micah A. Kane



**International Union of Painters and Allied Trades  
District Council 50**

**LATE**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION 2011

**TIME/DATE: 2:45 p.m., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011**

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 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."

TO SENATOR BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS:

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50, appreciates the opportunity to testify in strong support of Governor's Message No. 507 – Gubernatorial Nominee, Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a, to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. My name is Lynn Kinney, and I am the Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the District Council 50, which represents four (4) unions, the Painters, Local Union 1791; the Glaziers Architectural and Glass Metal Workers, Local Union 1889; the Carpet Linoleum and Soft Tile, Local Union 1926; and the Drywall, Tapers Finishers, Local Union 1944.

I am writing in strong support of Mr. Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I believe that Mr. Nahale-a will be a positive asset to the department. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and I

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humbly request you support the confirmation Mr. Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a to the  
Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR



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LATE

January 31, 2011

Senator Brickwood Galuteria  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania St., Room 221  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813  
(Via facsimile: 586-6829)

Re: Support for Alapaki Nahale`a Nomination Chair, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Senator Galuteria,

On behalf of Mālama Learning Center, I am writing this letter of recommendation to support Alapaki Nahale`a's appointment as Chair of the State of Hawaii's Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mālama Learning Center (MLC) is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation registered in the State of Hawai'i. We are in the midst of raising funds to build a learning center on the campus of Kapolei High School. The Mālama Learning Center is a true public-private partnership with the Department of Education putting up the land and MLC raising the funds, owning and operating the building and programs.

Through my work with Mālama Learning Center, and as the Principal of Kapolei High School, two organizations which serve existing Hawaiian Home Land residential communities and their families in Kapolei, I have observed and experienced Alapaki's respectful manner with all he has come in contact with – with his staff, colleagues, community leaders and families. We are both proud and thankful that he has agreed to assist MLC in making its vision a reality.

Speaking for the Board of Mālama Learning Center and the Kapolei High School faculty and staff, we wholeheartedly support Alapaki Nahale`a's nomination as Chair, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He will serve the Department well and will bring much to the table for the future of Mālama Learning Center, Kapolei High School and the Leeward/West O`ahu communities they serve.

If you should have questions or would like to speak directly please feel free to contact me at your convenience. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to submit support for this very worthy candidate.

Respectively submitted,

Elden Esmeralda  
Principal, Kapolei High School  
Malama Learning Center Board President

LATE

Todd K. Apo  
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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:

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony in support of GM 507. I ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of Albert Alapaki Nahale-a to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known Alapaki since we were in school together at Kamehameha. Since that time, we have had a lifelong friendship. It is with that extensive history with Alapaki that I can strongly attest to the Senate that he is an excellent selection to lead the DHHL.

Over the last 10 years, I have come to better understand DHHL, what it does and what it has to offer, not only Hawaiians, but the entire state of Hawaii. Good leadership at the Department means bringing together the compassion and understanding of the beneficiaries with a level of business, political and land expertise. For the Chairperson, success means using those skills to take existing resources, find additional resources, and develop a better future for Hawaiians and Hawaii.

Alapaki has led a life that has developed those exact skills to a level that makes him the ideal candidate for this position. Equally as important, he understands areas in which he will need to seek help and guidance to meet the goals of the Department. Most importantly, he is willing to listen and learn – a skill that will carry him and the department far when handling both beneficiary issues as well as development and land deals.

As I spoke at the most recent CNHA Conference, I talked about leadership and the need to take the pieces of your life and put them together. I used Alapaki as an example of someone who I have seen take the numerous and sometimes varied pieces of his life experiences and piece them together in a way that has prepared him for a leadership role in our State. I hope that you will agree.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony and the confirmation of Alapaki to the Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Albert Alapaki  
Todd K. Apo

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February 2, 2011

Senator Brickwood Galuteria  
Chairman  
Hawaiian Affairs  
The Senate of the State of Hawaii  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Mr. Alapaki Nahale-a, Gubernatorial Nominee Director of the Department  
of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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

I am writing in support of the nomination of Mr. Alapaki Nahale-a to the position of Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). His past experience serving as a Member of the Hawaiian Home Lands Commission for the past three years has provided Mr. Nahale-a a solid understanding of the Department's projects and the issues related to putting Native Hawaiians on the land and into homes.

I fully support the nomination of Mr. Alapaki Nahale-a to the position of Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,



Everett R. Dowling  
President

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February 2, 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 Craig Bo Kahui and I served as the Executive Director of Laiopua 2020 and Board Director of the Kaniohale Homestead Community Association in Kailua-Kona.

I have known Mr. Nahale-a over the last several years while he served as Commissioner for DHHL. During his short tenure as Commissioner at DHHL, he has demonstrated his ability to communicate effectively with homesteaders and exhibited strong and effective leadership qualities that are a requisite for this position. We welcome Alakaki's desire to continue to serve our homestead communities statewide and move the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land toward new beginnings.

On behalf of our organizations, we endorse and support the Governor's candidate Alapaki Nahale-a to serve as the Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land and humbly urge the Committee members pprove mr. Nahale-a 's confirmation

Mahalo Nui,



Craig "Bo" Kahui  
Executive Director

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FEBRUARY 2, 2011

**LATE**

Josiah "Black" Ho`ohuli Sr.  
89-639 Nānākuli Avenue  
Wai`anae, Hawai`i 96792

RE: Testimony for Albert "Alapaki" Nahale`a

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

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

My name is Josiah "Black" Ho`ohuli, resident of the Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead.

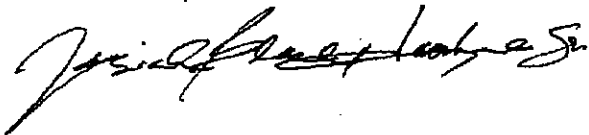
I would like to thank you for the opportunity for allowing me to submit my testimony in Strong Support for Mr. Albert "Alapaki" Nahale`a.

Mr. Nahale`a brings to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) the experience and knowledge of what consist of the Hawaiian Homes Act, what is best for the betterment of the native Hawaiians and how the department can work cooperatively with the Public, Private, State, City & County's as well as the Federal sectors.

As a long time member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC), Mr. Nahale`a have worked closely and diligently with groups, organizations within the native Hawaiian communities throughout the State of Hawai`i and is aware of the challenges DHHL faces in providing the necessary funding needed to address the important issues facing the Hawaiian homesteads and its beneficiaries.

**I humbly ask for your support to confirm Albert "Alapaki" Nahale`a as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.**

**With Aloha,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josiah 'Black' Ho'ohuli Sr.", written in a cursive style.

**Josiah "Black" Ho'ohuli Sr.**



**LATE**

TESTIMONY OF DAVID S. DE LUZ, JR.  
**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:

Om behalf of myself and our company, Big Island Toyota, Inc., we are testifying 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 company has 3 DHHL leases in Hilo and have had a very professional and courteous relationship and firmly believe the confirmation of Chairman Nahale-a will only exemplify our continued relationship

We respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at 808-895-4284 or email at [djr@teamedeluz.com](mailto:djr@teamedeluz.com).

We sincerely look forward to continuing our partnership with the department and we are eager to move forward alongside Chairman Nahale-a to provide greater opportunities for the Hawaiian Home Lands trust and its beneficiaries.

We urge your support for GM 507 and thank you for this opportunity to testify.

David S. De Luz, Jr.  
Vice President of Special Projects

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**LATE**

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:

Aloha. I humbly ask that Alapaki Nahale-a be given the highest consideration in his quest to be the next Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Through his leadership, communities throughout the State of Hawai'i will be recipients of a person with unquestionable integrity.

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 stand firm on behalf of his character and abilities for this honored, prestigious and significant position and sincerely hope that you will consider my recommendation.

Best Regards,

Doreen N. Gomes



PAPAKŌLEA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**LATE**

TESTIMONY OF B. PUNI KEKAUOHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
PAPAKOLEA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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.

The Papakolea Community Development Corporation (PCDC) is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, which was formed in 1999 to provide the residents of the Hawaiian homestead neighborhoods of Papakolea, Kewalo, and Kalawahine with a full range of comprehensive services at the Papakolea Community Park and Full Service Center.

The mission of PCDC is to promote self-determination by managing our community facilities; to develop strong and effective community leaders; and to mobilize broad-based community participation in civic life.

We respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at 808-520-8998. Thank you in advance for your time and favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Puni Kekauoha", written over a light-colored background.

B. Puni Kekauoha, Executive Director

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.

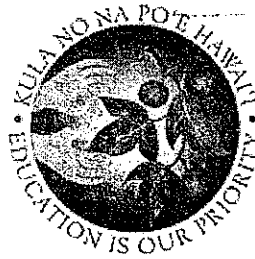
Mr. Nahale-a represents a continuation of, and building upon the success of the Department in getting families into decent, safe and sanitary housing. We have seen the production levels of recent years far exceed comparable periods of the past. We have also seen, and wish to continue a cooperative approach 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.





**LATE**

FOUNDING KUPUNA

Maria Suganuma

Winona Freitas

Ruffina Mofaka-Lee

TESTIMONY OF ADRIENNE DILLARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
KULA NO NA PO'E HAWAII  
IN SUPPORT OF GM 507

Theone Kanuha  
PRESIDENT

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Keola Nakanishi  
VICE PRESIDENT

February 2, 2011

Lahela Hudson  
SECRETARY

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

B. Puni Kekauoha  
TREASURER

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.

Kula no na Po'e Hawaii (KNNPH) is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, which was formed in 1992 to provide the residents of the Hawaiian homestead neighborhoods of Papakolea, Kewalo, and Kalawahine with community based education and health services.

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Patricia Leimamo Kapea

J. Aloha Kaikaina

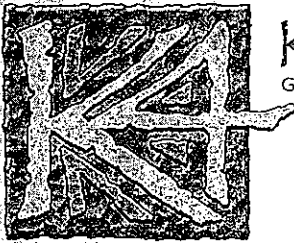
C. Kawohi Tuasivi

Mr. Nahale-a's 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. 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. It is for these reasons that we support his confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We respectfully appeal to you and your committee to recommend and approve this nomination. For more information, please contact me at 808-520-8998. Thank you in advance for your time and favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Dillard  
Executive Director



**LATE**

TESTIMONY OF LEONARD S. TANAKA

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:

As a business owner, and more specifically, a Native Hawaiian owned entity, I see the value of having a leader who will direct and manage the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands like a business.

Mr. Nahale-a brings this "Entrepreneurial Manao" to the agency and I write 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.

Along with his diverse background in government, community development, education and administration, Mr. Nahale-a comes to the Department having real life experiences living and sustaining himself and ohana on homestead land in Keaukaha and Panaewa, that will benefit his role as Chairperson, serving over 35,000 beneficiaries Statewide.

Throughout his professional and community career, he has demonstrated leadership skills and has the keen ability to work collaboratively and 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 and compassion to serve the best interests of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community.

I respectfully urge you and your committee to confirm Mr. Nahale-a to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at 808-960-5710 or [ltanaka@kaiulani4.com](mailto:ltanaka@kaiulani4.com).

Mahalo nui,

Leonard S. Tanaka



**LATE**

**IN SUPPORT  
OF GM 507 - CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,  
ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

February 2, 2011

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

D. Otani Produce, Inc. incorporated in 1990 is a produce wholesale company and has been in business in Honolulu since 1989. D. Otani Produce is a family operated business with Dwight Otani as the President, wife Theresa Otani (Vice President), sons Matthew (General Manager), Joey (Warehouse Supervisor) and daughter Jessie and daughter in law Nicole (handling the office and staff). D. Otani Produce has been tenants of Hawaiian Home Lands since 2006 at 1321 Hart Street property. We strongly support the nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As a commissioner of the Hawaiian Homes Commission for the past two years, he not only understands the trust and organization he will lead, but he also 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 as a commissioner, public charter school director, development specialist and program auditor to his new position to effectively and successfully lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We sincerely look forward to continuing our partnership with the department and we are eager to move forward alongside Chairman Nahale-a to provide greater opportunities for the Hawaiian Home Lands trust and its beneficiaries.

We urge your support for GM 507 and thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dwight Otani".

Dwight Otani  
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**LATE**



TESTIMONY OF CRAIG MCGINNIS, VICE PRESIDENT  
HUNT DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC

**IN SUPPORT OF GM 507**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 1, 2011

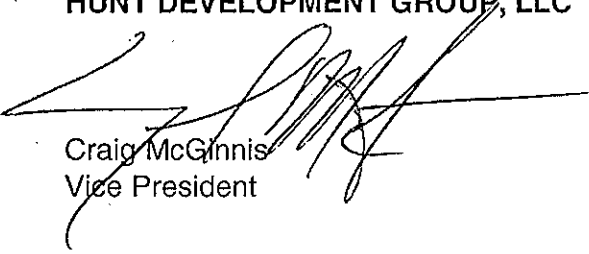
Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee:

Hunt Development Group is writing to express support for the confirmation of Albert Nahale-a as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

With an impressive and diverse employment history, commitment to community service and practical experience in Native Hawaiian issues, Mr. Nahale-a is well qualified to serve as Chairman. He has served on the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement and was most recently Executive Director of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network. Mr. Nahale-a has demonstrated leadership skills and a genuine concern for the betterment of Native Hawaiians and all residents of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the confirmation of Mr. Nahale-a and we ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,  
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TESTIMONY OF ERIC M. KAPONO,  
RESIDENT, KEAUKAHA HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS COMMUNITY (HILO)  
PROPRIETOR, ADVANCEMENT SERVICES FOR NATIVE NONPROFITS

**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 testify 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.

When I think of Servant Leadership, I think of Mr. Alapaki Nahale-a.

Since 2002 I have worked with Mr. Nahale-a on several community- and school-based initiatives benefitting the Keaukaha Hawaiian Home Lands community. In these collaborative ventures I experienced first-hand the community-mindedness of Mr. Nahale-a. He has always sought the input and participation of community members when designing policies, programs and priorities that affect the Keaukaha Hawaiian community. In this time I have also seen Mr. Nahale-a's ability to steer complex programs and organizations through constantly changing conditions.

In addition to a strong public administration background, I believe a collaborative nature and strong teamwork skills are essential characteristics for serving the Hawaiian community. I know Mr. Nahale-a has these traits, and I am confident he will be excellent as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at (808) 969-3991, or [kapono@advancementservices.org](mailto:kapono@advancementservices.org).

TESTIMONY OF KEALOHA LETISI

**LATE**

**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 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.

I've had the privilege to work with Mr. Nahale-a during his time as the director of Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo PCS. His leadership skills are immeasurable. He is innovative and energizing. His positive approaches to tasks are infectious to those around him.

I witnessed first hand Mr. Nahale-a in numerous situations where his leadership and compassion for the community at large was of a constant outpour from his heart. It is that quality that makes Albert "Alapaki" Nahale-the right individual to serve the Native Hawaiian People.

I respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at 808-345-1954.

TESTIMONY OF Michelle Kauhane  
On Behalf of the Kaupe'a Homestead Association

**LATE**

**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 Kaupe'a Homestead Association stands in strong support of Governor Abercrombie's appointment of Alapaki Nahale-a as the chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Our organization was introduced to Mr. Nahale-a in his capacity as a commissioner where he has served for the past two years. As a commissioner, Mr. Nahale-a demonstrated his collaborative leadership style and commitment to the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. In addition, he has a strong background and remarkable track record of serving the broader Hawaiian Community. His experience as a former leader of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, the Director of a Public Charter School, and an upbringing grounded in the Keaukaha homestead community make him a qualified candidate for this important position.

The Kaupe'a Homestead Association (KHA) is a non-profit community organization purposed on promoting a healthy and safe neighborhood within the values of our culture among residents living in the Kaupe'a Hawaiian Home Lands residential subdivision. We are a membership organization made up of residents living within the 326 home development.

We respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please feel free to contact me at 630-0501.

Sincerely,



Michelle Kauhane  
Kaupe'a Homestead Association  
President



TESTIMONY OF Nāmaka Rawlins, Director Strategic Partnerships, 'Aha Pūnana Leo  
IN SUPPORT OF GM 507

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

**LATE**

January 30, 2011

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Aloha Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair and Senator Pōhai Ryan, Vice-Chair 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.

My name is Nāmaka Rawlins, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Collaborations of the 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.

The 'Aha Pūnana Leo ('APL) is the sole administrator of statewide Hawaiian language medium preschools on Hawai'i, Maui, Molokai, O'ahu and Kauai islands. We have been operating these schools since 1985. As a grassroots non-profit organization the 'APL is credited with the revitalization of the Hawaiian language through programs such as the Pūnana Leo preschools, the kula kaiapuni public education through the medium of Hawaiian and the Hawaiian language television news broadcast, 'Āha'i 'Ōlelo Ola.

Albert Alapaki Nahale-a is a parent from the Pūnana Leo o Hilo where his children graduated. Pūnana Leo parents are required to learn the language and commit to monthly in-kind service to their school community. Alapaki continued to learn Hawaiian and to be involved with the Pūnana Leo movement as we moved students one grade at a time until the first Pūnana Leo graduates completed high school in 1999 at two sites, Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u and Ke Kula 'O Ānuenuē.

I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Nahale-a. Under my directorship, Alapaki worked in our administration office for a little over a year, leaving us in 1997 to pursue his career and engage in community leadership. While at 'APL, he helped facilitate community input to our long-range planning goals. He was able to solicit a range of ideas to further support the vision and purpose of our organization. As a product of the Pana'ewa Homestead, I believe Alapaki will lead with aloha and with dedication to fully support self-sufficiency for native Hawaiians and the preservation of the values, traditions, and culture of native Hawaiians.

'APL strongly supports communities wishing to establish Pūnana Leo as a viable choice for families and to protect traditional rights, practices and to perpetuate our language and culture.

We respectfully urge you and your committee to consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at (808)895-3347.

Mahalo nui



**LATE**

TESTIMONY OF BARBARA WOERNER, FOUNDER / ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR,  
INNOVATIONS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

**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:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify 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.

As Mr. Nahale-a's career history shows, his experiences and intellect make him very well qualified for this position. I have worked with Mr. Nahale-a since 2003 when he became director of Ka Umeke Public Charter School. His passion for education and the improvement of schools for Hawaii's keiki stood out at our administrative meetings. He is an excellent problem solver. Our charter community frequently relied on his ability to research, analyze and synthesize data collected, articulate the results into the context of the bigger picture and make recommendations that moved our group forward toward improvement. He is a very personable and gracious individual, making him the perfect person to work effectively with diverse groups of people. During his tenure as Executive Director of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, he lead our association toward sustainability by bringing all of our diverse peoples together to speak with one united voice. These qualities that made Mr. Nahale-a an excellent leader for our charter organizations will no doubt benefit the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

With his work history and his passion for the people of Hawaii, I can't imagine a better person to manage the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community.

It is without reservation, on behalf of Innovations PCS, I recommend Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a's appointment to you. I respectfully urge you and your committee to approve this nomination. For more information, please contact me at [barbaraworner@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraworner@gmail.com).

February 1, 2011

**LATE**

Chair Galuteria and Vice Chair Ryan;

I humbly ask for your confirmation of Alapaki ("Paki") Nahale-a as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). I have worked with Paki for the past year or so with the Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School project. He has been an extremely outstanding role model as our Project Director. He is a very honest, knowledgeable and reliable person. I also feel that Paki is the perfect person for this position because of his Hawaiian roots. With his experience in government and the community sectors, he would be a good representative for the DHHL. He's an outstanding speaker and would be a very good voice for the Hawaiian people.

Again, I ask that you confirm Mr. Nahale-a as the Director of DHHL. He would definitely be an asset to Governor Abercrombie's team. He would be an outstanding Director with the public's interest at heart. I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely;  
Les Silva  
Board Member (Interim Board of Directors)  
Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School

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TESTIMONY OF CITY SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER

**IN SUPPORT OF GM 507**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

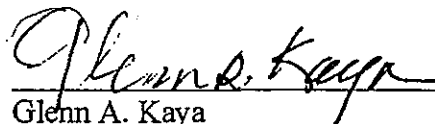
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Mr. Nahale-a has served in a number of positions through which he demonstrated leadership skills and the keen ability to work successfully with and within the Native Hawaiian community. His experience serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission, leading 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.

This company has been a tenant of Hawaiian Homes since 1980.

We respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at 832-6999.



Glenn A. Kaya  
Managing Partner

TESTIMONY OF Hoku Haliniak, Acting President/KCA Member  
Kaumana Hawaiian Homestead Association

**LATE**

**IN SUPPORT OF GM 507**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

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Our organization is in support of Mr. Nahale-a as he has been and continues to be beneficial in supporting our community as a new and forming Hawaiian community association.

We respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at (808) 962-2224 ext. 255.

Presented before the  
Hawai'i Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
February 2, 2011,  
at 2:45 p.m. in Room 224

**LATE**

by  
Gene Awakuni  
Chancellor, University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu

Aloha, Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee. I want to share with you, on my own behalf, my support for Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a's confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Alapaki is a proven leader in our community and is the right person to serve DHHL at this critical time in the organization's history.

Alapaki is no stranger to our community and shared partnerships in Leeward O'ahu. His track record speaks for itself. His valuable contributions to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, his leadership of the Hawai'i Charter Schools Network, directing a charter school for six years, working for the County of Hawai'i, speak to his ability to lead and his familiarity with DHHL's communities. His ability to build consensus, his focus on long-term strategic goals for his department, and his capacity to deliver lasting results for Hawaiian beneficiaries make him a perfect fit for leadership of DHHL.

We are also working closely with DHHL and other Hawaiian-serving organizations as members of a community consortium in support of the Hawai'i State Department of Education's Race to the Top program efforts. Our group of organizations advocates for the betterment of Native Hawaiian children and their education in underserved regions of Hawai'i. Other organizations in this group include Kamehameha Schools, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Queen Lili'uokalani Trust / Children's Center, Papa Ola Lokahi, and Harold J. Castle Foundation. Alapaki is vital to keeping our efforts moving forward.

UH West O'ahu currently enjoys the highest percentage of Native Hawaiian students enrolled, when compared with all other UH 4-year campuses. Our new campus, currently under construction, is located next to new DHHL communities. It will not be long until many of the families in these communities will be able to walk to our new campus. Alapaki's leadership will realize the dream many have had, to create thriving Hawaiian communities with immediate access to higher education. I have complete confidence that he will strengthen the bond our organizations now enjoy, while bettering the condition of our shared communities.

I respectfully urge your committee to advise and consent to this nomination.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 454-4750.

Mahalo.

# ERSKINE ARCHITECTS, INC.



# LATE

January 30, 2011

Senators Brickwood Galuteria and Pohai Ryan  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony in Support of GM 507, Nomination of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a for  
Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

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

I am writing this letter to urge you to confirm Alapaki Nahale-a for the position of Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have known Alapaki for more than twenty years; starting from when we were borders at the Kamehameha Schools and have known him to be a genuine leader with integrity and vision. I have been fortunate to work with him on several projects that directly benefit the native Hawaiian community, personally witnessing the growth of Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo, Public Charter School, where Alapaki was the Director. Alapaki's concern for the native Hawaiian community, its children and future, is well understood by all those that have gotten to know him, and is also reflected in his actions.

I strongly believe that Alapaki is the right person at the right time to take the DHHL to a new level of achievement based on his varied experience with native Hawaiian related organizations. I believe that Alapaki's unique experience in the public and private arenas has allowed him to grow into the leader that he is today, and will only benefit the DHHL and its stakeholders. I know that Alapaki will serve and assist in supporting the well-being of the native Hawaiian community. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands will find his expertise a great asset to its organization.

Please kindly consider consenting to Alapaki's nomination. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me personally (778.9083).

Mahalo Nui,

**Erskine Architects, Inc.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Fred K. Erskine'.

Fred Erskine  
President

TESTIMONY OF RALPH DUANE BLACK, ESQ.  
HILO LAW – BUSINESS, TAX & ESTATES, LLLC

**LATE**

**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.

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**In my law practice I often am asked to assist in clarifying and identifying client's rights in real property which is within the scope of Hawaiian Home Lands. As an "outsider", I personally am limited as to how much I can help, however, having someone like Alapaki means everyone will have an opportunity to be heard and feel as they have been treated fairly.**

**I have known Alapaki for over 10 years as our son's have played soccer together and we have traveled within and outside of the State of Hawaii. Alapaki has always conducted and held himself to a very high standard while making others feel respected as they should be.**

I respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me on my Hilo office at (808) 969-9223, Lanai office at (808) 565-6867 or my cell at (808) 990-5766 or email me at: [taxlaw@ralphdblack.com](mailto:taxlaw@ralphdblack.com).

Ralph Duane Black  
Attorney At Law

February 2, 2011

**LATE**

Dear Chair Galuteria and Vice Chair Ryan,

I am writing on behalf of Albert Nahale-a's confirmation as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

I came to know Alapaki as a member of the 2010 Hawaii County Charter Commission. We served together for 18 months drafting charter amendments for the 2010 ballot. Working with Alapaki was one of the most inspiring aspects of the experience. He was always eloquent, thoughtful, and politically sensitive during the commission meetings and public hearings. He has a knack for identifying the core of thorny issues in a way that allows people with differing opinions to accept compromise. He is also sensitive to the needs of the different communities in Hawaii and able to communicate with people from all background and political persuasions. He was a natural leader of our commission although it was a role he did not actively seek. We were fortunate to have Alapaki and his wisdom as part of our commissions deliberations.

I was pleased and impressed with the governor's decision to appoint Alapaki as the Director of the DHHL. I think it is a wise choice for DHHL and the state. I strongly urge you to confirm Alapaki for the position of Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Please contact me by email or by cell phone at 808-990-6227 if you have any questions or seek additional information.

Sincerely,

Todd Shumway

Todd Shumway  
Director of Global Exchange  
Center for Global Education and Exchange  
University of Hawaii at Hilo





**LATE**

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February 2, 2011

TESTIMONY OF MARK CHRISTIANO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KIHEI CHARTER SCHOOL  
IN SUPPORT OF GM 507 BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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

This testimony is in strong support of GM 507 and the favorable consideration and confirmation of ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term set to expire on December 31, 2014.

I have had the good fortune of working alongside Mr. Nahale-a for several years while he was Director of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network and Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo Public Charter School. In all my time associating with Mr. Nahale-a, I have always been sincerely impressed with his intelligence, common sense, honesty and work ethic. He is a passionate, articulate, dedicated public servant with strong beliefs, yet in all my encounters with him he always been open to hearing and considering conflicting ideas and contrasting opinions. Interpersonally, "Paki" is a loving family man with an upbeat personality, a tremendous sense of humor and a positive can-do attitude. In my opinion, Mr. Nahale-a's greatest single asset is his aspiration to help and assist others. A big part of who he is as a man involves a sincere desire to uplift those among us who need help the most: in particular, our keiki and underserved social segments.

I have seen firsthand Mr. Nahale-a's leadership skills within the Native Hawaiian community. There is no doubt that he is an effective, proven community leader. I am extremely confident that he will do everything in his power to serve the best interests of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community in his capacity as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands .

I respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. Please feel free to contact me at [mchristiano@kiheicharter.org](mailto:mchristiano@kiheicharter.org) or by phone at (808) 270-4906 if you have any questions.

With Sincere Respect,

Mark Christiano  
Executive Director  
Kihei Charter School

Testimony of Lee Wilson  
**In Support of GM 507**  
Before the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
February 2, 2011

**LATE**

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

I testify 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.

I have known Alapaki ("Paki") for 11 years. He is a personal friend. During these years he has also been a client of my private marketing consulting business, as well as a customer of my employer, HPM Building Supply. Throughout all of my personal and professional dealings with Paki, he has continuously impressed me with his intellect, leadership and management skills, and steadfast values. I believe these characteristics will benefit our state in his role as Chair of DHHL.

Paki is one of the smartest people I know. He's confident in what he knows, but more importantly, when he doesn't know, he's great at gathering people and information to understand all angles of the topic at hand. He's a relentless learner, and he's able to process, store and apply what he's learned to ask the right questions, and to help teams find unique answers.

Paki is a natural leader. Because of the person he is, good people can't help but want to follow his example and direction. Paki has an established credible history of building organizations by smart decision making, empowered delegation and holding teams accountable to produce results that intensify aptitude and pride.

I personally believe that at the foot of his success is Paki's compass of values. From my perspective I see Paki's values as: true aloha; continuous education and improvement; hard and smart work; unconditional love of family; respect for all of Hawaii's peoples; and personal reverence for his own Hawaiian culture.

We need smart and proven leaders guided by grounded values to help our state face immense challenges. I have more confidence in our ability to meet those challenges knowing that Paki is contributing to the discussion and decisions. I respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information please contact me at 808-937-1127 or [lee1wil@aol.com](mailto:lee1wil@aol.com).

Sincerely,



Lee M.M. Wilson  
1536 Mele Manu Street, Hilo Hawai'i 96720

TESTIMONY OF ANDREW P. WILSON, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

IN SUPPORT OF GM 507

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

January 31, 2011

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

I write in support of the nomination of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

I met Mr. Nahale-a 3 years ago when he asked me to serve on the local school board for Ka `Umeke Ka`eo, a Hawaiian Immersion Charter School in Keaukaha on the Island of Hawai`i. Mr. Nahale-a, as the leader of the school, had a vision not only of the school but also for the community, island and people throughout the State of Hawai`i. As an attorney practicing law on the Island of Hawai`i and in the State of Hawai`i for over 39 years, I was impressed with Mr. Nahale-a's communication skills and his work with all members of the community. His tireless work and dedication was an inspiration to myself and others on the Board and in the community. He will serve the best interests of the Hawaiian Homes Land trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community.

I respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at 808.936.2291.

**LATE**

TESTIMONY OF JOHN A. MAPES

LATE

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:

My name is John Mapes and I was for twenty-five years an economist for the Department of Planning and Economic Development (and its successors) and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Today, my interest in State government is primarily as a voter in Senate District 25, Vice-chair Ryan's district.

I am testifying in support of GM 507, the request for confirmation of Alapaki Nahale-a to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I cannot claim that my support for Paki is unbiased or objective, having known him, through my friendship with his parents, since his early childhood. However, my support for his confirmation is sincere and enthusiastic as I have seen Paki develop from a hard-working student to an accomplished adult with a real commitment to serving his community. His previous work and volunteer efforts clearly demonstrate his intention to devote himself to Hawaii's future.

As a long-time State civil service worker, I had the opportunity to observe that the more successful department heads combined an awareness of their dependence on their staffs to advance toward their goals with a firm, principled base for decision making. I have heard Paki acknowledge his team orientation toward management and also know that he is secure in the principles he lives by. I believe that he is fully equipped to undertake the job he seeks.

I respectfully urge you and your committee to consent to this nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



TESTIMONY OF Dr. Manulani Aluli Meyer

Associate Professor of Education at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo  
Currently on Leave as Visiting Scholar for Te Wananga o Aotearoa  
Maori University of New Zealand

**LATE**

**IN SUPPORT OF GM 507**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

January 30, 2011

Ke welina mai nei e Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee:

It is a joy and privilege to personally support GM 507 and the confirmation of Mr. ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

Alapaki Nahale-a is an outstanding leader in our Hilo community and someone who completely understands the needs of our beloved native Hawaiian people. For the past 15 years I have seen and experienced his *kanaka makua* leadership skills and know that he can do this work intelligently, coherently and culturally.

My experiences with Mr. Nahale-a has been through the transformational, challenging and cultural work found in our Hawaiian Charter School movement. As the world changes before our very eyes, it is people like Alapaki who have prepared us for these changes with innovation, creativity and with enduring practices that continue to strengthen and guide us.

I have worked with thousands of people in my professional life in the past 25 years in Hawaiian-related fields and I can say without any hesitation that we are the fortunate ones to have Alapaki Nahale-a at the helm of DHHL. It speaks well of Governor Abercrombie to have appointed this community collaborator, educational visionary, family man, and deeply intelligent pono practitioner to this leadership role. *E ho`ouluana kakou a pau.*

Please contact me if there are any further questions or statements needed.

Me ke oia i'o,

*Dr. Manulani Aluli Meyer*

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**LATE**

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2:45 P.M.  
Room 224

GM 507

**Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**

**In support of confirmation of Alapaki Nahale-a as Chair of the Department of  
Hawaiian Home Lands**

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

My name is Ruth Tschumy, and I'm chair of the Charter School Review Panel. Because the panel is under "Sunshine," and we were not able to agendaize this matter at last Thursday's meeting, I am writing as an individual. However, I have no doubt whatsoever that every member of the panel would join me in supporting the confirmation of **PAKI NAHALE-A** as chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As executive director of the Hawaii Charter School Network, Paki gave a report on Network activities/views at each of our meetings. Trying to represent 31 autonomous schools is, as they say, like herding cats – and Paki did it with skill and grace. Whether the school was Hawaiian-based or not, Paki represented each with his unique skills of thorough preparation, articulateness, and respect for differing viewpoints. He is a visionary and, as important, he's able to translate his vision into a plan that others can understand and support.

Paki is an exceptional leader, collaborative but clear about purpose and direction. He bridges many worlds, but his life's work has been within the Native Hawaiian community. Director of an immersion charter school, Hawaiian Homes Commissioner, and a member/leader of numerous Hawaiian groups, Paki is eminently qualified and the absolutely right person for this position.

Without reservation and with great enthusiasm, I ask you to please confirm Paki Nahale-a as chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

TESTIMONY OF LIANA IAEA HONDA, EDUCATOR

**LATE**

**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 testify 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.

I maika'i ke kalo i ka 'ohā – The good of the taro is judged by the young plant it produces. It is impossible for me to speak of the fine qualities Alapaki possesses without remembering the root from which he descends, that of his father, Alapaki Nahale-a. There are not many instances when you come into the space of another and can feel the aloha and mana. These moments are few and far between. And yet these were the qualities his makua kāne possessed. And I know that he has passed on these qualities to his 'ohā -- Alapaki, and his two brothers, Kihei and Ron.

Alapaki has consistently demonstrated his ability to strive for excellence and serve the people of Hawai'i. Though born and raised in Pana'ewa, he ventured to the East Coast to further his education, he returned (while many chose to stay) and all his career opportunities were in the area of service to others, most recently, for charter schools. I watched closely as he skillfully led Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo, a Hawaiian immersion charter school, to success, meeting annual yearly progress for several years in a row, an accomplishment that surpassed many other schools in Hawaiian communities. And he did this while being inclusive and seeking multiple solutions to challenges that face our education system.

But perhaps even an more important indicator of his abilities is his commitment to his family: his wife, Kāhele, and their four keiki. He is active in their education, he works hard to not only provide them with the necessities in life but emphasizes the necessity of working together, of teaching his children to make informed decisions and to support one another as 'ohana, and to nurture a loving relationship with his wahine.

I respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at (808) 960-1977.

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January 28, 2011

Senator Brickwood Galuteria  
Chairman, Committee on Hawai'ian Affairs  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Senator Pohai Ryan  
Vice-Chairman, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
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Re: Alapaki Nahale-a for Director of the Department of Hawai'ian Home Lands  
GM 507 - Letter of Support


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Dear Chairman Galuteria, Vice-Chairman Ryan and Committee Members:

I have worked with Alapaki Nahale-a during the past four years in conjunction with the Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo Hawai'ian Immersion Charter School in Keaukaha. My house is next door to the Ka 'Umeke Middle School campus.

Alapaki is a visionary of the Hawai'ian community here in Hilo. He is an innovative thinker who thinks outside the box on ways to benefit the Hawai'ian community and the Hawai'ian culture here in Hawai'i. That is his passion. With his background as a Hawai'ian Home Lands commissioner and charter school executive, I believe he will do an outstanding job as the Director of the Department of Hawai'ian Home Lands for Governor Abercrombie and the people of the State of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,



Stanley H. Roehrig

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**LATE**

TESTIMONY OF  
P. Lilinoe Keliipio-Young, Director  
Ke Kula Kaikoholā O Keaukaha

**IN SUPPORT OF GM 507**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

January 28, 2011

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

I submit testimony 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.

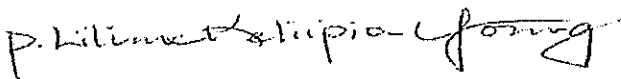
Mr. Nahale-a has served in a number of positions through which he demonstrated leadership skills and the keen ability to work successfully with and within the Native Hawaiian community. His experience serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission and his involvement with dozens of Hawaiian grassroots groups have held him close to our Hawaiian issues. He directed and expanded a model Hawaiian immersion charter program that gained national journalistic exposure and led the Hawaii Charter School Network while working with government and in collaboration with local and national charitable trusts to effect systemic change in our community, nation and world.

Ke Kula Kaikoholā O Keaukaha, the brainchild of Mr. Nahale-a, is a licensed Hawaiian language based preschool that is guided by the wisdom and principles of our Hawaiian culture and rich homestead community. The name, *Kaikoholā*, refers to the ocean sanctuary of Keaukaha where whales come to give birth to their young and reflects the nurturing habitat that helps our youngest learners prepare for their educational journey. Our curriculum is driven by traditional and current techniques and best practices to provide developmentally appropriate learning experiences to help children, and their families, learn, grow and, seamlessly, transition into Kindergarten programs in our community.

Mr. Nahale-a is a proven leader with a commitment to serve the best interest of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community.

I respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at (808) 934-7018.

Me ka ha'aha nō, (very humbly)





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January 28, 2011

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair  
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice-Chair  
Committee On Hawaiian Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street Room 224  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senators Galuteria and Ryan:

I am writing to respectfully support Mr. Alapaki Nahale-a's appointment as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known Alapaki since he was four years old. As his preschool teacher, I admired his warmth, confidence, ability to get along with others, and the manner in which he embraced learning. Today, many years later, those qualities are developed, polished, and still present.

Alapaki has long been involved in helping the Hawaiian Community, and in educating and motivating youth. His honesty, integrity, and straightforwardness will serve our community well.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my support for Alapaki Nahale-a. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (808)935-3222.

Sincerely,

Annette M. Aiona



TESTIMONY OF Carl L. Simons

**LATE**

**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 testify 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 personally known Mr. Nahale-a for many years through my business (West Hawaii Concrete) and community service on the Big Island. Mr. Nahale-a is one of those rare individuals who is able to find the balance between his passion for service to the Native Hawaiian community and the business acumen necessary to bring that passion to reality.

I respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at 808-352-7224.

Carl L. Simons

**LATE**

TESTIMONY OF Olani Lilly, Executive Director  
Pūko‘a Kani ‘Āina Community Development Corporation

**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 Hawai‘i 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.

Our organization mission is to improve opportunities for Hawaiians by assisting them in creating empowered, healthy, and sustainable lifestyles and communities. We developed a capacity building and community impact program called Mohala I Ka Wai where we provide a full range of organizational capacity building and support services for Native Hawaiian organizations. The Native Hawaiian organizations we work with range from those wanting to start a non-profit to long-time culturally reputable organizations wanting to fine-tune their operations. These organizations serve Native Hawaiians and their communities.

We respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact me at 808-960-5732.

# KEAUKAHA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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January 29, 2011

Honorable Senator and Chair Brickwood Galuteria  
Honorable Senator and Vice-Chair Pohai Ryan  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol

Ref: Albert Alapaki Nahale-a III Director Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

I am Patrick L. Kahawaiola'a a native Hawaiian as defined under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 as amended July 9, 1921 and the current President of the Keaukaha Community Association, (KCA) which represents according to the 2000 Census, 1451 native Hawaiians in 419 households residing on lands having the status of Hawaiian Home lands in Keaukaha, district of Waiakea, South Hilo.

Our homestead community voted at the December 2010 membership meeting voted to send to your committee a vote of confidence and support for the selection of Albert Alapaki Nahale-a III for the next Director of the DHHL by the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. We do this not only because this community has benefited from the legacy of his na kupuna and namesake **Albert Alapaki Nahale-a Sr.** who represented the Keaukaha Community Association as project manager, Commissioner, Coach, mentor and especially for his abilities to describe this **aina hoopulapula** through his many songs and poems of Keaukaha, but because we believe in his willingness and ability to service his people and administer a department at times in the not to distant past that forgot their mission and the vision of Prince Kuhio

Given the proper guidance and motivation we believe all our native Hawaiian children and na ohana from the Hawaiian homestead here and elsewhere will become a place to express truly the legacy of our citizen prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Piikoi, which among other things to **"...better the conditions of native Hawaiians as defined by the HHCA, 1920..."** with his leadership.

If any additional information is needed I can be reached at 981-0950.

**'Owau me ka ha'aha'a** (I humbly remain)

/s/

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Patrick L. Kahawaiola'a

**Jeffrey Melrose  
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February 2, 2011

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu Hawaii

Subject            Testimony in Support of Alapaki Nahale-a as Chairperson of the Department of  
Hawaiian Home Lands: GM 507

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

I would like to rise in support of Mr Alapaki Nahale-a's appointment to be the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. We have been friends and colleagues for nearly 20 years. I knew him first as an aide to the Hawaii County Council and later as the principal of an emerging Hawaiian Charter School. We also serve on the board together of the Kuikahi Mediation Center in Hilo.

In my view, Alapaki has all of the necessary skills to be a great DHHL Chair person. He is a collaborator by his nature, a team player. He is a quick study with good judgment and a hunger to be of service to his community. His deep rooted Hawaiian homestead upbringing in Keaukaha and Panaewa gives him a lifetime of insight into the challenges that face the native Hawaiian community and homesteaders in particular. He is also an excellent father. One who knows the essential role that a good family environment and a strong education has on the future of Hawaiian people and on the State as a whole.

It has been a pleasure to watch Alapaki and his God-given skills rise to, and contribute to the challenges in our community. I commend Governor Abercrombie for his inspired appointment and hope that this Committee will agree that Alapaki Nahale-a is the right man for the right job at the right time.

Best wishes to you all and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Alapaki's behalf.



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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair  
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

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

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

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

Aloha, my name is Megan McCorriston, executive director of Ho'okāko'o Corporation (HC), a 501(c)(3) charter support organization that serves as the local school board for three public conversion charter schools — Waimea Middle School on Hawai'i Island, Kualapu'u Elementary School on Moloka'i, and Kamaile Academy in Wai'anae — which educate nearly 1,600 students, the majority of whom are of Native Hawaiian descent.

Ho'okāko'o Corporation supports Governor's Message 507 and the appointment of gubernatorial nominee Albert (Alapaki) Nahale-a to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

HC has had many opportunities to work with Mr. Nahale-a in his capacity as both the director of a Hawaiian immersion public charter school and as the executive director of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, and in both roles he has demonstrated a keen understanding of the needs of and issues faced by the many Native Hawaiian students and families who are a part of the public charter school 'ohana. Mr. Nahale-a's ability to work effectively with this group and his strong commitment to serving the best interests of the Native Hawaiian community and all of Hawai'i's keiki make him an excellent candidate for this position. I respectfully urge the committee to confirm his nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration and the opportunity to support Mr. Nahale-a's appointment.

TESTIMONY OF REGINALD V. CASTANARES, JR.,  
UA LOCAL 675 PLUMBERS AND FITTERS OF HAWAII

**IN SUPPORT OF GM 507**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

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

My name is Reggie Castanares, I have the privilege to serve as the business manager for the Plumbers and Fitters Union of Hawaii, UA Local 675. Our Union has served the people of Hawaii for 91 years. During those years we have steadfastly supported the intent and purposes of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, in its tasks of serving the needs of Hawaii's first peoples for the past 9 decades.

The members of Local 675 and I extend our warmest aloha and congratulations to Mr. Alapaki Nahale`a upon his nomination by Governor Abercrombie to be the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We respectfully request your Committee's favorable action on "Advise and Consent" to Governor's Message 507 for confirmation of Albert (Alapaki) Nahale`a as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

Alapaki is eminently qualified to assume the duties and responsibilities of Chairperson. He has demonstrated his leadership skills over the years in working closely with our Native Hawaiian Community and the numerous organizations which serve their needs.

He has served his apprenticeship, to borrow a union term, in his service as a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. His commitment to the needs of the Native Hawaiian Community has been demonstrated through his service as the chair of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network as well as a director of the Ka Umeke Kaeo charter school in Hilo.

His role as a leader within the big island county government has prepared him well to assume the leadership role of DHHL. We are certain that he will advance the cause of Hawaii's native population under the Laws of the United States of America as envisioned by Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana`ole in 1921, with great success.

By supporting Alapaki's confirmation as the chairperson, UA Local 675 is supporting all of it's Native Hawaiian members who continue to aspire in the promise of Prince Kuhio of a better life. As a proven leader, Alapaki is committed to serve the best interests of the Hawaiian Homes Lands trust and the Native Hawaiian Community.

Mahalo.



Testimony of Clyde T. Hayashi  
Director  
Hawaii LECET  
1617 Palama Street  
Honolulu, HI 96817

**LATE**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Wednesday, February 2, 2011  
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224

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

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

My name is Clyde Hayashi and I am the director of Hawaii LECET (Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust). Hawaii LECET is a partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 and our union contractors.

I am submitting this testimony in **strong support** of the nomination of Albert Alapaki Nahale-a to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Alapaki Nahle-a's family has deep roots in the Keaukaha and Pana'ewa Hawaiian homestead communities in Hilo, where he was born & raised. Alapaki recently served as a DHHL Commissioner and he has a very deep understanding of the DHHL and has very good rapport with many beneficiaries. He has years of experience in community development, shown support for DHHL's projects, and displayed a good understanding of how to manage the Hawaiian Homes Lands trust.

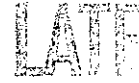
We feel Alapaki's background and professional experience makes him extremely qualified to lead the DHHL. We have seen Alapaki's three central themes of entrepreneurship, service and pono. We are especially impressed with the passion and enthusiasm he has in approaching the trust responsibility to serve its beneficiaries. He is the young, positive, dedicated leader that can guide and lead the DHHL into the future.

Alapaki has already reached out to many of us in the construction industry. With so many of our members and their family members being beneficiaries, we look forward to partnering with Alapaki and his team. We hope to work with him in achieving one of his goals to have DHHL be a leading economic development force that is efficient and a true servant to the beneficiaries of the trust.

Hawaii LECET respectfully asks that your committee give a favorable recommendation of the nomination Albert Alapaki Nahale-a to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this testimony.

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TESTIMONY OF:  
MAKU'U FARMER ASSOCIATION  
MAKU'U FARMERS MARKET CORPORATION

**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.

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Our organization is the Maku'u Farmers Association and the Maku'u Farmers Market

We respectfully urge you and your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. For more information, please contact us at our email address: makuufarmersassociation@yahoo.com

Mahalo ke akua,

*Paula K. Kekahuna*

Paula K. Kekahuna

President, MAKU'U FARMERS ASSOCIATION

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Chair, MAKU'U FARMERS MARKET CORPORATION

TESTIMONY  
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:

The Lahaina Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Now, more than ever, the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands need leadership that effectively balances entrepreneurship, development, and grassroots engagement. Mr. Nahale-a is that leader.

The Lahaina Hawaiian Civic Club was first chartered in 1959, and is part of the oldest grassroots movement in Hawai'i. Our club works tirelessly to support the initiatives of the club and the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. Several of our members are beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, and we look to our neighbors in the new Leiali'i homestead community as new partners in advocating in support of the Hawaiian Homes Lands trust. We look forward to working in partnership with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill the vision of our common founder, Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole.

The Lahaina Hawaiian Civic Club is confident in Mr. Nahale-a's leadership, and we respectfully urge you and your committee on Hawaiian Affairs to advise and consent to this nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Erickson  
President  
Lahaina Hawaiian Civic Club

**LATE**

TESTIMONY OF SHANE NELSEN

**IN SUPPORT OF GM 507**

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

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

I, Shane Nelsen of the Island of Hawaii, strongly supports Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. In reviewing the experience and accomplishments of this nominee, it is clear that he is an outstanding leader who is committed to serving the best interests of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community.

As a Cultural Practitioner within the Hawaii Visitor Industry, who has concerns regarding the quality of lifestyle for Hawaiians, have no doubt that Mr. Nahale-a's leadership will directly and positively impact many of their lives through homestead awards, scholarships, or grant programs. I look forward to working in partnership with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to look for avenues to continue the legacy Prince Kuhio has set out.

I am very confident in Mr. Nahale-a's leadership, and we respectfully urge you and your committee on Hawaiian Affairs to advise and consent to this nomination.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact me via email: [shane.nelsen@gmail.com](mailto:shane.nelsen@gmail.com).

**LATE**

TESTIMONY OF SUMMER KELIPIO PRESIDENT  
PRINCESS KAIULANI HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

**IN SUPPORT OF GM 507**

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 2, 2011

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

The Princess Kaiulani Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. In reviewing the experience and accomplishments of this nominee, it is clear that he is an outstanding leader who is committed to serving the best interests of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community.

Our Hawaiian Civic Club is part of the oldest grassroots movement in Hawai'i, which was also founded by Prince Kūhiō in 1918. Approximately two-thirds of our members are beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, and we have no doubt that Mr. Nahale-a's leadership will directly and positively impact many of their lives through homestead awards, scholarships, or grant programs. We look forward to working in partnership with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill Prince Kūhiō's vision.

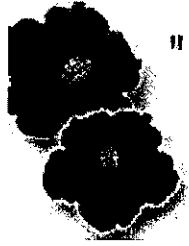
The Princess Kaiulani Hawaiian Civic Club is confident in Mr. Nahale-a's leadership, and we respectfully urge you and your committee on Hawaiian Affairs to advise and consent to this nomination.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact me at 808-722-7872 or [skeliipio@gmail.com](mailto:skeliipio@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

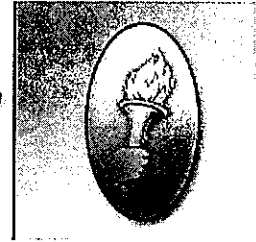
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**"E Paepae I Luna Loa I Ka Malamalama"  
"Hold High the Light of Knowledge"**

Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club  
Chartered: April 16, 1964



TESTIMONY OF VAL CRABBE, PRESIDENT  
PEARL HARBOR HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (HWN)

**IN STRONG SUPPORT OF 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.

February 2, 2011

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

The Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club respectfully requests that you confirm Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

As a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner for the past two years, Mr. Nahale-a has been committed to providing opportunities of a lifetime for native Hawaiian families, as well as building strong and healthy Hawaiian communities. He will bring the needs of our people to the forefront and will promote Hawaiian leadership of the community at large.

The Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club was chartered in 1964 and is part of the oldest grassroots movement in Hawai'i. One-quarter of our club members are beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, and Mr. Nahale-a's leadership will directly and positively impact many of their lives. We look forward to working in partnership with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill Prince Kūhiō's vision.

The Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club is confident in Mr. Nahale-a's leadership, and we respectfully urge you and your committee on Hawaiian Affairs to advise and consent to this nomination.

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February 2, 2011

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

**IN SUPPORT**

**OF GM 507 - CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,  
ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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

Safeway Inc. is a Fortune 100 company and one of the largest food and drug retailers in North America, based on sales. Our company operates 1,712 stores in the United States and western Canada – nineteen of which are in Hawaii. Safeway supports a broad range of charitable and community programs. In 2010 we donated more than \$250 million to important causes, such as cancer research, education and hunger relief.

We are writing to strongly support the nomination of Alapaki Nahale-a to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We believe Mr. Nahale-a not only understands the trust and organization he will lead, but also has the experience necessary to lead the department through one of the most fiscally challenging times in Hawaii's history. His past experience as a commissioner, public charter school director, development specialist and program auditor will provide valuable experience – allowing him to effectively and successfully lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. We sincerely look forward to continuing our partnership with the department and we are eager to move forward alongside Chairman Nahale-a to provide greater opportunities for the Hawaiian Home Lands trust and its beneficiaries.

We urge your support for GM 507 and thank you for this opportunity to testify. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Houghton  
Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations