

**GM 909**

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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS ON

**GM 909**

for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, **LEIMANA DAMATE**,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

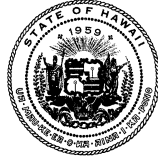
April 18, 2012

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands supports Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Ms. Leimana DaMate to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Commissioner Damate has served on the commission for the past year and provides insights and knowledge of cultural resources and resource management to help shape the commission's decisions. She currently serves as the chair of the commission's ad hoc committee on water issues. Her input and expertise are very valuable to our commission.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of this nomination.



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THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

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

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

TIME:

2:45 PM

PLACE:

Conference Room 312

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

**GM 909 - Testimony in Support of LEIMANA DAMATE**

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

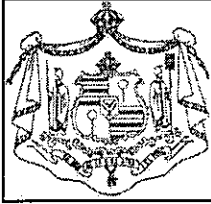
My name is Bob Lindsey, Trustee - Hawaii Island of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and I want to give full support to LEIMANA DAMATE as the Governor's appointee for West-Hawaii for the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have known Leimana for more than 30 years now and have always known her to be a person of her word and someone who serves her people, her community and all that come to her for assistance.

In her service this past year as an Interim Commissioner for the Hawaiian Homes Commission, she has assisted our Hawaii Island Community in furthering projects on Hawaiian Homelands and following up on concerns brought to her by our Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries. As the resident OHA Trustee for Hawaii Island, I have come to really appreciate her service to our people as she, myself and Hawaiian Homes

Commissioner Ian Lee Loy of East-Hawaii have tried to cover the entire island of Hawaii and serve our beneficiaries as best as we can.

She is leading the Hawaiian Homes Commission's effort in ensuring that our water resources are used wisely, she is helping in the effort to re-energize our agricultural efforts in Waimea with the Veteran-Farmer program on Hawaiian Homestead Land and she is assisting her fellow committee members of the Hawaiian Homes Commission's Ad-hoc Committee on Alternative Energy to gather information and give recommendations to the Commission as to how alternative energy could possible play a huge role in our future on Hawaiian Homes Land.

She is a great leader for our people and all who call Hawaii their home. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



## **Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs**

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TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

### **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 909**

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, April 18, 2012; 2:45pm; Room 224

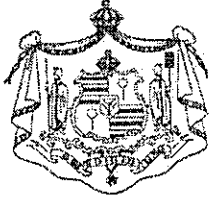
Aloha Chairman Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Soulee Stroud and it is my pleasure to speak for the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in support of the nomination of Leimana DaMate to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Those of us in the Hawaiian Civic Clubs know Ms. DaMate very well, as she has been a consistent and tireless workhorse at any task to which she turns her attention. She has served as a club president, council president and chaired various committees at the Association and Council levels.

Ms. DaMate is an advocate for Native Hawaiian issues, vocal and committed, particularly with regard to historic preservation and natural resources. As president of the Kona Hawaiian Civic Club DaMate was among those in Kapaakaiokaaaina who went to court to win the landmark Public Access Shoreline Hawaii or PASH decision.

We are confident that with her community and governmental experience, she will be a valuable member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to support Leimana DaMate's nomination.

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O'ahu Council  
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs  
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April 17, 2012

To: Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Chair  
And Members  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: Mahealani Cypher, Pelekikena  
O'ahu Council, Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

Subject: G.M. 909, Appointment of Leimana Damate  
To Serve on Hawaiian Homes Commission

Aloha mai kakou!

The O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs strongly supports the appointment of Leimana Damate to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Leimana is a hard-working and dedicated individual who has devoted much of her life to working as an advocate for the preservation and practice of Hawaiian traditions and customs.

She brings with her the knowledge she has gained from her work with our kupuna cultural practitioners, who have strengthened her `ike and ability to make wise judgments on behalf of the Hawaiian people.

We are certain that she will prove to be an asset to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and urge your committee's favorable consideration.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our mana`o.

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Submitted by: Sharon Pomroy  
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Submitted on: 4/10/2012

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Submitted by: Sharon Pomroy  
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Submitted on: 4/16/2012

### Comments:

Aloha, My name is Sharon Pomroy. I am a lessee on a 6 acre farm lot in Anahola on the east side of Kauai. My family and I have been farming in Anahola since being awarded our lot in 1985. I currently reside on the farm and operate my farm business, Lehua Mamo Flower Farm.

I have had the pleasure of working with Leimana Damate on several projects involving Native Hawaiians. Most recently we have worked closely on ACT 212 the Aha Kiole Committee currently known as the Aha Moku System. I was the former Kiole for Kauai now known as the Aha Moku Representative for Kauai. In the 6+ years we have worked together I have found Ms. Damate to be a hard and willing worker. In her position as the Executive Director of the Aha Moku System she has been leading the way for the Hawaiian people to unite in recognition of the Aha Moku System. She has worked tirelessly without compensation to meet Legislative mandates every year with subsequent yearly updates. Her work for the Aha Moku System has taken her to every island. Into Every Moku on each island all to meet and inform people of their rights in this urgent matter. Her efforts at community education outreach are legendary in the Aha Moku System.

I urge you all to confirm Ms. Damate as DHHL Commissioner from Hawaii Island. Her position on the commission will be of great benefit to every lessee and their ohana. Her being a DHHL Commissioner will bring prosperity for all kanaka. She will make a major difference for all the lessees.

Mahalo nui a pau loa, Sharon Pomroy, Anahola, Kauai, Hawaii



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Submitted on: 4/12/2012

Comments:

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Wednesday, April 18, 2012; 2:45pm; Room 224

Aloha Chairman Brickwood Galuteria and Vice Chair Pohai Ryan,

It is my honor to speak on behalf of the Kamai Ohana. My Mother, Tutu Nona Kamai and myself, Dwynn Kamai strongly urge you to consider the appointment of Leimana DaMate to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Leimana makes the Ohana proud because she is a strong advocate for the Hawaiian people. Like her Kupuna, she is not afraid of hard work and makes pono decisions.

Leimana's love for her Hawaiian culture and history is evident. She is aware and involved in many Hawaiian issues and continues to maintain the legacy of our Kupuna.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Leimana DaMate's nomination and pray for her confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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Submitted on: 4/10/2012

### Comments:

My name is Shirley Swinney, President of Kapolei Community Development Corp. I strongly support the confirmation of Leimana Damate to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. During her interim appt, I have witnessed Commissioner Damate's exemplary service to the program and the homesteaders. She is willing to reach outside her vast East Hawaii community and listen with intention to help in any homestead request as I have experienced as a Kapolei homestead leader.

Having attended numerous DHHL and Commission meetings, I know her to be a courageous individual who asks the tough questions yet maintains a civil manner as a member of a larger Commission. She is professional in conduct yet remains approachable and open to peers, staff and beneficiaries.

Finally, as the only woman on the Commission, her perspective affords keen insight and balance.

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my strong support for the confirmation of Leimana Damate as Commissioner for the Hawaiian Homes Commission.