

GM 555



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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TESTIMONY OF REPRESENTATIVE FAYE P. HANOHANO
GM 555, JEREMY KAMAKANEOALOHA HOPKINS
Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Tuesday, April 19, 2011, 9:00am
Conference Room 312

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan, Senators English, Hee, Kahele, Kidani, Solomon, and Slom:

I am writing in strong support of GM 555, Jeremy Kama Hopkins' appointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Kama Hopkins is one of our young leaders with great promise. He has dedicated his life to helping the Hawaiian people, teaching Hawaiian language to keiki and mākuā, working at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and serving on the Board of Directors of the Prince Kuhio Federal Credit Union and the Hawai'i Habitat for Humanity. In addition to these achievements he is an accomplished musician with the group Holunape.

Mr. Hopkins will be a valued asset to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. His experience as a facilitator and advocate for the Hawaiian people will serve the Commission well.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Faye P. Hanohano".

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Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Legislators;

I wholeheartedly support the appointment and confirmation of Jeremy Hopkins to the Hawaiian Homelands Commission. His many years at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and his prior work with Queen Lili'uokalani Childrens Center, makes him well-versed in the issues and conditions surrounding Hawaiian Homelands and its beneficiaries. His ability to work within the Hawaiian community as well as with agencies will serve the Commission in good stead. Please support Mr. Hopkin's appointment. Mahalo.



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OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
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TESTIMONY OF TRUSTEE DONALD B. CATALUNA

GM 555, JEREMY KAMAKANEOALOHA HOPKINS
Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 2:45 pm
Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan, Senators English, Hee, Kahele, Kidani, Solomon, and Slom:

I am Don Cataluna and I write today in strong support of GM 555, Jeremy Kama Hopkins. My support today is in my capacity as an individual member of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Board of Trustees, representing Kaua'i and Ni'ihau.

Mr. Hopkins has deep-rooted experience working with and on behalf of native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiians, both inside and outside of Hawaiian homestead communities. His diverse background includes his work at OHA, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Chaminade University, Kamehameha Schools, Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, Pūnana Leo, Leeward Community College, and Windward School for Adults.

With his experience as an empowering community-builder, trusted facilitator, and supportive teacher, Mr. Hopkins would be a valuable addition to the Commission. His Hōkū Award-winning musical talents would serve him well as a way to find common ground with the diverse issues, groups, and people that fall under the purview of the Commission. I have seen this first-hand in the years I have had the pleasure of calling Mr. Hopkins a colleague at OHA.

Combining the knowledge he has accumulated through these roles with his collaborative leadership style, I believe you, like me, will find that Mr. Hopkins is more than qualified for the position. Therefore, I again urge you to confirm GM 555.

Mahalo and much aloha for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony: GM 555, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, JEREMY KAMAKANEOALOHA HOPKINS, for a term to expire 6-30-2015

Wednesday, April 13, 2011
2:45pm
Conference Room 224
State Capitol

Papa Ola Lokahi strongly supports the appointment of Mr. Hopkins as a Commission member to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. He brings to the Commission youth and a strong desire to serve his community. His leadership and cultural knowledge will bring to Commission great abilities. Thank you for the opportunity to support Mr. Hopkins's appointment.

Hardy Spoehr, Executive Director
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Comments:

Testimony of Liesl M.H. Woo

GM 555, Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins

Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 2:45 pm

Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan, Senators English, Hee, Kahele, Kidani, Solomon and Slom:

I am Liesl M.H. Woo, and I wish to let you know of my strong support of Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins, GM 555.

Kama has been a supporter, a proponent of Native Hawaiian issues and has worked to better the lives of those he has come in contact with and worked with both within and without our Hawaiian Homestead Communities. I believe he is qualified to be a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner and ask for your support.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Testimony of Keoni Lee

GM 555, Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins

Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 2:45 pm

Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan, Senators English, Hee, Kahele, Kidani, Solomon and Slom,

I am Keoni Lee and I wish to let you know of my strong support of Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins, GM 555.

Kama has shown through his years of service at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and in other community capacities, that he is a true champion and advocate for our community. He has built strong relationships in the community and he will undoubtedly serve the Hawaiian Homes Commission proudly and effectively if confirmed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Keoni J. Lee
Co-Founder & CFO, Ōiwi Television
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Honolulu, Hawaiʻi 96822

Hō'ike Mana'o a T. Ilihia Gionson

GM 555, Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins
Hāpai 'Ia No Ka Papa Alaka'i 'Āina Ho'opulapula
Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Kōmike Kuleana Hawai'i o ke Kenekoa
Po'akolu, 13 'Apelila 2011, 2:45 p.m., Lumi Hālāwai 224

E ka Luna Ho'omalua Galuteria, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalua Ryan, a me nā Kenekoa English, Hee, Kahele, Kidani, Solomon me Slom, ke aloha nui iā 'oukou.

'O au nō 'o T. Ilihia Gionson, a ke hō'ike nei au i ku'u kūpa'a ma hope o Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins, GM 555.

Ma ko'u hana 'ana me Kama ma ke Ke'ena Kuleana Hawai'i, a ma ka 'ike 'ana iā ia ma nā hana like 'ole ma nā kai 'ewalu, ua ahuwale kona aloha nui i ka lāhui ma nā 'ano like 'ole a me kona a'a nui e 'imi i ka pono. He koho kūpono loa 'o ia no ka Papa Alaka'i 'Āina Ho'opulapula, a he kūpono nō ke kākō'o aku iā ia.

Mahalo nui ko 'oukou maliu 'ana i nēia leo. Aloha.

My name is T. Ilihia Gionson, and I am writing to show my strong support for Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins, GM 555. In working with Kama at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and seeing him in various endeavors all around Hawai'i, I have seen his great love for the Hawaiian community and his drive to better the conditions of our people. He is a great choice for a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner, and I strongly encourage your support. Mahalo for the opportunity to share my testimony with you. Aloha.



T. Ilihia Gionson
Wai'anae, Hawai'i



Aha Kiole Advisory Committee

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

OF THE CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES
COMMISSION, JEREMY KAMAKANEOALOHA HOPKINS

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

April 13, 2011

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

Submitted by: The Aha Kiole Advisory Committee: Vanda Hanakahi, Kiole Moloka'i (Chair) Leslie Kuloloio, Kiole Kahoolawe, (Vice-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 Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Hopkins, better known to Hawaiians as "Kama". Words cannot convey the respect and admiration of the Native Hawaiian resource practitioners in the State of Hawaii for Mr. Hopkins. A true keiki o ka 'aina, Mr. Hopkins has consistently been accessible, shown deep interest in the welfare of Hawaiian beneficiaries, and possesses the demeanor and intelligence that we feel Prince Kuhio was looking for when he formed the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

Mr. Hopkins has integrity, intelligence and honor. We urge this committee to confirm Mr. Jeremy Hopkins as a Commissioner of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo nui loa,

Vanda Hanakahi, Chair

Aha Kiole Advisory Committee

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Leimana DaMate

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

OF THE CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

JEREMY KAMAKANEOALOHA HOPKINS

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

April 13, 2011

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

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 Jeremy “Kama” Hopkins to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Over the years, I have often worked with Mr. Hopkins in many issues affecting Native Hawaiians, particularly as they pertain to Hawaiian Homes. I am a Hawaiian Homes lessee and Mr. Hopkins has always been available and accessible to talk about the many concerns of Native Hawaiians and homesteaders, and always with a smile and patience for our people. Inherited from his kupuna, he has a spirit that is uniquely Hawaiian and because of that, he understands us. Coupled with that understanding is a fierce need to better the conditions for homesteaders and Hawaiians as a whole.

On behalf of my ‘ohana, my children and grandchildren, I support Mr. Hopkins in every way, and urge that he be confirmed as a Commissioner for the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo nui loa,

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Testimony of Kory Kurokawa

GM 555, Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins

Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 2:45 pm

Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan, Senators English, Hee, Kahele, Kidani, Solomon and Slom,

I am Kory Kurokawa and I wish to let you know of my strong support of Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins, GM 555.

Kama has been a supporter, a proponent of Native Hawaiian issues and has worked to better the lives of those he has come in contact with and worked with both within and without our Hawaiian Homestead Communities. I believe he is qualified to be a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner and ask for your support.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



KANU O KA 'ĀINA LEARNING 'OHANA

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Testimony – Supporting **Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins**
for Hawaiian Homes Commission

HWNTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov
GM 555

April 13, 2011
Conference Room 224, 2:45pm

Aloha Honorable Shan Tsutui, Honorable Brickwood Galuteria and members of the committee:

My name is Taffi Wise, I am the Executive Director of Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (KALO), testifying in **support of Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins for Hawaiian Homes Commission.**

Thank you for allowing me to share the perspective of a community member who has worked with DHHL and Mr. Hopkins to create a model public private partnership that has possibilities for many communities in Hawai'i.

Through this partnership we were able to build Phase I of Kauhale 'Ōiwi o Pu'ukapu, which is now a 9,300 square foot Platinum LEED® Green Building Community Resource Center nestled in the green pastures of Pu'ukapu Waimea on 16 acres of Hawaiian Homes Land. Phase I, models community sustainability, cultural revitalization and rural economic development as a living model of a community-based learning center.

Mr. Hopkins has been an advisor and advocate for this project, his advice and insights highly regarded by decision makers in our organization. With the success of this project we currently are prepared to break ground on Phase II, again utilizing the public private partnership of KALO, DHHL, and USDA and a 10.5 million dollar build that will serve the Waimea community and much more. Mr. Hopkins expertise, his willingness to get involved in community, his understanding of Hawai'i's economic landscape and DHHL issues is a fantastic combination that will serve the commission and his constituents well.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

Taffi Wise
Executive Director
Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana

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NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHARTER SCHOOL ALLIANCE

Testimony
Supporting **Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins** for Hawaiian Homes Commission

GM 555

**Hakipu'u Learning
Center**
Kāne'ohe, O'ahu

April 13, 2011
Conference Room 224, 2:45pm

Hālau Kū Māna
Honolulu, O'ahu

Honorable Shan Tsutui
Honorable Brickwood Galuteria
Members of the committee:

Hālau Lōkahi
Honolulu, O'ahu

Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo
Hilo, Hawai'i

My name is Ka'iulani Pahi'ō, I am the Program Coordinator for Nā Lei Na'auao Native Hawaiian Charter School Alliance, testifying in **support of Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins for Hawaiian Homes Commission.**

**Ka Waihona 'o ka
Na'auao**
Wa'anae, O'ahu

Mr. Hopkins has been an advisor and advocate for Hawaiian education for years, his advice and support have helped Hawaiian communities throughout the islands. We value his opinion and expertise. Mr. Hopkins has been willing to get involved, listened and donated his time to our Hawaiian communities. With the values of aloha, kōkua, kuleana and mālama he will serve the DHHL commission well.

Kanu o ka 'Āina
Kamuela, Hawai'i

Mahalo nui loa, me ka ha'aha'a,
Kai'ulani Pahi'ō

Kanuikapono
Anahola, Kaua'i

Kawaikini
Lihu'e, Kaua'i

**Ke Kula Ni'ihau 'o
Kekaha**
Kekaha, Kaua'i

**Ke Kula 'o Samuel
M. Kamakau**
Kāne'ohe, O'ahu

Kua o ka Lā
Pāhoa, Hawai'i

**Kula Aupuni Ni'ihau
A Kahelelani Aloha**
Makaweli, Kaua'i

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April 8, 2011

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

Subject: Testimony in **Support** of GM555 – Consideration and Confirmation to the
Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee,
Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins

Dear Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in strong support of GM555, Consideration and confirmation
to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jeremy
Kamakanealoaha Hopkins (Kama).

I have worked with Kama in personal and professional capacities. He is smart,
principled, never hesitates to engage on tough issues, and has the true heart of a
servant leader. He is an effective and dedicated public servant, committed to the
betterment of our community.

I respectfully urge your committee to confirm Kama's nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration.

'O au nō me ka 'oia'i'o,



LeeAnn E.P. Crabbe

Testimony of Kalehua Mueller

GM 555, Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins

Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 2:45 pm

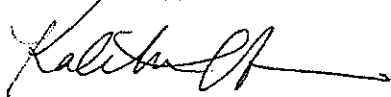
Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan, Senators English, Hee, Kahele, Kidani, Solomon and Slom,

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my strong support strong support of Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins, GM 555.

Kama has a deep commitment to Native Hawaiians and the community as a whole. He has been a supporter of Native Hawaiian issues, and he has worked tirelessly to better the lives of those he has come in contact with. I am confident that he will help to fulfill the mission of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. I truly believe he is qualified to be a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner and ask for your support.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,



Michelle Kalehua Mueller

Kāne'ohe, Hawai'i

To: Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 2:45 pm

Conference Room 224

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

RE: Support for GM 555, Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins

Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

My name is Wendy Mow-Taira and I strongly support Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins as board member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Kama has been a supporter, a proponent of Native Hawaiian issues and has worked to better the lives of those he has come in contact with. As a staff person for OHA Trustee Lindsey, he has had much contact with people from both within and outside of our Hawaiian Homestead Communities. He has been very responsive and listens to their concerns. I believe he is qualified to be a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner and ask for your support.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair

The Honorable Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

State of Hawaii Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

**RE: In Consideration, Confirmation and Support for Jeremy Hopkins, Hawaiian Homes Commission
Gubernatorial Nominee**

Chair Galuteria and Committee Members:

Aloha, my name is Debbie Baker and I submit this testimony in **support of the confirmation** of Gubernatorial Nominee, Jeremy Kamakanealoa Hopkins to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I have worked with Kama on several projects and committees that required meaningful input from diverse stakeholders. His insight into community issues and his team-building approach have impressed me on many occasions.

I believe Kama will bring thoughtful input, youthful leadership and energetic objectivity on matters concerning the managing of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust.

Please join me in supporting Jeremy Hopkins confirmation before you.

If I may be of further assistance or if you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Debbie Baker

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Testimony in Support of Gubernatorial Nominee Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan, Senators English, Hee, Kahele, Kidane, Solomon and Slom

I have known Kama Hopkins for more than 10 years. As long as I've known him he has been interested in Hawaiian affairs and issues. He is a strong supporter of Hawaiians both within and without our Hawaiian Homestead Communities. He can also work very well in the non-Hawaiian world and gently and with humbleness reconcile the two without compromising either.

Our families have worked together in one capacity or another for over 100 years starting with my great, great grandfather and Charlie Hopkins. They and others of like mind started a fiduciary company where Hawaiians, Chinese, Japanese and Portuguese could apply for credit. This is part of the family legacy that Kama comes from.

Who he is, what he has done, his ability to work with others, where his heart and interest lie and his family's legacy of service make him well qualified for the Commission. I ask for your support of Kama Hopkins.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify.

Kenneth W. Ordenstein
119-A Mookua St.
Kailua, HI 96734
Ph: 254-6222

Laura Aquino
PO Box 5675
Kailua-Kona HI 96745

April 12, 2011

Senate Committee On Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

Subject: **Support for** Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee
Jeremy Kamakanealoha Hopkins

Dear Chairman Galuteria and Senate committee members,

I support Kama Hopkins for the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

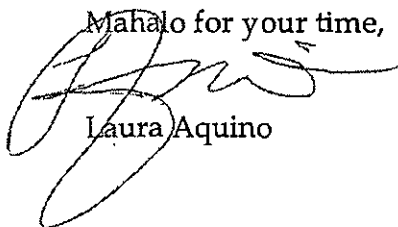
Growing up here in Kona, I have seen the need for more homeownership opportunities for Native Hawaiians. DHHL has helped so many obtain this dream.

Over the past few years I have had the pleasure of working first-hand with Kama through our community involvement with Habitat for Humanity West Hawaii. Kama has always shown strong leadership and the ability to bring community individuals together for a common good.

Through this leadership quality, I know Kama will effectively manage the Hawaiian Homes Trust mission and all the responsibilities that come with such an undertaking.

I urge you to confirm Kama as a DHHL Commissioner so the work ahead for DHHL may continue in a strong, cohesive manner.

Mahalo for your time,



Laura Aquino

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E-mail: pennysfh@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 4/14/2011

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Legislators;
I wholeheartedly support the appointment and confirmation of Jeremy Hopkins to the Hawaiian Homelands Commission. His many years at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and his prior work with Queen Lili'uokalani Childrens Center, makes him well-versed in the issues and conditions surrounding Hawaiian Homelands and its beneficiaries. His ability to work within the Hawaiian community as well as with agencies will serve the Commission in good stead. Please support Mr. Hopkin's appointment. Mahalo.

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Comments:

Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands (AHHL)
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April 15, 2011

Senate Hawaiian Affairs committee
Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

Aloha Senator Galuteria:

The Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands supports the nomination of GM555
Jeremy Kamakaneoaloha Hopkins appointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo,

Dickie Nelson
President - AHHL

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Submitted by: Keoki Fukumitsu
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E-mail: keokikaloman@aol.com
Submitted on: 4/16/2011

Comments:

I am in support of Kama Hopkins. I believe that he has a balance understanding of the needs of both Native Hawaiians and Hawaii's society in general. Please, it is without a doubt that we need to have a balanced Commission with people of like needs, like concerns and like heart.

Mahalo. E holomua kakou.

MELE U. SPENCER

April 11, 2011

Sent by email on 4/11/11to: Testimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair

TESTIMONY OF MELE U. SPENCER

IN SUPPORT OF GM 555

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS


April 13, 2011, 2:45 p.m. Conference Room 224

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

I testify in support of GM 555 and the favorable consideration and confirmation of JEREMY KAMAKANEOALOHA HOPKINS, as Commissioner on the Hawaiian Home Commission, for the unexpired term to expire June 30, 2014.

As the President of the Keaukaha Panaewa Farmers Association, it has been my pleasure to work with Mr. Hopkins on matters that affect our association and the broader Hawaiian community. He has shown interest in our community and the programs and project we have initiated. He has also attended our meetings, when possible, but ultimately has continued to remain in contact with us. I find Mr. Hopkins, sensitive to needs of the Hawaiian homesteaders, professional in his duties at OHA, and effective in working with us.

For all these reasons, I respectfully urge you and your committee to confirm Mr. Hopkins as a commissioner on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. For more information, please contact me at (808) 959-5026 or by email.



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COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

TESTIMONY

DATE: Tuesday, April 19, 2011

TIME: 2:45 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 312
Hawaii State Capitol

Honorable Chairman Sen. Galuteria and Vice Chair Sen. Ryan and members of the Hawaii Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Aloha!

Honorable Senators, my name is Paul P. Richards, mahalo for the opportunity to allow our organization to submit this testimony.

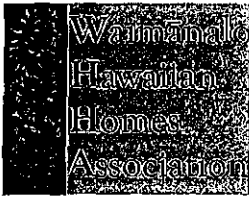
On behalf of the elected Executives, Board of Directors and the General Membership of the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association, please accept this testimony for the following gubernatorial nominees as Commissioners for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Commission.

Each of the following nominees have proven their commitment, dedication and support of the Hawaiian homestead residents and its purpose defined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 including self-determination, self-governance and advocating the beliefs, traditional practices and values of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole and its very first department chairperson, Princess Elizabeth Kahanu Kaauwai Kalanianaʻole.

GM 553	Imaikalani Patrick Aiu	STRONGLY SUPPORT
GM 554	Perry O. Artates	STRONGLY SUPPORT
GM 555	Jeremy Kamakanealoa Hopkins	STRONGLY SUPPORT
GM 557	Ian Lee Loy	STRONGLY SUPPORT
GM 558	Renwick V. I. Tassill	STRONGLY SUPPORT

Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association (WHHA) remains an advocate, supporter and promoter of individual(s) who have proven themselves by their actions and beliefs in traditional or cultural Native Hawaiian practices.

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All of the Hawaiian homestead community organizations were founded by worthy homesteaders committed to "rehabilitate, nurture and revitalize" the Native Hawaiian race and their fellow community residents. Like our ali'i trusts, they have maintained a high level of integrity, responsibility, citizenship, caring and fairness as major values and used these as their pillars of character.

When actions and experiences transform to historical fact, it resonant a lingering uneasiness or a need to "remember" that which was important should never be forgotten. For this purpose, the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association has taken the following position:

GM 556

Michael Puamamo Kahikina

STRONGLY OPPOSES

We apologize for not being able to voice our testimony in person today due to our attendance at the DHHL Commission hearing at Kalamaula, Moloka'i; however, we hope this written document be accepted as representing the 644 households of the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homesteaders.

Please do call upon us should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

O wau me ka ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul P. Richards".

Paul P. Richards, President
Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association

cc: WHHA Executive and Board of Directors

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GM 555, Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins
Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Tuesday, April 19, 2011, 2:45 pm
Conference Room 312

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

It is my honor to write a **Letter of Support** for Mr. Jeremy Kama Hopkins to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I applaud Governor Abercrombie for his nomination of Mr. Hopkins. He is an outstanding choice to serve all of us who are of the 'āina ho'opulapula of Prince Jonah Kūhiō.

I know Jeremy (Kama) personally. I have known him for four years as he serves as my Trustee Aide at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I am very blessed to have him in my Office. For one he is Mission Driven. For another he brings Joy to our workplace. That joyfulness is evidence that his 'inner spirit' is secure and pono. He strives to bring out the best in people daily. He not only works hard and is focused but he works smart which triples his productivity and his contributions to "better conditions for our people (OHA Mission)." He is a multi-tasker, can handle a myriad of projects without effort, follows through, and gets things done with high quality and without complaint. He is trustworthy, loyal and dependable.

Kama is not afraid to speak his mind and always with good thought and strong basis. But once a decision is made he will help to make what needs to happen happen. He has a good heart, a good mind and as mentioned earlier a good spirit. He always does things with Aloha and with others in mind. In short in my view, Kama "walks on water."

Mahalo for the opportunity to share mana'o on **Jeremy Kamakanealoaha Hopkins**, a fine Kanaka Gentleman and emerging Hawaiian Servant Leader.

Always with Aloha!