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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 Committee,

My name is Kama Hopkins and I am a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner for Oahu. I share my testimony in support for Leimana DaMate as the West-Hawaii Commissioner for the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Simply put, Commissioner DaMate has set a great example for us on the Commission as how one should serve their beneficiaries. She is patient, understanding, persistent and compassionate.

She is leading our Commission in making sure our water resources are protected and used wisely. She is assisting in the effort to revitalize our agricultural industry in Waimea in a joint program between OHA, DHHL, DLIR, DOA, Waimea Hawaiian Homestead Association and others. She is also assisting in the gathering of information on uses for alternative energy on Hawaiian Homes Land.

Outside of this, she and Commissioner Ian Lee Loy of East-Hawaii are serving our beneficiaries of Hawaii Island with aloha and are responsive to their questions and concerns. I appreciate the example she sets, the service she gives and the mana'o she shares. She is a great addition to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

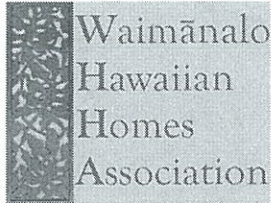
D. NOELANI KALIPI
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 909
BEFORE THE
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
HAWAII SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012
CONFERENCE ROOM 312
2:45 P.M.

Aloha Chairman Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Committee Members. My name is D. Noelani Kalipi. I am a Native Hawaiian living in Hilo. While I do not reside on homestead lands, both my maternal and paternal grandparents have homesteads in Panaweia. I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Leimana DaMate to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I have known and worked with Leimana in various capacities for more than ten years. She is someone who cares deeply about the Hawaiian Home Lands trust and its beneficiaries. As an interim Commissioner, Ms. Damate has made a significant effort to meet with and work with homestead beneficiaries on Hawaii Island and across the rest of the state. Whether it's a meeting in Waimea or Ka'u, on any day of the week, Ms. Damate is there to listen to homestead beneficiaries and their community members. She has worked collaboratively with her fellow commissioners to pursue policies that make the Hawaiian Home Lands trust stronger, empower Homestead Community Associations, and fulfill the intent of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, which is to reconnect Native Hawaiians with their lands. She is a valuable asset to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I respectfully request that you approve her nomination.



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April 17, 2012

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 909
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LEIMANA DAMATE
Hearing, Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 312, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Chairman, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Sen. Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, and
Senate Committee Members on Hawaiian Affairs,

Aloha mai, kākou

Mahalo for the opportunity for allowing us to submit this testimony in *strong* support of Ms. Leimana Damate as the Gubernatorial nominee as a Commissioner to the Hawaiian Homes Commission with her term to expire June 30, 2012.

Ms. Damate is familiar with the many issues facing the Hawaiian homesteaders statewide and particularly on her island of Hawai'i. We have worked with personally and admire her sense of fairness and objectivity; however, we are saddened that there is no other wahine represented on the Commission to provide a more balanced between the sexes.

Waimānalo remains confident that Ms. Damate will voice her comments and focus her attention on the issues brought before the Commission and with her just and reasonable fairness to comply with the law while remaining sensitive to the needs of the homesteaders and its communities will be her continued practice.

WHHA remains committed towards the end of fulfilling Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole dreams, hopes and aspiration as the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) continues to fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities.

O au me ka ha'aha'a,

Paul P. Richards

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April 16, 2012

To: Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair

Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice-Chair

RE: GM 909- Hawaiian Homes Commission Nomination for Leimana Damate

Aloha Senator Galuteria, Senator Pohai Ryan, and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, I'm submitting this letter in support of Leimana Damate to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. She consistently strives to promote unity between the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and its beneficiaries. She believes the role of a Hawaiian commissioner is to perpetuate the unique identity of the native people through the protection of the Hawaiian Trust Lands and the preservation of the values, traditions, and culture of the Hawaiian people. Leimana Damate is dedicated to serving the Hawaiian community and continues to be the driving force behind working with, working for, and remains an active member of the kanaka maoli community for the past forty years.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs for consideration of Leimana Damate to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

No'u ka hauoli,

Representative Faye P. Hanohano