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Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Abigail Tubera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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GM586
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

February 6, 2013

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

I **am writing to express my support for** the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

Ms. Masagatani has devoted much of her professional career to advocating for the betterment of the Native Hawaiian community. Her professional experience in conjunction with her educational background and commitment to improving the lives of the Hawaiian people makes her an excellent choice for the position.

I urge the committee to PASS GM586. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Albert Tiberi

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Aldene Albinio	Individual	Support	No

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KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

January 30, 2013

TO: Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair / And Members
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Alice P. Hewett, President
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

RE: G.M. 586 – Governor's Nominee Jobie Masagatani
as Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission

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

On behalf of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, we offer our support for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani to head the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Chair the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

In our review of Ms. Masagatani's experience and past history, we have found her to possess the capability, skills and knowledge necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities to head this very important agency that serves native Hawaiians.

We have worked with a number of former chairs of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; some of them have done what we consider to be very good work, while others were disappointing.

We are hopeful that Ms. Masagatani will help restore stability to the administration of DHHL, and that she will overcome the many challenges that lie ahead. We believe she can do it, and that she can be a credit to the department and to the Hawaiian people.

Our expectation is that the head of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands will possess the courage, stamina, and connection to our kupuna kahiko to ensure that the needs of our people are met in a just and fair way. We look forward to working with Ms. Masagatani on matters of mutual concern to DHHL and to our organization in the future.

We strongly urge your committee's approval of her confirmation by the Senate.

Mahalo for considering our mana`o.

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Anthony Borge	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Jobie Masagatani is the right person to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands. Her experience and knowledge from the private and public sector in Native Hawaiian issues will definitely be a great value in delivering on the mandate for the Native Hawaiians. Thank you. Respectfully submitted by Anthony Borge

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Audrey Hidano
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013
2:45 P.M.
ROOM 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 586
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOBIE MASAGATANI

Chair Galuteria and Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Audrey Hidano, currently the Deputy Director at the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I strongly support the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known Ms. Masagatani for about 12 years since we were deputies under the Cayetano administration. As I did then and still do now, I found her to be passionate about her work, an intelligent person, and most important, willing to make hard choices to benefit and move the Trust forward.

Thank you for your consideration of Ms. Jobie Masagatani's confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Aloha Kakou,

Jobie Masagatani has in our eyes been continually correcting the wrong that has laid waste this agency by past administrations. We the Big Island, Aupuni O Hawaii support the continual work of this interim Chairwoman by sending a letter of support before she assigns committees of our legislative bodies in making Jobie the permanent Chairwoman for DHHL and we would like to encourage you to do the same, below is the accessible site to make this happen. As well as you should voice your support to your legislative representative from your respected districts.

He Hawai'i Makou,

Members of Aupuni O Hawai'i

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



BARBARA A. KRIEG
DIRECTOR

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February 5, 2013

Testimony of
Barbara A. Krieg, Director
Department of Human Resources Development
before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224
in consideration of

Governor's Message 586
Relating to the Consideration and Confirmation of
Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani
for
Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

TO CHAIRPERSON GALUTERIA, VICE CHAIR KEITH-AGARAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE COMMITTEE:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Ms. Masagatani has a solid understanding of the functions of DHHL which will enhance her ability to bring the highest quality of service and commitment needed for DHHL to be operating at its optimum efficiency for the people of Hawaii. In my work with Ms. Masagatani over the past several months, she has demonstrated strategic thinking and strong management skills. I hope to have the opportunity to continue working together with Ms. Masagatani.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Sentel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I'm a Hoolehua Homesteader and I'm in support for Jobie Masagatani to be the Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Thank you, Barbara Sentel

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Treasurer Beatrice Hew Len	Sovereign Moku Council O Oahu	Oppose	Yes

Comments: At the SCHHA Convention 2012 a majority vote was taken to Oppose the Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Dept. of Hawaiian Homes.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ben Henderson	Queen Lili`uokalani Children's Center	Support	No

Comments: Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee On Toursim and Hawaiian Affairs: Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Governor's Message No. 586, nominating Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. She is uniquely qualified to lead this important Hawaiian agency. I worked at DHHL for nearly nineteen years, serving as its Planning Administrator, Executive Assistant, and Deputy Director until leaving the agency in 2008 to accept a position as President and Executive Director of the Queen Lili`uokalan Children's Center. I know, first hand, the challenges, difficulties, and rewards inherent in running this complex department. During my tenure at DHHL I worked closely with Jobie for more than seven years. She knows the Hawaiian Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; the application and awards process; the budgeting and fiscal systems; and the planning and construction processes needed to place native Hawaiians onto the land; and she is able to work well with a variety of constituencies, partners, and Hawaiian organizations. Jobie has learned that there is rarely a situation where one will find complete agreement or consensus on a particular proposal, plan, issue or course of action. It requires a strong leader to listen to all sides, look at the facts objectively, weigh all options, make a decision, and stand by it. To do so requires courage and fortitude. Jobie has these qualities. She is focused on doing the best job possible for the Hawaiian home lands beneficiaries she serves, and she is not affraid to fight for what she believes to be the right course of action. Jobie is the right person to be leading the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I humbly urge your favorable consideration and consent of her nomination as Chairperson of this major Hawaiian agency. Mahalo, again, for the opportunity to testify in support of her nomination. Ben Henderson President and Executive Director Queen Lili`uokalani Children's Center

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January 20, 2013

Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Chairman Senator Brickwood Galuterria

Vice Chairman Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani

Confirmation for Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Land

Honorable Senators,

Aloha, my name is Beverly Pauole-Moore a Molokai homesteader , business woman and strong community leader. I am submitting my letter in support for Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands as it is an honor due to her past history working with our homesteaders when she was Deputy Director. She supported many programs in planning and facilitated economic growth which today we are benefiting.

Her past history of experience speaks for itself. A person of 'vision' in bringing HHL into the 21st Century, she is a hardworking, strong moral and holds a high esteem of character. Lanikeha Community Center was built in Hoolehua, Molokai and she secured Federal, State and County and private grants. *Hope* for our beneficiaries as a stepping stone for economic growth was a dream for us.

My grandfather, Mitchell Pauole was one of the original HHL beneficiaries and to see where he started and where we are today, Jobie Masagatani, made a difference and to have her be confirmed as our Chairman, we will imua and continue to create positive energies to our communities.

She exemplifies a true leader and meets all the qualifications to be our Hawaiian Homes Land Chair. My immediate family and I strongly support her nomination.

I remain,

Beverly Pauole-Moore, Hoolehua Homesteader

PO Box 88

Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748

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Submitted on: 2/4/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Brown	Pana'ewa Hawaiian Home Land Community Association	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Bill Brown, a beneficiary on the homestead for the past forty (40) years provided to me by the HHCA of 1921. For years our past chairmans has made a foul of their position to benefit commerce versus the people, i believe that will change with the selection of Jobie Masagatani as said interim director who will be an excellent choice for all native Hawaiians in becoming the permanent chairperson. She has my support and confidence that she will lead us by a federal mandate for the homesteaders versus the contrary beliefs of others whom see her ability as a blockade for their own selfish agendas with only a selected few on the Home Lands that are MEMBERS to their CLUB! This is pilau and will not bring unit to ALL homesteaders but Jobie Masagatani will restore stability to all homesteaders on the home lands and she has my vote of confidence as Chairperson for DHHL. E loko maika'i Bill Brown

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Bill South	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blake Uchida	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am an employee of DHHL. DHHL is a state agency unlike any other state agency. Its mission is governed by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. The Department is in dire need of someone who has the familiarity of not only the Act but the agency as a whole to provide the leadership it has been lacking. Employee morale has been boosted with the announcement of Jobie Masagatani as Chairman (especially with the employees who have previously worked with her). Although we need to address current and future needs of our Department and beneficiaries, the Department's history also plays an important part in decision making. DHHL needs a leader who has the courage to stand by her convictions and do what is in the best interest of the Department and it's beneficiaries and not because of pressure from external sources. That leader needs to be Jobie Masagatani. Thank you.

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January 27, 2013

Bobby Mokuau
Hoolehua Homesteader

TO: Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Chairman, Sen. Brickwood Galuteira
Vice Chairman, Sen. Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran

Subject: Testimony in Strong **Support** of Ms. Jobie Masagatani, confirmation for Chairman,
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Honorable Senators,

My name is Bobby Mokuau and I am a homesteader on the island of Molokai. I am proud to offer my letter of Support for Jobie Masagatani. She has demonstrated to me her willingness and ability to be of assistance when called upon. Her loyalty to the Hawaiian surpasses that of any other person.

I believe that Jobie will provide the guidance, transparency and management necessary to put Hawaiian Homes back on track.

For those reasons I Strongly Support Ms. Jobie Masagatani.

Sincerely,



Bobby Mokuau, Hoolehua, Homesteader

GM586

Submitted on: 2/1/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bradley Kaipo Dunca	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in support of Interim DHHL Chairman, Jobie Masagatani, to be confirmed as the DHHL Chairman. As a DHHL homesteader in Kanehili, Oahu, I have seen the work she has done firsthand over the last 8 months. She is honest, caring, and always does what is the right or pono thing to do for the DHHL beneficiaries. Jobie has worked at DHHL for over 8 years having served as DHHL Deputy Director under Governor Ben Cayetano. Her experience is very valuable and she has great leadership skills. These attributes are exactly what DHHL needs at this time. I see no one else who is part-Hawaiian able to lead DHHL like Jobie can. DHHL needs consistency and to change leadership now would be a big mistake. I ask for your kokua to please confirm, Jobie Masagatani, as your next DHHL Chairman. Mahalo Ke Akua, Bradley Kaipo Duncan

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January 24, 2013

Ochie Bush
Hoolehua Homesteader

TO: Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Chairman, Sen. Brickwood Galuteira & Vice Chairman, Sen. Gilbert S. C. Keith-
Agaran

Subject: **Support** for Ms. Jobie Masagatani, appointment for Chairwoman for
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Senator Brickwood Galuteria and Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian
Affairs,

My name is Ochie Bush and I am very proud and strongly support the
confirmation of DHHL Director designate Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the next
Director and Chairwoman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
(DHHL) during the upcoming 2013 Legislative session.

She is honest, respectful, hard working and has outstanding values and loyalty
to the Department of Hawaiian Homes. She is the only chairwoman I know of
that truly look towards the people in the betterment for all Hawaiians.

If you should have any questions feel free to contact me at ph: 808-567-6027.

Mahalo,

Ochie Bush

Ochie Bush, Hoolehua Homesteader

Hoolehua Homestead Pres-



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

Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club
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TESTIMONY OF CHARLES KAPUA, PRESIDENT
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (THA)
IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 586 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE
MASAGATANI, for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

February 6, 2013

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of this committee:

The Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club respectfully urges your committee to advise and consent to the Governor's appointment of Ms. Jobie Masagatani to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As the Deputy to the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission for eight years under Governor Cayetano's administration, Ms. Masagatani has demonstrated her ability to lead the commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, manage the trust assets, and fulfill the department's mission of returning native Hawaiians to their homestead lands. Her educational, professional, and community experiences, coupled with her track record of service to Native Hawaiians, absolutely qualify her to serve in the capacity. Our organization is confident that her appointment will be a prudent decision that will create opportunities of a lifetime for native Hawaiian families and will build strong and healthy Hawaiian communities.

The Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club was chartered in 1964 and is part of the Hawaiian Civic Club movement that was started in 1918. One-quarter of our club members are beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, and Ms. Masagatani's leadership will directly and positively impact their lives, and the lives of many others in the broader Hawaiian community and our state. We look forward to working in partnership with Ms. Masagatani and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill Prince Kūhiō's vision.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to testify.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 2:45 pm
Conference Room 224, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 586, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani, for a term to expire 6-30-2014

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs. My name is Charles Toguchi and I'm providing written testimony today in support of Jobie Masagatani's gubernatorial nomination to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I first met Jobie Masagatani in November, 1994, when I was a member of Governor Cayetano's cabinet selection team that interviewed and recommended Jobie to be the Deputy Director of the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). From 1995 to 2002, she successfully served as the deputy under the leadership of two former DHHL Chairpersons, Kali Watson and Ray Soon.

In addition to her past eight years at the department, Jobie brings a wealth of experiences and accomplishments that will definitely help her as chairperson of DHHL. She was formerly a land investment analyst at Kamehameha Schools, an assistant to the president and CEO at Queens Health Systems, and a special assistant to the CEO at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Jobie has also developed a good working knowledge of both the private and public sectors in Hawaii. Based on her past interactions with governmental

agencies at all levels, she has a unique understanding of how the Federal, State and County agencies operate. In addition, with a Masters in public affairs and urban/regional planning from Princeton University and a Bachelor's in education from Northwestern University, Jobie brings a wide range of skills to this office.

In my interaction with Jobie over the past 20 years, she has always impressed me as a person of high integrity and ethics. She is a good leader who always motivates others to do their best. She loves her job and is deeply committed to the community she serves. I strongly believe Jobie Masagatani has the qualifications, experience, and commitment to effectively serve the people of Hawaii.

Without any reservations, I strongly urge your favorable consideration of her nomination.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Sincerely,

Charles T. Toguchi

February 5, 2013

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs (THA)
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 221
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chairman Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and other honorable members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mahalo nui loa for providing the opportunity to express my strong support for Ms. Masagatani's nomination.

Let me first say that Ms. Masagatani is an excellent choice to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have known Ms. Masagatani since she was a colleague of mine as a young budget examiner at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in Washington, D.C, which is part of the Executive Office of the President. During her tenure with OMB, Ms. Masagatani gained valuable experience in learning the importance and responsibility of carefully managing public assets, a critical skill needed in the role of DHHL Director. She also developed a keen attention for detail and analysis that she has carried with her throughout her career.

Unfortunately for OMB, Ms. Masagatani's time at the agency was relatively brief, as her beautiful home state called her back, where she has since worked in a variety of capacities for the betterment of the native Hawaiian community. Whether it was through her work with Kamehameha Schools, or as the Deputy Chair of DHHL, or the Queens Health Systems, or more recently with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, her diverse experience and the connections she has made within these organizations and the broader community will serve her well and, as a result, DHHL as well.

Perhaps the quality I admire most about Ms. Masagatani is the high ethical and moral standards she places on herself and in the performance of her work. I believe this is an essential and necessary quality of a leader in the public sector who is bound by public trust.

I commend Governor Abercrombie for making such an enlightened nomination, and I hope that you agree and will confirm Ms. Masagatani to this important position.

Very Respectfully,



Charles (Chuck) Hanson
Director
Econometrica, Inc.

**IN SUPPORT OF THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

January 16, 2013

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

We **strongly support** the nomination of Jobie Masagatani to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Since her appointment in May 2012, she has demonstrated her acute understanding of the department, her ability to lead it, and her sound decision-making to move the organization forward. We are confident in her leadership and her commitment to align DHHL with organizations like ours to create firm business partnerships that generate resources to develop homesteads for native Hawaiians.

C-III Realty Services LLC (“Realty Services”) is facilitating the disposition of Aloha Beach Resort – Nomura CDO, LLC’s leasehold interest in the Aloha Beach Resort located in Kapa’ua, Hawaii. Realty Services has worked closely with the DHHL throughout the disposition process which includes the extension of a ground lease pursuant to Act 219, Sess. L. Haw. 2011, Chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes (the “Act”). The DHHL under Chairperson Masagatani’s leadership has exhibited an excellent understanding of the principles of real estate and the dynamics associated with the disposition process. The disposition process is complex as a result of the ownership structure of the Seller and timing and execution are of utmost importance. The DHHL clearly understands the necessary balance between preserving the Hawaiian culture and accommodating certain needs of the Seller. While we understand that the DHHL’s decision with regard to the ground lease extension may not be the most favorable to the Seller, we have supreme confidence that under Chairperson Masagatani’s guidance, the DHHL will reach a well-informed, well thought out resolution to the issue.

We sincerely look forward to continuing our partnership with the department and we are eager to move forward alongside Chairman Masagatani to provide greater opportunities for Hawaiian Home Lands and the native Hawaiians the department serves.

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



Testimony of Cindy McMillan
The Pacific Resource Partnership

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

GM 586 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department
of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani
Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 pm
Conference Room 224

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

The Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters.

PRP **supports** the gubernatorial nomination of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Ms. Masagatani is an outstanding choice to lead DHHL. She is a homesteader. She has extensive knowledge of and experience working with the Native Hawaiian community. And she has a proven track record of success in the workplace. She has gained valuable managerial experience in her current role as chair of the department since May 2012. Prior to this, she served as a Deputy to the Chairman at DHHL, special assistant to the CEO at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and also as an assistant to the President and CEO of the Queen's Health Systems, where she facilitated development of the strategic plan to address Native Hawaiian health. She also served as a Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools.

As the Chairman Designate for DHHL, Ms. Masagatani's accomplishments demonstrate a deep understanding of the department's internal operations, the homestead program, funding, unique challenges and ambitious mission. Her genuine care, commitment and compassion will provide greater opportunities for our community, for Hawaiian Home Lands, and for the native

Hawaiians the department serves. PRP believes the priorities Ms. Masagatani has outlined for the department address the department's challenges.

PRP respectfully asks for your *favorable* consideration of Ms. Jobie Nasagatani's nomination to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

**Testimony of
Colin Kippen
kippencolin@yahoo.com
February 4, 2013**

Summary of Testimony Regarding GM586: Supporting the Confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Director for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

Testimony of Colin Kippen.

I am writing in support of the nomination of Ms. Jobie Masagatani to serve as the Director of the DHHL. The testimony I present today is based upon my knowledge of the skills, background, and character of Ms. Masagatani as they relate to her fitness to hold and discharge the responsibilities of this position. Based upon my experience and observations of Ms. Masagatani over the years, I strongly support her confirmation as DHHL Director.

I have known and worked with Ms. Masagatani for over a decade on issues of importance to the Hawaiian people. During the years in which my opinion of her fitness for this position was being formed, I held a number of positions serving Native Hawaiians both here and in Washington D.C. I was the Land Officer and later was promoted to be the Deputy Director in charge of Hawaiian Rights for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, was appointed as Senior Counsel to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs under the late Senator Daniel Inouye, was hired as the Executive Director for the Native Hawaiian Education Council, was employed as the Executive Director for the National Indian Education Association (Native Hawaiians are members) in D.C, served as a member and chair of the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act Review Committee (NAGPRA, which by its terms applies to Native Hawaiians) within the Department of Interior, and am presently employed as the Homeless Coordinator for the State of Hawaii.

I first met Ms. Masagatani while employed at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs when she and a group of Hawaiian leaders met to form what would later become the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit created to educate, inform, and develop programs to increase the knowledge, capacity, and understanding of the Native Hawaiian community as it moved towards increased social, economic, and political self-determination. Many conversations were held and CNHA, under the administrative leadership of Ms. Robin Danner, was eventually created. Over the years CNHA has compiled an impressive record of empowering Hawaiians in an increasing number of programmatic areas, and for setting a standard of excellence for what a Native Hawaiian Community-Based organization can be. I was honored to later become a member of CNHA and to serve on its board of directors.

While at OHA, and again later while working at the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I met with Ms. Masagatani on issues having to do with the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA), the Department of Hawaiian Homelands Trust, and various versions of what is commonly referred to as the Akaka bill. Ms. Masagatani had a reputation of being well-prepared, courteous and professional in her demeanor, and knowledgeable on the issues being discussed. My personal professional experience with her bore this out.

Several years later, while Ms. Masagatani was at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, we again met and discussed Native Hawaiian Education, the Akaka bill, and the Native Hawaiian Roll which OHA was then in the process of creating. Our conversations were always direct and to the point, and I came to appreciate her forthright manner in collecting information, giving me a sense of what could be accomplished within the OHA structure, and carrying these issues forward within the OHA chain of command. She demonstrated herself to be knowledgeable, trustworthy, and experienced in working with others to accomplish the task at hand.

Ms. Masagatani is presently a designated member of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness, of which I am the chair. We have spoken on several occasions about the over representation of Native Hawaiians, their families, and children on our homeless rolls, and how this is consistent with the negative social, economic, education, health, and housing statistics with which we in the Hawaiian community are all too familiar. I have been impressed with her understanding of the interrelatedness of these issues, with her understanding of the role that Hawaiian culture, language, and values play in how future programs are created and implemented, and with her understanding that collaborations across agencies and governments are key to reducing homelessness of Hawaiians in their homeland and increasing their overall well-being. Those meetings with Ms. Masagatani paint a compelling picture of her character, her concern for Hawaiians, and her knowledge of the hard work ahead of us that can only be accomplished if we all work together in ways yet to be accomplished.

In sum, my personal experience over the years in working with and around Ms. Masagatani on Hawaiian issues yields but one conclusion: She is well-qualified to lead the DHHL and should be confirmed as its Director.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Colin Kippen
kippencolin@yahoo.com

GM586

Submitted on: 2/5/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Crystal Kia Paul	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Honorable Chairs Galuteria and Keith-Agaran: As a future beneficiary of the Department Hawaiian Homelands program I humbly ask you please accept my testimony in support of Jobie Masagatani. Her resume' is very impressive and I ask you to give her the opportunity to do the best job possible for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I believe she will carry out the role to the best of her abilities. Sincerely, Crystal Kia Paul PO Box 51198 Denton, TX 76206

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Dan Keli	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly recommend confirmation of Jobie Masagatani to Chairwomen of DHHL. Altho she has on been with the dept for just a short time, her experience as former deputy for the dept will be a great asset to all beneficiares.

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February 5, 2013

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State capitol, Room 221

Dear Senator Galuteria,

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani,
Chairperson for the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, GM586,
2013 Hawaii State Legislature

This serves as my letter of support for the confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani, as the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) and Director of the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

I am the current Maui District Land Agent for the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, employed in this capacity, for the past 8 years. I also worked 8 years in the Planning Office of the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands while under the administration of Ms. Masagatani who was at the time serving as the Deputy Director for DHHL under former Chairperson Mr. Raynard Soon. Furthermore, I am a beneficiary of the Hawaiian home lands trust, and since 2005, I have served as vice president of the Waiehu Kou Phase 3 Association, Inc. (WK3), a domestic non-profit corporation registered in the State of Hawaii, which is administered by a duly elected Board of Directors which represents 114 Hawaiian Homestead households at Kou, Waiehu, Maui.

Pursuant to my many years of dealing with State government, and the Hawaiian home lands program, both as an employee of DHHL and as a trust beneficiary, it has been my experience that Ms. Masagatani has the necessary competence and passion to guide the Hawaiian home lands program toward its goal of rehabilitation for native Hawaiians. I have observed Ms. Masagatani's ability to work efficiently and effectively to address complex issues relative to improving the socio-economic conditions of native Hawaiians. Through the application of good listening skills, strong leadership characteristics expressed in her confidence in speech and knowledge of relative policies and procedures, Ms. Masagatani is able to reach resolution via the application of necessary logic and reason in situations that seem to be mired in chaos.

Over the past 3 years, the DHHL program has suffered from a high turn-over rate of Chairpersons. It is my belief that this high turn-over rate has resulted in low productivity at DHHL because of a lack of leadership. This was made evident from the fact that although WK3 applied for a NAHASDA grant opportunity that was made available under Chairperson Nahalea's administration, it was only when Ms. Masagatani was appointed Interim Chair did we receive feedback from our grant request.

I believe Ms. Masagatani has the professional experience and much needed institutional memory to provide a solid foundation for the department to guide the Hawaiian home lands program over the next 4 to eight years. We need the stability and consistency to advance the program toward needed and desired goals and objectives.

Ms. Masagatani has been very responsive to our needs and committed to work with our homestead organization to resolve concerns with outstanding delinquencies and to facilitate initiatives for capitol improvements in the WK3 neighborhood.

Therefore I submit this letter in confidence for the confirmation of Ms. Masagatani as Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mahalo for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please call me at (808) 264-0783.

Aloha,

Daniel Ornellas
P.O. Box 1461
Wailuku, Hi 96793

Cc: Senator Agaran, Vice Chair THA
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January 30, 2013

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
And Committee Members
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street, #221
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 586 Consideration and Confirmation of Jobie M.K. Masagatani

Dear Chair Galuteria and Committee Members:

Thank you for your consideration of Jobie M. K. Masagatani as Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I support the nomination of Ms. Masagatani to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I feel that Ms. Masagatani's strong educational and work background provides her with the tools that are necessary to lead the Commission and the Department towards further growth and development of resources and services for Native Hawaiians.

Ms. Masagatani's previous experience with the Department as the former Deputy to the Chairman and as a native Hawaiian, provides her with a wealth of knowledge and sensitivity that will aide her in the position as Chairman and in her leadership to lead the constituents that she must serve.

I believe that Ms. Masagatani is a great asset to the Native Hawaiian community. Under her leadership, I believe that she and her team will have the ability to create many opportunities for the Native Hawaiian community and the many communities that surround and interact with them.

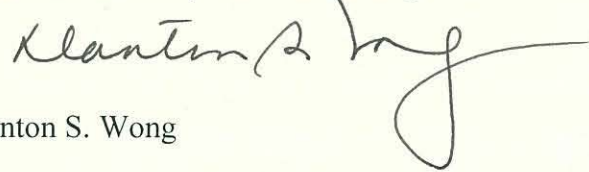
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The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
And Committee Members
January 30, 2013
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I urge you to support the nomination of Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

CHUN, KERR, DODD, BEAMAN & WONG,
a Limited Liability Law Partnership

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Danton S. Wong

February 6, 2012, 2:45 PM, Conference Room 224

To: Senate Committee On Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

From: Derek Kimura

Re: GM586 – Consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani

IN SUPPORT

Aloha Chairs and Committee Members:

It is my pleasure to support Jobie Masagatani to be confirmed as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As the former Deputy Director of DHHL during Governor Cayetano's administration, Jobie is very familiar with the entire operations and has a clear understanding of the agency's issues and challenges. During the past few months, she has presented her goals and plans to move the agency forward which has been embraced by the commissioners as well as many homestead community organizations.

As a "hands-on" administrator, any task given to Jobie is accomplished at the highest level of quality and precision. Since her appointment, Jobie has had a positive impact on the agency and employee morale has significantly improved.

Jobie is a leader of high ethical character and integrity. She is fully committed to the mission of the agency and cares more for what is right regardless of the consequences that may reflect on her personally. She is vigilant about protecting the trust and carefully balances the needs of all native Hawaiian beneficiaries which include homesteaders, qualified Hawaiians on the wait list as well as future beneficiaries who are not on the wait list. This kind of perspective may displease a few who expect their want and needs to be satisfied before the greater majority.

I do not think you could find a better person to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands than Jobie Masagatani. It is her experience, intelligence and integrity that makes her such an outstanding and worthy candidate.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit my testimony

DARRELL YAGODICH

SUPPORT

Aloha Chairman Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs. I appreciate the opportunity to request your support for confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

I am Darrell Yagodich, a native Hawaiian Waiohuli Undivided Interest lessee and an employee at DHHL the past 33 years. I have served under nine Chairpersons from 1979 to the present as the Hawaiian home lands trust has evolved and grown significantly.

Hawaiian home lands is a trust and the Chairman, like other Commissioners, has certain fiduciary duties. These include following the trust document, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, making trust property productive, looking after the interests of all beneficiaries (lessees, applicants, others), considering the long term interests of a perpetual trust, and duty of loyalty to the beneficiaries.

There are other challenges facing the trust at this period in its history. We are facing a "fiscal cliff" of our own with the end of Act 14 payments in two years and the constant pressure to cut our federal housing funds. The number of homestead applications, now at over 40,000, continue to increase. The cost of infrastructure and homes is very costly in this housing market. We have not addressed our homestead farm and ranch needs in over 20 years. Our lessees have high expectations to be self-sustaining in addressing their community needs and aspirations. As a trust, we have constraints in the market we compete in to generate revenues.

I believe Jobie is well-suited to be Chairman. With her policy and planning background, Jobie understands the big picture, the need to be consistent, and impacts of decisions on the perpetual trust in the long term. She approaches problems in a systematic way. She understands that, with the many challenges confronting us, tough decisions are needed and may not be popular. She has real estate and financial experience, well suited to direct the homestead settlement and revenue producing mission of the trust. Jobie has real-time experience as Deputy Director from 1995 to 2003 at the DHHL. Most of all, she is native Hawaiian, raised in our culture, with heart and compassion for her people. She is committed to ensuring that the trust serves the various interests of its beneficiaries.

I urge your support for Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mahalo.



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IN **SUPPORT** OF THE

CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

1/12/2013

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

We strongly support the nomination of Jobie Masagatani to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Since her appointment in May 2012, she has demonstrated her acute understanding of the department, her ability to lead it, and her sound decision-making to move the organization forward. We are confident in her leadership and her commitment to align DHHL with organizations like ours to create firm business partnerships that generate resources to develop homesteads for native Hawaiians.

On behalf of Sopogy, Inc.

We sincerely look forward to continuing our partnership with the department and we are eager to move forward alongside Chairman Masagatani to provide greater opportunities for Hawaiian Home Lands and the native Hawaiians the department serves.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren T. Kimura".

Darren T. Kimura

President, CEO and Chairman of the Board

Testimony Before the Senate Committee on
Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

By: David J. Bissell
President and Chief Executive Officer
Kauai Island Utility Cooperative
4463 Pahee Street, Suite 1, Lihue, Hawaii, 96766-2000

Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 2:45pm
Conference Room # 224

**GM 586 – Consideration and confirmation of JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI as Chairperson
of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands**

To the Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair; Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair,
and members of the Committee:

On behalf of Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (“KIUC”), I am pleased to submit testimony supporting the confirmation of Jobie M. K. Masagatani as chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (“DHHL”).

In my dealings with Ms. Masagatani on matters of mutual interest to KIUC and DHHL over the past year, I have been impressed by her thoughtfulness and her candor. She is a forthright advocate for her constituents.

Ms. Masagatani has taken the time to understand the unique nature of KIUC as the only member-owned electric cooperative in the State of Hawaii and the only electric utility serving the people of Kauai.

Her open-mindedness, accessibility and willingness to become engaged in projects of mutual benefit to DHHL beneficiaries and KIUC members speak to her capability as an administrator.

As a state agency, DHHL can positively touch the lives of so many citizens, and we believe Ms. Masagatani is an outstanding leader of this office. We look forward to working with her in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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January 29, 2013

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 221
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I write this letter in strong **support** of Ms. Jobie Masagatani to the position of Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have been working with Ms. Masagatani since she was appointed to the position as Chair-Designate by Governor Neil Abercrombie in May 2012.

During this period of time, I have come to know and respect Ms. Masagatani. Ms. Masagatani previously served as a Deputy Director at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands during the Cayetano administration. She thus has a great deal of experience in how the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands works and the challenges that are faced by the Department. She has been very proactive in working to address and solve problems and issues which have arisen. Ms. Masagatani has worked closely with various deputy attorneys general in my department on these matters. They have all reported that she has done a terrific job in understanding and addressing issues. I have personally worked with her on a number of matters and can attest to her intelligence, understanding of issues, experience and practical way of trying to resolve problems. I have been very pleased to have worked with her on such matters.

I believe that Ms. Masagatani is a significant asset to the Administration, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the State of Hawaii as we move forward to address various issues related to native Hawaiians. These are very important issues and the state needs a person such as Ms. Masagatani to help move forward in a positive manner. I strongly urge that she be confirmed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Louie".

David M. Louie
Attorney General

GM586

Submitted on: 2/4/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

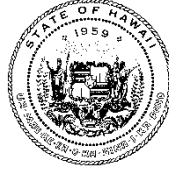
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Dawn K. Sang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please accept my supportive testimony.

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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON
February 6, 2013

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 586

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE CHAIRPERSON
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, JOBIE MASAGATANI

Chair Galuteria and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 586. The Department of Accounting and General Services strongly supports Ms. Jobie Masagatani's confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As Comptroller, I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Masagatani (in her capacity as Acting Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands) on a variety of important issues, most notably, the Maui Community Correctional Facility project. As with all undertakings, it is readily apparent that Ms. Masagatani is a highly motivated public servant with a strong work ethic, takes a proactive approach to problem solving, seeks input and consensus on issues, quickly grasps complex issues, and communicates effectively in a positive and encouraging manner.

Without reservation, I truly believe that Ms. Masagatani possesses the requisite professional and people skills necessary to serve the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the people of Hawaii with honor and distinction.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

GM586

Submitted on: 2/5/2013

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Debra Kikuta	Individual	Support	No

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Twenty-Seventh Legislature, 2013
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TO: Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2013
TIME: 2:45 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

FROM: Kamehameha Schools

RE: GM 586, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani.

Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of GM 586, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, gubernatorial nominee, Jobie Masagatani.

Jobie Masagatani previously served as a Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools before moving on to become the DHHL Deputy Director and, later, a small business owner and a special assistant to the chief executive officer at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Throughout her career, Ms. Masagatani has demonstrated great commitment to the Native Hawaiian community, a passion that will undoubtedly propel her success as chairperson of DHHL.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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February 4, 2013

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs (THA)
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 221
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 586 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI, for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

Aloha Chairman Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit Kamehameha Schools support of Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We had both the opportunity and pleasure to work with Jobie on our Ka Pua initiative, Kamehameha Schools' learning complex on the Leeward Coast on Hawaiian Home Lands. She is astute, knowledgeable, and results-oriented, and these qualities are a key part of successful partnerships between Hawaiian trusts like our two organizations. In the past several months, Jobie has demonstrated that she is committed to building healthy communities, and moving Hawaiian Home Lands forward in innovative, inclusive and responsible ways. Jobie brings critical skills to the Department that we depend upon.

Please confirm Jobie Masagatani as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mahalo for the opportunity to express our support for not only Jobie's leadership but the vital work she is called to do.

Me ka ha'a ha'a,

Dee Jay Mailer
Chief Executive Officer

MICHAEL KAHIKINA
OAHU DHHL COMMISSIONER

OPPOSITION

1/21/2013

Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Honorable Senator Clayton Hee
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: Opposition to Confirmation of DHHL Interim Director Jobie Masagatani

Aloha Senator Galuteria and Senator Hee:

As a Commissioner of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, I would like to express my position of No Confidence in the Interim Director and Chair Designate, Ms. Jobie Masagatani. While I speak for myself in this correspondence, I am aware of other Commissioners that feel the same.

It is with a heavy heart that I pray that you reconsider this interim appointment before any confirmation hearing is held. The leadership style and actions of Ms. Masagatani over the last 8 months have been divisive and not healthy for the department nor the Hawaiian home land trust. She has not brought forward any positive projects during her tenure, and instead has focused on dismantling and tearing down amazing projects put together by homestead associations and leaders.

Senators, as the confirming body, it is within your authority to disapprove her nomination, and put an end to the polarizing divide created by Ms. Masagatani, it does not serve the Hawaiian Homes program well.

While I know that the Commission, pursuant to the Hawaii constitution, the governor has authority to nominate but the Senate has the authority to confirm or deny nominee. I ask that you seek the Governor for a replacement to avoid any further negativity or the public pilikia or deny the confirmation to reach the floor of the Senate.

I have attached historical treatment against beneficiaries that occurred over her short tenure as Interim DHHL Director and would be happy to meet with you to discuss the leadership qualities and characteristics that are necessary to serve the thousands of beneficiaries during these difficult financial times.

Mahalo for your consideration in weighing the significance and difficulty by which I express this manao to you. My contact information is cell #291-5244 and email address is makhaikina@gmail.com.

Malama Pono,



Michael Puamamo Kahikina
Oahu Commissioner

TO: Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Senator Clayton Hee


FR: Commissioner Michael P. Kahikina *MPT*

Re: Historical Events leading to my opposition of “No Confidence” to confirm Jobie Masagatani as DHHL Director

The following is some of the incidents I want to share with you that leads me to write this letter of opposition to confirm nominee to Chair DHHL.

- Nominee demonstrated bias treatment toward beneficiary organizations
 - Waimea Hawaiian Homestead Association, Hawaii Island: Community Development project met resistance from DHHL staff and nominee. When challenged, both DHHL and nominee yielded to project.
 - Nanakuli, O'ahu: license held up because of unsubstantiated challenges that divided homestead community with no resolve and when challenged, both DHHL and nominee yielded to the approved project.
 - Anahola, Kaua'i:
 - Solar project: license stalled at AG office with no follow-up because the DHHL failed to keep agriculture lands in production when it was returned from a non-Hawaiian general lease and after the Hawaiian Homestead Community Association worked hard and invested to sign the partners in this venture to make it a reality.
 - DHHL recommended to Commissioners to assume the project and almost stole the project from the homestead community through HCDC.
- Nominee's willingness to work against homestead beneficiaries and organizations is alarming to me as a Commissioner.
- Four commissioners oppose the Governor's nominee solidly. While two more are undecided on how to address the obvious conflict.
- No discussion on revenue generation projects for Department from the nominee while attempts to disapprove beneficiary driven projects that was worked on for years.
- Other projects on hold:

- Geothermal Big island & Maui only addressing the Ad Hoc Policy Committee recommendations recently after my assertiveness and support from other commissioners and beneficiaries. Many opportunities await these policies for transparency, equality and compliance with the HHCA, as amended 1921, to “Rehabilitate native Hawaiians and to return native Hawaiians back to their ancestral lands.
- Game management also unfinished business that Commissioners want to address.
- Mauna Kea access also unfinished business that Commissioners want to address.
- Prison also unfinished business that Commissioners want to address.
- Waste-energy partnerships also unfinished business that Commissioners want to address.

Thank you very much for your attention to this very important decision you will make for the betterment of native Hawaiians as defined and expressed in the Hawaiian Home Commission Act 1920, as amended 1921, the State of Hawaii Admission Act, and codified in the Hawaii Revised Statutes. 

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January 26, 2013

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

RE: CONFIRMATION OF DHHL DIRECTOR NOMINEE MASAGATANI

Dear Chairperson Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs:

I am writing to encourage your confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani to the position of Director for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

As a past Deputy Director of DHHL, Ms. Masagatani not only understands the department's goals and challenges, she has the credibility needed with DHHL's beneficiaries and the real estate industry.

Ms. Masagatani's ability to empower her subordinates has earned her the respect of the senior management team at DHHL. She knows how to create the kind of collegial work environment that the department needs to improve efficiency and outcomes.

I have every confidence that she is the right person to lead DHHL.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of her candidacy.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Ching
Director of Development

GM586

Submitted on: 2/6/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
H. Doug Matsuoka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I apologize for my late testimony, but I most definitely want to be on record for voicing my strong support for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. If you confirm her, I am confident that time and history will confirm that your decision was the right one.

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January 31, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President,
And Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 92613

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Jobie Masagatani for Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission for four reasons: her leadership, creativity, financial expertise, and willingness to put principles before politics. My name is Douglas Bigley and I am the President of Urban Housing Communities, the Co-developer and guarantor of Hale Makana O Nanakuli.

I first met Jobie when she was at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. At that time, among other things, she was pursuing the development of CDFI's (Community Development Financial Institutions). I have always been impressed with her creativity and financial expertise. It has been my work, however, at Hale Makana O Nanakuli after Jobie was appointed Chairperson designate for the Hawaiian Homes Commission that has put me in a unique position to comment on her qualifications.

To be sure, Jobie was tough on us, and we did not have a full appreciation of how complex her position was. While she always understood the benefits of the Hale Makana O Nanakuli development to the Nanakuli community, she was also aware of large numbers within the Nanakuli community who felt disenfranchised. It was a very emotional situation for the Native Hawaiian Community. It would be difficult for anyone to navigate under these circumstances, and Jobie was new to her position. Jobie was trying to find a balance between what appears, at first, to be competing agendas. On the one hand, she was trying to find innovative ways to finance the development of much needed affordable housing on Native Hawaiian homeland that did not always allow for a deed restriction. On the other hand, she was trying to protect the use of the housing for Native Hawaiians.

Jobie stopped the closing of Hale Makana O Nanakuli development. I did not know it was temporary and this has never happen to me in 20 years in this business. In doing so, to unify the Nanakuli community, Jobie took great political risk by putting principles ahead of the politics. She wanted to satisfy herself that everything was being done that could be done under the existing financial structure to protect Native Hawaiian Homeland. She

understood that she had certain obligations to close a deal that had long since been approved, but she also made it clear to me that she wanted two things.

Number one; she wanted me to meet with those in the Nanakuli community that felt disenfranchised. She let me know that the meeting would be tough, but fair. She wanted me to establish my credibility by being available and open. Number two; she wanted me to revisit my funding sources to see if there were ways within permissible guidelines to help insure that the Native Hawaiians living in Nanakuli would have a high probability of living in the new development. She was most interested in the RDA marketing plan that allowed for affirmative marketing to the surrounding community. She asked if we were doing enough. Upon our review, we agreed that we could do more. Jobie let me know if I did these things she would move the project forward. Subsequently, I demonstrated to her that we had done what she asked and, accordingly, she closed the funding. Her skillful handling of this challenging situation revealed to me her capacity as a leader, her command of the issues, and the enormous talent that she brings to the agency.

While the road going forward will not always be easy, Jobie possesses the knowledge and commitment to use her tremendous skills to assist the organization in meeting its most important mandate, to provide housing for the Native Hawaiians. Given that Jobie, in her short tenure, has already demonstrated to me what she is capable of doing, I support her confirmation for Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

With Kindest Regards,



Douglas R. Bigley
President

GM586

Submitted on: 2/4/2013

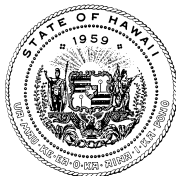
Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

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DWIGHT AKITA SR	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Jobie Masagatani's confirmation as Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Jobie is the kind of honest, law abiding, akamai leader that the home lands agencies and Hawaiians have needed for so long. Committed to Hawaii nei and the future of our home lands, Ms. Masagatani has integrity, respect for proper processes, and stands strong for Hawaiians and the home lands in the face of special interest pressures. I ask that the Senate and Senate Committees not make Ms. Masagatani's appointment the target of backdoor politics, but to confirm this very able, very professional appointee.

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February 1, 2013

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Nominee, Jobie Masagatani (GM 586)
As Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)

Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 p.m. Rm 224, State Capitol

Written Testimony of Dwight Takamine, Director,
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

It is with great pleasure that I testify in support of Jobie Masagatani's confirmation for Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). We are truly fortunate to have the opportunity to have a person with such outstanding credentials and experience in both the public and private sector to help move our state government (especially the Hawaiian community) forward.

I have had the opportunity to work with Jobie and have been impressed with her overall knowledge and her focus on the people she is serving. In particular, we have worked together on the Veteran to Farmer Program, which is a pilot program located on Hawaiian Homestead lands in Waimea on Hawaii Island. The program trains veterans how to farm and become economically self-sufficient.

Jobie has demonstrated her ability to work collaboratively with multiple department directors and with people from various community organizations to help bring this innovative program to fruition. She clearly demonstrated much insight and was able to bridge sharp differences in facilitating this process.

I believe these qualities will serve her well as she provides important leadership and experience not only to the beneficiaries of DHHL, but to the broader community as well.

I submit my strongest support for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani for Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands that will allow her to effectively serve the interest of the beneficiaries and the best interests of the people of Hawaii.

GM586

Submitted on: 2/5/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dwyle Lee	Individual	Support	No

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**O'ahu Council
of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Club**

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 2:45 pm
By
Daniel Naho'opi'i, President
O'ahu Council

GM 586 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI.

Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

Aloha! My name is Daniel Naho'opi'i and I serve as the President of the Board of Directors for Oahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. On behalf of its Board of Directors and membership, we fully support the nomination Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home lands.

Ms. Masagatani recently served as a special assistant to the chief executive officer at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and as a Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools. She also served as an assistant to the president and chief executive officer at the Queen's Health Systems with a primary responsibility to develop and implement a system-wide plan that articulates and demonstrates QHS' commitment to Native Hawaiian health.

Ms. Masagatani is a 1982 honors graduate of the Kamehameha Schools. In 1986, she graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Science degree in education; and in 1989, completed her graduate work at Princeton University, receiving a master's degree in public affairs/urban and regional planning.

She started her professional life working in the federal government as a budget examiner in the Housing Branch at the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President in Washington, D.C. In 1990, she returned home to Hawai'i, taking a position at the Kamehameha Schools as a land investment analyst. After two and a half years at the Kamehameha Schools, Ms. Masagatani accepted a position at the Hawai'i Real Estate Research and Education Center where she managed a \$400,000 federal research grant given to the center to study residential leasehold issues.

In 1995, Governor Benjamin Cayetano appointed Ms. Masagatani to the cabinet-level position of deputy to the chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. As the deputy to the chairman, Ms. Masagatani took the lead on a series of high-profile special projects while managing the day to day operations of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as part of the chairman's office team.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands over the last eight years has struggled to focus of critical housing and rehabilitation needs for the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian home lands trust. In addition, maintain a strong leadership presents for the operation and management of the department. We firmly believe that Ms. Masagatani experience and leadership qualities will move the Hawaiian home land trust and the department in the right direction.

Thank you for opportunity to provide testimony in support for Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of Hawaiian Home Lands.

`Ahahui `Aina Ho`opulapula `O Waiohuli dba
Waiohuli Undivided Interest Lessees Association
862 Makali`i Street
Kahului, Maui, Hawai`i 96732
February 5, 2013

Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Chairman
Senate Committee on Tourism & Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai`i State Capitol Building
Email: sengaluteria@capitol.hawaii.gov

Aloha mai e Chairman Galuteria,

On behalf of the Waiohuli Undivided Interest Lessees Association, representing 289 Hawaiian homelands beneficiaries and their `ohana, I support the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as chairwoman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Under her aegis as chairwoman-designate since mid-2012, Ms. Masagatani has acted and advocated tirelessly, as follows:

. Clarified and promoted as a DHHL top priority the status of 1,000 undivided-interest lessees statewide. Since signing their leases in 2005, they have waited eight years to settle onto homestead `aina. These beneficiaries include 289, or nearly 30 percent of the state total, Waiohuli undivided-interest lessees.

. Enabled DHHL staffer Kamana`o Mills to spearhead a two- to three-year process for the 289 Maui beneficiaries to pre-qualify for construction loans and mortgages via the HOAP, or Home Ownership Assistance Program, in preparation to move onto Upcountry homestead lots.

. Lobbied eloquently on Maui and elsewhere for income-generating projects, such as Pulehunui Masterplan proposals and a DHHL Maui Renewable Energy initiative, to benefit the department and its efforts.

For these reasons, I join the Waiohuli Undivided Interest Lessees Association in seeking the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as chairwoman of the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Me ka ha`aha`a,

Emma Abihai

**`Ahahui `Aina Ho`opulapula o Waiohuli
President pro tem**

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cc: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, vice chairman, Senate Committee on Tourism & Hawaiian Affairs



February 6, 2013

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
And Committee Members
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street, #221
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Galuteria and Committee Members:

RE: GM 586 Consideration and Confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani

Thank you for your consideration of Jobie M. K. Masagatani as Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

My name is Erin Nellis, Development Director for DeBartolo Development. We strongly support for the nomination of Ms. Masagatani to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. We feel that Ms. Masagatani has the leadership abilities and vision to lead the Commission and the Department towards further growth and development of resources and services for Native Hawaiians.

Ms. Masagatani has foresight and skills that have allowed seamless partnering with the Department. We thoroughly enjoy working with her and her team in creating new possibilities for the Department and the many constituents that the Department serves.

We look forward to a continued partnership with Ms. Masagatani and her team and encourage you to confirm her as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Land.

Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to testify.



Everett Dowling

January 21, 2013

SUPPORT

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

RE: Ms. Jobie Masagatani, gubernatorial nominee Director of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Dear Chairperson Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Tourism
and Hawaiian Affairs:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Ms. Jobie Masagatani to the position of Director for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Her past experience serving as Deputy Director of DHHL provides Ms. Masagatani a solid understanding of the DHHL's strengths and challenges. Furthermore, her outstanding reputation within DHHL and the community at large gives her the necessary creditability to accomplish DHHL's mission of putting Native Hawaiians on the land and into homes.

Ms. Masagatani's ability to delegate and empower her subordinates, process information and make timely decisions is impressive. DHHL's beneficiaries and the State of Hawaii as a whole are fortunate that Ms. Masagatani is willing to serve as Director of DHHL. I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Ms. Masagatani to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Everett R. Dowling", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Everett R. Dowling
President

GM586

Submitted on: 2/3/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Faith Emmanuel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Jobie Masagatani for the position of Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Thank you, Faith Emmanuel

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Faith Tuipulotu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm a Hoolehua Homesteader, farmer, and an employee of Molokai's Cooperative Extension Service. I support Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson for DHHL. Mahalo, Faith Tuipulotu

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GM586

Submitted on: 1/30/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Francis Apoliona	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I am in support of Jobie Masagatani being confirmed as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I had previously worked with Ms. Masagatani when she was the Deputy Director of DHHL during the Cayetano Administration. Ms. Masagatani has demonstrated during the eight years that I worked with her, a firm grasp of what it takes to run a state agency. She is committed to serving our native Hawaiian community and has always been very open in her management style. Please confirm her and may God bless you.

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Frederick D. Pablo
P.O. Box 480
Kula, HI 96790

February 4, 2013

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

RE: GM 586 (Testimony In Support) Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani
Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Dear Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian
Affairs:

I am pleased to offer my recommendation in support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani for
your consideration as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known Jobie Masagatani since the time she succeeded Alapaki Nahale-a
at Hawaiian Home Lands. I have found her to be very knowledgeable on issues facing
the Hawaiian community and she is very articulate in explaining the issues. Her
experience at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Department of Hawaiian Home
Lands provides a solid base for understanding and resolving those issues.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration and confirmation of Jobie
Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. .

Sincerely,



Frederick D. Pablo

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE 586
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOBIE MASAGATANI

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL
February 6, 2013

Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, Director of State Civil Defense State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony in support of GM 586, which considers and confirms Ms. Jobie Masagatani to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

State Civil Defense **supports** the nomination of Ms. Jobie Masagatani to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani has been the acting Chairperson and Director since her appointment to the position in May 2012. She joined Hawaiian Home Lands after working at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) where she was Special Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer. Earlier in her career, she served as an assistant to the President and CEO of The Queen's Health Systems, where her area of focus was Native Hawaiian health. She previously served as DHHL Deputy Director from 1995 to 2002. Earlier in her career, she was a Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools.

Ms. Masagatani earned a master's degree in public affairs/urban and regional planning from Princeton University. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Northwestern University.

She is a proven leader whose education and work experience will be valuable assets as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I urge your committee to recommend Senate confirmation on the appointment of Ms. Jobie Masagatani.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of this consideration.

KALAMAULA HOMESTEADERS' ASSOCIATION

PO BOX 1859

KAUNAKAKAI HAWAII 96748

January 18, 2013

Aloha Senator Brickwood Galuteria and Committee of Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs,
Re: Ms. Jobie Masagatani, appointment for Chairman of Hawaiian Home Lands My name is Gayla Haliniak-Lloyd and I am a fourth generation homestead in Kalamaula, which was the first pilot project for homesteading in the State of Hawaii the island of Molokai.

This is my LETTER OF STRONG SUPPORT for Ms. Jobie Masagatani.

I have had the privilege to come to know Ms. Masagatani over the past few years. She was very instrumental in having a hand at helping Kalamaula Homesteaders' Association to establish our non-profit entity. Her community leadership plays a part in supporting Hawaiians to their fullest potential. She is honest, respectful, hardworking and has outstanding values and loyalty to the Department of Hawaiian Homes. Her experience with serving as the Deputy to the Chair of Hawaiian Homes in 1995-2002 tells me that she is capable of bringing Hawaiian Homes back on track. Ms. Masagatani was also instrumental in the project that built Lanikeha on the island of Molokai, a Community Center utilizing federal, state, county and private grant and loan funds. This center is also an incubator with a full certified kitchen, that allows myself and others the opportunity to make value added products at affordable rental rates.

Her qualifications are very impressive, her background of working for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands; Project Manager for Hawaii Real Estate Research and Education Center; Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate; working with the Queens Health System and also advocating legislatively for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs tells me that she is well diverse, and meets the qualifications to be our next Hawaiian Homes Chairman. As a beneficiary of Hawaiian Homes - this is what we need.

Sincerely,

Gayla Haliniak-Lloyd - KHA President

February 4, 2013

TO: Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Chairman, Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Vice Chairman, Keith-Aragan

Aloha Honorable Senators,

Chair Galuteria, and other distinguished members of the committees.

It is with Great Honor that I am able to extend a testimony of strong support for Ms. Jobie Masagatani and the confirmation of her appointment as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands.

As a Hawaiian Home Land beneficiary residing on Molokai, our community has received much growth through the support and regional planning done by Ms Masagatani as a Deputy Chair , 15 years ago. Ms.Masagatani, assisted with the build-out of the Lanikeha Hall and kitchen facility in Hoolehua. The impact of economic growth through this facility continues to assist our beneficiaries, farmers, businesses and community, even down to this present time.

As a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, I have come to know and have seen Ms Masagatani's leadership qualities in action. It has brought much needed stability within DHHL. The unity achieved has increased the services rendered to all, exacting fairness and equality for the good of all beneficiaries. Important programs promoting agriculture are being re-established within our communities, along with water issues being addressed, and green energy development and implementation. In short, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 and its direction of rehabilitating the Hawaiian people are an evident part of her vision and remains her primary focal point all the while protecting the Trust for future generations.

Ms. Jobie Masagatani's biography and career experience exemplifies her commitment to improving the quality life for all Hawaiian Homes Land Beneficiaries. Her actions taken in these past eight months as Chair Designate proves that she is capable of leading DHHL even in tough times. Managing the operating budget, creating a sustainable revenue stream, and continued homestead development are the big items she has engaged with transparency.

I submit this testimony in strong support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and ask your committee to advise and consent to her nomination.

Malama Pono
Gene Ross K Davis

January 22, 2013

Testimony in **Strong Support** of Ms. Jobie Masagatani

Aloha Senator Brickwood Gluteria and committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is **George Mokuau** and I am a **farmer and a homesteader** on the island of Molokai. I have been farming since 1976 til today, and I write you this letter in **strong support** of Ms. Jobie Masagatani. I have known her as a little girl growing up always wanting to help people; she has blossomed into a woman of integrity, vision and strength fir the Hawaiian Community. Always quick to step up to the plate and help where she possibly can. I am not a person of words, but know that Hawaiian Homes should be restructured to meet the needs of its Hawaiian people, and that comes from a great leader and I see that in Jobie.

Her credentials speak for herself, going out getting a good education and coming back home to Hawaii to put that education to good use. Helping our people is what she does and she is good at that. She has worked with all the major Hawaiian entities and has a good relationship with all these organizations.

I hope that you and your committee find it in yourself to see that she can make things happen. This is why I have taken the time to submit this letter of **strong support** on Jobie's behalf.

Please feel free to call me if you should have any questions. My phone number is 808-567-6077.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Mokuau". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

George Mokuau, Homestead Farmer

Aloha

I have been on a wait list for pastoral lands since 1973. Only recently have I been actively involved with Kekaha Hawaiian Homes Association and become more aware of the workings of the department.

From my current observations and experiences I have learned that Ms. Masagatani has a great deal of integrity and will make decisions for the good of the Hawaiians and the home lands. There are many special interest groups that see the vast acreages of land administered by KHHL as an opportunity for financial gain. I fully believe that Ms. Masagatani will utilize proper processes and will make decisions to ensure the best for the Hawaiians, the home lands, and the constituents of the State.

I strongly support Jobie Masagatani's confirmation as Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Her education and background more than qualifies her for this position.

Gilroy M. Yorkman

Nani Gladys Brandt,
P.O. Box 521
Hoolehua, Hi. 96729
January 31, 2013

TO: Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Chairman Senator Brickwood Galuterria
Vice Chairman Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

SUBJECT: Testimony in Strong Support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani confirmation for Chairman, Department of
Hawaiian Homes Land

Aloha Honorable Senators,

My name is Nani Gladys Brandt a homesteader and community leader on the island of Molokai. It is an honor and privilege to submit this letter of support for Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known Ms. Jobie Masagatani for over 10 years as a strong Community Leader. She has supported many Hawaiian Programs and issues that facilitate economic growth for the State of Hawaii.

I had the privilege of serving with Ms. Masagatani as a Commissioner at the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land, she was the Deputy Director.

She has strong moral and character values. Ms. Masagatani is hardworking, honest, loyal and will accomplish any task given to her. She was instrumental in securing Federal, County, State and Private Grants and loans for the Lanikeha Community Center which was built at Hoolehua, Molokai. This center is also an incubator with a full certified kitchen, that allows our people the opportunity to make value added products at affordable rental rates.

This has helped many people on our island to develop and market different types of products. She was also instrumental in starting up Kulia/Ka Nu'u and made beneficiaries accountable for their homestead communities. She has been involved in trying to help our homestead farmers be productive.

Her qualifications are quite impressive, working as the Deputy Director for DHHL, Project Manager for Hawaii Real Estate Research and Education Center, Land Investment analyst for Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate Research, working with Queen's Health system and advocating Legislatively for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Shes's a diverse leader and meets all the qualifications to be our next Hawaiian Homes Land Chair. I strongly support her nomination.

Sincerely,


Nani Gladys Brandt, Former Commissioner, DHHL

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 pm
State Capitol - Conference Room 224**

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 586,
GUBENATORIAL NOMINEE JOBIE MASAGATANI,
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

Dear Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the voice of the construction industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

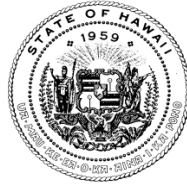
BIA-Hawaii **strongly supports** the nomination of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani brings a wealth of experience both in the business community and in native Hawaiian issues. She served as the Special Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and as an Assistant to the President and CEO of The Queen's Health Systems, where her area of focus was Native Hawaiian health.

Ms. Masagatani also previously served as DHHL Deputy Director from 1995 to 2002. She also previously served as a Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools.

We believe Ms. Masagatani is well-suited for the position of Chairperson at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, as it requires a commitment to providing housing to its Native Hawaiian beneficiaries while balancing the financial obligations of developing these communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our **strong support** for this nomination.



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February 6, 2013
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

Testimony of
GLENN M. OKIMOTO, Ph.D.
Director

G.M. 586
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DIRECTOR
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
JOBIE MASAGATANI

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

I strongly **support** Jobie Masagatani's appointment as the Director for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). She has the experience, knowledge, and insight that will continue to make her an invaluable asset at DHHL.

Despite her extraordinary talents and accomplishments, she is modest and unassuming. Her thoughtful and inquiring mind is evident. She is akamai, forward-thinking, and a good leader. She is concerned and interested in the lives and wellbeing of those she serves. Her tenure in government has reflected the fact that she is a thorough, meticulous, and resourceful and that her judgments are mature and responsible.

She is clearly well-qualified and also possesses the requisite vision, creativity, and leadership acumen to serve as Director of DHHL.

I urge your favorable consideration of Ms. Masagatani's confirmation.



GM 586

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, gubernatorial nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI.

Report Title: Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Description:

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Current Referral: THA

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1/22/2013	S	Received.
1/22/2013	S	Referred to THA.
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GOV. MSG. NO. 586

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GOVERNOR

January 16, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President,
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear *President Kim* Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

In accordance with section 26-31, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, I am submitting for your consideration, the following nominee:

Jobie Masagatani
Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Sincerely,
Neil Abercrombie

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Governor, State of Hawai'i

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Testimony of
Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Testimony in Support of GM 586

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Vice Chair, Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 PM, Room Number 224

Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

I am pleased to express strong support for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

In looking at her performance, extensive work experience, and community involvement, Ms. Masagatani possesses the leadership, knowledge and skill set to carry out the mission of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have complete confidence that she will excel as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Since being appointed as Interim Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on May 11, 2012, positive changes have occurred within the organization. Ms. Masagatani is a catalyst for positive change and understands the challenges ahead. Her leadership and management abilities will move the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands forward.

Prior to her appointment as Chairperson, Ms. Masagatani served as Special Assistant to the CEO at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. In addition, she is principal and founder of Clarity Organizational Services (COS), a strategic planning firm. Two major projects involving COS included the development of the strategic plan for the Kokokahi Cultural Learning Center, and the implementation of the strategic plan to transition the YWCA Kokokahi facility into a Cultural Learning Center.

Notably, from February 1995 to November 2002, Ms. Masagatani served as Deputy to the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. As Deputy, she was able to initiate reforms to the Department's mortgage financing programs to reduce the risk exposure to departmental assets, enhance the efficiency of the default process, facilitate the implementation of a new federal program for Native Hawaiian Housing, direct the project that constructed the Lanikeha Community Center in Hoolehua, Moloka'i, and led the project team that responded to constitutional challenges to the Hawaiian Home Lands program.

In addition to her extensive work experience, Ms. Masagatani is an active member and leader in our community. She has served on various committees, many of which help to advance Native Hawaiians, including the Queen Lili'uokalani Trust Trustee Compensation Committee, Hui Hanai Board, Native Hawaiian Education Council, the Kamehameha Schools Board of Advisors, the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Native Hawaiian Health Community Advisory Board, and the U.S. Census Advisory Committee on the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders Population.

Ms. Masagatani earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Northwestern University and her Master in Public Affairs from Princeton University.

I am confident that Jobie Masagatani possesses the leadership, knowledge, skill set, dedication and vision to bring positive change and innovation to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Her confirmation to Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands will benefit the lives of Native Hawaiians. I encourage you to confirm Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.



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TESTIMONY

GM 586: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

2:45 pm

Conference Room 224

State Capitol

Hardy Spoehr, Executive Director

Welina. Papa Ola Lokahi supports the confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani brings with her a rich professional experience which includes her previous work at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and with NGOs as well as with a familiarity with federal agencies. The Hawaiian Home Lands program has its roots in the federal government but continues through the aegis of state government. Thus, it is critical particularly at this time in the program's history that the Chairperson be familiar with both federal oversight and state administration.

Equally important is that the Chairperson has an understanding and knowledge of the hopes and dreams of beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust and doing what is possible given the resources available with the end result being for beneficiaries and their `ohana, as best summed up by the program's founder, Price Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, "ho`opulapula".

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important measure.

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Legislative Testimony

GM586
Submitting for consideration and confirmation
to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
Gubernatorial Nominee,
Jobie Masagatani
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

February 6, 2013 2:45 p.m. Room 224

As a past colleague at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and current employee of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, I personally **STRONGLY SUPPORT** the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

DHHL was established to help create a more optimistic future for Native Hawaiians. The organization has helped to map out success for many Native Hawaiians who could not have otherwise afforded a home in their homelands without the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

Having Masagatani lead DHHL would only help the organization to build a legacy of success and hope for Hawaiians. Wherever she works, Masagatani brings a depth of insight built over years of service to her people and a clear mission to treat her employees and beneficiaries with respect and kindness. She is an ideal leader, because she is always willing to teach and to learn, is humble, and has an innate ability to seek new perspectives. Her various leadership positions within Hawaiian-focused institutions have led her to exactly where she should be: Chairperson of DHHL. From her previous education and jobs, she brings with her knowledge, experience and positive working relationships with key stakeholders in the Native Hawaiian community. She continues to devote her time, positive energy, strong work ethic, and vast knowledge to improving the present and future for her people, and she will be an inspiration to her staff and Native Hawaiians.

I respectfully recommend that the committee PASS GM586. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

STATEMENT OF

Helen L. Kanawaliwali O'Connor-Lewis
Hawaiian Homesteader Hoolehua Homesteads

BEFORE THE

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Aloha Chair Galuteria and members of the Committee:

I am submitting to you testimony on behalf of myself and my ohana from the Hoolehua Homesteads (7 homesteads); we are in opposition of Jobie Masagatani for Hawaiian Homelands chairman. We are aware of the support from the Homestead Associations from Molokai, unfortunately, we were never informed of decisions or meetings held. From experiences in the past particularly with Ms. Masagatani's deputyship with Chairman at the time Ray Soon, the Department did not support, an innovative project that would assist five homesteaders in Hoolehua whose plan was to build their 40 acres of agriculture lands into viable farms that would grow and provide island grown vegetables to stores in Hawaii. With assistance from Mr. Matsuura from the UH Tropical Ag., a plan, proposal and grant for \$75,000... was done and submitted to the Department. In the mean time, my mother secured the distributors from Oahu and the Department said no.

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February 4, 2014

Honorable Chair and Sen. Brickwood Galuteira,
Vice Chair Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Committee members
530 S. King St. Room 202
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF JOBIE MASAGATANI (GM586) AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL)

Aloha Honorable Chair and Sen. Brickwood Galuteira, Vice Chair Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Committee members,

My name is Helen N. Wai and I'm a third generation Hawaiian Homestead Lessee who resides out in Princess Kahanu Estates in Nanakuli, Oahu. My parents and grandparents also resided on Hawaiian Home Lands in Nanakuli. Besides them I have many relatives who are beneficiaries included my children. *We are in full and strong support of the confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).*

For over a decade I have been providing financial literacy, homebuyer education, foreclosure prevention, lease cancellation and counseling to the residents of the State of Hawaii. It has been within the past seven years I have been working with the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOAP). This program was to prepare and equip native Hawaiian families for homeownership.

I believe with the experience that Ms. Jobie Masagatani brings and her qualifications. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands will be able to continue to provide the necessary services to Lessees and Beneficiaries.

I hope this testimony will provide the necessary information to help in your decision making and I ask for your support of confirming the appointment of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Sincerely,



Helen N. Wai

February 5, 2013

To: Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Fr: Herb Lee, Jr.

President, Lee Communications, Inc.

Re: Support for GM 586, Jobie Masagatani, Chair, Department of Hawaiian Homelands

Aloha, mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the appointment of Jobie Masagatani as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I have known Ms. Masagatani for over 10 years as a very knowledgeable and passionate community member. We have served and participated in many community meetings to dialog and reach meaningful consensus on issues related to the preservation of Hawaiian culture, education and the betterment of families. She is a person of good values and strong principles and has been a true servant leader in all respects when dealing with difficult issues.

As a native Hawaiian that also shares the passion for equity, fairness and Aloha, I hope you will give her your full support in leading the very important post of the stewardship of our Hawaiian Homelands throughout the State of Hawaii. I can't think of anyone else who will always put people first above self in dealing with tough issues that the Department faces in the 21st century.

Please give your highest consideration in this important appointment for all Hawaii.

GM586

Submitted on: 2/5/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
President Herbert Hew Len	Waianae Kai Homestead	Oppose	Yes

Comments: At the SCHHA Convention 2012 a majority vote was taken to Oppose the Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Dept. of Hawaiian Homes.

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February 4, 2013

Senator Brickwood Galuteria
And Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: GM 586

Aloha Senator Galuteria and Committee Members,

My name is Herring Kalua. I am from the island of Hawaii, born and raised in Keaukaha Hawaiian Homes Land. I served as a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner for East Hawaii from 1997 – 2005. While serving on the Commission, I was able to work with Jobie Masagatani. At that time Jobie was the Deputy Director, under Director Ray Soon.

I observed Jobie to be a highly organized and efficient worker. She was always willing to help others, especially the beneficiaries of Hawaiian Homes Land, by offering assistance whenever she saw an opportunity or whenever she was asked. She would provide support to the commissioners, directing us to the people that could provide us with the proper assistance. Her knowledge of the department will only benefit Hawaiian Homes as well as their beneficiaries. Further, to work efficiently in the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land, she will need to be able to handle stressful situations positively as well as have a community and customer service mentality. I have seen her earn the respect and confidence of the public, beneficiaries as well as her co-workers. She is a hard worker and understands the needs of our Native Hawaiian beneficiaries. When she makes decisions she has everyone's interest at heart.

I whole heartedly support Jobie Masagatani as the Director for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands.

Sincerely,

Herring Kalua
405 Hoopuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

February 4, 2013

TO: Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Chairman, Sen. Brickwood Galuteira Vice Chairman, Sen. Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran

Subject: Testimony in Strong **Support** of Ms. Jobie Masagatani, confirmation for Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Honorable Senators,

My name is 'Iolani Ku'oha, I am an Hawaiian Language Immersion Teacher with Moloka'i Middle School and I am a homesteader on the island of Molokai. It is an honor and privilege to offer to you my LETTER OF STRONG **SUPPORT** for Ms. Jobie Masagatani.

I have known Ms. Masagatani with her affiliation with the Department of Hawaiian Homes as a community leader, supporting Hawaiian programs that facilitate economic growth for the entire state of Hawaii.

She is honest, respectful, hard working and has outstanding values. Her experience with serving as the Deputy to the Chair of Hawaiian Homes in 1995-2002 tells me that she is capable of bringing Hawaiian Homes back on track.

Her qualifications are very impressive, her background of working for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands; Project Manager for Hawaii Real Estate Research and Education Center; Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate; working with the Queens Health System and also advocating legislatively for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs tells me that she is well diverse, and meets the qualifications to be our next Hawaiian Homes Chairman.

As a beneficiary of Hawaiian Homes – this is what we need. These are the reasons why I **STRONGLY SUPPORT MS. JOBIE MASAGATANI.**

Sincerely,



'Iolani Ku'oha
Hawaiian Language Immersion Teacher
'O Hina I Ka Malama
Ke Kula Waena
Moloka'i Middle School

February 5, 2013

To: Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Chairman, Sen Brickwood Galuteria
Vice Chairman, Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

Subject: Testimony in Strong Support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani, confirmation for Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Aloha Honorable Senators,

We as third generation lessee with the DHHL,(our papa being one of the first homesteaders on Molokai finds Ms. Masagatani to be trustworthy as we know she is the right Leader for her DHHL staff and beneficiaries, as we have been walking in her footsteps as her example as a strong and honest leader.

Ms. Masagatani will make our Honorable Governor look good as his righteous and confident candidate.

Ms. Masagatani has a strong virteous personality with her pride in commitment to complete any task whatsoever!

Ms. Masagatani with her experience is able to wear many hats with diligence and being fair. She is professional in her dealings as in comparison to the former administration. When she walks into a room, she carries well representing our Native Hawaiian beneficiaries and Governor.

I sincerely present you as our Ohana's choice of Ms Masagatani to be our Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land. I know that people will ridicule her, but the former administration failed in carrying out their duties as we could sense that they did not carry the true sense of being in office and not doing their jobs. They did not carry themselves with dignity and professionalism. Ms. Masagatani possesses these true qualities that we need. She is a committed leader, and an advocator who will carry out her duties to the utmost of her abilities. As they say, talk is cheap, however Ms. Masagatani walks her talk in every way. We don't want "astronauts" (person who takes up space) but a REAL PERSON who gets the job done with dignity as we have every confidence in her.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Irene (Paule) Kaahanui

February 5, 2013

Re: Hearing on Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani (GM586) - **OPPOSE**

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

I write to oppose the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani.

Since her arrival at DHHL, our communities in Kapolei have become extremely divided. We are bombarded by fellow neighbors who are both for and against the Interim Director. It is unfortunate as a homesteader to watch people who are unaware of the issues and/or facts who sign petitions with blind faith. It has been the strategy employed to garner support and disheartening to witness. People are being encouraged to follow a leader by signing a petition with no real understanding of her priorities and or plans for DHHL's future.

Ms. Masagatani promised to get out into the community to better understand our issues. However, after nearly 9 months we have not had the opportunity to engage with her. Only recently, with her confirmation on the line, has Ms. Masagatani scheduled to speak with community and then limited participation to two participants per homestead.

This is telling of our new leader. Her style and unwillingness to engage transparently with any and all beneficiaries is a huge concern. Ms. Masagatani's leadership is dependent on followers of blind faith and not informed decision making. She has shown to be more interested in politics than people.

As a Kaupea homesteader, I oppose Jobie Masagatani's confirmation by the Senate.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Iwalani Laybon-McBrayer

Kaupea Homesteader

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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February 4, 2013

Honorable Brickwood Galuteria
Chair, Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State Capitol, Room 221
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Galuteria:

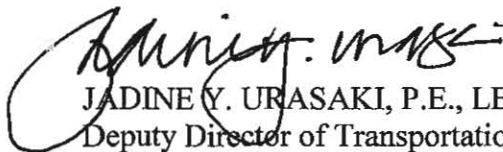
Subject: Governor's Message No. 586
Ms. Jobie Masagatani's Confirmation for Chairperson
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
February 6, 2013, 2:45 p.m., Room 224

I am writing in support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani's confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Ms. Masagatani has extensive administrative and management experience in dealing with Hawaiian issues, having served as the former Deputy Director of the Department during Governor Cayetano's administration.

I have had the pleasure of working with her both during the former Governor Cayetano's administration and currently since her acting capacity as the current Chairperson. Her knowledge, background and experience allow her to be fair and reasonable in the discussions that we have engaged in.

In closing, Ms. Masagatani is a truly outstanding representative of the State in all respects. I highly recommend her confirmation.

Yours very truly,


JADINE Y. URASAKI, P.E., LEED AP
Deputy Director of Transportation



Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Governor's Message 586 RELATING TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Wednesday; February 6, 2013; 2:45pm; Room 224

Aloha Chairman Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee. I am Annelle Amaral, First Vice President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs(AHCC) here today to offer some recommendations with regard to Governor's Message 586.

Fully aware that the original Hawaiian Civic Club was founded in 1918 by Prince Kuhio and his cohorts to assist with the passage of the Hawaiian Homes Act in the US Congress, the Board of Directors of the AHCC, meeting on January 19, 2013, has chosen not to support, nor oppose, the Governor's nominee for Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Some of our members are homesteaders, and we have been made aware that currently there is bitter disagreement among homesteaders, as well as those on the HHL waiting list, with regard to the nomination of Jobie Masagatani as the Director of HHL. However, since the majority of our members are not homesteaders, the AHCC Board decided that it is not our *kuleana* to take a position on an issue that affects something as basic...as essential, as the shelter of a family home and the land around it.

We are, therefore, submitting a general statement of qualifications that we believe describe standards of leadership basic to any administrator or executive officer of a major Hawaiian or Native Hawaiian organization...in this case, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We understand that academic background, experience and good judgment are of primary importance in leadership, but in addition, we would ask you to consider other, very fundamental Hawaiian behavior.

We submit that leaders of Hawaiian organizations should include certain core values to:

- *malama*, care for, understand and support the people, especially the kupuna;
- *ho`oihi*, respect the views of all;
- *kuleana*, take responsibility for self, family and community;
- *`ike*, seek knowledge, be informed to enable good decisions;
- *na`au pono*, nurture a deep sense of justice and seek to remedy the conditions of the people in the kuleana;
- *laulima*, work cooperatively with many hands;
- *lokahi*, seek harmony, balance and unity;
- *ha`aha`a*, serve with humility.

Incorporating these life values will raise the level of leadership and better the conditions of Hawaiians and let our heritage thrive in an atmosphere of goodwill and cooperation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Contact: jalna.keala2@hawaiiantel.net

Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

I am the Fiscal Management officer of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) since 1998. Jobie Masagatani previously served as DHHL Deputy Director from 1995 to 2002. Jobie Masagatani has the passion for native Hawaiian, and she also has the abilities, qualification, knowledge, experience and management skills to be the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I support GM586.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan E. Dill	Partners In Development Foundation	Support	No

Comments: We strongly support Ms.Masagatani's confirmation as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Fujimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/29/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica O. Kaikaina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Galuteria, My name is Jessica Oilipua- Kaikaina and I am currently a homesteader of Pana'ewa on the island of Hawai'i and was raised in the Papakolea Homestead on the island of O'ahu. I am also a member of the Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona. I am in support of Jobie Masugatani as the Chair of DHHL and would like to encourage this Committee to support her as well. Mahalo for allowing my testimony. Me ke aloha, Jessica Oilipua- Kaikaina.

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TO: Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

**Chairman, Sen. Brickwood Galuteira
Vice Chairman, Sen. Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran**

FROM: Jo-Addie Brown

Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Assn., Treasurer

**SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 586 - DHHL
DIRECTOR JOBIE MASAGATANI**

Honorable Senators,

I am writing in support for the re-appointment of DHHL Director, Jobie Masagatani. Ms. Masagatani has proven within this short time that she is dedicated to executing the best of interests for the Hawaiian Home Lands Beneficiaries. As a lessee on Hawaiian Home Lands on the island of Maui, specifically, the Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Assn., I strongly believe Ms. Masagatani has sincere insight and vision. There's no doubt she will continue to steer the Department, along with her staff, to broaden its economic base.

Please consider Director Jobie Masagatani for re-appointment. Afford her the opportunity to continue to work for the betterment of the Hawaiian Home Lands Beneficiaries.

Sincerely yours,

Jo-Addie Brown

TESTIMONY OF
JOBIE MASAGATANI

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2013

Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224

TESTIMONY ON GM 586 RELATING TO THE SUBMITTAL FOR CONSIDERATION
AND CONFIRMATION TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN
HOME LANDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOBIE MASAGATANI

Aloha ‘auinalā kākou,

Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of my nomination as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. It is truly my honor and privilege to be before you today as you consider my confirmation to this position.

Allow me this chance to share with you briefly my educational and professional background and experiences, and what I hope to focus on if given the opportunity to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) through the challenging times that lay ahead.

After graduating from the Kamehameha Schools with Honors in 1982, I went on to obtain my Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in June 1986 from Northwestern University: School of Education in Evanston, Illinois, and three years later, my Masters Degree in Public Affairs / Urban and Regional Planning in June 1989 from Princeton University: Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in Princeton, New Jersey.

Upon completing my formal education, I held a number of jobs with progressively increasing responsibilities over the years, starting out as a Budget Examiner, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President (from 8/1989 - 10/1990), to Land Investment Analyst, Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate (11/1990 - 5/1993), to Project Manager, Hawaii Real Estate Research and Education Center – Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (5/1993 - 1/1995), to Deputy to the Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (2/1995 - 11/2002), then to Assistant to the President and CEO, The Queen’s Health Systems, (12/2002 - 6/2005).

Following my tenure at the Queen’s Health Systems, I left to become Principal and Founder, Clarity Organizational Services (7/2005 - 2/2010). I returned back to public service to our Native Hawaiian people in 2010, when I was hired as Public Policy Program Manager, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (2/2010 - 8/2011) and advanced to Special Assistant to the CEO,

Office of Hawaiian Affairs (8/2011 - 5/2012) before finally coming full circle as Chairman Designate, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (5/2012 - Present).

I also have experience in the Hawaiian and business communities through my affiliation as a member of: Queen Lili'uokalani Trust Trustee Compensation Committee, the Hui Hanai Board (Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center), the Native Hawaiian Education Council (OHA's Representative), the Kamehameha Schools Board of Advisors, the John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Native Hawaiian Health Community Advisory Board, the U.S. Census Advisory Committee on the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders Population, and the Affordable Housing Advisory Council Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle. Through my education and experience I have gained expertise, skills, and wisdom that I bring to the position of Chairperson if given the opportunity to lead DHHL and the trust that it administers.

Over 90 years ago, Congress enacted the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. The results of that legislation, the public land trust called Hawaiian Home Lands and the programs administered by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on behalf of the native Hawaiian beneficiaries of this trust, endure today as a significant tool to support and sustain the native Hawaiian people.

I initially submitted my name to the Governor for consideration in this position because I believe in the potential of this land trust, I believe in the opportunity it can create for native Hawaiian families and homestead communities, and I take to heart the kuleana to manage the trust effectively in the best interest of all beneficiaries – the nearly 10,000 on the land, the 26,000 plus still waiting and those yet to come.

I was humbled by Governor Abercrombie's selection of me to be the Chairperson Designate of the Department back in May 2012, and while the job has been difficult, I take the responsibilities that come with this position and the accountability I have to all of the beneficiaries of this trust very seriously, and I am committed to give nothing less than my very best everyday.

Fortunately, the experience I gained as a former DHHL Deputy to the Chairman for 7 years, provided me with an acute understanding of the department, its funding and operations, the complex issues surrounding balancing beneficiary obligations – both to those who have leases with the department and those still on the wait list, and the impacts of recent court cases that will affect how the department is currently funded and how it will be funded in future years.

Since coming back to DHHL, the past eight months have been a whirlwind of activity and change.

Certain things have remained the same:

- It is still the mission of DHHL to manage the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust effectively and to develop and deliver land to native Hawaiians.

- We do this by partnering with others to work towards developing healthy self-sufficient communities.
- We have a small, overworked, dedicated, and loyal staff (some who have been with the Department for three to four decades) that put in long hours to address the needs and concerns of the beneficiaries and care a great deal about moving the DHHL mission forward.

And at the same time, certain things have changed and are different.

- Our staffing numbers have remained the same or have diminished, while homestead applications, leases and loans have increased dramatically over time.
- With uncertain economic times, we are finding we need to do more to ensure that potential beneficiaries are financially ready to accept and maintain their lease award to include “homeownership” and home budgeting education. In addition, we are working with our for-profit and non-profit development and lending partners to continue to offer housing stock at affordable prices to our beneficiaries.
- Our financial resources going forward are uncertain with the end of the Act 14 land settlement payments expected in 2015.
- And finally, as we develop more homesteads, balancing the trusts limited resources between those who have leases and are in need of resources to bring to reality their community’s vision, and those waiting to be awarded a lease is an increasingly challenging task.

If I am fortunate enough to be confirmed by this illustrious body I hope to address those concerns in the following manner:

First, we need to **stabilize our financial future**. We will strive to accomplish this by helping to raise awareness of the impact the Nelson decision has with regard to the constitutional obligation to provide “sufficient sum” to administer and operate our State department, increasing the performance of trust assets (both financial and real property), addressing the risk associated with our expanding loan portfolio, reducing fixed costs, and partnering with Federal and private resources whenever possible.

Over the past 6 weeks, we have personally visited with beneficiary community leaders in meetings held in Waimanalo, Maui, Kona, Hilo, Molokai, and Kapolei to discuss the Nelson case and how it impacts our budget submittal this year. The response has been overwhelmingly supportive with nearly 100 leaders volunteering to partner with and assist the Department in getting the message across on the need for general fund allocations for the operations of DHHL.

In addition, in the past eight months DHHL has broken ground on three projects: Lalamilo on Hawaii Island (83 lots); Piilani Mai Ke Kai on Kauai (51 lots); and Kakaina on

Oahu in Waimanalo (44 lots). The first project Lalamilo, through a partnership with Sandwich Isle Communication (SIC) financed the infrastructure (roads, lot grading, water, sewer, and telecommunication) with combined private and DHHL trust dollars together. The last two projects, Piilani Mai Ke Kai and Kakaina added a third partner and financed the infrastructure using U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) federal dollars, private (SIC), and DHHL Trust dollars.

Second, we will **address product affordability** through creative financing programs through NAHASDA funds, reestablishing financial literacy and homeownership readiness programs (through partnerships), revisiting “old” ideas (e.g., owner-builder, self-help, and Habitat for Humanity partnerships), and exploring new ideas (e.g., financing products with OHA, deferred-purchase projects, and other innovative ideas).

In fact, during our beneficiary outreach meetings, some of our beneficiary leaders have also stimulated our thinking for “outside the box” solutions that need to be examined further for feasibility and validity in more rural communities. Their suggestion that the Department partner with local vendors that supply housing kits and look at off-grid solutions such as water catchment systems to reduce cost is something we need to vet seriously to see how it can be implemented effectively and efficiently in those rural communities where it may make sense.

Third, we will **re-assess our agriculture program** by establishing partnerships with the Department of Agriculture, restoring technical assistance contracted services, determining how best to address existing non-compliance, and how to support new awards.

Toward that end, the Department is in the process of lifting its more than a decade old moratorium on agricultural and pastoral lot subdivision following the development of an implementation plan and approval of this plan by the Commission. When we do so, we will do it with the input of our beneficiaries so that those who want to subdivide will be allowed to do so within reason and those that want to continue to farm and raise livestock will be able to do so without urbanization encroaching on their country way of life.

Fourth, we will **maximize our management of our natural resources** by reviewing our existing energy policy and adopting a new water policy for the Department.

My staff has been on Maui holding meetings with our beneficiary organizations there to position our lands in Kahikinui, Pulehunui and Honokowai so that we will be prepared with a competitive proposal when MECO issues its RFP for Alternate Energy providers. This is to improve DHHL’s revenue stream to enhance the resources available to place more native Hawaiians on the land and fund other programs or projects that benefit beneficiaries.

We will also be conducting a round of beneficiary consultations on every island open to all beneficiaries to seek their input into DHHL’s revised Energy Policy and Water Policy. These meetings are tentatively scheduled to occur in the spring and summer of 2013.

Finally, we will **support community-based projects** to the greatest extent possible, within the limitations of our finances by partnering with others to support capacity building, training, and other technical assistance for community leaders; and determining how to best support beneficiary based organizations in moving their community development projects forward to the next level.

In closing, I have learned that challenges are not necessarily a bad thing. Sometimes these challenges help to bring a new set of eyes, a different perspective, or perhaps a new solution to an age old problem.

Although the road leading to today has not been smooth sailing, I am honored by the many different beneficiary, Native Hawaiian, and other organizations who have come out to support DHHL in meeting its ambitious mission and I look forward to working with many of them collaboratively in moving this mission forward.

I am also genuinely touched knowing that I have a supportive and dedicated staff, many of whom have joined us today, who remain committed to doing good work though that work often goes unrecognized. The staff are the heart that pumps away daily and keeps DHHL's mission and its programs moving forward.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not recognize my biggest source of inspiration and support, my family. As a single parent raising two children, I am blessed to have supportive parents who helped establish in me a firm foundation of faith, compassion, integrity, and excellence. These very values are what drive me to do the best that I can in the time that I have as Chairperson to build a stronger trust, a stronger department, and stronger beneficiary organizations and leaders that will help take our people to a higher level of empowerment and self-determination.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY OF JOSEPH KŪHIŌ LEWIS

IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 586

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 4, 2013

RE: Letter of **support** to Confirm Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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

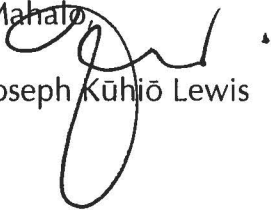
I am writing to express my enthusiastic and wholehearted **support** for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani to serve as director of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I am confident in Ms. Masagatani's knowledge and administrative experience necessary to lead the organization into a better and prosperous future. As a homestead beneficiary and having professionally worked with Ms. Masagatani, I can attest that she is consistently reliable, tenacious and responsible.

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

Mahalo,

Joseph Kūhiō Lewis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joseph Kūhiō Lewis', written over the printed name.

January 22, 2013

Renwick "uncle Joe" Tassill

Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 221
415 S. Beretania Street
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OPPOSITION

Aloha Senator Galuteria and Members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

As a commissioner serving on the Hawaiian Homes Commission, I submit this letter to share my concern about the confirmation of the interim Director and Chair Designate, Jobie Masagatani. My concern and lack of confidence in the interim Director is based on three primary observations. First, she demonstrates a lack of willingness to partner with beneficiary organizations. Second, she has allowed informal opinions of the attorney general to stifle the decision-making authority of the commission. Third, she works to minimize our input and prevents rather than facilitates our obligation to make decisions as the governing body.

The interim director has demonstrated on several occasions that she can and will create unnecessary roadblocks for some organizations and not for others. Her bias is very clear for anyone to see, and is an abuse of the office of the Chair.

As a commissioner, it has been impossible to get action items on the agenda for proper votes. The interim director has allowed, and even encouraged, the Deputy Attorney General to run the Commission, diminishing the authority of the Commission as the governing body of the Hawaiian Home Land trust created by Congress.

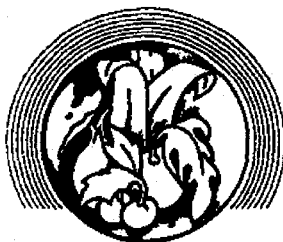
Finally, the interim director continues to disregard my input and that of other commissioners, attempting to prevent our contributions to commission discussions. In fact, she has specifically chastised me, calling my input in commission meetings "drama". Her demeanor and reference to my input is simply disrespectful and unacceptable as the Chair toward me as Kupuna, but also to me as a fellow commissioner.

Senators, I have a long history with Hawaiian Homes, born and raised on the first increment of the Waimanalo Homestead, an advocate for beneficiaries since the early 1970s with the organization The Hawaiians, a member of the Piianaia family which had two family members; namely Abraham and his daughter Ilima both being past directors and presently a resident of the only senior housing project in the Homestead.

The leadership style I have witnessed is destructive and disrespectful of the beneficiaries we serve. I have first-hand experience with the interim director over the last many months, and as such, I submit to you my vote of no confidence in this nominee.

Sincerely,


Renwick "Uncle Joe" Tassill



Ke Ola Mamo
Native Hawaiian Health Care System, O'ahu

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION
OF JOBIE MASAGATANI (GM586) AS DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL)

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol Building
Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 pm

Honorable Chair and Sen. Brickwood Galuteira, Vice Chair Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and
Committee members, Aloha kakou!

My name is, Joelene K. Lono and the Executive Director of Ke Ola Mamo, Native Hawaiian
Health Care System on O'ahu. Ke Ola Mamo strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Jobie
Masagatani as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Ms. Masagatani brings to the department an extensive background and experience of culture,
public service, and education. We are confident that her knowledge of the Department,
administrative experience, and commitment to the Hawaiian people will lead the organization.

We ask for the Committees and the entire Senate for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the
Director of the Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and its Commission.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joelene K. Lono". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Joelene K.Lono
Executive Director
Ke Ola Mamo

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Jan. 31, 2013

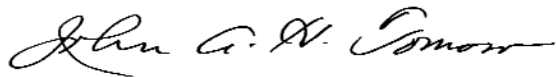
John Hauoli Tomoso

Aloha mai kakou,

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Jobie K. Masagatani, as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and, subsequently, the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). In my capacity as a *Hawaiian Homes Commissioner (1995-2003)* I was privileged to serve the people of the State of Hawai'i, and the beneficiaries of the Trust of Hawaiian Home Lands (HHL) with Jobie as an integral part of the leadership and administration of DHHL. I knew her to be a very bright, astute and erudite professional, which complemented the corps of the Hawaiian Homes Commission in a very effective and mutually accountable way. In my professional capacity as a Social Worker and Administrator, I have also come to know Jobie as a very capable professional in planning, facilitation, organization development and capacity-building. I believe this skill-set, along with Jobie's professional training and certification, and her personal integrity, credibility and cultural competence, especially within the Native Hawaiian Community statewide, will serve her well as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I look forward to her confirmed service to the people of the State of Hawai'i and the beneficiaries of the Trust of HHL Lands.

Me ke aloha.

O wau iho no,



John A. Hau'oli Tomoso, MSW, ACSW, LSW
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Aloha Committee Tourism and Hawaiian affairs,

I am writing to voice my support for Jobie Masagatani in her confirmation as the commissioner of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have had a chance to work with Jobie and feel that her skills and talent will help guide the Department to a brighter future. Jobie understands the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and I feel that this will give her an advantage in helping the department reach its mission.

Thank you for your support.

Aloha,

John W. Kaohelaulii
Lessee, Department of Hawaiian Homelands
Anahola Homesteads

GM586

Submitted on: 2/1/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Wehrheim	Wehrheim Productions	Support	No

Comments: Jobie Masagatani is highly qualified, intelligent, informed, communicates well and is easy to work with. She is honest and has integrity. What more could we ask for?

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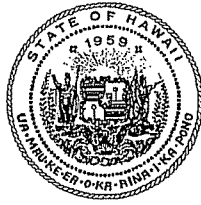
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 586
Consideration and Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani
as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

BY

HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY
Bert Y. Matsuoka, Chairman

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 6, 2013; 2:45 p.m.
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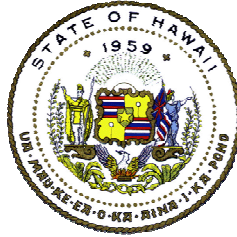
Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

I am providing testimony in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani possesses the knowledge, experience, and the vision to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 586
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as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

By
Department of Public Safety
Ted Sakai, Interim Director

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 6, 2013; 2:45 p.m.
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Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

I **strongly support** the nomination of Jobie Masagatani for Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I worked with Ms. Masagatani, when she was Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands more than a decade ago. We renewed our professional association last summer, when we both assumed the respective positions that we now occupy. We have worked closely on a project on Maui that impacts each of our Departments.

Ms. Masagatani is bright, sharp and articulate. She has a ready grasp of the intricate issues that face her Department. Her strong people skills help her work sensitively and effectively on issues that provoke passionate responses in

the community. Her clear vision and strength of character enables her to set and maintain a firm course for the Department.

Ms. Masagatani is the right person for this position. I urge you to support her confirmation.

Julie-Ann Cachola

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February 5, 2013

Subject: Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs in SUPPORT of GM 586

Aloha,

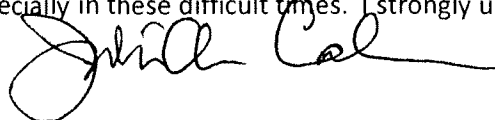
I am a civil service planner V who has worked in the Planning Office at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for 7 years, during which time I have served under four (4) chairmen. I took time off of work today to support the confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As a Hawaiian planner, I appreciate that Ms. Masagatani has her Master's degree in Public Affairs/Urban and Regional Planning from Princeton University. In her 9 months working as our interim Chairman, her methodical approach, future orientation, and insistence on proper beneficiary consultation are principles that are embedded in our planning practice. Further, in order to ensure informed engagement of our Hawaiian Homes Commissioners, she has asked staff to conduct 2 or 3 educational workshops at each Commission meeting, especially on complex topics. She schedules the educational workshop and in the following commission meeting, brings the related proposed action for decision-making. As a result of her leadership, this Commission speaks on-point, they ask germane questions, and they engage in deliberation that is meaningful and informed.

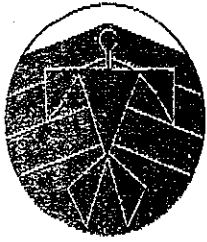
Her stated priorities are also indicative of a necessary future orientation that I believe all Hawaiian Home Lands chairmen should possess. She is tackling our fiscal situation, first and foremost, but is also taking on big ticket issues involving our energy policy, our water policy, and our agricultural and pastoral program, which has not been touched in the last 20 years. Development of these policies and programs lay a fundamental foundation for future homestead development. They involve wicked and complex issues that 6 previous Chairman chose to avoid. With courage, she understands that these program and policy areas can no longer be handled cosmetically, but must be fully researched, carefully developed, and taken out for full discussion in our beneficiary community. They are critical to the future viability of the trust.

Beyond these key distinctions that already warrant support of Ms. Masagatani, I am most impressed with Ms. Masagatani's eloquent, yet unwavering resolve to fight for our native Hawaiian beneficiaries and the resources of our trust lands. I have seen too many chairmen shy away from other powers-that-be often settling for less than our due share. Ms. Masagatani is not afraid to meet face-to-face with other powers that have competing jurisdictions. And unlike other chairmen, Ms Masagatani speaks with eloquence, knowledge, and fortitude. She organizes her thoughts and is able to cover both the waterfront and nuances of complex issues. Her fortitude and resolve in securing what the trust deserves is refreshing and inspiring to me as a civil service employee of the Department, as a professional planner, and as a Hawaiian that might someday be a beneficiary of this important trust.

No other confirmation has moved me to speak. There have been a lot of negative hype surrounding this confirmation—but you need to know that she was not given the common courtesy afforded to all other Chairmen—she was not given the opportunity to meet with or talk to her detractors. She was judged before a fair hearing, so to speak. From my vantage point, as a Hawaiian working in the Department, I see that Ms. Masagatani has the mind-set and courage of leadership that we so desperately need, especially in these difficult times. I strongly urge you to support her confirmation. Mahalo!



Julie-Ann Cachola



HUI KAKŌ'O AINA HO'OPULAPULA

"Let the people flourish on the land."

GM 586

Relating to the Appointment of Jobie Masagatani
As Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Hearing: Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 2:45 p.m.

Place: State Capitol Building, Room _____

TO: The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chairman and Members of the
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

FR: Kaipo Kincaid, Executive Director
Hui Kakō'o Aina Ho'opulapula

This testimony is offered on behalf of the Board of Directors of Hui Kakō'o Aina Ho'opulapula, who at a duly held meeting voted to oppose the appointment of Jobie Masagatani for the position of Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands offered by Governor Abercrombie in GM 586.

Hui Kakō'o Aina Ho'opulapula (hereinafter "Hui Kakō'o") is a non-profit organization (incorporated in 1994) which advocates for the interests of native Hawaiians who have applied for homestead leases from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands but who have not yet received a lease, commonly referred to as the "Waitlisters". We have for many years looked to the interests of this class of beneficiaries and have had the opportunity to work with many other beneficiary groups including the homesteaders, many Directors and staff, both former and present, of the Department.

We first became acquainted with Ms. Masagatani when she worked as Deputy Director for the Department. At that time the Board was deliberating on whether or not to intervene in the lawsuit Arakaki vs Cayetano, a suit which threatened to impact the Hawaiian Home Lands trust. In her capacity as Deputy Director she approached the Board and ask that we refrain from intervening because another beneficiary organization, which represented the interests of the homesteaders, was intervening in the suit. This request struck us as unorthodox and unethical demonstrating that the

interests of the Waitlisters were not a consideration for that Administration. The Board did intervene in that suit.

Most recently since the interim appointment of Ms. Masagatani as Director, we have attend monthly Commission meetings and Department functions offered to beneficiary organizations. Ms. Masagatani is astute, comports herself with dignity and presides over the Commission meeting with an even hand respectful of the beneficiaries who come to testify before the Commission. However, we noted that at recent Commission meetings the Deputy Director has been excluded from the Commission's Executive Session. Hui Kāko'o believes the duties of the Deputy Director require that he/she be included in the deliberative sessions of the Commission so that the Deputy can be informed on all matters affecting the Department and the interests of the beneficiaries. If anything happened to the Director the Deputy Director could continue the work of the Department without interruption. As beneficiaries we want to know that our trust administrators are informed and can carry on.

On another note, we believe Ms. Masagatani during her interim appointment has taken certain positions on matters which benefit the trust but which do not please influential persons. We applaud her willingness to stand for the greater good of the trust.

Taking all matters and experiences into account, on the whole we believe we must oppose this appointment.

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 586

February 5, 2013

RELATING TO JOBIE MASAGATANI
FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Dear Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support for the nomination of Ms. Jobie Masagatani to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Masagatani over the better half of the last year as she has served as the interim chairperson for the Department of Hawaii Home Lands. During that time, Ms. Masagatani has worked with my office and the Department of Budget & Finance in the contemplation and construction of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' budget. As a former deputy of the department, Ms. Masagatani has demonstrated herself to be a strong advocate for her department, staff and personnel. This has especially been true during the construction of the FYB13-15 budget proposal of the Executive Branch. There are many operational dynamics, financial considerations and strategic objectives that must be weighed and balanced when constructing such a large and significant budget as one for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Ms. Masagatani has served and advocated for her department well.

I know Ms. Masagatani has also focused on the strategic vision and plan for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and given much thought as to how the Department can thrive into the future as a business organization. I believe Ms. Masagatani to have a very good grasp of the various aspects of the Department and to be very cognizant of how the Department fits into the overall plan for the State.

I urge the members of the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs to support her selection by voting favorably on his nomination and advancing G.M. 586 for full Senate confirmation.



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February 5, 2013

To: **Sen. Brickwood Galuteira, Chair**
Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair & Members of the
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

From: **Kali Watson**
Chairman of Statewide Economic/Housing Development
SCHHA
Honolulu, Hawaii 96792

Re: **Hearing on Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Director of**
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM586)
February 6, 2013 at 2:45 pm
Hawaii State Capitol

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

Dear Chair Galuteira, Vice Chair Agaran and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to the appointment of Jobie Masagatani as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I do this with much regret and sadness having worked with her for four years, but out of a sincere belief that she is not the right person for this leadership role. As my deputy at DHHL, she was excellent. As the Director, she doesn't meet the critical skill sets for this privileged nomination.

As past Chair and a person with over 40 years working with various Hawaiian organizations, government entities, businesses enterprises, Hawaiian community associations and Hawaiian beneficiaries, and having watched and experienced how she has handled the job over the last 8 months, she has unfortunately been divisive, ineffective and detrimental to facilitating a partnership mentality within the Hawaiian community. She has seriously put in jeopardy projects that have been in place or being developed. The DHHL program has come a long way and has made great strides in working with the State agencies, OHA, Alii Trusts, SCHHA, CNHA, and various homestead communities. Ms. Masagatani may put all this at risk. At a minimum her involvement will not nurture or enhance this. I cannot sit by and be silent on this situation. Therefore, I must stand in opposition to this appointment.

The Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, formerly the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations was founded more than 25 years ago to unite homestead communities and to advocate for the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921. The SCHHA is the oldest statewide advocacy organization representing the interests of more than 30,000 beneficiaries and families residing in the communities of the Hawaiian Home Land Trust. Its mission is to promote the self determination of native Hawaiians and the well being of homestead communities. As Chairman of Economic/Housing /Committee, it's critical that we have a DHHL Chairman that we can work with.

I respectfully urge you to reject the appointment of Ms. Masagatani.

Sincerely,

Kali Watson
Chairman of Economic Development

GM586

Submitted on: 2/4/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamakana Aquino	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chairman Kamaki Kanahele	SCHHA	Oppose	Yes

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GM586

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani**
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

February 6, 2013

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Board of Trustees expresses unanimous **SUPPORT** for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

Ms. Masagatani has devoted her life to fulfilling her kuleana to advocate for the protection and responsible management of Native Hawaiian assets. While serving in various capacities at Hawaiian institutions, Ms. Masagatani developed positive working relationships with key stakeholders and vast experience working for the betterment of the Native Hawaiian community. Prior to her interim appointment as Chairperson at DHHL, she worked at OHA as the Public Policy Manager and the Special Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer. As the Public Policy Manager, she developed a foundation for the policy program to streamline their efforts through coordinated advocacy at the state legislature. As the Special Assistant, she utilized her collaborative style to have meaningful discussions with stakeholders, beneficiaries, and executives and recommend a balanced approach to address complex issues.

She has also served Native Hawaiians in other capacities. She was an assistant to the President and CEO of The Queen's Health Systems, where her area of focus was Native Hawaiian health and a Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools. Finally, Ms. Masagatani's seven years of service as the DHHL Deputy Director (1995 to 2002) gave her extensive knowledge of the inner workings of DHHL and the specific needs of our homestead beneficiaries.

OHA looks forward to continuing to work with Ms. Masagatani as the Chairperson of DHHL, and OHA urges the committee to **PASS** GM586. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Karen Piltz
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

February 6, 2013

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street, #221
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Galuteria and Committee Members:

RE: GM 586 Consideration and Confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department
of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani

I am writing in support of Jobie M. K. Masagatani in her nomination as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I believe that Ms. Masagatani is an excellent choice to fill the position as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Ms. Masagatani brings a wealth of experience to the position with a fresh approach to problem solving on issues that are important to the Hawaiian community.

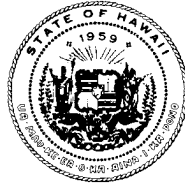
Ms. Masagatani's various positions both within the public/government sectors and private business has given her a unique perspective and skills in which to lead the Department.

I have known Ms. Masagatani professionally and personally for many years. She is a very passionate individual with strong work ethics and a lot of personal integrity. She has an intensity about her to improve the lives of many Hawaiian people by providing economic growth and educational opportunities, balanced with equally strong cultural and sustainable values.

I believe that Jobie Masagatani has the passion and ability to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands into the future. I respectfully ask that you support her confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to testify.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



KAREN SEDDON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
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Statement of
Karen Seddon
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 6, 2013 at 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

In consideration of
G.M. 586

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOBIE MASAGATANI.**

I am honored to offer support for Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Chairman-Designate Masagatani's openness to finding ways for HHFDC and DHHL to work collaboratively to develop affordable housing is refreshing. Her previous experience as a Special Assistant to the CEO at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, DHHL Deputy Director, and in the private sector combined with her professionalism and sense of responsibility more than qualifies her for this important position.

I ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of Chairman-Designate Masagatani to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association

TESTIMONY OF
KEKAHA HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION

IN SUPPORT OF CONFIRMATION OF JOBIE MASAGATANI
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 3, 2013

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the THA Committee:

Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association (KHHA) strongly supports the Governor's nomination of Jobie Masagatani for Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

As a Chair, Ms. Masagatani is excellent in her ability to keep Commission discussions focused while also encouraging feedback by Commissioners and native Hawaiian beneficiaries. She has brought an extremely high level of executive ability and mature, deliberative approaches to the Commission.

With this, we feel that DHHL and the Commission under Chair Masagatani's leadership gives native Hawaiians the best chance to finally experience the benefits of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act in fair and equitable ways that respect local self governance protocols and intelligently build value for Hawaiian home lands.

We have witnessed Chair Masagatani's thoughtful assessments of policy questions presented to her, as well as her commitment to creating order and formal criteria through which all Hawaiian Homes projects can be assessed.

Masagatani has already achieved much in her tenure. For example, in her first months in office, she spearheaded and completed statewide studies and policy analyses **so that the Hawaiian Homes Commissioners and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands staff can finally make informed, consistent decisions regarding Hawaiian home lands.** Prior to this, decisions by these agencies were often made haphazardly, on a "one by one" basis.

Masagatani's has also acted effectively to (i) build capacity of Hawaiian community based leaders, including supporting gatherings by the SCHHA and CNHA, (ii) create opportunities that will result in up to \$15 million to DHHL in USDA Rural Development support, (iii) establish collaborative discussions with other state and Federal agencies, and (iv) significantly increase the capacity of Hawaiian Homes Commissioners through workshops on issues such as land use and institutional responsibilities.

In achieving all this within less than 8 months, Ms. Masagatani has brought a hopeful vibrance to the Hawaiian Homes Commission that is exciting to Hawaiian beneficiaries and applicants.

We urge THA Committee members and Senators not to politicize this nomination, but instead confirm Ms. Masagatani as a truly capable, thoughtful leader – She is exactly the kind of leader that can lead the home lands through times of great transition for the home lands and for the Hawaiian people.

We ask that the Senate and Senate Committee not bow to politicking, and understand that Chair-designate Masagatani is receiving criticism from those who are frustrated by Ms. Masagatani's refusal to make uninformed, legally questionable decisions regarding the use and management of Hawaiian home lands. Legal analysis from the Hawaii State Attorney General's office supports Ms. Masagatani's and the Hawaiian Homes Commission actions.

Examination of the public record and HHC meeting minutes shows that many of the assertions and descriptions of Ms. Masagatani's actions by Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement and the Sovereign Councils of Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (SCHHA) are both mischaracterized and unfounded. While these organizations provide some important services to our communities, their stance on this issue, as well as their chosen process and public statements describing the breadth of their representation of native Hawaiians are problematic.

Ms. Masagatani is professional, abides by the law in terms of agency budgeting practices and Federal/State discussion protocols, and is driven by overarching policy goals-- not by political pressure. She is building for DHHL and Hawaiian home lands new sources of support and professional networks for the home lands in her short tenure.

What is most important is that, by her actions and her conduct of Commission meetings, we know that she cares deeply about the longterm future of the Hawaiian people.

As a final administrative note, KHHA had requested but never received the official wording of SCHHA's formal resolution regarding its stance on Ms. Masagatani, though we were told that the final text would be shared with all SCHHA members prior to being approved by SCHHA's Executive Council. This is a critical concern, since SCHHA members had voted overwhelmingly at SCHHA's plenary meeting to afford Ms. Masagatani a chance to respond to SCHHA's criticisms and *ho'oponopono* with SCHHA before any official proclamation was to be made. Final text or results of such a *ho'oponopono* process were never shared with the SCHHA membership roster.

KHHA applauds the Chair-designate for her high level of professionalism and *pono* approach to her work. She is the kind of above-board, professional and educated leader that we as native Hawaiians have needed for so long. Please confirm Ms. Masagatani.

Mahalo,



Kawai Warren
President, Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association

Aloha,

I truly support Jobie's mission and strong work ethic to carry the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) for today and the future for the Hawaiian community. She is focused, personable to work with, has integrity, and is not swayed by radical sovereign entities that push their own agenda and personal victories to "get ahead". She has a great track record of leadership and has kept to state and federal laws pertaining to DHHL's purpose. I humbly ask that she be officially the Chairman and do support her efforts.

Mahalo,

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Keala Pruet
(808)783-2180

GM586

Submitted on: 2/5/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kehaulani Quartero	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Keiko D'Enbeau
3936 Kaulio Place
Honolulu, Hi 96816
February 5, 2013

Chairman
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Dear Senator Galuteria,

It is with the utmost pleasure that I write this testimony to support the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani for the position of Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known Ms. Masagatani and her family for the last thirteen years and have observed her in action and amassed keen insight into her capabilities to solve complex problems while team-leading. She has the rare ability to assess a situation, develop an executable plan, and produce meaningful results.

Ms. Masagatani's intellect and her breadth and depth of expertise in the area of Hawaiian Housing speak for itself when one reads her résumé. Above all, Ms. Masagatani is well-suited as a member of Governor Abercrombie's team that is working on "A New Day in Hawaii" initiative because of her passion and grass-roots approach to "advance the interests of Native Hawaiians" and her shared vision with the Governor "to change direction in Hawaii" and "move away from economic and social policies of status quo that consistently postpone solving problems."

Hawaii and its people more than ever need a bright, energetic, and action-oriented leader like Jobie Masagatani who can effect positive change and growth in Hawaiian Home Lands programs.

Sincerely,



Keiko I. D'Enbeau
Lieutenant Colonel, USA (Retired)

SB1097

Submitted on: 1/29/2013

Testimony for THA/PSM on Feb 8, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth R. Conklin, Ph.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let's see. Does DHHL pay the counties for water/sewer service? No? Do the leaseholders on DHHL lands pay for water/sewer service? No? Then where is a county supposed to get the money to pay for water/sewer on DHHL lands? Oh, I get it. I and everyone else not living on DHHL lands is supposed to pay disproportionately high taxes for them to get free services? If you think that's fair, then I have a bridge in Hale'iwa I'd like to sell you. DHHL wants to be exempt from zoning laws and taxes. DHHL imagines someday it will be enfolded within a sovereign Akaka tribe or nation. Sovereignty means you take care of your own stuff. You don't mooch off others.

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January 30, 2013

The Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Chairman, Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Via email: sengaluteria@capitol.hawaii.gov

The Honorable Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran,
Vice Chairman, Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Via email: senkeithagaran@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs:

I strongly support the nomination of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson,
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As a long time developer on the Island of Maui, I fully understand and appreciate
the public-private cooperation necessary to build affordable homes for our
families. Ultimate success depends on a willingness for all parties to collaborate
and achieve a unified goal.

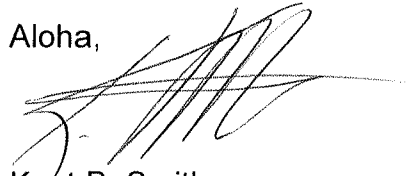
During her short time as interim director, I have witnessed first hand "Jobie's
ability to coordinate "win-win" solutions by establishing meaningful public-private
relationships, leveraging financial commitments, educating and empowering
homestead residents and perpetuating cultural values and historical knowledge.

With the recent issuance of an Energy Request for Proposals, she has positioned
DHHL at the forefront of energy solutions for every county. She has capitalized
Act 141 (Relating to Affordable Housing Credits) to assist DHHL with expedited
homestead development and homeownership. She has re-established
accountability within DHHL to enable efficient and timely results. As a
businessman, I appreciate the fiscal efforts and intent that underline these
strategies.

What ultimately impresses me about Jobie however is her willingness to listen and understand. This is a missing component in government today and certainly needed for a better government tomorrow.

I firmly support the nomination of Jobie Masagatani and I believe that she will position DHHL as a leader for Hawaii's future.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kent R. Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kent R. Smith
Managing Member

GM586

Submitted on: 2/3/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keola Tuipulotu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I support Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson for DHHL. Mahalo, Keola Tuipulotu

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Kimberly Canepa

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 pm
State Capitol - Conference Room 224**

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 586,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JOBIE MASAGATANI,
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii strongly supports the nomination of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing more than 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of its members, which employ more than 200,000 individuals, to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Ms. Masagatani brings a wealth of experience both in the business community and in native Hawaiian issues. She served as the Special Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and as an Assistant to the President and CEO of The Queen's Health Systems, where her area of focus was Native Hawaiian health.

Ms. Masagatani also previously served as DHHL Deputy Director from 1995 to 2002. She also previously served as a Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools.

We believe Ms. Masagatani is well suited for the position of Chairperson at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as it requires a commitment to providing housing to its Native Hawaiian beneficiaries while balancing the financial obligations of developing these communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments on this nomination.



Ko`olau Foundation

P. O. Box 4749
Kane`ohe, HI 96744

February 6, 2013

G.M. 586 – Nominee Jobie Masagatani
Confirmation – Director, Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands

Testimony

On behalf of the Ko`olau Foundation, aloha nui loa from the members of our Board of Directors. Our organization is a not-for-profit community entity which works to preserve, perpetuate and raise awareness about our Hawaiian culture, history and cultural resources.

We offer our support for Jobie Masagatani's confirmation as director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

We have watched, with growing concern, the frequent turnover in administrations of DHHL and urge this committee and the Senate to kokua and support her confirmation expeditiously and help restore stability and continuity to the department.

The position of commission chair and department head is a challenging one, and requires solid experience in administering the important Hawaiian trust to ensure that the Act is implemented to the fullest extent possible. The leadership of DHHL must hold this kuleana as a sacred trust, balancing the need for resources with the responsibility to preserve cultural values.

We have faith that Jobie Masagatani will do her best to uphold these responsibilities and demonstrate good judgment and leadership of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We urge your approval of her confirmation.

Mahalo.

/s/ **Lawrence Akina, Jr.**

President

**TO: Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Chairman, Sen. Brickwood Galuteira
Vice Chairman, Sen. Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran**

FROM: Innovations Development Group

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 586 - DHHL DIRECTOR JOBIE MASAGATANI

January 30, 2013

Aloha Senators,

Innovations Development Group (IDG) submits this testimony in support of the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani to continue as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. IDG has been working with the State Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) for 2 years, during which time DHHL has had 2 Directors, Ms. Masagatani and Mr. Alapaki Nahale'a.

The appointment of Ms. Masagatani brought welcome changes to the operating processes and professionalism of DHHL. It also had the added positive impact of removing administrative log jams that had prevented several Homestead projects from moving forward and that threatened federal funding. Ms. Masagatani identified and prioritized areas within the DHHL that needed direct attention and action and progressed projects in these areas.

Ms. Masagatani's performance reflects her excellent credentials and previous experience as the First Deputy of the DHHL for the 7 years, from 1995 to 2002. Her background also includes experience as the Special Assistant to the CEO, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (2011 - 2012), Public Policy Program Manager, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (2010 - 2011), Assistant to the President and CEO, The Queen's Health Systems, (2002 - 2005) as well as Land Investment Analyst for the Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate (1990 -1993) Finally, her experience as a Budget Examiner with the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President (1989 - 1990) provides her with a strong background in understanding federal funding and ensuring compliance with federal regulatory and fiscal requirements. DHHL is fortunate to have a person with these qualifications at their helm.

When IDG initially began to work with DHHL on Energy, we were unsure of whether the Department understood the Energy Sector and was committed to finding and developing its energy resources for its beneficiaries and its own revenue needs. After working, these last 8 months with Ms. Masagatani, we no longer have reservations. We look forward to working with her and believe that she has done an excellent job.

Sincerely,



Lee Erwin, CPA
CFO Innovations Development Group, Inc.

Leimana DaMate, Commissioner – West Hawaii

Hawaiian Homes Commission

Testimony IN SUPPORT

GM 586

Consideration and confirmation of the Chairperson of the Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee – Jobie Masagatani

Senate Committee of Tourism & Hawaiian Affairs

February 6, 2013

2:45 p.m., Room 224

Aloha Senator Galuteria and members of the Committee of Tourism & Hawaiian Affairs,

The Hawaiian Homes Commission, as created by Prince Jonah Kalanianaʻole Kūhiō in 1921 is a critically important entity committed to the rehabilitation of the Native Hawaiian people in the State of Hawaii. I am an acting Commissioner representing West Hawaii on the Island of Hawaii. Ms. Masagatani, as the Chair Designate, has worked well with my district since she was appointed in May, 2012.

Over the past nine months, there have been challenges affecting the Hawaiian Homes Commission, but we are in the process of over-coming each and every one of them. Ms. Masagatani has visited each one of the districts in West Hawaii for whom I am responsible and shown our beneficiaries that she is accessible and transparent.

We pray that whatever difficulties remain, we will pull together as a strong commission to overcome them. I believe Ms. Masagatani will be an enduring and strong asset to this commitment. I urge this committee to confirm Jobie Masagatani as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Respectfully yours,

Leimana DaMate, Commissioner – West Hawaii

Hawaiian Homes Commission

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1288 Kapiolani Blvd, Apt 1905
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February 4, 2013

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair
Members
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Subject: Testimony in Support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani, GM586
Hearing Date and Time: Wednesday, Feb 6, 2:45 p.m., Conf Rm 224

Aloha mai kākou

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have known Ms. Masagatani for several years and believe her capable of providing the necessary leadership for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

It's important that the chair of this position be able to quickly adapt to the needs of this position given the challenges facing the Department and the diversity of the community it serves. Especially, this is a critical time for the DHHL as it addresses funding shortages for its operations. Ms. Masagatani, with her past experience as Deputy Director of DHHL from 1995 to 2002 is capable of addressing those challenges in a short period of time. Too, she has some new initiatives to enhance the Department. Her education at Princeton University that earned her a master's degree in public/affairs/urban and regional planning is notable.

Having served as DHHL Deputy under two chairs, Ms. Masagatani understands the politics of doing business with the governor, the legislature, and most importantly the constituency she serves. She's not afraid to make the hard, unpopular decisions, when appropriate.

I urge the members of the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs to advise and consent on her confirmation as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Respectfully

LEIMOMI KHAN

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS CAUCUS

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
1001 Kalia Road, Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96813

Lela Hubbard

SUPPORT

January 14, 2013

Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee
Tourism & Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96817

RE: Letter of support to Confirm Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

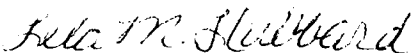
Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly supports Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

The experience and accomplishments of this nominee clearly show that she is an outstanding leader committed to serving the best interests of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust, the trust beneficiaries and the native Hawaiian community.

We are confident in Ms. Masagatani's leadership and ask the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs to **advise and consent to this nomination.**

Sincerely,



Lela Hubbard, Chair
Hawaiian Affairs Caucus
Democratic Party of Hawaii

GM586

Submitted on: 2/5/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lili Ann Sora	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly believe that Jobie Masagatani should be confirmed as the chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. She will do what is best for all the beneficiaries. I also believe that she will be able to bring the staff together to help heal and make whole the department itself that has become broken.

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Lilia K. Kapunia
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Date: February 5, 2013

To: Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair, Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee Members

From: Lilia Kapunia, Papakolea homesteader

Re: GM 586 Relating to Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani - OPPOSE

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members:

This testimony is submitted, in my personal capacity, in OPPOSITION to GM 586 for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani.

Since appointment in May 2012, I have witnessed first-hand cruel and paternal actions by DHHL staff and Interim Director Masagatani, against one of the most progressive nonprofits in the state, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA). I am able to witness activities first-hand in my professional capacity as the Vice President of CNHA overseeing the Community Development programming, and personally, as a Hawaiian homesteader for most of my life. I was raised on homesteads on Hawaii Island, and I am now raising my own children on homesteads in Papakolea.

My position to OPPOSE is based on the last eight months, wherein Interim Director Masagatani delayed contract execution, delayed invoice payment, terminated a successful affordable housing contract, and/or simply failed to take action. There are incidents where the Interim Director approached our project partners, and strongly advocated for termination of their partnership with CNHA and its nonprofit development arm, Homestead Community Development Corporation. The direct impact of these actions has threatened project financing, loss of revenue generating opportunities for the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust, and even jeopardized grant funds to projects. These examples are very real, and very painful to witness first-hand, not only to me, but to our staff that are so dedicated to Hawaii and our Hawaiian people. Over the last 12 years, CNHA has shown an incredible commitment to leveraging DHHL resources, which brings in non-state funding to advance the Hawaiian homes program.

We are at critical time in the homestead community, where leadership, innovation, and collaboration are needed to provide much needed services to all beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust. The fiscal condition of the State, as well as the depleting Trust account balances of the Hawaiian Homes Commission requires good leadership at DHHL to get lands to the 30,000 beneficiaries on the waitlist. The Interim Director's track record over the last eight months does not demonstrate leadership, innovation or collaboration, and therefore I cannot support her confirmation.

I thank Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members for the opportunity to submit testimony. Aloha.

GM586

Submitted on: 2/5/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Chinn	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: My name is Linda Chinn and I strongly support the nomination of Ms. Jobie M.K. Masagatani as teh Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I served under Jobie while she was the deputy director from 1995 to 2002. Jobie brings a wealth of institutional knowledge and experience both in native Hawaiian issues and business . I believe Jobie is the right person for the position of Chairman at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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Linda Inouye	Individual	Support	No

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ROSEHILL & ASSOCIATES

1088 Bishop Street, Suite 1010
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February 6, 2013
Conference Room 224
2:45pm

Chair Galuteria and members of the Tourism & Hawaiian Affairs
Committee:

My name is **Linda Rosehill** and I fully **support** the nomination of Jobie Masagatani to the position of Director of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have known Jobie since her days as a student at Kamehameha School. She was then and continues to be a conscientious, seasoned leader that cares deeply about our community and is committed to its well-being. Her experience throughout her adult career have enhanced and strengthened her leadership capabilities.

No doubt Department of Hawaiian Home Lands faces a difficult future. Funding for infrastructure and development of projects that support more housing for native Hawaiians is scarce and challenging at best. I am confident that Ms. Masagatani is the leader needed to move Department of Hawaiian Home Lands forward.

I urge your support of her nomination

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Loida Chun	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted on: 1/31/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lon Paresa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Chair, Hawaiian Home Lands, Mahalo.

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Date: February 5, 2013

To: Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair, Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee Members

From: Lorraine Rapozo, Kauai Mokupuni President, Anahola Hawaiian Homes Association
President & Homestead Community Development Corporation Vice President

Re: GM 586 Relating to Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani – NOT SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members:

I submit this testimony because I strongly believe that the members should not support the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani, as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. For my ohana and me, over the last eight months, she has failed to be up-front and honest with beneficiaries and she has failed to treat beneficiaries with respect and dignity.

My issue with Interim Director Masagatani and her staff, is that they worked to halt our Albezia Project, delay our Anahola Solar Project, and delay our Kumu Camp Project. I have lived in the Anahola homestead for 30 years and history is being made in the community, where beneficiaries are creating sustainable projects right in the homestead. We are seeking a Director that genuinely cares about our people and collaborates with community to ensure self-determination.

In God we trust...

GM586

Submitted on: 2/4/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lucy Pascual	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Please consider this letter of favorable support for Ms. Jobie Masagatani, seeking senate confirmation as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, State of Hawaii, Dept of Hawaiian Home Lands. For the nine month period, she served as DHHL Chairman Designate. She has demonstrated exceptional management - fiscal, procurement and leadership skills. It is with great pleasure that I highly support, without reservation, the confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, SOH, Dept of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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February 5, 2013

State of Hawaii Legislature
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Mr. Chairman,

I am writing to affirm my support for Jobie M.K. Masagatani to the office of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Chairperson.

The past positions held by Jobie (OHA Public Policy Program Manager, Deputy to the Chairman DHHL, Special Assistant to the CEO OHA, etc..) more than qualifies her to manage the office. In addition, Jobie's degree in Urban and Regional Planning will certainly be an asset when tackling the issues involved with developing more lease lots for waitlisted Hawaiians.

As a Hawaiian Homes lessee, I am well aware of the difficulties with the application process toward the award of a DHHL lease. Also, the years of waiting for homestead projects to come to fruition can be frustrating.

I am confident that Jobie has the education, experience and community affiliations to Chair the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank You,

Lyle Bargamento

January, 18, 2013

Aloha Senator Brickwood Galuteria and Committee of Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs,

Re: Ms. Jobie Masagatani, appointment for Chairman of Hawaiian Home Lands

My name is **Lynn DeCoite** and I am a third generation **homestead farmer** on the island of Molokai. It is an honor and privilege to offer to you my **LETTER OF STRONG SUPPORT** for Ms. Jobie Masagatani.

I have known Ms. Masagatani for over 20+ years as a community leader, supporting Hawaiian programs that facilitate economic growth for the entire state of Hawaii. She is honest, respectful, hard working and has outstanding values and loyalty to the Department of Hawaiian Homes. Her experience with serving as the Deputy to the Chair of Hawaiian Homes in 1995-2002 tells me that she is capable of bringing Hawaiian Homes back on track. Ms. Masagatani was also instrumental in the project that built Lanikeha on the island of Molokai, a Community Center utilizing federal, state, county and private grant and loan funds. This center is also an incubator with a full certified kitchen, that allows myself and others the opportunity to make value added products at affordable rental rates. Without this I would not be able to make my famous Molokai Sweet Potato Chips. This has helped many on our island people to develop and market our products. She was also instrumental in getting Kulia I Ka Nu'u up and running and made beneficiaries accountable to their homestead communities. She is the only chairman that I know of willing to put agriculture on the table and address its issues head on, and I can speak from personal experience.

Her qualifications are very impressive, her background of working for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands; Project Manager for Hawaii Real Estate Research and Education Center; Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate; working with the Queens Health System and also advocating legislatively for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs tells me that she is well diverse, and meets the qualifications to be our next Hawaiian Homes Chairman. As a beneficiary of Hawaiian Homes – this is what we need.

These are the reasons why I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** MS. JOBIE MASAGATANI.

Sincerely
Lynn DeCoite,
Homestead Farmer

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF JOBIE MASAGATANI (GM586) AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL)

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol Building
Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 2:45 PM

Honorable Chair and Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Committee members, aloha kākou!

My name is Maile Alau and I am the Executive Director of Hawai'i Maoli. As a Native Hawaiian serving organization, we have worked closely with the Kānehili, Kaupe'a, and Malu'ōhai Homestead communities.

Please accept this testimony in support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Director designate for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and in support of her confirmation as its Director during the remaining two years.

While working to build and maintain the Prince Kūhiō Community Center (PKCC) in the Kānehili Homestead Community, we have experienced positive and supportive assistance from the DHHL staff and its leadership. Their partnership to create a community center for this homestead community as well as a permanent home for the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has been vital to the success of the initial building project and the continued success of the center. PKCC acts as a gathering place for the Kānehili community, as well as providing much needed business services, grant support, and cultural activities for the larger Kapolei and West O'ahu community. The support of Jobie and her staff has been critical for the community center, and we look forward to continuing our work with the excellent team she has assembled and leads.

We ask for the Committees and the entire Senate for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Director of the Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and its Commission.

Me ka ha'a ha'a,

Maile Alau

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION
OF JOBIE MASAGATANI (GM586) AS DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL)

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol Building
Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 pm

Aloha Honorable Chair and Sen. Brickwood Galuteira, Vice Chair Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-
Agaran and Members of the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs.

My name is Maile Lu'uwai. I am a homestead lessee in Pana'ewa, Hawai'i Island. I served for
four years on the Board of Directors for the Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association which
represents agricultural homestead lessees.

I respectfully request that your committee support the confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as
the Director for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

I have been directly involved in a myriad of issues that impact DHHL lessees and I am aware of
the politics of self-serving organizations and associations that claim to serve DHHL lessees.

Ms. Masagatani has done an outstanding job of being a proactive and diligent administrator. She
has reigned in questionable practices that favored politically connected entities and addressed
very serious issues that she inherited from predecessor administrations.

It takes courage to assume an equitable and firm position on issues of importance to all DHHL
lessees in the face of opposition by entities that manipulate information and publicly undermine
your character. DHHL needs strong leadership and integrity. I highly recommend Ms.
Masagatani because I believe she exemplifies the essential qualities of a strong leader and is
committed to serving all DHHL beneficiaries.

Your support of Ms. Masagatani's confirmation is greatly appreciated.

Aloha,



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Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chairman
Honorable Senator Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairman
Members of the Committee

Aloha mai kakou:

On behalf of Malu‘ōhai Residents’ Association, the first Hawaiian homestead in Kapolei with 226 homes and an estimated 1,000 residents, we strongly urge you to support confirmation of Jobie Masagatani, current Chair Designate of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) and Designate Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

She is eminently qualified as Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) and Director of the DHHL. From the onset of taking the helm in May 2012 at DHHL, she faced many challenges and opposition. During the past seven (7) months, she has proven that, if confirmed, she would be a fair and impartial Chair and Director. She understands how decisions made by the HHC and the DHHL Administration affect homestead leaders and the lives of all beneficiaries. She has demonstrated and appreciates the vital role that she, the Commissioners, and DHHL Staff share in managing DHHL. More importantly, she understands they must all work cohesively, effectively, and committed first to the mission and priorities of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust.

Ms. Masagatani offers a unique depth of experience and expertise that qualifies her as Chair of the HHC and Director of the DHHL including; DHHL Deputy Director from 1995 to 2002, Special Assistant to the CEO of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), Assistant to the President and CEO at the Queen’s Health Systems’, and as a Land Investment Analyst at Kamehameha Schools.

She has an accomplished academic background as a graduate of Kamehameha Schools, holds a Master’s Degree in Public Affairs/Urban and Regional Planning from Princeton University, and a Bachelors’ of Science Degree in Education from Northwestern University.

Since 2009 Ms. Masagatani is the fourth (4th) Chair of the HHC and Director of the DHHL. In this short period, each change at the helm adversely affected administration directives, impacted staff performance, slowed progress on homestead organizations projects, and general service to beneficiaries. With recent events, and changes in our states’ political status; it is imperative that the HHC and the DHHL have a fair, strong and impartial leader to instill stability and continuity to ensure the mission and the trust serves the best interest of all its’ beneficiaries.

In just over four (4) months after taking the helm, she presented The Road Ahead; her two (2) Year Plan to homestead leaders at the DHHL Leadership Conference on September 30, 2012. It is in the best interest of all that she is given the opportunity to continue the work she has started on her two (2) plan. We believe Jobie Masagatani’s professional qualifications, record of service, academic background, and practice of Hawaiian values, along with her sense of community provide a strong foundation of fairness and bring sensibility that will benefit all beneficiaries, the HHC, and the DHHL.

We respectfully ask for your support to confirm Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chair of the HHC and Director of the DHHL.

O wau me ka ha‘a ha‘a,

Homelani Schaedel, President
Malu‘ōhai Residents’ Association

GM586

Submitted on: 2/4/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marbeth Aquino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of Jobie Masagatani, because I know she will work well with and for the Hawaiian Communities.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Margaret Zerbe	Individual	Support	No

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HMSA Foundation

April 9, 2012

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers, State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Neil:

I write in strong support of Jobie Masagatani in her bid for the position of Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). I have known Jobie for 26 years and I believe she has the skills and heart necessary to excel as Chairman. I first met Jobie in 1986 when we were both staffers at the Hawaii State Legislature. We met again at Harvard University where we were graduate fellows at a J.F. Kennedy School of Government program sponsored by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Over the years I have enjoyed her friendship, support and guidance. Like you, she is a dedicated public servant and a highly motivated, effective and personable individual. I recommend her wholeheartedly and with great enthusiasm.

Jobie has several years of distinguished public service at both the state and federal levels. Early in her professional career, she was a Budget Examiner for the President at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. She also had the distinction of being the youngest cabinet member ever appointed when she served as Deputy to the Chairman during Governor Benjamin Cayetano's first and second terms. Following this appointment, Jobie went on to work at The Queen's Health Systems, own her own consulting business, and currently works as a specialist for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

As a community advocate and supporter of asset building for Hawaiians, I count on her for thoughtful, insightful advice. I am most proud of our joint project in Hoolehua, Molokai concerning a multi-service community center that included a commercial kitchen. DHHL built the facility with Jobie as the project lead, and the State Office of Community Services provided much needed operational funding during my tenure as the Director. It is a beautiful facility that continues to serve the Molokai community today.

In addition to being highly skilled, Jobie is also dedicated and conscientious, and has cultivated well-established working relationships with government and Hawaiian leaders.

She is a local girl at heart, and moreover, a local-girl-done-good; an ideal role model for young Native Hawaiians interested in giving back to their community. It is without reservation that I recommend Jobie. You will not find anyone more suited for your Administration in the position of Chairman Hawaiian Homes Commission, and I urge your favorable consideration of her application to fill the position.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments about my endorsement of Jobie.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark L. Forman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mark L. Forman
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Marla Wain	Individual	Support	Yes

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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of

GM 586 GOVERNOR'S NOMINEE JOBIE MASAGATANI.

Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs.

I respectfully urge your **strong support** for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Masagatani previously served the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as its Deputy Director. She is familiar with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920: its history and its challenges. She is a strong advocate for the beneficiaries of the HHL Trust.

I respectfully urge your **favorable consideration** of the nomination of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Maryellen Dolan
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February 4, 2013

Senator Brickwood Galuteria

Chair- Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Hawaii State Capitol

Room 221

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

To the Honorable Senator Galuteria and the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs:

RE: GM 586 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI

I am writing in **support** of the Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and I support the Committee's confirmation of her. I lived and worked in Hawaii from 1990 through 1996, and I worked with Jobie Masagatani at Kamehameha Schools and during her tenure as Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Jobie is deeply committed to public service, particularly in serving the Native Hawaiian community. Her extensive education and experience in public policy, affordable housing and land use allow her to provide strong leadership in the management of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as well as guidance to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. She is uniquely qualified to work with the Hawaiian Homes Commissioners, the dedicated DHHL staff, the beneficiaries and the community to implement the Department's mission and strategic objectives.

Sincerely,



Maryellen Dolan

Aloha Senators,

I know that the interim director at DHHL will not be good for our Hawaiian homes program. Just based on what she has done this past year to us here in our Anahola homestead, she has been hurtful and against our people.

We know it's only for 2 years, til 2014, but a lot can be destroyed in 2 years, just like she has been trying to tear down our association projects, one by one. We have been waiting since April 30, 2012 for our Albizia tree removal project proposal to be placed on the Hawaiian Homes Commission, following the procedure of the Hawaii Administrative Rules (10-2-8), to submit our request for the Chair to schedule it. Instead, for 8 months, our request has not been scheduled, and instead the Chair has been only putting her own requests to try to take our project, without telling us, and without even talking with us on why! 8 months, she never come tell us nothing; only ambush us by putting things on the agenda that would take our project away. We finally had to get a lawyer, so senseless to waste our time and our money, when she never even tries to work with us.

I can only say that the Senate should pick someone else, someone that loves our people and believes in our communities, and will talk to us, and hear us before doing things that hurt us.

Thank you.

Melanie Freitas
PO Box 302
Lihue, HI 96766

M E L E U . S P E N C E R

February 3, 2013

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs (THA)

Wednesday, February 6, 2013; 2:45 p.m.

Conference Room 224

RE: GM 586 RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
CHAIRPERSON OF DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, JOBIE MASAGATANI

Chair Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

Dear Gentlemen:

Aloha! My name is Mele U. Spencer and I am testifying in favor of gubernatorial nominee, Jobie Masagatani. I am a 30 year, active farmer and homesteader in the Hawaiian Homes Pana'ewa Farm Lots, Island of Hawaii. I am also the former President of the Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association for years 2009 to 2012.

Many more of us are individuals homesteaders versus affiliates of the lurid, assertive organizations that allude to represent so many of us. So, your judgment should take this into account.

I have worked with many Chairmen, all different but all trying to carry out the mission of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I find the current Chairman-Designee, Jobie Masagatani, to be intelligent, dedicated, even-tempered, collaborative, focused and responsive to homesteaders. She has a very difficult job in organizing a very antiquated, underfunded, and possibly understaffed agency where external influences detract her from the core mission of the agency. Still, Ms. Masagatani was selected by our Governor as the best candidate to fulfill the duties of the department. The Governor is the state executive selected by voters to manage our affairs and he and his nominee should be supported by the Senate and community; and afforded the opportunity to get the job done.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,



MELE U. SPENCER

Cc: Governor Abercrombie, Senator Galuteria, Senator Keith-Agaran, Senator Kahele, Senator Solomon, Governor's Representative Botelho-Cortez

GM586

Submitted on: 2/4/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mervina Cash-Kaeo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF JOBIE MASAGATANI (GM586) AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL) Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Hawai'i State Capitol Building Wednesday, February 6, 2013 2:45 pm Aloha Honorable Chair and Sen. Brickwood Galuteira, Vice Chair Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs. My name is Mervina Cash-Kaeo and I am testifying in support of Jobie Masagatani's confirmation as the Director Designate for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL). I am a third generation Nanakuli homesteader, a life long resident of Nankuli and a current lessee of a Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead lot. I first met Jobie at Kamehameha in the 70's. She was intelligent, compassionate, and exhibited a high level of integrity. Later, when I read about her appointment as a deputy under KaliWatson, I looked forward to seeing her again. At the time, I was the CEO of a national womens leadership institute and wondered how Jobie's post high school education and life experiences shaped her leadership style. I was not disappointed. Jobie was still an intelligent, compassionate leader who continued to function at a high level of integrity. Recently, I added the word courageous to the list of her leadership qualities. Jobie was asked to meet with the Nanakuli Community regarding a housing development project that was scheduled to be built on the homestead. It was not a pleasant meeting. To Jobie's credit, she shared the truth knowing it was not something a roomful of angry people wanted to hear. Many of the attendees did not like what she had to say, but respected her for having the courage to tell them the truth. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands needs an intelligent leader who can find creative solutions to address the pressing social and economic challenges of the trusts beneficiaries. It also needs a compassionate leader who is vigilant in considering and addressing the "human" component in all decisions. More important, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands needs a courageous leader whose level of integrity will insure that all decisions are made for the right reasons, at the right time, for the betterment of all beneficiaries. I believe Jobie Masagtani is that leader. I thank you for allowing me to testify and ask that this Committee and the entire Senate courageously confirm Jobie Masagatani as the Director of the Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and its Commission. Malama Pono, Mervina Cash-Kaeo Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Lessee

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Submitted on: 2/5/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Nahoopii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support confirmation of Ms Masagatani as the Director of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have know Ms. Masagatani for over 34years and have know her to have always strongly supported the best interest for the future of the Hawaiian people. She has had a long history of service to the State and to Native Hawaiians.

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February 4, 2013

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

Dear Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs:

Subject: GM 586 – Letter in Support of Jobie Masagatani

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Jobie joins this administration with excellent professional and academic credentials. Having worked with her in the past as well as the present, I can testify to her exceptional leadership abilities. Some words that describe her are: organized, thorough, complete, compassionate, committed. One of Jobie's most outstanding attributes is her honesty.

Jobie has tirelessly advocated for the native Hawaiian community and the Hawaiian community at large. I believe that Governor Abercrombie made the right decision in his selection of Jobie. I respectfully request confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Sincerely,

Michele M. Ikeda

February 6, 2013

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Conference Room 224
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Galuteria and Committee Members of the Senate:

Subject: Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson for the Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands

This letter is to express my strong support for Jobie Masagatani's confirmation to become the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

My first opportunity to work with Jobie occurred in 1996 when she was the deputy of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. We worked closely together when she led a team that was tasked with implementing the Native American Housing & Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996. We also worked on the Hoolehua Community Center or "Lanikeha" facility on Molokai. For that project, she was instrumental in obtaining the necessary funding from the US Department of Agriculture's Rural Development, County of Maui's Community Development Block Grant and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Although I mention only two projects, I was fortunate to work with Jobie on numerous "special projects" while at the department and this provided me the opportunity to observe her leadership, work ethic and care for the department's mission, beneficiaries, and employees. With the need for the department to be self-sustaining, Jobie's knowledge of government and its process, economics of running the department, financial insights into leveraging resources and most importantly her spirit of aloha, I feel that Jobie is the right person for the job at this critical time in the department's history.

From my observation, Jobie is very driven toward the betterment of native Hawaiians and it continues to remain her focus. I know that she will work diligently to accomplish her goals and objectives for the department. Her diverse background has prepared her well for the tasks ahead. Thus, it is without reservation that I support Jobie Masagatani's confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. She brings the right spirit to the decision making process and will be a tremendous asset to the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Michele Otake, AIA, CCIM

February 5, 2013

Re: Hearing on Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Director of DHHL (GM586) - OPPOSE

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee;

I submit my testimony in opposition to the confirmation of Interim Director, Jobie Masagatani.

I am Hawaiian and a Kaupé'a homesteader where my husband and I raise our 12 year old son. I am a graduate of Kamehameha and have been actively engaged in homestead community development work for the last 10 years. My career has been focused on lending, providing access to capital for trust land communities and Native Hawaiian policy advocacy. I have worked with business executives and government officials at the Federal, State, and County level. I was the Executive Director at Hawaiian Community Assets for 6 years where I worked alongside DHHL by assisting beneficiaries to achieve and sustain homeownership. I have served on multiple national boards, local non-profit boards, served my community association and have 20 years of management experience in both the private and non-profit sectors. Most recently, I served as the Deputy Director to Interim Director Masagatani, appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie.

In the last 25 years of my career I have never experienced a more hostile work environment than the one created by the lack of communication and indecisive leadership provided at DHHL by Interim Director Masagatani.

Under Jobie's directorship at DHHL I was continuously confronted with intimidating and unacceptable circumstances. Circumstances I deemed as inappropriate at any level of state government. Namely, as a beneficiary of the trust, my personal beneficiary file went missing from DHHL's records. I wrote to Jobie about my concern with no response to date. In a separate instance, an investigation of DHHL was conducted by the State Attorney General's office wherein I requested information and representation on issues that were pertinent to me. To date, I received no explanation or sufficient response to my inquiry.

I was dismissed by Interim Director Masagatani on December 12, 2012 after being asked by Bruce Coppa, Governor Abercrombie's Chief of Staff, to take a position as the deputy at another state agency to be funded by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I declined to step down as the DHHL Deputy without a discussion with the Governor. Furthermore, I refused to accept a salary to be funded by our trust dollars for me to continue my employment with the state at another agency. Three business days later, I was dismissed by Interim Director Masagatani who claimed she was no longer in need of my services.

When I met with Mr. Coppa prior to being dismissed, I was advised by State Attorney General, David Louie that investigations did take place at DHHL that revealed I had expressed an opinion that was not in

line with me continuing on as the Deputy at DHHL. However, he said that if I accepted the position at a different agency of the state, the investigation would be "less manifest". Ms. Masagatani was fully aware of the situation. She had met with Mr. Coppa prior to my meeting and agreed to have DHHL fund my salary at an alternate state agency.

Jobie is a sophisticated bureaucrat who serves the interests of the State very well. However, she consistently struggles when faced with challenges that arise between her duties as a state director and her responsibility as a commissioner under the fiduciary duties of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust to its beneficiaries. Over the last 8 months Jobie has heavily relied on legal opinions of the State Attorney General's office despite the clear purpose and intent of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Her leadership makes it difficult to continue towards a path of beneficiary empowerment and self determination for homestead communities.

Senators, our trust deserves better. Our people deserve better. As the former Deputy appointed by the Honorable Governor Neil Abercrombie, I deserved better. I am only guilty of dedicating my time at DHHL to beneficiary advocacy and empowerment and for that I was dismissed.

The beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust deserve a leader who is able to balance the reality of both hats they are required to wear. Interim Director Masagatani has proven to be a bureaucrat over a beneficiary trustee and advocate, and worse, she has worked to minimize the ability of other commissioners to fulfill their duties as trustees. Her leadership style has created division versus fostering partnerships. As difficult as it is to publicly voice my concerns, I testify in opposition to the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Kauhane

Testimony of Mike McCartney,

1054 Auloa Road

Kailua, Hawai'i 96734

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 2:45 p.m.

Conference Room 224

GM586: Nomination of "Jobie Masagatani" to be the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs committee:

I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Jobie Masagatani to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. During my tenure as the Director, Department of Human Resource Development from 1999 – 2001, under Governor Cayetano's administration, I had the opportunity of working with Ms. Masagatani in her position then as the Deputy Director, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

During this time, she earned my respect and admiration as a hardworking and dedicated individual, whose reputation in the community is held in high regard. She has always displayed initiative and a commitment to public service, assessing issues with the conviction of what is best for the community as a whole. I support her nomination without hesitation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.



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**TO: Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Chairman, Sen. Brickwood Galuteira
Vice Chairman, Sen. Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran**

**FROM: *Mililani B. Trask,
Indigenous Consultants, LLC***

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 586 - DHHL DIRECTOR JOBIE MASAGATANI

Honorable Senators,

I am happy to submit this testimony in support of the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani, to continue as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

The appointment of Ms. Masagatani to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Alapaki Nahale'a has moved the DHHL forward and had a significant impact on relieving the back log of projects and decision making which Mr. Nahalea's administration was ill prepared to address. During her short term as DHHL Director, Ms. Masagatani has accomplished several achievements, including:

1. Groundbreaking for 3 projects.
 - a. June – Waimanalo, Oahu 45 lots
 - b. September – Anahola, Kauai 51 lots
 - c. October – Waimea, Hawaii Island 83 lots

The first two projects are utilizing USDA-RD monies and a public-private partnership model. These projects had languished for months, but are now moving forward as a result of Jobie's leadership.

2. General leases - Hawaiian Homes Commission approved an authorization for direct negotiations for proposals for renewable energy development on the island of Maui. This is the most significant accomplishment of Chair Masagatani. For months, Hawaii Energy Producers had been approaching the DHHL to discuss energy and how it could be developed on DHHL lands in order to bring in badly needed revenues. Under the previous administration, a geothermal energy committee was created to "vet" the issue, all this Committee could do was talk to energy producers, it had no authority to recommend action to the Commission & in fact, following the "vetting" exercise, it ceased to exist! For months, Wind, Solar, & Geothermal producers had been approaching the DHHL without being able to propose projects to the Department. This stalemate occurred because Mr.

Nahale'a was trying to funnel all economic development opportunities to his friend Robin Danner & her group despite the fact that Danner was not an "energy producer" and lacked the ability & expertise to develop energy. It was not until January 2013 that the DHHL Commission, under the leadership of Masagatani, finally gave approval for the Department to utilize applicable HRS provisions to begin "Direct Negotiation" for energy production on DHHL lands.

3. Capacity-building for homestead community-based organizations:
 - a. June 27, 2012 - DHHL training conference for community based leaders (at no cost to leaders) in collaboration with Hawaii Alliance for Community Based Economic Development organization;
 - b. Provided funding to SCHHA for conference held in August 2012 (approved but not funded in 2011-2012 budget). Funded out of 2012-2013 budget;
 - c. September 30 DHHL training conference for community based leaders (at no cost to leaders) in collaboration with Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement.

4. Spend down of Federal monies:
 - a. Addressed logjam within DHHL to move on applications for USDA-RD monies set-aside for water projects on DHHL lands (\$15 million total). First application for DHHL submitted October 2012. Two additional applications are in progress.
 - b. Hired a manager for the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) program; position was vacant since September 2011;
 - c. Currently developing a six-month spend down plan for unspent NAHASDA balances.

5. Operations:
 - a. Two Executive session briefings for Commission on duties and responsibilities by Attorney General's office
 - b. First ever full day workshop for Commission on DHHL Capital Improvements Budget (\$50 Million) conducted in public
 - c. Comprehensive workshop for Commission on Operating Budget (could not be done in public based on advice of counsel due to Nelson litigation),
 - d. Established monthly meeting/conference call schedule with U.S. Department of the Interior officials to clarify oversight relationship and streamline approvals for land exchanges,
 - e. January statewide outreach to homestead association/beneficiary organization leaders on the Nelson case and the DHHL budget request for FY 2014-2015.

During her short term in office, Ms. Masagatani has increased staff morale & returned the Department to a sense of purpose and direction. This effort has met with resistance from some of the DHHL Commissioners who support the Danner group & their exclusive effort to garner all benefits for themselves and a few beneficiaries to the exclusion of the

vast number of lessees and waiting list Hawaiians. A clear example of this bias can be seen by reviewing the project proposed by Danner for development of energy at Anahola, Kauai. In that case, Ms. Danner somehow acquired the development rights for a 55-acre project from the DHHL. She then attempted to broker a deal in behalf of KIUC, the Kauai Utility Company. The terms of the Danner deal violated state law and were a breach of trust. Under the Danner deal, DHHL did not get rent based on the value of energy, but was to receive rent based on agricultural uses. In addition, Danner allocated 20% of rental due to DHHL to herself & her organizations! She built in a 1-time payment for her brokerage fees at \$750,000.00! Under the Danner deal, an estimated 12 million dollars in New Market Tax Credits were allocated to build a new office complex for KIUC's corporate offices! Most significantly, the administration of Mr. Nahale'a had waived the Departments due diligence review of the Danner deal. The record reflects that the DHHL Commissioners approved the Danner deal without a review of any independent assessment or due diligence. This egregious situation would have continued had it not been for the appointment of Jobie Masagatani. Since Ms. Masagatani has been at DHHL, these "special deals" for friends have stopped and due diligence reviews are once again being undertaken by DHHL.

Jobie Masagatani has brought planning & organization to DHHL. Because of her initiative, Federal funds needed by the Homestead were not lost but were applied to homestead programs. Because of her initiative, Energy Producers are now able to bring opportunities to DHHL for critically needed revenues and benefits that could facilitate homestead agricultural uses. Please confirm Jobie Masagatani.

Sincerely,

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Mililani B. Trask
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January 24, 2013

Governor Neil Abercrombie
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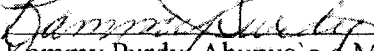
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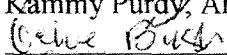
Our seven Moloka`i Homestead Associations under the Ahupua`a o Moloka`i a.k.a. Mokupuni o Moloka`i humbly submit this letter of support for Ms Jobie Masagatani as Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. These past months we have had the opportunity to work with Chair Designate Masagatani; she has demonstrated her willingness to be of assistance when called upon by our Moloka`i Hawaiian homesteaders.

We are pleased with Chair Designate Jobie Masagatani abilities, dedication, and her work performance. Under her leadership we look forward to new and innovative residential, agriculture, and pastoral programs. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is in dire need for positive changes. It is our hope that with Ms Masagatani`s kokua, we will thrive in our native Hawaiian homestead communities.

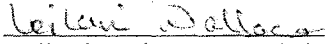
Please confirm Ms Jobie Masagatani as Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands.

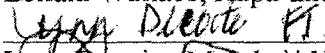
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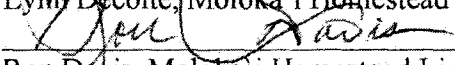


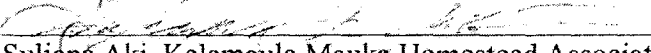
Kammy Purdy, Ahupua`a o Moloka`i


Ochie Bush, Ho`olehua Homestead Association


Vivian Ainoa, One Ali`i/Kamiloloa Homestead Association


Leilani Wallace, Kapa`akea Homestead Association


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IN **SUPPORT** OF THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Nancy Bottelo

January 15, 2013

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

Special Olympics Hawai'i strongly supports the nomination of Jobie Masagatani to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Since her appointment in May 2012, she has demonstrated her acute understanding of the department, her ability to lead it, and her sound decision-making to move the organization forward. We are confident in her leadership and her commitment to align DHHL with organizations like ours to create firm business partnerships that generate resources to develop homesteads for native Hawaiians.

Special Olympics is an international organization that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sports everyday around the world. Through work in sports, health education and community building, Special Olympics is addressing inactivity, injustice, intolerance and social isolation by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities (ID) which leads to a more welcoming and inclusive society. With the support of more than 7,000 coaches and volunteers, Special Olympics Hawai'i is able to deliver 9 Olympic-type sports and more than 40 competitions to over 3,500 children and adults in Hawai'i throughout the year. All services provided by SOHI are free of charge to all athletes and their families.

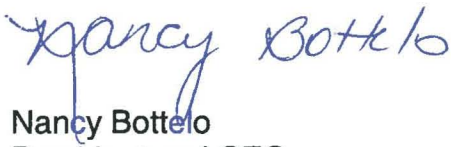
SOHI is taking a bold and exciting leap forward in using sports and fitness activities as a vehicle for building inclusive, welcoming communities. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has partnered with Special Olympics Hawai'i in this exciting project. The Special Olympics Hawai'i Sports and Wellness Center will be built on 2.44 acres in Kapolei, Oahu, adjacent to the Kroc Center. Special Olympics Hawai'i has entered into a 45 year lease (with two additional 10 year options) with Department of Hawaiian Home Lands which it will utilize to construct its new facility.



We sincerely look forward to continuing our partnership with the department and we are eager to move forward alongside Chairman Masagatani to provide greater opportunities for Hawaiian Home Lands and the native Hawaiians the department serves.

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

On behalf of our athletes, their families and friends, mahalo nui loa,



Nancy Botello
President and CEO

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION
OF JOBIE MASAGATANI (GM58) AS DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL)

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol Building
Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 2:45 p.m.

Honorable Chair and Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Vice Chair Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Committee Members

Aloha Kakou,

Please accept this testimony as a token of appreciation in support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani, as Director for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

There is much to do in the field of Homestead Ceded Lands, and designating our Beneficiaries. Jobie Masagatani has embraced many of our native Hawaiians in the past, and I trust that she will do the same for many more to come. I find her to be approachable at all times, and more importantly always concerned for our kupuna.

Why change a structure that isn't broken.... Allow Ms. Masagatani to continue what she has been a part of for so many years; allow her to continue too lead with integrity and honesty. Time waits for no one. We must come together as a people, and follow the lead of those that are accomplished, and have proven their worth through hard work.

I realize that you are tasked with reading many testimonies, and I don't suppose that this testimony will stand out amongst others; however, "if we as a people are going to survive these trying times, let us work with Jobie to build on sustainable means of perpetuating resources, so that future generations of native Hawaiians will keep the legacy of our Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole alive."

We have vested interests in the future of the Department of Hawaiian Lands, and I put all my trust in Ms. Jobie Masagatani to lead the way.

Me Ke Aloha,

Doreen Napua Gomes

Doreen Napua Gomes, Beneficiary
322, Pueo Drive
Waiohuli, Kula, Maui, Hawai'i

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
JOBIE M.K. MASAGATANI

Aloha mai kakou. My name is Niniau Kawaihae Simmons and I am writing to provide testimony in support of the confirmation of Ms. Jobie M.K. Masagatani as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have only known Ms. Masagatani in the last two months since my employment with the Department in December 2012. However, in those last two months I have had the opportunity to work closely with her as a direct report and have found her to be extremely intelligent; dedicated to ensuring the Trust's mission is carried out; and always thinking about the beneficiaries of the Trust in terms of making programmatic decisions.

As a Truman Scholar, I wrote my Truman application based on self determination for Native Hawaiians. Since that paper almost fourteen years ago, I've come to realize several things:

- Our Prince Kūhiō, by example, taught us that self determination means participating in the government
- Prince Kūhiō also created the Hawaiian Civic Clubs as a means for Hawaiians to participate in the government
- That the ali'i at the time of Prince Kūhiō were already participating in the Royal Order of Kamehameha, Māmakakaua and Hale O Nā Ali'i
- And that the Prince grew concerned about the loss of land for the common people and created the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to help return Hawaiians to their ancestral connection to the land

Prince Kūhiō's example by running for office and being an effective leader for his beloved Hawai'i are exemplified by those of you sitting on this committee, charged with the kuleana of confirming a leader whose skills and abilities are ably suited to the position as Chairman. It is exemplified by the mayors of Hawai'i and Kaua'i Counties and all elected officials of Hawaiian blood who follow Prince Kūhiō's footsteps. It is exemplified by still others who work for Hawai'i at the state, county or federal level as well.

It is my opinion that Ms. Masagatani has those skills and experience a proven administrator and whose intellect and commitment to the Trust's mission is unwavering. Please confirm her as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo a nui loa for the opportunity to provide my comments to your deliberation.

GM586

Submitted on: 2/3/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noah Freeman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm in support for Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Thank you, Noah Freeman

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Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Hawaii State Senate

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: **GM 586 Testimony in Support for Jobie Masagatani**

Aloha Chair Brickwood Galuteria and Senators,

I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** for Gubernatorial Nominee Jobie Masagatani. She is extremely well qualified to serve as the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I have had the opportunity to interact with her since her appointment. She is passionate, intelligent and willing to make the hard choices necessary to advance the purposes of the trust.

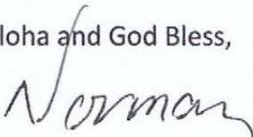
She is willing to take the time to understand the needs and challenges of the individuals and families that seek assistance from the department.

Many things have changed since she served as the deputy, however, she is very quick to bring a present day perspective on the immense challenges facing the department today. You do not need to repeat or explain issues to her. She readily grasps the essence of the issue and comes back with a relevant question or response.

Competing interests tug at the Chair, the commissioners, and the staff. The Chair has been able to evaluate the requests, prioritize that request relative to the many competing requests, and then work with the community, the staff, the commissioners and various interest groups to guide all involved toward the solutions that best serve the many beneficiaries of the trust. There are over 25,000 beneficiaries waiting for a homestead.

I ask for your **SUPPORT** for Chair Masagatani.

Aloha and God Bless,



Norman L Sakamoto

GM586

Submitted on: 2/3/2013

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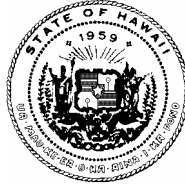
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Olinda Aiwohi	Paukukalo Hawaiian Homes Community Assoc.	Support	No

Comments: To Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism & Hawaiian Affairs, Chairman Senator Brickwood Galuteria & Vice Chair Senator Gilbert Keith-Algaran Subject: Testimony in Support of GM586-DHHL Director Jobie Masagatani, Honorable Senators, I have served for over 20 years on our Hawaiian homestead community board and am recently serving as the President of Paukukalo Hawaiian Homestead Community Assoc., the oldest Hawaiian homestead on Maui. I represent the 181 lessees here in Paukukalo, and write in regards to our board members. We have decided to strongly support Ms. Jobie Masagatani in her stewardship over the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and its beneficiaries. Given the fact that she has only served since May, 2012 we feel she is trying to do her best to help change the department and how they have lacked their due diligence in serving the people. She has personally visited with us and has discussed our needs and desires as well as those for all of Maui. Although we don't all agree with all of the items placed before us, we feel she is always open to discussion and wants to treat us fairly. Her leadership role has been one of strength and humility, intelligence without arrogance, compassion and most of all HOPE for the future of the beneficiaries. The role of Director is not an easy one, there are so many "knots" to untie. But, I personally feel Jobie is doing what she can to diminish the "knots." There are challenges that can be overcome with the right person facing the challenges. We feel she is the right person to lead the "charge." WE Paukukalo HHC Assoc. fully support Ms. Jobie Masagatani and humbly ask for her appointment to the position of Director of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Her willingness to serve the Hawaiian people is evident in her life, having already served within the DHHL under 2 other Chairmen, Ray Soon and Kali Watson. I personally support her and have witnessed her in commission meetings, community meetings, and leaders meetings. She conducts herself with patience and knowledge of subjects placed before her. She is also honest. If she does not know the answer she does not try to cover up, she always gets back to us or those who have the question with an answer. I firmly believe she is the right person at this time for this position. E'0! Mahalo, Olinda Aiwohi, President Paukukalo Hawaiian Homes Community Association

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Aloha mai, I am Patrick L. Kahawaiolaa a native Hawaiian as defined under the HHCA 1920 as amended July 9, 1921 and the current president of the Keaukaha Community Association. I would want to at this short notice period to personally offer my support for the confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).
'Owau Pateick L. Kahawaiolaa



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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TO: The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **GM 586 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF
JOBIE MASAGATANI AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 6, 2013; 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224, State Capitol

I fully support, without reservation, the confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Ms. Masagatani's extensive experience, in both the public and private sectors, includes work on behalf of the Hawaiian community in the areas of health, education and housing. Prior to her nomination, Ms. Masagatani was the Special Assistant to the CEO at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. She has also served as an assistant to the President and CEO of the Queen's Health System where she was instrumental with the development of the strategic plan to address Hawaiian health issues. She also previously worked for Kamehameha Schools as a land investment analyst.

Ms. Masagatani is no stranger to the DHHL, having served as a deputy director under former Governor Cayetano from 1995 to 2002. By the nature of her tenure, she is familiar with the DHHL's internal operations, its budget and the unique challenges that face

the DHHL. She is highly regarded by the DHHL staff which shares her passion for service and commitment to advancing the interest of native Hawaiians.

I urge you to act favorably on her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this supporting testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick K.M. Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have worked with Chairman Designate Masagatani in the past. She was the DHHL's Deputy Director during the Cayetano Administration. I felt that she did an outstanding job during her tenure with the DHHL.

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Paul Makuakane	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We are in full support and we ask for the committees and the entire Senate for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Director of the Hawaiian Home Land (DHHL) and its Commission. Sincerely, Paul and Nona Makuakane Ka'u Hawaii

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Auamo I Na Alaka'i (AINA)

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION
OF JOBIE MASAGATANI (GM586) AS DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL)

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol Building
Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 pm

Honorable Chair and Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Committee members, Aloha kakou!

My name is Paul P. Richards, President of Auamo I Na Alaka'i or AINA a Hawai'i non-profit organization whose purpose, "*supports all Hawaiian Homestead community organizations in Hawai'i by strengthening their capacity building and exploring opportunities towards self-governance through education, training and exploration.*" We helped provide training to over 36 Hawaiian homestead communities' residents and their leaders through various venues.

We submit this testimony in *strong support of the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)* and as such she has achieved and accomplished the following activities during her appointment beginning in May 2012.

**DHHL PRIMARY ACHIEVEMENTS
(June 2012 through January 2013)
Under J. Masagatani**

- ❖ Developments
 - Ground breaking
 - June 29, 2012 groundbreaking on Kakaina project (45 lots) in Waimanalo
 - First project with three part public/private partnerships including DHHL/ Na Kupaa utilizing USDA-RD monies (water)/SIC for telecommunication
 - September 19, 2012 groundbreaking on Piilani Mai Ke Kai (51 lots) in Anahola, Kauai
 - Another three part public/private partnership like Kakaina (DHHL/USDA-RD Na Kupaa/SIC)
 - October 3, 2012 groundbreaking for Lalamilo Phase 2A (83 lots) in Waimea, Hawaii island
- ❖ General leases
 - Hawaiian Homes Commission approved an authorization for direct negotiations for proposals for renewable energy development on the island of Maui
- ❖ Capacity-building for homestead community-based organizations



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- June 27, 2012 DHHL training conference for community based leaders (at no cost to leaders) in collaboration with Hawaii Alliance for Community Based Economic Development organization. Approximately 100 homestead leaders in attendance.
- Provided funding to Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homeland Assembly for conference held in August 2012 (approved but not funded in 2011-2012 budget). Funded out of 2012-2013 budget.
- September 30, 2012 DHHL training conference for community based leaders (at no cost to leaders) in collaboration with Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement. Approximately 120 homestead leaders anticipated.
- ❖ Spend down of Federal monies
 - Addressed log jam within DHHL to move on applications for USDA-RD monies set-aside for water projects on DHHL lands (\$15 million total). First application for DHHL submitted October 2012. Two additional applications are in progress. Pipeline of additional projects being pursued.
 - Hired a manager for the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) program; position was vacant since September 2011.
 - Currently developing a six-month spend down plan for unspent NAHASDA balances
- ❖ Operations / fiduciary role
 - Improved staff morale
 - Two Executive session briefings for Commission on duties and responsibilities by Attorney General's office
 - First ever full day workshop for Commission on DHHL Capital Improvements Budget (\$50 Million) conducted in public
 - Comprehensive workshop for Commission on Operating Budget (could not be done in public based on advice of counsel due to Nelson litigation)
 - Established monthly meeting/conference call schedule with U.S. Department of the Interior officials to clarify oversight relationship and streamline approvals for land exchanges
 - January statewide outreach to homestead association/beneficiary organization leaders on the Nelson case and the DHHL budget request for FY 2014-2015
- ❖ National Organizational Partnerships
 - Advocated and supported the Ford Institute of Leadership Program from Oregon once a month, two 8 hour weekend days of capacity building training over a four month period beginning August 2012 to November 2012 in Hilo, Hawai'i island consisting of 40 island community residents (over 25 Hawaiian homestead leaders) as students and four O'ahu Hawaiian homestead leaders as co-trainers. Funding was provided by Federal, State, County and private foundations which included air transportation and lodging.



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Testimony in Strong Support of Jobie Masagatani

We request that the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs (THA) will full support her confirmation and that her representation, managerial skills, overall leadership exemplifies and provides a trustworthy, just and honest individual who understands the stewardship responsibilities and duties of the position and the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and the trust relationship between the Native Hawaiian population and the State of Hawai'i.

Me kealoha pumehana,

Paul P. Richards

Paul P. Richards
President

Josiah Ho'ohuli

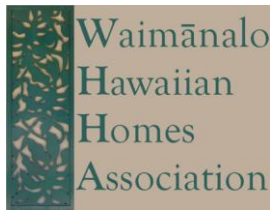
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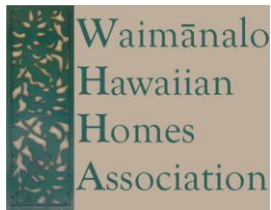
Honorable Chair and Sen. Brickwood Galuteira, Vice Chair Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Committee members, Aloha kakou!

My name is Paul P. Richards and as president of the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association (WHHA), I speak on behalf of the membership of our 744 Hawaiian homestead community residential lessees and as beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) *in full and strong support of the confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani* as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) as a nominee and member of the Cabinet of Governor Neil Abercrombie.

We commend the Governor on his selection of Ms. Jobie Masagatani and with her exceptional background consisting of excellent educational attainment coupled with work experience in private and public sectors especially emphasis working in Native Hawaiian programs and services help to improve the delivery of the goals and objectives of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as envisioned by Prince J. Kuhio Kalanianaʻole.

Since serving as Deputy Director under two previous DHHL Directors, Jobie has proven herself in numerous occasions while working directly with the Hawaiian homestead residents and its leadership in providing a conscience and pro-active approach to problem solving while maintaining and respecting the traditional Native Hawaiian values so essential to our homesteaders and greater communities.

Jobie maintains a high level of integrity, honesty and transparency ensuring the rules, regulations and guidelines are adhered with respect to the real meaning and intent of law, but maintain a higher expectation in her decision making skills portraying a just, fair and equitable outcome. Our assessment of her abilities and practices eliminates the barriers and obstacles which hinder the progress of individual homesteaders, community homestead leaders and partners is providing the resources or access to these vital services and funding towards self-governance, responsibility and accountability.



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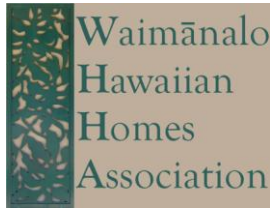
Testimony in Strong Support of J. Masagatani as DHHL Director

We acknowledge the excellent work and accomplishments during the past months since Jobie's nomination as its Director designate in working with all of the homestead leaderships and residents in providing access to and outreach to all concerns regarding the programs and services to enrich these communities and its residents. The encouragement of leadership development on all levels of the homesteads was realized at conference held early during her administration which helped every association whether affiliated or independent to realize their potential growth towards self-governance and working to improve their communities.

These successes were the result of compliance to and knowledge of the federal regulatory statutes and understanding of the oversight of the relationship of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, the State of Hawaii and the U.S. Federal Government. Jobie's experiences as Deputy Director further broaden the scope of these programs and the services it can provide to DHHL and the communities through identifying, recognizing and developing relationships towards accessing funding opportunities in housing development, rehabilitation and financial literacy. We applaud her efforts and will work closely with the DHHL and its department managers in helping to achieve those goals and objectives.

On closing our testimony, we want to recall a very memorable moment which only proves to show the humorous and kind side of Jobie. While serving as the Deputy Director under Ray Soon, she had attended a luau at our recently completed Halau at our community center and walking up the sidewalk she was in utter awe admiring the structure consisting of its double pitched roof, metallic Hawaiian exterior panels and ohia cement framed poles and coral veneer walls. She commented, "This is so beautiful and so Hawaiian! If we had done it, it would have been two-stories, rectangle, gray and include a basketball court." Our center is named, Ka Ho'oilina na Kuhio Community Center or "the legacy of Kuhio."

WHA is working towards the completion of its fourth building financed through the New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) purchased by our tax investor Well Fargo Bank, N.A. and Travois, LLC of Kansas City, Missouri and our local leader Pacific Growth Associates, LLC led by Tamar deFries, Joseph Lapilio and Bobby Hall. The overall NMTC was \$7.2 million which helped to construct our Community Technology, Education and Employment Center (CTEEC) a community learning center consisting of two classrooms, business center and recording studio. The goal and purpose of the CTEEC will be to provide a venue which residents in the community can further develop, enrich and improve upon their education, employment skills and explore other opportunities to improve their employability through the use of technology and educational attainment.



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Testimony in Strong Support of J. Masagatani as DHHL Director

We hope this testimony will provide the necessary information to help in your decision making and we ask for your support of confirming the appointment of Jobie Masagatani as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the content of this document, please do call upon me at 808-284-2575 or via e mail at paul_28827@msn.com.

O au me ka ha'aha'a,

Paul P. Richards

President

Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association

cc: WCHA Board and Its Membership
J. Masagatani

January 27, 2013

Maku'u Farmers Association supports the appointment of Jobie Masagatani as Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Mahalo,

Paula Kekahuna, President

Maku'u Farmers Association

Visit us at www.makuufarmersassociation.org

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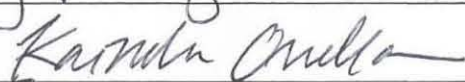
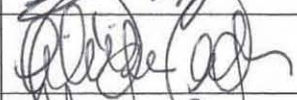
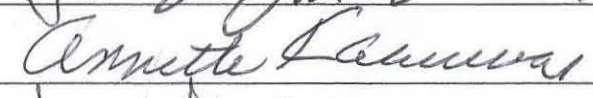
Comments: Jobie has proven in the interim of being named as Chairman Designate of the Hawaiian Homes Commission to be a very solid, sound and prudent candidate for the job. I support her confirmation as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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Nani Asuncion		Anahola
Nalu Orhellas		Anahola
Glenn Higgin		Anahola
Aliipoe Apuna		anahola
Chester Singana		Anahola
Alan Kahanaele		Anahola
ANNETTE Kaauwai		Anahola
James Kaauwai		Anahola
James Hooikaika		ANAHOLA
Byron Kaauwai-Hooikaika		Anahola



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Kaee Ahloo	<i>Kaee Ah loo</i>	Anahola
Hazel Lotu	<i>H. Lotu</i>	Anahola
Jay Lotu	<i>Jay Lotu</i>	Anahola
Bill Rittmeister	<i>William J. Rittmeister</i>	ANAHOLA
H'Kaulana T. Smith	<i>H. Smith</i>	Anahola
Kale Smith	<i>Kale Smith</i>	4
Winifred K. Smith	<i>Winifred K. Smith</i>	Anahola
LOWELL KANE	<i>Lowell Kane</i>	ANAHOLA
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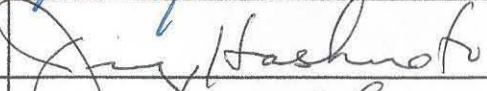

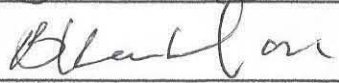
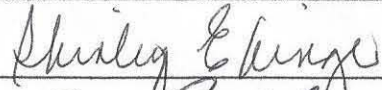
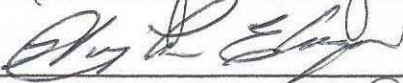
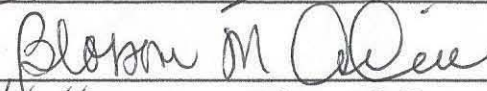
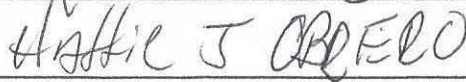
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MIKE ABEL		Anahola
JOHN KANAHELE	John Kanahele	"
Robynne K. Reyes	Robynne K. Reyes	Anahola
Davin P. Marquez	Davin P. Marquez	Anahola
Shirley K. ←	Shasteen Kahanuaeh	Anahola
Charlotte Kauholaani	Charlotte Kauholaani	Anahola
Keaonohiwa Iopa	Keaonohiwa Iopa	Anahola
Mollie Ray N. Gardner	Mollie Ray N. Gardner	4440 Kinohi Rd, Anahola
Kaimana Pa		Anahola

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Kahele Keawe		Anahola
Harry K. Mawae		Anahola
Jerry Muenomoto		Anahola
Marla Shea		Anahola
Billy Kanahele		Anahola
Shirley Epinger		Anahola
Augusta Eber		Anahola
Blossom Maile Adick		Anahola
Hattie J. Owe		Anahola







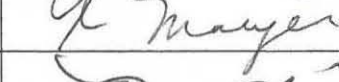

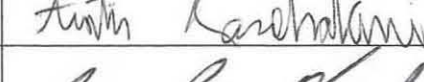
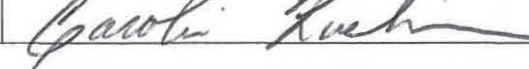
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Debra Cummings	<i>Debra Cummings</i>	Anahola
John H. Kuehne Jr	<i>JOHN H. KUEHNE JR</i>	Anahola
Wilma Cummings	<i>Wilma Cummings</i>	Anahola
Michelle Banilla	<i>Michelle Banilla</i>	Anahola
SUCIETTE L. KUEHNE	<i>Suciette L. Kuehne</i>	Anahola
Tristen Kuehne	<i>Tristen Kuehne</i>	Anahola
JAMES K. PAUL JR	<i>James K. Paul Jr</i>	"
DESIREE KOKO	<i>Desiree Koko</i>	ANAHOLA
Justin Vierra	<i>J. Vierra</i>	Anahola

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TONY SIMAO		"
Patricia DeFries		"
Naomi Geramo		"
Rudolph Lumbua		"
A. Meyer		"
Leona Looe		Anahola
Mary Aush Kaneholani		"
Carolin Kuehu		Anahola

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Dennis Wada		Anahola
John W. Kaneholani		Anahola
Leila L.C. Kaneholani		Anahola
Kaimi H. Kaneholani		Anahola
Shaun K.K. REIS ^{REIS}		Anahola
Preston Sunay		Anahola
Dina Reis		Anahola
Kanana Kaleiohi		Anahola
Mitzi L. Kaleiohi		Anahola

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Certoria Vicoy	Certoria Vicoy	Anahola
Garrison Contreras	Garrison Contreras	Anahola
Jacqueline e Leanio	Jacqueline Leanio	Anahola
Pualohua Kaneholani	Pualohua Kaneholani	Anahola
Nede Contreras	Nede Contreras	Anahola
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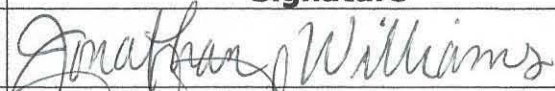


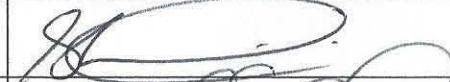


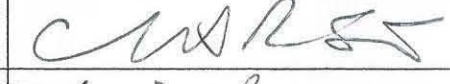

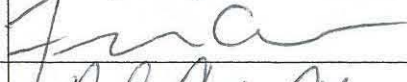

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Shayda K Sonay	<i>Shayda K Sonay</i>	Anahola
AZE MAKAUHI	<i>AZE MAKAUHI</i>	Anahola
Donna Makauhi	<i>Donna Makauhi</i>	Anahola
Violet Kaloakou	<i>Violet Kaloakou</i>	Anahola
Grace Shintani	<i>Grace Shintani</i>	Anahola
Kuramatsu Shintani	<i>Kuramatsu Shintani</i>	Anahola
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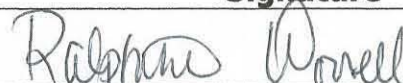
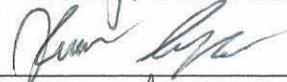

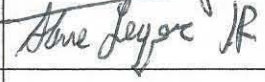



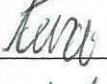


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Savannah Ruby Ano		Anahola
Bernadette Kamau		Anahola
Shawnsoz Aki		Anahola
CHERISE CARVALHO		ANAHOLA
Kaleialoha Medeiros		Anahola
CHRISTOPHER SERVE		ANAHOLA
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Killiona Leger		Anahola
Steve III Leger		Anahola
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Florence Navas		Anahola
Joseph R. Nawa		Anahola
Renee Hunk		Anahola
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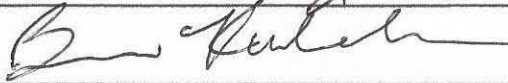
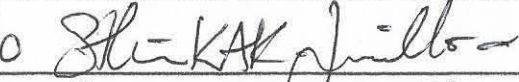
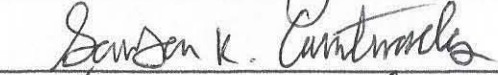
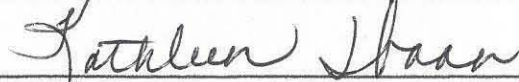
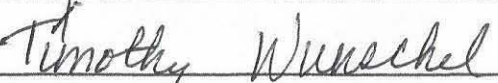
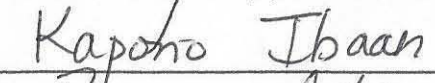
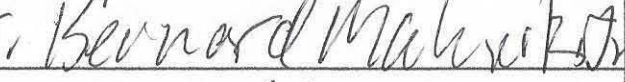
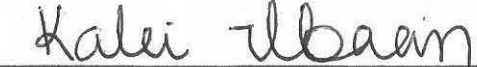
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Charmaine Kaleokano	<i>Charmaine Kaleokano</i>	Anahola
CHERYL SUBISH	<i>Cheryl Subish</i>	ANAHOLA
SIMON F. SUBISH	<i>Simon F. Subish</i>	ANAHOLA
Kimberly Noyes	<i>Kimberly Noyes</i>	Anahola
Sandra Oea	<i>Sandra Oea</i>	Anahola
JEAN KIM	<i>Jean Kim</i>	Anahola
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Nalia H. Leong	Nalia H. Leong	Anahola
BEN KUKAULA		Anahola
Stephanie K.A.K. Jaramillo		Anahola
Samson K. Contreras		Anahola
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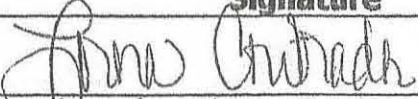
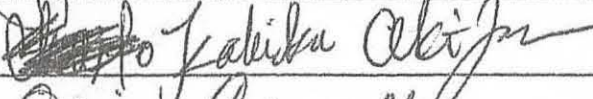
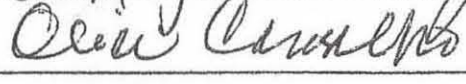
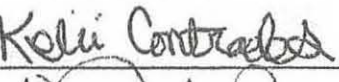

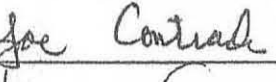
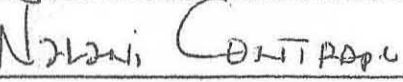
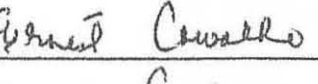
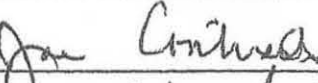

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Kaikona K. Ornellas	Kaikona K. Ornellas	Anahola
Carolyn D. Gutierrez	Carolyn D. Gutierrez	Anahola
Shellie Kamoku	Shelli Kamoku	Anahola
Kawika Rapozo	Kawika Rapozo	Anahola
Natasha Kaneholani	Natasha Kaneholani	Anahola
JR Kaneholani	JR Kaneholani	Anahola
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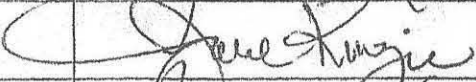
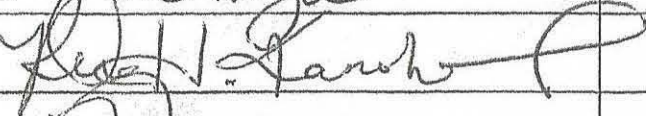
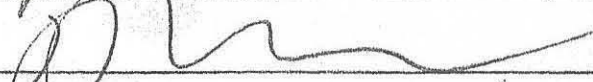
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Hedy K. Egan	Hedy K. Egan	Anahola
Dejane Cuningyo	Dejane Cuningyo	ANAHOLA
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Jane Kinzie		Anahola
Rex Kanoho		Anahola
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Mauia Kaeioni	Mauia N. Kaeioni	ANAHOLA
Lani Kaleishi	Lani Kaleishi	Anahola
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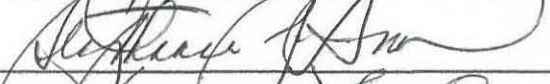

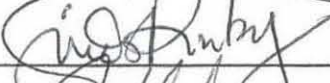
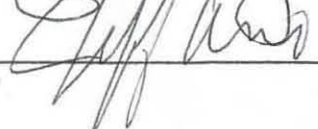
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Roddy Kamehohokani	<i>Roddy Kamehohokani</i>	Anahola
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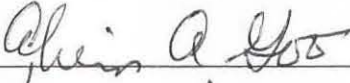
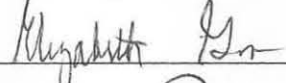

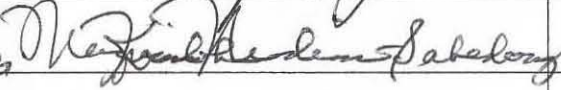
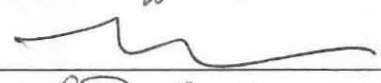
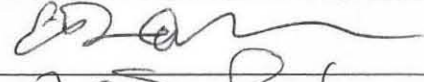
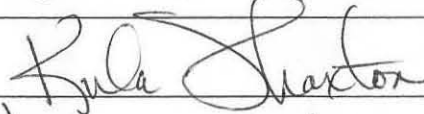
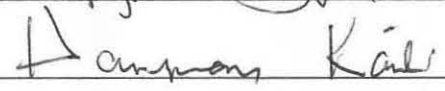
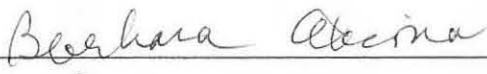
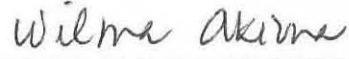
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Aaron Carvalho		Anahola
Roxanne Carvalho		Anahola
BARRY WHITE		P.O. BOX 22, ANAHOLA
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STEPHANIE P. ANO		P.O. 713 ANAHOLA
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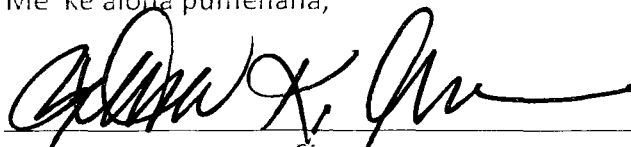
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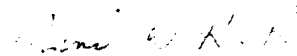
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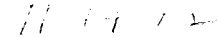
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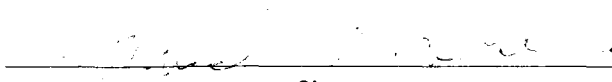
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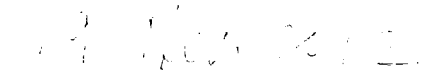
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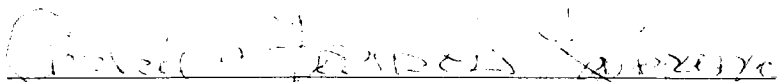
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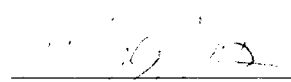
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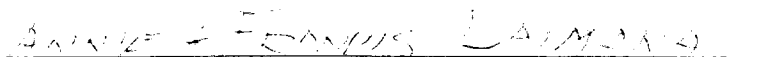
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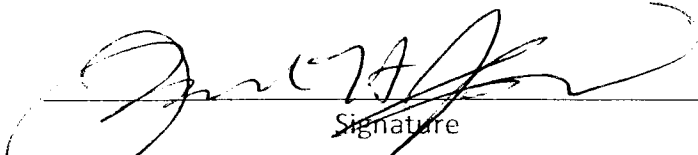
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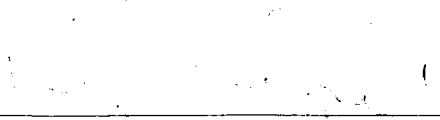
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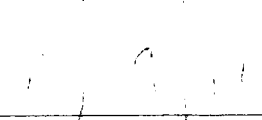
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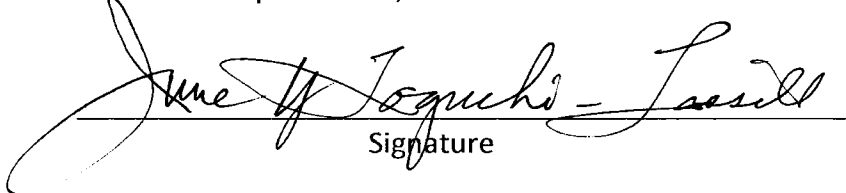
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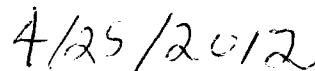
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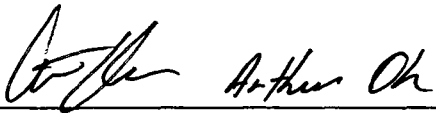
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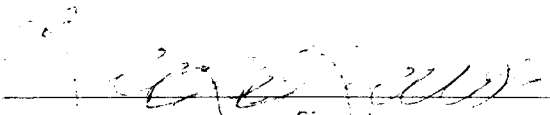
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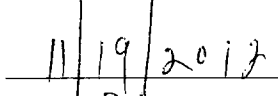
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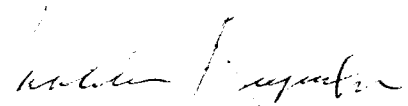
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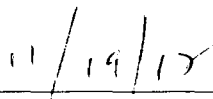
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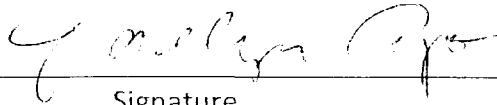
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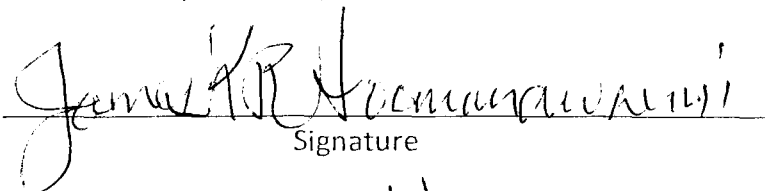
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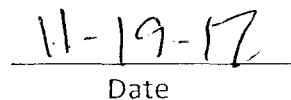
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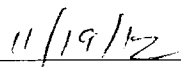
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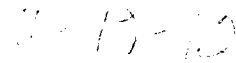
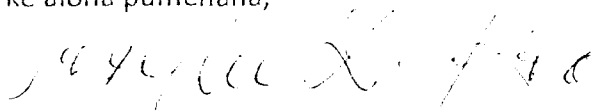
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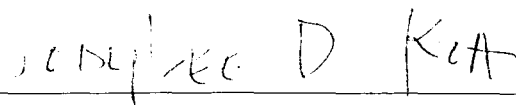
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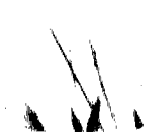
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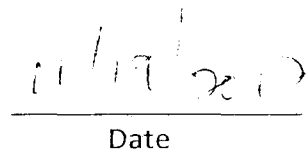
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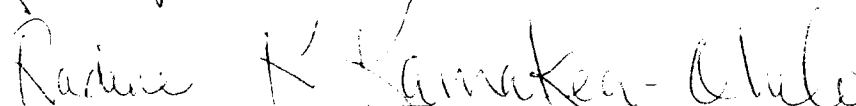
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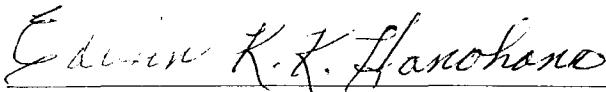
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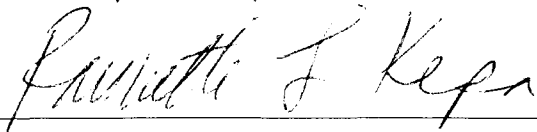
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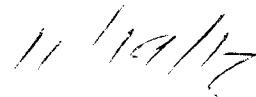
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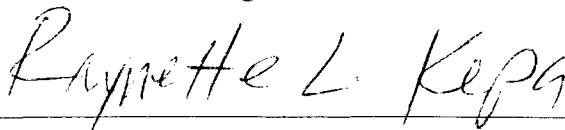
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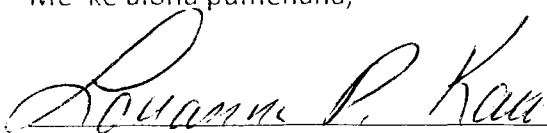
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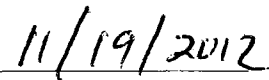
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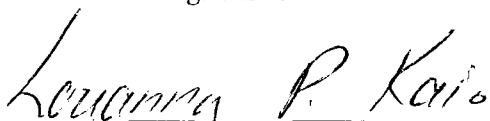
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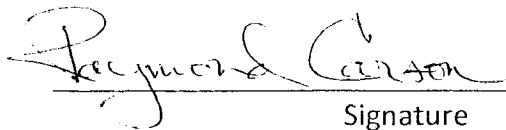
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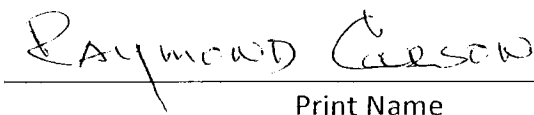
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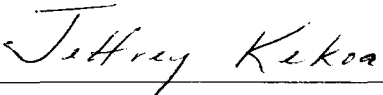
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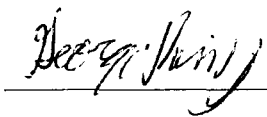
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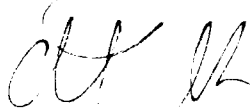
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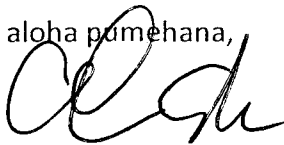
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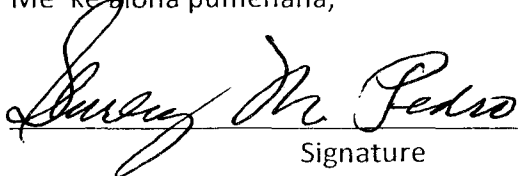
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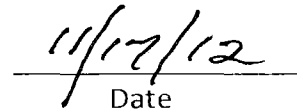
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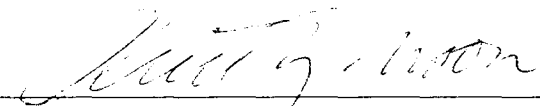
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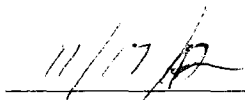
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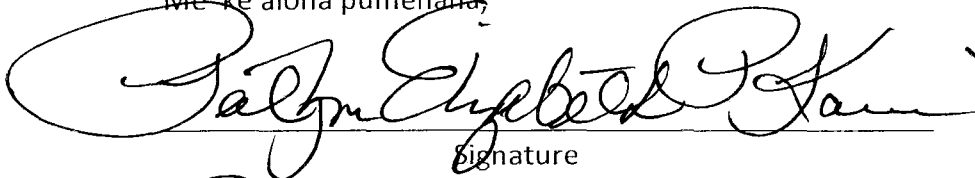
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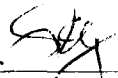
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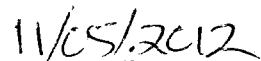
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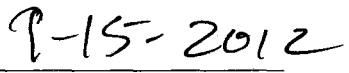
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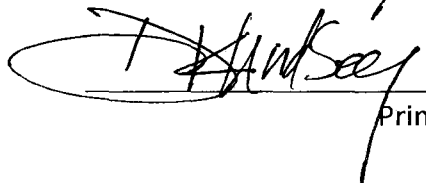
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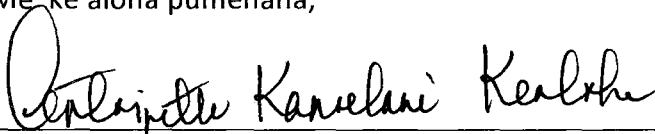
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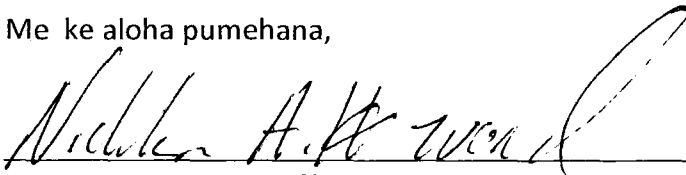
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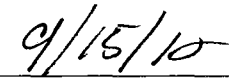
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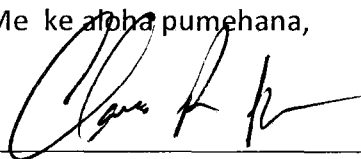
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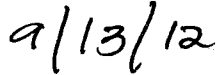
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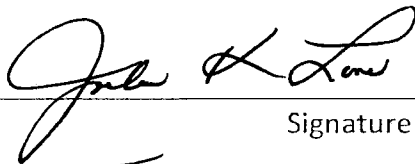
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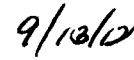
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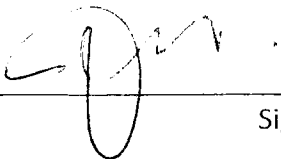
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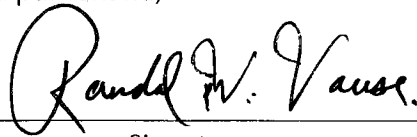
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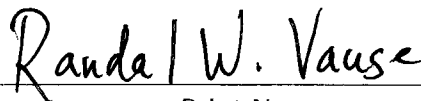
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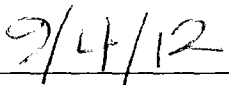
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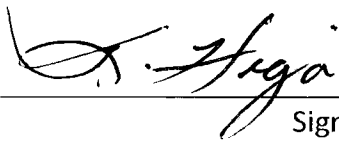
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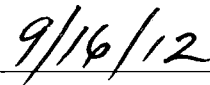
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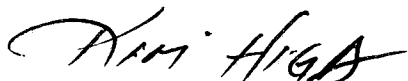
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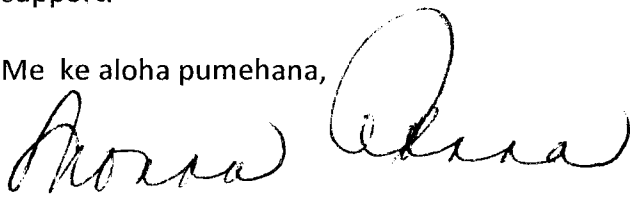
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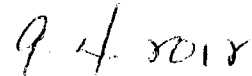
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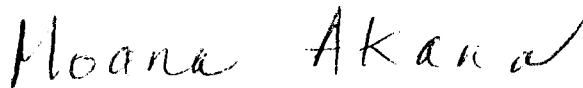
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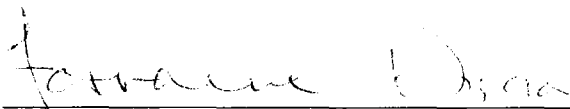
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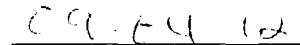
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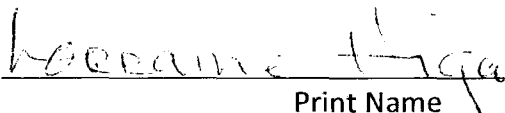
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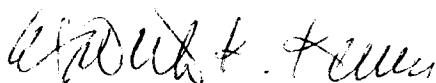
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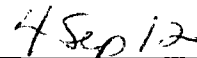
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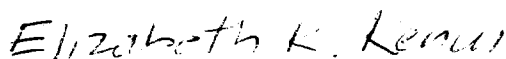
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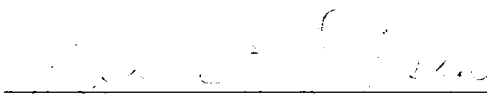
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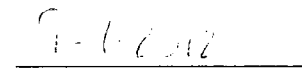
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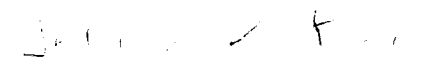
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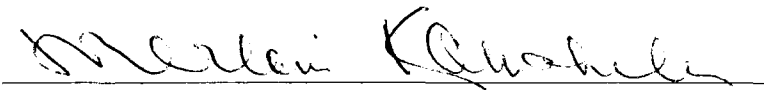
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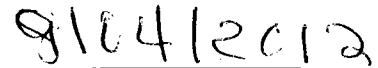
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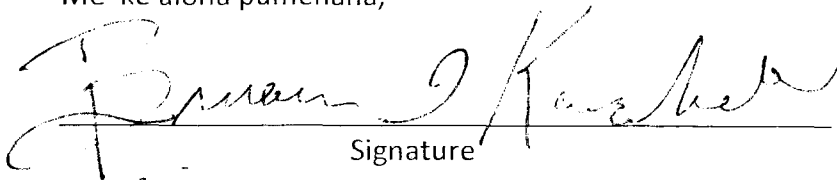
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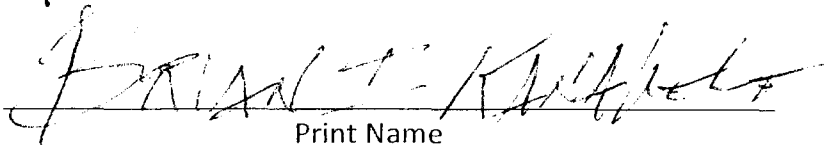
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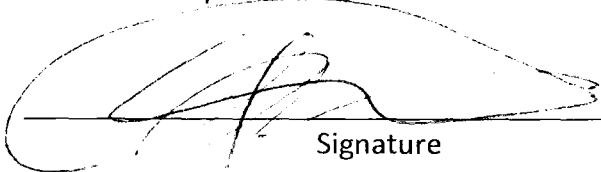
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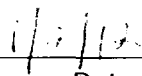
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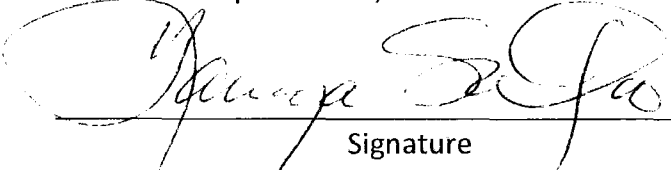
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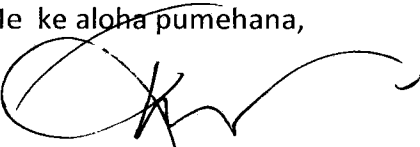
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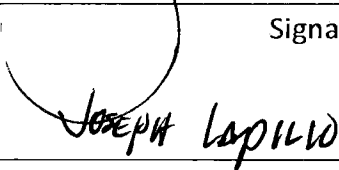
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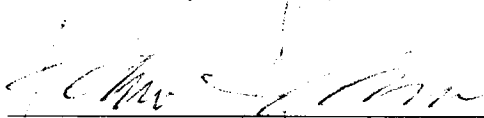
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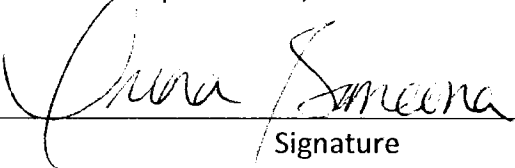
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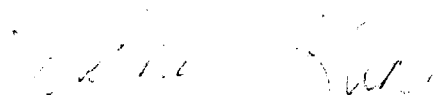
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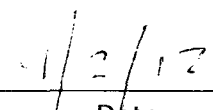
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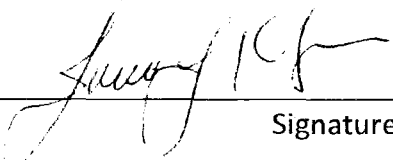
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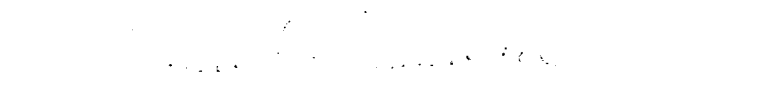
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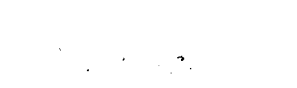
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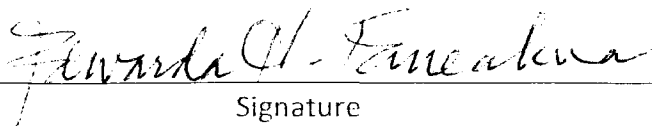
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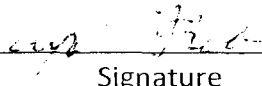
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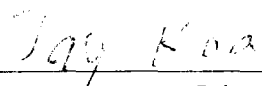
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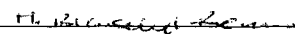
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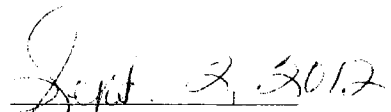
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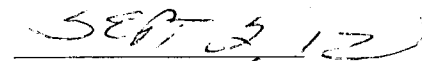
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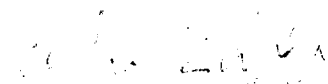
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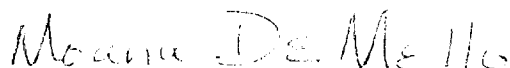
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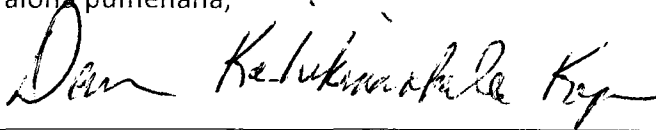
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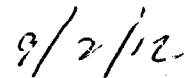
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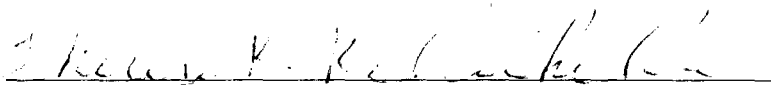
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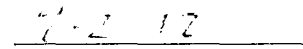
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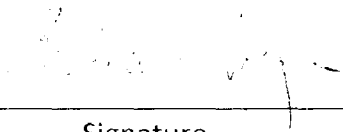
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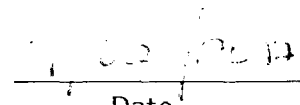
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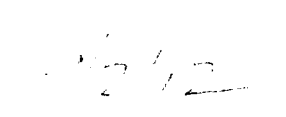
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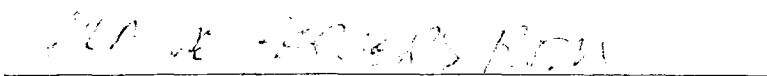
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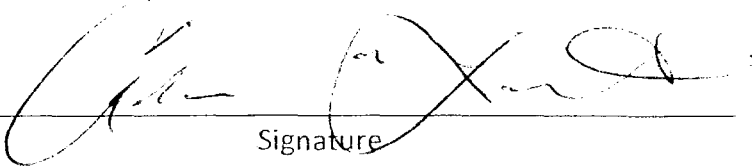
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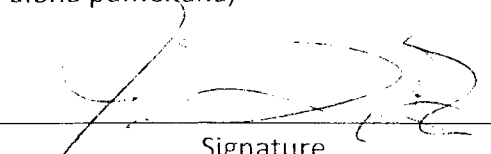
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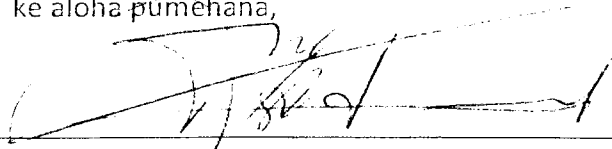
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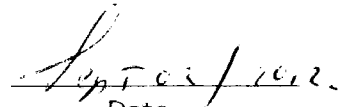
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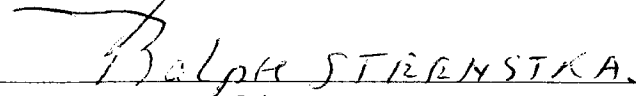
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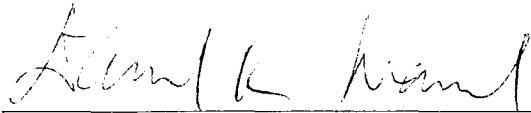
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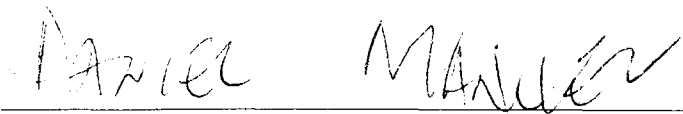
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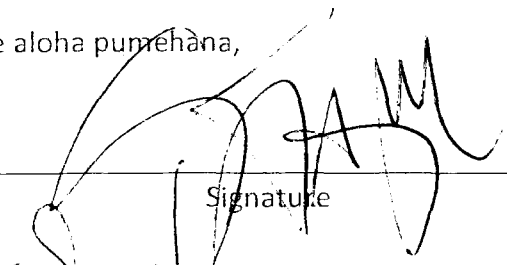
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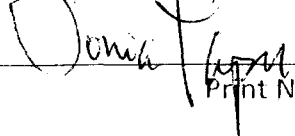
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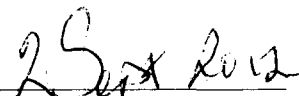
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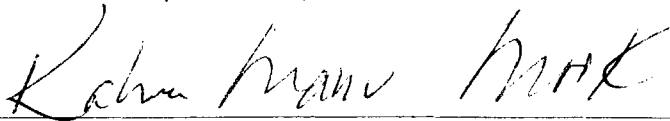
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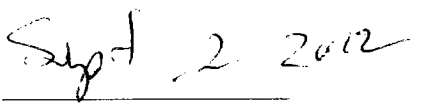
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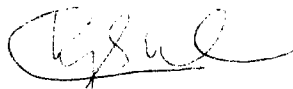
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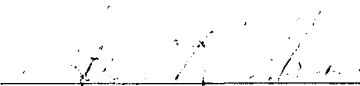
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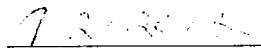
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To: The Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Brickwood Galuteira, Chair
Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair

From: *Olinda L. Fisher*

Subject: Testimony in Strong Support of GM 586, DHHL Director Jobie Masagatani

Aloha Senator Galuteira, ~~Senator Keith-Agaran~~ and members of the Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Committee. My name is *Olinda L. Fisher*; I like to thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony of strong support for Jobie Masagatani.

Jobie brings lots of experience and knowledge to the position she is being considered for, her resume of which I've attached to my testimony for your review reflects her work history. Since her appointment to this position back in May 2012, replacing the previous chair Mr. Nahale`a, the departments transparency as where and how the department will be addressing initiatives is clear to all. It is very important to me and my ohana to have someone such as Jobie Masagatani who understands the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, and its reasoning as to why this Act was created, and also to protect the entitlements in this act for every native Hawaiian.

I have had the opportunity to attend meetings of which Ms. Masagatani and her staff were present and I liked what I've been hearing; her guidance and management that is displayed at these meetings bring clarity to the initiatives that are being addressed.

I should like to add to my testimony that I am a beneficiary still on the DHHL waiting list, and in the past month or two I have received announcements from the CNHA non-profit organization who also assists in programs to the native Hawaiians, it saddens me to think that their bashing of trying to discredit Ms. Masagatani, as well as the other different groups and organizations who are apart of CNHA, believes that they have spoken on behalf of all native Hawaiians and that there opinion is what all Hawaiians want. I should like to set the record straight, that no non-profit organization, group etc. neither speaks nor make decisions for all native Hawaiians; in fact these non-profits shouldn't even be allowed to receive any kinds of funding that are meant strictly and directly for native Hawaiians, it is an entitlement to the native Hawaiians not a handout. Many times monies allocated for native Hawaiians is mis-used for the general public, all funding for native Hawaiians should go directly to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; for that's the only State agency services the native Hawaiians period. Perhaps if this happens DHHL will not need to go to the Hawaii State Legislature for funding, this goes for OHA as well, were the 20% Ceded Land Revenues are placed, which is an entitlement for native Hawaiians only, not the general public.

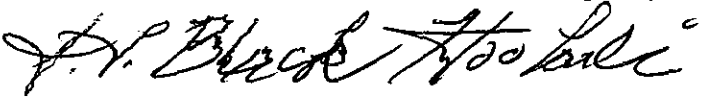
Please consider Jobie Masagatani for this position and pass her out of your committee

Ma'halo no,

Olinda L. Fisher

February 6, 2012

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From: 

Subject: Testimony in Support of GM 586
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Director
Jobie Masagatani

Aloha Chair Galuteira, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Committee.

I like to submit my testimony in support of GM 586, DHHL Director Jobie Masagatani. I should also like to bring to your attention that I am not a member of the Nanakuli Community Hawaiian Homestead Association, nor do they speak and/or represent me in any shape and/or form.

I am a native Hawaiian, a lessee, and have lived on the Nanakuli Homestead for over __ plus years. I should like to get to the point of my testimony and why it is important for the committee to consider Jobie Masagatani to fulfill the Directorship of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Ms. Masagatani is more than qualify to address the work and management of DHHL, her previous knowledge and experience as a deputy director under two DHHL Directors Kali Watson and Reynard Soon speaks for itself, her understanding of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, its intent and purpose of this Act and of whom it addresses (native Hawaiians 50% and more) is what makes her the best candidate for this position.

Since being appointed by the Governor in May of 2012, she has worked continuously, addressing the departments work as well as the beneficiaries of whom the department services. In the past 8-9 months on the job, her presents in the Hawaiian communities addressing the concerns of the beneficiaries on and off the homestead lands has assured many native Hawaiians that her leadership and commitment for the betterment of all native Hawaiian's is her priority. Her guidance and transparency in the DHHL department has lead to good relationships with homestead communities, residents, community associations and different leadership groups.

Your consideration for Jobie Masagatani, Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is much appreciated.

With Aloha,



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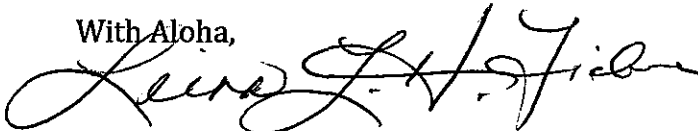
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Aloha Senator Galuteria, Chair, Senator Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair and members of the Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Committee.

My name is Leina L. H. Fisher, I reside on the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead, I am 23 years of age and a beneficiary on the Hawaiian Homes waiting list and I am in strong support of GM 586, Jobie Masagatani, chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I ask that you please consider her nomination to this position and pass her out of your committee unanimously.

With Aloha,

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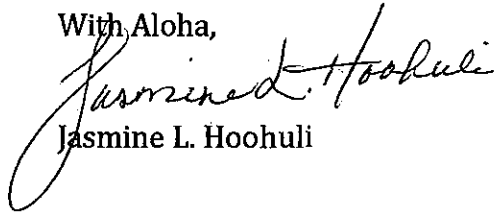
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Aloha Senator Galuteria, Chair, Senator Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair and members of the Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Committee.

My name is Jasmine L. Hoohuli, I reside on the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead, I am 23 years of age and a beneficiary on the Hawaiian Homes waiting list and I am in strong support of GM 586, Jobie Masagatani, chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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With Aloha,

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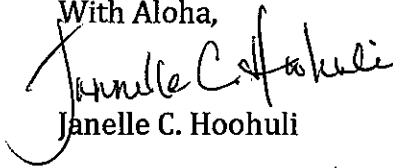
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My name is Janelle C. Hoohuli, I reside on the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead, I am 23 years of age and a beneficiary on the Hawaiian Homes waiting list and I am in strong support of GM 586, Jobie Masagatani, chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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With Aloha,



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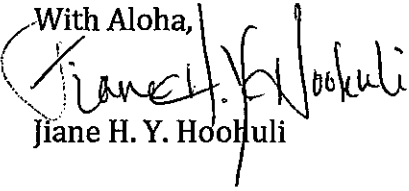
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Aloha Senator Galuteria, Chair, Senator Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair and members of the Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Committee.

My name is Jiane H. Y. Hooihuli, I reside on the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead, I am 21 years of age and a beneficiary on the Hawaiian Homes waiting list and I am in strong support of GM 586, Jobie Masagatani, chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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With Aloha,


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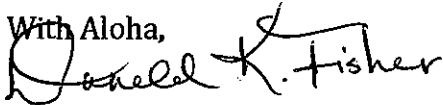
Subject: **Strong Support of GM 586 – Jobie Masagatani, Director of DHHL**

Aloha Senator Galuteria, Chair, Senator Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair and members of the Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Committee.

My name is Donald K. Fisher, I reside on the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead, I am 26 years of age and a beneficiary on the Hawaiian Homes waiting list and I am in strong support of GM 586, Jobie Masagatani, chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I ask that you please consider her nomination to this position and pass her out of your committee unanimously.

With Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald K. Fisher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

Donald K. Fisher

Petition

To: The Senate Committee Members of Tourism and
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Lands.

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✓		Marlene Takahashi	89-203 Halekalea	Marlene Takahashi	2/1/13
✓		Phoebe Ballent	89-630 Halekalea	Phoebe Ballent	2/1/13
	✓	Mahi Jardine	89-121 Halekalea	Maradette Jardine	2/1/13
	✓	Lenora Kaka	89-141 Kauaohi Ave	Lenora Kaka	2/1/13
✓		Sylvestre KAHAPA	89-079 Puaaiki Pl	Sylvestre K. Kahapa	2/6/13
✓		Jawelina Kirkland	89-401 Mokiana St.	Jawelina Kirkland	2/1/13
	✓	Selma Jean Amard	89-1080 Pikaiolewa St	Selma Jean Amard	2/1/13
✓		Vernon Taylor	89-456 Keaulana	Vernon Taylor	2/1/13
✓		Wilfred McKeague	87-126 Laikua St	Wilfred McKeague	2/1/13
	✓	Robert Christensen	84-290B Hakaha Valley Rd	Robert Christensen	2/1/13
✓	✓	Nicole Kotrys	91-1008 Kuisunukuai Hwy. Lei 96707	Nicole Kotrys	2/1/13
	✓	Paula Ku	89-543 Pohakunui	Paula Ku	2/1/13
✓		Lorna Mandac	87-133 Laanani St	Lorna Mandac	2/1/13
	✓	Albert Mandac	87-133 Laanani St.	Albert Mandac	2-1-13
	✓	Natalie Kao	89-806 Halekalea Ave	Natalie Kao	2-1-13
✓		Kainoa Hopfe	91-215 Piipiliula Pl Kapolei, HI 96707	Kainoa Hopfe	2-1-13
	✓	Hua Hopfe	91-215 Piipiliula Pl. Kapolei HI 96707	Hua Hopfe	
	✓	Harry Basso	89-246 Pua Aie	Harry Basso	2-1-13
✓		Jane Matsushima	89-050 Halekalea	Jane Matsushima	2/1/13

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	✓	Candy Hoohuli	87-1550 Farr Hwy	[Signature]	2/3/13
	✓	Sheena Nuuani	89-1045 Nanakuli Ave	[Signature]	2/3/13
	✓	LEVINA HOOHULI	2142 Bannister Pl.	[Signature]	2/2/13
	✓	Jiane Hoohuli	87-168 Laiku St	[Signature]	2/3/13
	✓	DENISE TAAGOAO	89-301 Mokuae	[Signature]	2/3/2013
	✓	Josiah Hoohuli	2142 Bannister Pl.	[Signature]	2/3/13
	✓	Leina Fisher	89-639 Nanauli Ave	[Signature]	2/3/13
	✓	LUELLA ROSA	89-301 Mokuae	[Signature]	2/3/2013
	✓	COURTNEY BROWN	41-666 BERRY	[Signature]	2/3/2013
	✓	UKAIKA TAAGOAO	89-301 Mokuae	[Signature]	2/3/2013
	✓	Jasmine Hoohuli	2142 Bannister Pl.	[Signature]	2/3/2013
	✓	Kaimiola Hoohuli	2142 Bannister Pl.	[Signature]	2/3/2013
	✓	RALPH HOOHULI	94-1067 Leomana Pl.	[Signature]	2/3/2013
	✓	Carolyn Ainoa	34127 Leomana Pl.	[Signature]	02/03/13
	✓	Kulani Hoohuli	67 Kaula St #1	[Signature]	2/2/13
	✓	Johnette Hoohuli	87-168 Laiku St	[Signature]	2/3/13
	✓	Olinda Fisher	89-639 Nanauli Ave	[Signature]	2/3/13
	✓	Michelle Tuiloma	87-918 Apunipuni	[Signature]	2/4/13
	✓	Dorothy Vieira	84-859 Lakaia St	[Signature]	2/4/13

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	✓	Marshall Cross	89-430 Farr Hwy	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/3/13
	X	INI-OL AULIHI KAOHA	89-113 Haleakala	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4/13
	✓	Eric Hoffman-Koala	89-113 Haleakala	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4/13
	✓	Macroy Kaawa	89-113 Haleakala Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4/13
	✓	Randy Kaala	89-300 Mokiemoa St	<i>[Signature]</i>	1/4/13
	✓	Justin Taamu	89-130 Haleakala Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4/13
	✓	Jonathan Smith	89-130 Haleakala Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4/13
	✓	Tate Roman	89-130 Haleakala Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4/13
	✓	Neff Lagundin	87280 Waioli	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4
✓		Stephen Duto	89-121 Haleakala	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4
X		Rachel L. Kailiani	89-354 Palikea	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4/13
	X	DeMont R.D. Conner	89-354 Palikea	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4/13
X		George Kaloehano Jr	89-175 Manoa Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4/13
	X	Marinette Higashi	89-175 Manoa Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4/13
X		Olinda R.K. Murray	89-643 Pohakunui Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4/13
X		DARWIN ANUNA	91-204 Waikoloa	<i>[Signature]</i>	2-4-13
X		LORRA M JONES	89-326 Pua Ave.	<i>[Signature]</i>	2-5-13
	X	Colbert KAIO	Homeless	<i>[Signature]</i>	2-5-13
	X	GARY MYERS	HOMELESS	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/5/13
X		DAWN U DAMAS	89-326 Pua Ave.	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4/13

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	✓	Momi Porling	85-1416 KANAKA ST	Momi Porling	2/3/13
	✓	Bernadine Kaeha	85-1416 Kanaka St	Bernadine Kaeha	2/3/13
	✓	Kaleo Kaeha	85-1416 Kanaka St	Kaleo Kaeha	2/3/13
	✓	Kanila Kahonei	85-1416 Kanaka St	Kanila Kahonei	2/3/13
	✓	Kimi Kahonei	85-1416 Kanaka St	Kimi Kahonei	2/3/13
	✓	George Kaeha	85-1416 Kanaka St	George C Kaeha	2/3/13
	✓	Crystal Kaeha	85-1443 Kapaekahi St	Crystal Kaeha	2/3/13
	✓	Pualani J Kahonei	PO Box 2955 Waianae HI 96796	Pualani J Kahonei	2/3/13
	✓	Nalu Garcia	85-1443 KAPA EKAH I ST	Nalu Garcia	2/3/13
	✓	Brenda March	85-1443 KAPA EKAH I ST	Brenda March	
	✓	Kaimihaku Wilson	89-630 Haleakala	Kaimihaku Wilson	2/4/13
	✓	Auel Garcia	85-1179 KAPA EKAH I ST	Auel Garcia	
	✓	Alapaki Distajo	89-1179 Rikaidema	Alapaki Distajo	2/4/13
	✓	Arjun Wilson	89-1179 Rikaidema	Arjun Wilson	2/3/13
	✓	Jolyn Ballenti	89-630 Haleakala	Jolyn Ballenti	2/3/13
	✓	James Kaeha	85-1443 KAPA EKAH I ST	James Kaeha	2/3/13
	✓	Brenda March	89-630 Haleakala	Brenda March	2/3/13
	✓	Margo Park	85-1416 Kanaka St	Margo Park	2/3/13
	✓	Garcia Stany	89-349 MOKIA WESI	Garcia Stany	2/3/13
	✓	Garcia Larissa	89-349 MOKIA WESI	Garcia Larissa	2/3/13

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	X	Leona KM Delos Santos	85-204 Ala Akau St #A	Leona KM Delos Santos	2/4/13
X		Clareen Lima	89-631 Mokiana St	Clareen Lima	2/4/13
	X	Lane Lima	" "	Lane Lima	2/4/13
X		Solomon K.Y. Ah So	89-008 Farr. Hwy	Solomon Ah So	2/4/13
	X	Paula h. Ah So	" "	Paula h. Ah So	2/4/13
	X	LONO VERI	89-881 KANAWA ST	LONO VERI	2/4
	X	Ray Kainoa	89-370 MOKIA ST	Ray Kainoa	2/4
X		David Kainoa	89-370 MOKIA ST	David Kainoa	2/4
X		Carol Mae Kaula	89-777 Ilimapapa Pt.	Carol Mae Kaula	2/4
	X	Donna Lee Williams	89-795 Ilimapapa	Donna Lee Williams	2/4/13
X		Trudy Paakaula	91209 Pili Pili Ln	Trudy Paakaula	2/4/13
	X	Halia Paakaula	Pl. Kapohi	Halia Paakaula	2/4/13
X		Alice Greenwood	85-1367 Kamailehua St.	Alice Greenwood	2/4/13
	X	Lucy Gay	86-088 Ilimapapa Hwy	Lucy Gay	2/4/13
X		Walter Bea Aldegamer	85-1006 Makiaina St	Walter Bea Aldegamer	2/4/13
X		EMMA HOOKUI	89-038 FARR. HWY	EMMA HOOKUI	2/4/13
X		Barbara A Kamao	89-113 Halekale Ave	Barbara A Kamao	2/4/13
X	X	Jenny K Kamao	89-113 Halekale Ave	Jenny K Kamao	2/4/13
	X	Cheryl J. Kamao	89-113 Halekale Ave	Cheryl J. Kamao	2/4/13
	X	Cheryl J. Kamao	89-113 Halekale Ave	Cheryl J. Kamao	2/4/13

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF JOBIE MASAGATANI

My name is Phoebe Eng from Waimea, Kaua'i. I strongly support the Senate confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and chief executive of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As a board member and advisor to philanthropic institutions, foundations, and organizations in the public and private sector, I find Jobie Masagatani to be a stellar and steadfast leader.

I have seen Ms. Masagatani in action as Chair-designate since her appointment in 2012, and find her to be one of the most level-headed, professional, and intelligently thoughtful leaders of the new Hawaiian generation.

As a leader who must deal with the complexities of having inherited an ailing institution, with the mandate of "turning the ship around," Jobie has achieved much in her short time in office. She cannot reasonably be criticized for decades of agency neglect, though that may be what is happening now in her confirmation hearings.

Many may want Ms. Masagatani to have acted more quickly in administering land and water use decisions without the necessary policy analysis and assessment of longterm ramifications on the home lands generally. But as a trustee of the Hawaiian people, a higher level of care is required by the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and Ms. Masagatani is taking the trustee responsibility very seriously.

I therefore commend Ms. Masagatani for her measured and professional approach to her job. With grace under pressure, Ms. Masagatani is a very rare find.

Ms. Masagatani has also opened collaborative dialogues with state agencies and new potential sources of funding for her agency. She has also acted quickly to ensure that Hawaiian Homes Commissioners are informed and understand their fiduciary duties, so that they can be effective as trustees. Above all, Ms. Masagatani has shown that she is law abiding and accountable. Ms. Masagatani works very, very hard.

Ms. Masagatani also strongly supports the active placement of Hawaiians on the home lands and has spearheaded careful, well-planned (and long overdue) policy assessments of the home lands in order to inform Hawaiian Homes Commissioners in their decision-making processes. The quality and presentation of that work was excellent - equal to the best work coming out of DC and from top policy organizations.

Jobie's background as a policy expert, her top flight education, her insistence on fact-based assessments (vs. political spin and PR pressure) to responsibly serve the Hawaiian people, and, importantly, her gracious demeanor, should make this an easy and clear confirmation based on the merits and her outstanding current performance as Chair-designate.

Please serve the people of Hawaii and confirm this exceptional leader.
Ms. Masagatani's approach is completely exciting, refreshing and new. She is really
akamai.

For the testimonial record, I include her resume below, which I share from the public
record.

Respectfully submitted,
Phoebe Eng

Jobie M. K. Masagatani

EDUCATION

Master in Public Affairs / Urban and Regional Planning - June 1989
Princeton University: Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs -
Princeton, NJ
Bachelor of Science in Education - June 1986
Northwestern University: School of Education - Evanston, IL

Work History

- Chairman Designate, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (5/2012 - Present) •
- Special Assistant to the CEO, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (8/2011 - 5/2012)
- Public Policy Program Manager, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (2/2010 - 8/2011)
- Principal and Founder, Clarity Organizational Services (7/2005 - 2/2010)
- Assistant to the President and CEO, The Queen's Health Systems, (12/2002 - 6/2005)
- Deputy to the Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (2/1995 - 11/2002)
- Project Manager, Hawaii Real Estate Research and Education Center – RCUH (5/1993 - 1/1995)
- Land Investment Analyst, Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate (11/1990 - 5/1993)
- Budget Examiner, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President (8/1989 - 10/1990)

Community Affiliations

- Queen Lili'uokalani Trust Trustee Compensation Committee (10/2011 – 12/2011)
- Hui Hanai Board (Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center) (6/2011 – present)
- Native Hawaiian Education Council (OHA's Representative) (6/2010- 8/2011)
- Kamehameha Schools Board of Advisors (6/2004 - 6/2006)
- John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Native Hawaiian Health Community Advisory Board (10/2003 - 6/2005)
- U.S. Census Advisory Committee on the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders Population (8/2000 - 12/ 2003)
- Affordable Housing Advisory Council Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle (1/1997 - 12/1998)

GM586

Submitted on: 2/5/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
R. K. Kapeliela	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Randolph K. Ahuna, Jr.
215 W. Kawalani St.
Hilo, HI 96720
Telephone: 959-7049
February 3, 2013

Dear Chair Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 586 RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
CHAIRPERSON OF DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, JOBIE MASAGATANI

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs,
Wednesday, February 6, 2013; 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224

My name is Randolph K. Ahuna, Jr.; Uncle Randy to people in our community. I am a macadamia nut farmer thanks to the agricultural homestead lands in the Pana'ewa Farm Lots in East Hawaii. I carry on farming that was started by my mother and father before me. All in all, I have lived and worked on homestead lands for over seventy years.

Most homesteaders are ordinary lessees, not great speakers, fancy writers, or people who know how to use the internet or even have typewriters. Even so, our words should mean something. We have seen many people leading Hawaiian Homes and changes happened as time went on. We have listened to what our kupuna say – that we should move forward. There must be progress to make improvements for the generations of tomorrow.

So, as we move forward, I think that the Governor, our elected leader, will select the right people to get the job done. The Governor is responsible for making government work for all and chooses the best person to carry out those duties. You should support the Governor by agreeing to his choice. Give Ms. Masagatani a chance to do this job.

Sincerely,


RANDOLPH K. AHUNA, JR.

Cc: Governor Abercrombie, Senator Galuteria, Senator Keith-Agaran, Senator Kahele, Senator Solomon, Governor's Representative Botelho-Cortez

GM586

Submitted on: 2/3/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Radford K. Richards	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please accept this testimony which I am strongly supporting the confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the next Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). I have watched and visited with her at our community meeting and appreciated her genuine concern and aloha. This feeling has made me comfortable with Jobie and ask the Senate Committee to accept and confirm her nomination. This is my first time for doing this and I am fortunate to voice my concern in what I consider is important. Aloha, Radford Kalani Richards Waimanalo Hawaiian Homestead Lessee

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TESTIMONY SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION
OF JOBIE MASAGATANI (GM586) AS DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL)

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol Building
Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 pm

Honorable Chair and Sen. Brickwood Galuteira, Vice Chair Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and
Committee members,

Aloha Kakou!


My name is Craig "Bo" Kahui and I serve as the Hawaiian Affairs Committee Chairman and represent the Villages of La'iohua Master Association (VOL) , formerly known as Kaniohale Community Association, located in the ahupua'a of Kealakehe on the island of Hawaii. Our VOL Association is comprised of 275 single family units on Hawaiian Home Lands with an estimated 1000 native and part Hawaiians residents residing between two Villages.


On behalf of the Villages of La'iohua Master Association Board, please accept this testimony of our support for the Governor's recommendation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani to serve as Director for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). We strongly urge this committee to confirm Ms. Masagatani Director of Hawaiian Homes Land during the remaining two years.

Recently while working with the Habitat Blitz Build in our homestead community, we have experienced positive and supportive assistance from the DHHL staff and its leadership in working with Habitat for Humanity, regulatory and construction related issues. In each situation we have resolved these challenges in an "expeditious" and accurate manner and look forward to working with Jobie and her management staff in continuing to set the pace for economic development throughout the state on homestead lands. Proudly in the end, Habitat for Humanity- West Hawaii, Villages of La'iohua Master Association, countless volunteers built 5 homes in 10 days and made possible affordable housing for 5 native Hawaiian families.

We ask for the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the entire Senate for the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Director of the Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and its Commission.

Respectfully,

Dora Aio- Leamon 
President, VOL

Craig "Bo" Kahui 
Director, VOL
Hawaiian Affairs Committee

cc: VOLBoard



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 4, 2013

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senators Galuteria and members of the committee:

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Ms. Jobie M. K. Masagatani for appointment as the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of the Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Having worked closely with this department since 2006, I have observed a constant shift in the department's leadership over recent years. Due to the lack of permanency within the department, there has been no definitive direction with regard to addressing the needs of the beneficiaries. I believe Ms. Masagatani's experience in leadership and service to the public and Hawaiian community, coupled with her impressive education credentials, are what this department desperately needs.

Ms. Masagatani is no stranger to the department as she previously served as Deputy to the Chairman under Governor Cayetano's Administration. I had the opportunity to work with her during her tenure as Deputy and was continually impressed with her knowledge of the various programs within the DHHL, her helpful and professional conduct in work and interpersonal relations with her colleagues, and her commitment to help those who are served by the department. She is intelligent and responsive; and I am confident that she will do great things for the department, your administration, and our state. I cannot think of a more qualified candidate to lead the DHHL; and for that reason, it is my honor and pleasure to express my strong support for this nominee.

I ask that your committee advise and consent to Ms. Masagatani's confirmation. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with Ms. Masagatani to support the DHHL.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Ito".

KEN ITO
State Representative
49th District

GM586

Submitted on: 2/4/2013

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Robert Hall	AuKai Pacific LLC	Support	No

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Communications, Inc.**

A Waimana Company

Robert Kihune

IN **SUPPORT** OF THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

January 17, 2013

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

I strongly support the nomination of Jobie Masagatani to lead the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). As the DHHL Deputy Director from 1995 to 2002, she did an outstanding job assisting the Director in managing the development of many new subdivisions that were built for eligible native Hawaiians. Since her appointment in May 2012, she continues to demonstrate her acute understanding of the department, her ability to lead it, and her sound decision-making to move the organization forward. I am confident in her leadership and her commitment to align DHHL with organizations like ours to create firm business partnerships that generate resources to continue to develop homesteads for native Hawaiians.

Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. (SIC) is a native Hawaiian owned rural telecommunications company which was incorporated in 1995. It is licensed by the State Public Utilities Commission to serve residents of DHHL to provide modern, high speed broadband telecommunications services to its DHHL customers on the six major Hawaiian islands at affordable rates. Today, SIC has over 3000 customers and has invested over \$200 million in facilities, digital switching and related equipment and service. Because SIC participates in a federal loan program to build out our telecommunications network, no funds are needed from the DHHL. This allows DHHL to dedicate their limited resources on building homes and other infrastructure for residential and commercial use and promoting economic development opportunities.

I sincerely look forward to continuing our partnership with the department and our company is eager to move forward alongside Chairman Masagatani to provide greater opportunities for Hawaiian Home Lands and the native Hawaiians that the department serves. There is no question that she is the right person to Chair the Hawaiian Homes Commission and to lead DHHL to overcome the challenges anticipated in the years ahead.

Therefore, I urge your support for the appointment of Jobie Masagatani and thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Robert K. U. Kihune
Chief Executive Officer

RKUK:jgc



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Date: February 5, 2013

To: Senator Brickwood Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Fr: Judge William Fernandez (retired), Chairman, CNHA Policy Center
Robin Puanani Danner, CNHA President & Chief Executive Officer

Re: GM 586 – Confirmation of Ms. Masagatani – Opposed

Honorable Senators:

About CNHA

CNHA is a 12-year nonprofit with a mission of *enhancing the cultural, economic, political and community development of Native Hawaiians*. We achieve our mission through the administration of a Public Policy Center, a Certified Lending and Investment Service, the Hawaiian Way Fund for cultural and community practitioners, and the coordination of the Annual Native Hawaiian Convention.

We are a highly impactful Hawaii nonprofit that delivers services to low and moderate income families, development of community facilities, and effective policy analysis and advocacy with an expertise in federal trust land policies as well as community development methodologies.

Public Policy Work

The policy positions taken by CNHA do not represent the positions of member organizations or board members. Indeed, even the attached CNHA board resolution of ‘no confidence’ adopted on January 11, 2013, which was acted on unanimously by every board member in attendance, we know and absolutely respect that there will be members that will have a completely different position.

Hence, each and every policy position we may take, is expressly the policy position of CNHA, which may be influenced or based on manao we receive from member organizations and our board of directors. This is a very important and significant distinction that has served our members well, and advanced policy advocacy for our community at both the state and federal level.

Attached to this testimony is a listing of our Policy Center priorities for this year, providing an excellent example of the diversity of issues that we will work on during the 2013 calendar year.

CNHA Position on Nominee

CNHA does not recommend the confirmation by the Senate of Ms. Masagatani to the Directorship of DHHL. This is not a position we would have preferred, nor should it reflect upon Ms. Masagatani personally or other positions she might otherwise be well suited for, it is however, the only honest position CNHA can take given the experiences with Ms. Masagatani over the last 8 months.

8 months is a significant amount of time to determine capabilities, results, and leadership qualities. It is a significant amount of time to judge actions compared to words, problem solving and communication skills, and the ability to work with diverse partners, regardless of prior history with them. The fact is, government officials at the level of Directorship that will Chair a major Commission, requires a level of skill, knowledge and decisiveness that we have found to be lacking on even an elementary basis.

A handful of basic policy issues that are concerning are as follows:

1. **Budget & Nelson Case.** This nominee intends to spend general lease revenues from special funds for administrative functions and 66 government staff positions, ruled on in the Nelson Case to be prohibited, as is evidenced from the DHHL budget submitted to the Legislature. We do not believe this nominee embraces the fiduciary responsibility to beneficiaries of the land trust beyond the bureaucracy and convenience of state government.
2. **Independent Legal Counsel.** This nominee is incapable of balancing the helm of a state agency and chairing the governing body responsible to act in the best interests of beneficiaries of a federally created land trust. When asked if the Hawaiian Homes Commission should have the ability to access separate legal counsel for legal interpretations and opinions, which may in fact avoid costly litigation, the nominee is not sure, completely comfortable with only the opinions of the Attorney General's office.
3. **Federal Rules.** This nominee has not shown support in the short term and long term solution to establishing consistency of the state's administration of the Hawaiian Home Land trust through the federal rule making process. Instead, the nominee is seeking an informal Memorandum of Understanding with the federal Department of Interior, which is weak in form, and does not provide the full transparency and participation of the public and beneficiary class available in the federal rule making process.
4. **Consultation & Communication.** This nominee has taken 8 months to meet with homestead association leaders by island, and only scheduled meetings 10 days prior to this confirmation hearing to garner support. It should be noted that the only island she has not met with, is the island of Kauai.
5. **FHA 247 MOU.** When this nominee took office 8 months ago, policy work of CNHA and homestead leaders statewide, to renegotiate a Lingle/Bush MOU that caps the borrowing capacity of homestead families lower than that of other Americans halted. After 5 years of work, two months prior to her arrival, we worked with DHHL and HUD to draft new MOU in draft form and positioned it to be scheduled for Commission review and FHA consideration. It has not moved for 8 months, while thousands of families are negatively impacted financially.

Senators, it is not easy for anyone to oppose a nomination of the Governor of the State. We don't expect many individuals or organizations to do so. It would be much easier for us to support, and even easier to be silent. It is always difficult to not be able to support a nominee that may come before the Senate. Ms. Masagatani is no different, and in all earnest, we have hoped for and waited every month for 8 months to experience policy reasons to be able to support this confirmation.

The opposite has become evident, not just on policy issues, but on critical management and leadership skills which have been a detriment to our work and service to homestead communities, with a pattern of deliberate intention.

1. It is not okay for a Director of our government agency, to **threaten a homestead leader**, as was done to a member of the Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders Association, that she will create delays on their projects if they work with CNHA, or certain members of its staff.
2. It is not okay for a government official and public servant to be **non-responsive** to our organization and our work in homestead communities or any organization that seeks to meet with or communicate with the Director to resolve challenges and/or find solutions.

For example, an affordable housing contract between DHHL and CNHA was **forced into expiration** due to an inability to meet with the Director and continue the extension negotiations that were underway prior to her arrival. As a result, 60 affordable homes with price points of \$185,000 and less on 4-bedroom homes was lost to beneficiaries of the trust.

3. It is not acceptable to **delay payment** on an outstanding invoice owed to CNHA in the amount of \$1.4M still unpaid, even after waiting 8 full months since her appointment.
4. It is not okay for a Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission to deliberately use the position of Chair to **thwart business items** of the public to be scheduled on the agenda for action by the Commission, as has been done to CNHA and its homestead organization partners. Specifically, the Anahola Hawaiian Homes Association on Kauai has experienced a grueling, hostile 8-month delay that threatens \$6M in private financing on an Albizia Tree removal project. Meanwhile, similar projects and actions are scheduled and taken up immediately for other organizations.
5. It is not okay for a public servant and government official at the level of Director, to inform the Chairman of our CNHA board of directors that she **will not work with** a specific staff member, namely the CEO for personal reasons. It is not okay for any public servant of our government to make a constituent, or any organization, including CNHA, invisible, nor to create an unfriendly and antagonistic environment at our own state agency. Especially, where our mission for 12 years has been closely tied to partnerships with government agencies like DHHL, and especially over personal reasons.

We do not believe this to be the case in general, toward all constituent organizations or individuals, however, it has been the case for CNHA and certain homestead organization partners and members of CNHA. It does mean however, that this nominee is capable of abusing the privilege of the Directorship of a state agency and Chairmanship of a Commission, and plainly put, there is no place for this in our government. Not one, nor any constituent should suffer this treatment.

Senators our position is not based on shallow popularity contests, but rather actual policy beliefs and actions taken by this nominee over the last 8 months. We do not believe this nominee has the communication skills, professionalism and maturity to work with a diverse constituency and the complex issues of a land trust administered by a state agency. We do not believe this nominee has an adequate grasp of the importance of partnerships with beneficiary organizations, or the intent of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act as a vehicle to serve, facilitate, empower and not govern, the beneficiary class established in the law. Frankly, given the fiscal condition of the trust, partnerships are absolutely vital to the health of the land trust and its ability to achieve its constitutional purposes.

We restate that it has been difficult to step forward to oppose any nominee of a Governor of the State. We are compelled however to share with you, our experience with this nominee, where we have remained open, continued to reach out, maintained an 'issues over personalities' posture to pursue the delivery of our services to homestead families statewide. With the exception of the last few days, it has been an unnecessary journey of frustration, non-responsiveness, no ability to discuss issues or potential solutions, poor partnering practices and a detrimental 8 months to our organization and to our mission of *enhancing the cultural, economic, political and community development of Native Hawaiians*.

As a matter of record, CNHA has worked with 5 different Directors over our 12-year history, and none have been as difficult to work with, than this nominee. With former Directors, CNHA and DHHL, together, created the Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOAP) reaching thousands with financial education, developed the first Group Owner Builder product specifically for homesteads resulting in 22 affordable homes constructed, the construction of numerous community facilities with non-state resources, the establishment of Beneficiary Consultation as a policy practice, standardized the application of county housing credits statewide, and the creation of a beneficiary capital fund to ensure residential solar technology is widely available on the homesteads.

With our homestead partners and CNHA members on Kauai we have successful negotiated the first and only commercial grade solar farm anticipated to produce 12Mwh on Hawaiian Home lands providing the land trust with market rate lease rents and homestead benefits for jobs and economic opportunities. On Hawaii Island, we are supporting and partnering with the homestead association on a critical agricultural complex that includes an agricultural park, a renewable energy facility to offset energy costs, a certified kitchen and post harvest facility. In another homestead, we are constructing a community enterprise center to advance small businesses, and we are assisting in the development of a Kumu and Youth camp on Hawaiian Home lands, all with leveraged non-state resources.

We hope for a different reality over the next 2 years, that CNHA might continue to be among the many organizations that are necessary to partner with and assist DHHL in meeting the goals of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Mahalo.

Enclosures: CNHA Board Resolution
CNHA Annual Policy Priorities

Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement - Resolution: 0113

Board of Directors Resolution of No Confidence in Interim Director of DHHL

Whereas, CNHA founded in 2001, unifies and serves a national network of more than 150 Native Hawaiian Organizations, providing assistance in accessing capital and technical resources, and is a policy voice on issues important to Native Hawaiians; and

Whereas, CNHA achieves its mission to work for the cultural, economic, political and community development of Native Hawaiians, through its certification as a Native community development financial institution, its community development projects, the administration of the Hawaiian Way Fund supporting cultural practitioners, and the operation of its Native Hawaiian Policy Center; and

Whereas, CNHA is governed by board of directors with 21 seats elected by voting members of the nonprofit corporation; and

Whereas, CNHA board members are Native Hawaiian leaders and experts in a variety of fields including culture, education, affordable housing, economic development, advocacy and civic engagement, small business as well as trust land practices; and

Whereas, the interim appointee to the Director of the state of Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), Ms. Jobie Masagatani was made in May of 2012, and will be considered by the State of Hawaii Senate for confirmation in 2013; and

Whereas, this Directorship is the principal executive to implement the policies and directives of the 9-member Hawaiian Homes Commission that governs and administers the federal Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; and

Whereas, this Directorship is significant to the goals and well-being of the Native Hawaiian community, Hawaiian homestead associations and to the mission of CNHA in advancing sound and transparent public trust land policies, as well as economic and community development projects in compliance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; and

Whereas, since May of 2012, an 8-month period, the interim Director has led DHHL in a manner detrimental to Hawaiian homestead association projects, CNHA affordable housing programs and policies advancing the tenets of the HHCA as follows:

- 1. Hawaii Administrative Rule Violations.** The interim Director has shown a disregard for the Hawaiian Home Commission, its other members and the public with business for deliberation by the Commission. Violations of Hawaii Administrative Rules 10-2-8 include the refusal of the interim Director to place business items on the monthly agenda duly submitted. These violations thwart the responsibilities and authority of the Commission, as well as the beneficiaries of the trust to be served by their trust.
- 2. Homestead Association Controlled Projects.** The interim Director has with intent, created delays, difficulties and barriers to projects of duly recognized homestead associations and their development nonprofits on Hawaiian Home Lands in compliance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, including projects of the Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders Association, the Anahola Hawaiian Homes Association, the Nanakuli Community Homestead Association, and the Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands, all of which are members of CNHA. The actions and in-action of the interim Director has placed

in jeopardy more than \$50 million dollars in private capital on projects located on Oahu, Kauai and Hawaii Island.

3. **Affordable Housing Projects.** One of the first actions taken by the interim Director upon her appointment in May of 2012 was to refuse to meet with or to continue the extension negotiations started with the prior Director on a three-year contract with CNHA to produce 89 affordable homes on Oahu and Kauai, 22 of which were completed at price points of \$158,000 and \$185,000 on four-bedroom homes. With intent, the interim Director forced the expiration of the contract, cutting off the completion of seven families qualified by CNHA, and the remaining 60 homes planned to be constructed under the terms of the contract.
4. **Federal Oversight & Federal Rules.** The interim Director has indicated opposition to the promulgation of federal rules by the Department of Interior that would assist DHHL and the State in administering Hawaiian Homes in compliance with required federal oversight, and with consistency regardless of state government administration changes. It is well understood that federal rules will inhibit abuses by state government.
5. **Leadership Integrity.** The interim Director informed the CNHA Board Chairman, Alvin Parker and Board Committee Chair, Maile Meyer, that simply for her personal reasons, she will not work with CNHA. The past 8 months have born this commitment out, to the detriment of CNHA, a beneficiary organization serving mutual beneficiaries statewide, and homestead projects wherein CNHA is affiliated or a partner.
6. **Management Competency.** The interim Director has shown an inability to manage even the most basic elements of the agency to be responsive in returning phone calls, emails, or in processing standard documents for timely payments or in responding to safety issues reported to DHHL. Together with the inability to resist temptations of abusing the power of the Director office as described in item 5 above, the interim Director does not represent the type of collaborative management skills that are vitally important in facing the fiscal realities posed by the expiration of Act 14 funding. Management skills must reflect an ability to work across the spectrum of organizations to achieve the mission of the trust.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the CNHA Board of Directors hereby expresses no confidence in the nominee that will be considered for confirmation by the State of Hawaii Senate during the 2013 legislative session; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the CNHA Board of Directors with great deference for the public confirmation process, and for the kuleana of Governor Abercrombie to put forward a nominee, hereby conveys to the State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, chaired by Senator Brickwood Galuteria to not recommend Ms. Jobie Masagatani to be confirmed by the full Senate.

Duly Introduced and Adopted by Unanimous Vote of the Members Present at the CNHA Board Meeting On: 1/11/13



About the Policy Center

CNHA consults member nonprofit executives, homestead leaders, civic advocates and small business owners to bring a full and rich dialogue to the work of effective policy development and advocacy.

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William Fernandez
Board Policy Chair

Robin Puanani Danner
President

Michelle Kauhane
Senior Vice President

Lilia Kapuniai
Vice President

Policy Partners

The policy center work is framed by the experiences of more than 150 CNHA organizational members in the nonprofit and private sectors as well as our national advocacy colleagues.

Core Values

Excellence
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Old & New Knowledge

Native Hawaiian Policy Center

2012-2013 Policy Priorities

CNHA produces its annual policy priorities based on input from its member organizations and community leaders throughout the year.

Local Policy Priorities - OHA & DHHL State Agencies

- 1. OHA/DHHL - Agricultural & Pastoral Homesteading (2009):** Establish an OHA Agricultural and Pastoral Homesteading program with technical resources, loan funds and dedicated grants.
- 2. OHA/DHHL - Grant Resources to Beneficiary Organizations (2010):** Implement annual review and reporting of grant awards to beneficiary controlled nonprofit organizations compared to all grants awarded, and strengthen policies that result in greater awards to beneficiary controlled nonprofit organizations.
- 3. OHA/DHHL - Operating Budgets (2012):** Strengthen Beneficiary Consultation on trust resources and agency budgetary processes to increase transparency of trust fund expenditures and increase beneficiary recommendations in agency budgets.
- 4. OHA/DHHL - Job Openings (2011):** Post job openings widely via Native Hawaiian electronic networks to increase knowledge about state government jobs at OHA and DHHL. Report all vacant positions and new hires funded by trust funds to the Board of Trustees and the Hawaiian Homes Commission monthly. DHHL implementation of HHCA section 202 (b) on new and vacant civil service positions, to qualified Hawaiians.
- 5. OHA/DHHL - State CIP Funds (2012) -** Assist beneficiary organizations to identify and promote projects relevant and eligible for state Capital Improvement Project bond funding to be included in state government CIP budgets.
- 6. OHA/DHHL - Program Partnership (2012-SCHHA) -** Execute program partnerships to fulfill the OHA/DHHL resolution on the Ceded Lands Settlement to serve the mutual beneficiaries of these public trusts.
- 7. DHHL - Legal Counsel (2012-SCHHA).** Hawaiian Homes Commission to fund and retain separate legal counsel to represent the interests of the beneficiaries at all Hawaiian Homes Commission meetings.
- 8. DHHL - Adequate Funding (2012-SCHHA):** Adequately fund DHHL government employees and operating costs from state General Funds and not the Trust Funds of beneficiaries per the Hawaii Supreme Court ruling in the Nelson case. Reimburse the land trust for prior years of expenditures. Annually request adequate CIP funds to fulfill the mission of the HHCA.
- 9. DHHL - Improve Federal Oversight of HHCA (2011- SCHHA):** Raise awareness and accountability of state government's administration of the federal Hawaiian Homes Commission Act through the promulgation of federal administrative rules by the Department of Interior for the HHCA and the Hawaiian Home Land Recovery Act (HHLRA).

Note: The year the item became a policy priority is noted in parentheses

State & Federal Policy Priorities

- 1. State/Federal - Sovereignty: State (2011) & Federal Recognition (2002):** Support the implementation of State recognition law and work to extend the federal policy of self governance and self determination to Native Hawaiians.
- 2. Federal - Business: SBA Native 8(a) Business Development (2008):** Passage of federal legislation to distinguish Native 8(a) firms versus Minority 8(a) firms in the SBA program, and to reaffirm the origins of Native 8(a) under the federal Indian policy and the Native status in the U.S. Constitution.
- 3. Federal - Financing: FHA 247 Amendments (2006) & HUD 184a Amendments (2011):** Engage a new HUD MOU on FHA 247 by the Obama Administration to reverse 75% LTV ratio limitation on beneficiary borrowers, and exempt DHHL from a reserve fund pool. Amend HUD 184a home loan program to allow refinancing, and home transactions off trust lands, as American Indians and Alaska Natives are allowed to do.
- 4. State - Donor Giving: Employee Choice in State of Hawaii Work Place Giving (2008):** Revise 30-year policy by state government to restrict state employees to a single charity giving option of an Oahu nonprofit, to open opportunities to charities across the state, and in particular to culturally based charities.
- 5. Federal - Education/Housing (2010):** Reauthorize the Native Hawaiian Education Act, to strengthen funding allocations to education and language nonprofit schools, improves the governance structure of the Native Hawaiian Education Council, and localizes technical assistance to grant applicants. Reauthorize the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant by the Congress, with increased usage on actual housing units versus subdivision development.
- 6. Federal - Federal Program Unity Project (2010):** Identify successful federal programs that are relevant to Native Hawaiians for inclusion based on Native status. Include Substantially Underserved Trust Areas (SUTA) as defined for some USDA programs, to be a standard eligibility definition for USDA (rural development and housing programs), Treasury (CDFI Fund) and HUD (CDBG) programs to increase service and eligibility of Native populations nationally. ANA Set-a-Side for Pacific Territories.
- 7. Federal - Native Hawaiian-to-DoI Relationship (2012):** Establish partnerships to convene Native Hawaiians with federal officials at DoI annually, to share experiences and best practices of DoI-Insular Affairs, DoI-Bureau of Indian Affairs and DoI-Office of Native Hawaiian Relations.
- 8. State - Act 55: Public Land Development Corporation (2012):** Amend or Repeal Act 55 to protect and comply with federal requirements and Hawaii constitutional mandates on the use of public lands and the unique responsibility to Native Hawaiians.
- 9. State - Water Commission Appointments (2012):** Insist on the appointment of Water Commissioners that meet the eligibility criteria to properly represent Native Hawaiian interests & cultural practices.

Program Priority from CNHA Network

Implement Civic Engagement Initiative (2012): Develop and implement a year-round civic engagement initiative to register voters, and in election years to increase the actual voting percentages by the CNHA Network of Members.

Improve NGO Access to State of Hawaii CIP Resources (2012): Develop a guide to accessing State CIP resources for Non-Governmental Organizations, and assist community leaders to present CIP eligible projects through the State of Hawaii system.



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February 1, 2013

Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Hawai'i State Senate
State Capitol Building, Room 221
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Galuteria,

I am very pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Jobie Masagatani for the position of Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I was a former Trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), appointed to fill an unexpired term for a member of the first Board and elected to the second Board ending my tenure as Chairman of the OHA Board. I also served for eight years as a commissioner for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), being appointed by Governor's Waihee and Cayetano. Therefore, I can recommend Jobie for this position without reservation.

Jobie has the education, experience, intellect, and personality to fit well into this position. A Kamehameha graduate, she went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Northwestern University and a Masters Degree in Public Affairs / Urban and Regional Planning from Princeton University, two of the premier university's on the planet.

I met Jobie when she was the Deputy to the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and I was a Commissioner. She exhibited the qualities that I would like in a leader. Jobie has vision (central to leadership), she is an effective communicator to all audiences, she manages collaboratively, she is inspiring, she has "follow-thru", she resolves conflict, and above all she is loyal. Her management experience is extensive and impeccable.

Jobie's significant experience began in 1989 as a Budget Examiner, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Offices of the President of the United States. She analyzed and prepared portions of the 1991 President's U.S. Budget dealing with the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation and the community and economic development and fair housing programs under the HUD budget of \$3.2 billion.

After working as a budget analyst she returned to Hawai'i and worked for four organizations committed to the betterment of the Native Hawaiian Community. At Kamehameha Schools, she worked as a Land Investment Analyst determining the best use of the land to create revenue for the school. She assisted with the development of the Kamehameha Schools Master Plan for Kaupulehu and helped to implement this plan.

Ms. Masagatani served as the Deputy to the Chairman at Hawaiian Homes for seven years. She managed DHHL operations for 130 staff members including personnel, financial and budget issues. She created an innovative mortgage program for DHHL leasees, implemented the DHHL HUD program, and coordinated the project team that built the Lanikeha Community Center in Ho`olehua. While at DHHL, she coordinated the effort to defend the DHHL program against constitutional challenges. This effort included strategizing, constant communication with leasees, legislators, federal officials, Hawaiian organizations and the general public.

At Queen's Health Systems she served as the Assistant to the President and CEO. Jobie led Queen's development of the strategic plan to address Native Hawaiian health. The project required on-going collaboration and communication across independent corporations including two hospitals and one foundation, education of board members and senior management, research and analysis, and community outreach.

At the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Ms. Masagatani worked as a Public Policy Program Manager. She coordinated six professional staff and developed and implemented OHA's legislative package. She tracked and monitored bills that OHA supported, provided testimony on these bills, when necessary, and responded to questions from legislators.

It is evident that Jobie Masagatani has the necessary skills and work experience to be successful as the Chairman of DHHL. She will be able to hit the ground running with very little orientation. This will be important since she would be entering the Governor's cabinet later than other department heads. In addition, Ms. Masagatani has worked closely with Native Hawaiian organizations and is privy to a deep understanding of the Native Hawaiian perspective.

She is affiliated with many Hawaiian organizations. To name a few:

- Queen Lili`uokalani Trust Trustee Compensation Committee (October 2011 – December 2011)
- Hui Hanai Board – Queen Lili`uokalani Children's Center (June 2011 – present)
- Native Hawaiian Education Council – OHA representative (June 2010 – August 2011)

- Kamehameha Schools Board of Advisors
(June 2004 – June 2006)
- University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine
Department of Native Hawaiian Health Community Advisory
Board
(October 2003 – June 2005)
- U.S. Census Advisory Committee on the Native Hawaiian
and Other Pacific Islanders Population
(August 2000 – December 2003)
- Affordable Housing Advisory Council Federal Home Loan
Bank of Seattle
(January 1997 – December 1998)

Jobie is fair, straightforward and decisive. She is resolute in working towards mutually agreed upon solutions to problems and works comfortably at the Federal and State level. I recommend her highly and unequivocally for the position of Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I am available to answer questions about Ms. Jobie Masagatani's experience and credentials. I can be reached at 808-756-4686, mahalo.

Me`oe ku`u mahalo,



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University of Hawai'i System

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Submitted on: 1/31/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rodney Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Chair, Hawaiian Home Lands, Mahalo.

January 23, 2013

Re: Ms. Jobie Masagatani, appointment for Chairman of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Senator Brickwood Galuteria and Committee of Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is **Rollanda Faraon** and I am a third generation **homestead farmer** on the island of Molokai. It is an honor and privilege to offer to you my **LETTER OF STRONG SUPPORT** for Ms. Jobie Masagatani.

Ms. Masagatani has over 20+ years as a community leader, supporting Hawaiian programs that facilitate economic growth for the entire state of Hawaii. She is honest, respectful, hardworking and has outstanding values and loyalty to the Department of Hawaiian Homes. Her experience with serving as the Deputy to the Chair of Hawaiian Homes in 1995-2002 tells me that she is capable of bringing Hawaiian Homes back on track.

Ms. Masagatani was also instrumental in the project that built Lanikeha on the island of Molokai, a Community Center utilizing federal, state, county and private grant and loan funds. This center is also an incubator with a full certified kitchen, that allows our community the opportunity to use it at affordable rental rates. This has helped many of our island people to develop and market our products. She was also instrumental in getting Kulia I Ka Nu'u up started and made beneficiaries accountable to their homestead communities. She is the only chairman that is willing to put agriculture on the table and address its issues.

Her qualifications are very impressive, her background of working for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands; Project Manager for Hawaii Real Estate Research and Education Center; Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate; working with the Queens Health System and also advocating legislatively for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs tells me that she is well diverse, and meets the qualifications to be our next Hawaiian Homes Chairman. As a beneficiary of Hawaiian Homes – this is what we need.

These are the reasons why I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** Ms. Jobie Masagatani.

Sincerely,
Rollanda Faraon
Homestead Farmer

GM586

Submitted on: 2/4/2013

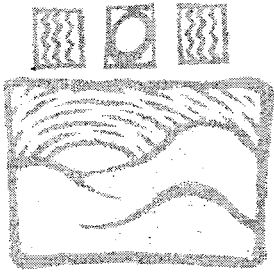
Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Romaine Matsuyoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Jobie Masagatani's confirmation as Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Jobie is the kind of honest, law abiding, akamai leader that the home lands agencies and Hawaiians have needed for so long. Committed to Hawaii nei and the future of our home lands, Ms. Masagatani has integrity, respect for proper processes, and stands strong for Hawaiians and the home lands in the face of special interest pressures.

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'Ahahui Siwila Hawai'i O Kapolei

January 20, 2013

Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817

RE: Letter of support to Confirm Jobie Masagatani as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Aloha Chairman Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

The 'Ahahui Siwila Hawai'i O Kapolei supports Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Ms. Masagatani is an outstanding leader who is committed to serving 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 also founded by Prince Kūhiō in 1918. We have worked with the Department of Hawaiian Homes in the past and look forward to continue this partnership with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill Prince Kūhiō's vision under Ms. Masagatani. Our 'Ahahui's membership include current Hawaiian Home leaseholders and services the Honouliuli ahupua'a.

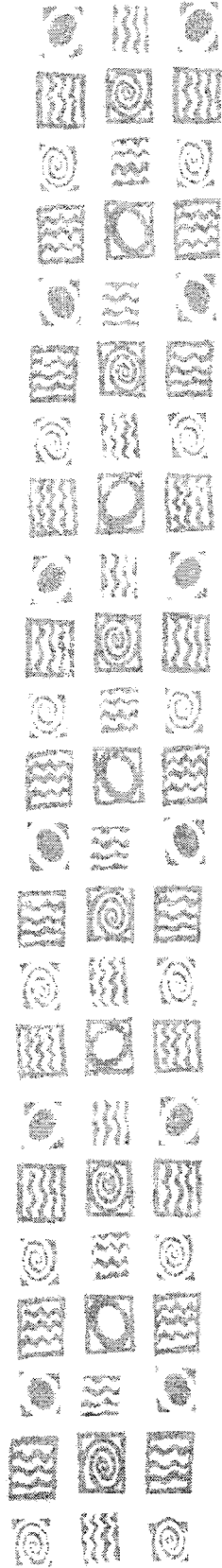
As a personal note, I have worked with Ms. Masagatani and have found her commitment to the Hawaiian people to be genuine.

The 'Ahahui Siwila Hawai'i O Kapolei respectfully urge you and the committee on Hawaiian Affairs to confirm the nomination of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo nui for your consideration. Should you require additional information, please feel free contact me.

'O wau iho nō,

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Submitted on: 2/6/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronica Ann Ibarra	DHHL	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of Jobie.

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February 4, 2013

TO: Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Chairman,
Chairman, Senator, Brickwood Galuteira
Vice Chairman, Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran

Subject: Testimony in Strong **Support** of Ms. Jobie Masagatani, confirmation for Chairman,
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Honorable Senators,

My name is Rosie F Davis. I am married to a third generation homestead farmer; we live on Kalamaula homestead, on the island of Molokai.

It is an honor and privilege to support our Governor Neil Abercrombie in his choice for DHHL Chairwoman, Ms. Jobie Masagatani.

Ms. Masagatani is an asset to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. In the short duration of time as Designate Chairperson, Ms Masagatani has proven her motivation to assist all beneficiaries, not just one specific group, and have empowered many Homestead Organizations. She is honest, respectful, hard working and has outstanding values and loyalty to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Her qualifications are very impressive, her background of working for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands; Project Manager for Hawaii Real Estate Research and Education Center; Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate; working with the Queens Health System and also advocating legislatively for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, has given her experiences, allowing her to be a diverse leader and meets the qualifications to be our next Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. As a community advocate for Molokai, I believe we need Ms Masagatani to continue the work and transparency she has brought to the table. These are some of the reasons why **I STRONGLY SUPPORT MS. JOBIE MASAGATANI.**

Mahalo nui loa,

Rosie F Davis

February 4, 2013

TO: Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Chairman, Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Vice Chairman, Keith-Aragan

Aloha Honorable Senators,

I submit this testimony in strong support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairwoman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home lands and ask your committee to advise and consent her nomination.

Aloha Pumehana
Rowena LK Davis

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State capitol, Room 221

Dear Senator Galuteria,


SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani, Chairperson for the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, GM586, 2013 Hawaii State Legislature

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Mahalo for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please call me at 808.760.8374.


Roy K. Oliveira

Cc: Senator Agaran, Vice Chair THA
Senator English, East Maui
Senator Baker, West Maui

WAIIEHU KOU PHASE 3 ASSOCIATION, Inc.
Hawaiian Homestead, Waiehu Kou, Maui
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February 2, 2013

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State capitol, Room 221

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**TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Wednesday, February 06, 2013
2:45 P.M.
Conference Room 224

Governor's Message No. 586

Chairperson Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message no. 586, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), Jobie Masagatani. I express strong support for Ms. Masagatani's nomination.

Jobie's previous experience as the DHHL Deputy Director and her active participation in the Hawaiian community make her uniquely qualified to serve as Chairperson. Her experience in both the public and private sector will serve her well in creating the necessary networks to achieve the best outcomes for the DHHL.

The Department of Agriculture (DOA) has been working with Jobie on an agricultural project in Waimea that would not have been possible without her efforts. The DHHL has provided the land upon which a homesteader-to-farmer program is currently being run and has already graduated a class of homesteaders who now have the tools and confidence to be successful, productive farmers. There are other

opportunities that also present excellent models for collaboration that will benefit several agencies, including the DHHL and DOA.

We look forward to continuing to work with Jobie in this regard and are confident that she has demonstrated the insight and willingness to work together to benefit Hawaii.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify.

February 5, 2013

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria , Chairman
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
and Committee Members
Hawaii State Capitol Room 211

RE: GM 586 - Letter of Support

Aloha Senator Galuteria and Committee Members:

I am in support of the confirmation for Ms. Jobie Masagatani as chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Ms. Masagatani is capable, qualified, and experienced to lead DHHL. She is "akamai" to the political nature of the position and has a deep understanding of its mission. Ms. Masagatani is also the right choice because she has engaged and communicated clearly to the beneficiaries that she has every intention to do her job to the best of her abilities.

At this time DHHL and its beneficiaries is in need of Ms. Masagatani's leadership to move forward the vision of its founder Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole. She will bring stability and governance but most important she will be successful in putting beneficiaries on the "'Aina." Please support her confirmation.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Moku'. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'S' and a cursive 'Moku'.

Sam Moku
DHHL Beneficiary and former DHHL employee

GM586

Submitted on: 2/4/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

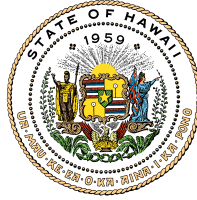
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samson L. Brown	Aupuni O Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Kakou, As a native Hawaiian living on the homestead for the past sixty years, i support Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson for DHHL Mahalo Samson L. Brown President of Aupuni O Hawaii

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TESTIMONY OF
SANJEEV "SONNY" BHAGOWALIA, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol
Conference Room 224

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

G.M. 586

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI**

Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of the confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands ("Department").

I have had the fortunate opportunity to work with Ms. Masagatani since her appointment to help address the Department's information technology needs as related to the State of Hawaii's Business and Information Technology/Information Resource Management (IT/IRM) Transformation Plan. I can personally attest to her collaborative, team-building, management style, and knowledge of organizational culture.

Ms. Masagatani experience with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and focus on Native Hawaiian health while at the Queen's Health Systems, as well as her time as Deputy Director of the Department gives her the knowledge, expertise and cultural sensitivity necessary for this appointment. Her commitment to serving the Native Hawaiian people is a great asset to this administration.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration and confirmation of Ms. Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona

82-6026 Manini Beach Rd., Captain Cook, Hi 96704

Testimony of **Shane Palacat-Nelsen**, President

In Support of GM 586,

Consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI

To the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Our Hawaiian Civic Club is a staunch supporter of strong leadership in the Native Hawaiian community and we believe Ms. Masagatani is the leader that is needed at this organization at this time. Her education and training in public and social policy, government, and economics from top institutions, and her continuous service to our community (from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, to Kamehameha Schools, to Queen's Hospital, to Papa Ola Lokahi, to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs), are outstanding achievements that we are proud a Hawaiian has attained. Furthermore, these are achievements that we would want a prominent leader, like the director of DHHL, to have.

Our Hawaiian Civic Club supports Ms. Masagatani and we hope you will take into account her experience and credentials as you make the decision of her confirmation. We ask that your committee advise and consent to this nomination.

Mahalo nui.

GM586

Submitted on: 2/5/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shelly Carreira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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January 27, 2013

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Committee Members

We realize that during these times, a lot of us are tightening our belts and looking at ways to survive.

Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands Chair Designate, Jobie Masagatani was handed a very challenging position and has made some very tough decisions, that could very well jeopardize her appointment confirmation as Chair to DHHL. As the direct beneficiaries to this Trust, we look to our leaders for guidance, support and respect for each other as we work together despite our differences for the betterment of the Trust and its beneficiaries. Jobie has been very open about her concerns for the Department's survival and the impact on its beneficiaries.

It is her willingness to step forward and make those tough decisions that the Maku'u Farmers Market Corporation supports the appointment of Jobie Masagatani, as Chair to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo,

Shirley Pedro, Chair

Maku'u Farmers Market Corporation

Visit us at www.makuufarmersassociation.org

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TESTIMONY OF SHIRLEY S. SWINNEY

IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM586

Confirmation to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 2:45pm, Room 224

Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee, Aloha:

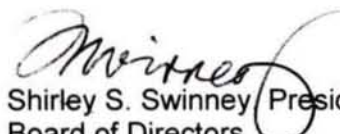
Thank you for the opportunity to offer strong support for Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Jobie Masagatani to the Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

I am Shirley Swinney, President of Kapolei Community Development Corporation (KCDC). KCDC is a 501(c3) beneficiary organization purposed on fostering family and cultural preservation founded in the tenets of Community, Culture, Education and Partnership. KCDC sees its first partner as DHHL and works in concert with DHHL to realize our community goal for a multi-purpose educational facility.

DHHL has been in a continual and difficult flux during the last four years and four changes in administrators. The resulting unstable environment has severely diminished DHHL's ability to achieve its mission of providing homesteads for native Hawaiians and in its overall service to its beneficiaries.

As an active beneficiary organization, KCDC has had chance to observe Ms. Masagatani as Chair Designate. KCDC finds Ms. Masagatani's leadership demonstrated her many attributes. These include her academic and professional credentials, the benefits of her past experience including as DHHL Deputy Director, a fair and steady decision-making process, and her sincerity. These are the qualities of leadership that the Trust sorely needs at this time. For this reason, KCDC strongly supports Governor Abercrombie's nomination and urges your support of Jobie Masagatani to the Chair for the DHHL.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of GM586.


Shirley S. Swinney, President
Board of Directors
Kapolei Community Development Corp.

GM586

Submitted on: 1/30/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacelynn Eli	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a resident on Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead and also on the DHHL waiting list. I support the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani. She has helped to bring positive change to DHHL and will continue to do so.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2013

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Stanley Carreira	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ms. Masagatani has been a long time supporter of the native Hawaiian community. She is an asset to the community and should continue her role as Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tamar deFries	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: February 6, 2013 Honorable Brickwood Galuteria Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Hawaii State Capitol Building Re: Testimony in Strong Support of the Confirmation of Ms. Jobie Masagatani (GM586), as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Hearing: GM586, Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 2:45 pm Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members, My name is Tamar deFries and I am a Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiary currently residing in the Kalawahine Streamside Hawaiian Home Lands Community. In addition, I am a private business owner, along with my colleagues, who have worked with various Hawaiian Homestead Communities on Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii with their community projects. Please accept this testimony in strong support of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). We ask for your strong support and confirmation to ensure that Ms. Masagatani can continue to serve the Hawaiian Homestead Community. While working with Ms. Masagatani and her staff on Hawaiian Homestead Community Projects, I have experienced positive and supportive assistance from DHHL staff and its leadership, specifically working on regulatory and construction related issues. In each situation, we have been able to work in a constructive manner that has led to problem solving and critical thinking to reach project goals in a timely and accurate manner. We look forward to our continued work with DHHL under Ms. Masagatani's leadership. We feel DHHL is moving in the right direction in the areas of community and economic development under her leadership. We ask that the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs with the Hawaii State Senate confirm Ms. Masagatani as the Director of the Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Me ke aloha pumehana -- Tamar deFries PO Box 23180 Honolulu, HI 96823-3180 (808) 478-9627 tds@pgahi.com

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February 4, 2013

The Honorable Chair Brickwood Galuteria
The Honorable Vice-Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran
The Honorable Senators of the Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Committee (THA)
Hawaii State Legislature
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 586 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE MASAGATANI.
Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Senators Galuteria, Keith-Agaran and THA Committee Members:

I submit to you my support for MS. JOBIE MASAGATANI to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I urge you, the Honorable Members, to please confirm her appointment.

My name is Tercia La`amaikahiki-o-kahili Ku. I am the President of the Board of Directors for Princess Kahanu Estates Association, a Hawaiian homestead community located in the leeward district of Oahu, the town of Nanakuli, the ahupa`a of Lualualei. On January 17, 2013, the Board of Directors for the Princess Kahanu Estates Association (PKEA) voted to remain neutral in this matter, as they have done in previous political appointments and elections. PKEA is not a member organization of the Sovereign Councils of Hawaiian Homestead Assemblies (SCHHA). I come before you as a resident of a community which has been a flagship association, also referred to as the Beverly Hills of Hawaiian Home Lands, to share with you our success and the role to which Ms. Masagatani has played.

I am an original homeowner in this neighborhood and moved into my home in December of 1995 – over seventeen years ago. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands partnered with Mark Development Incorporated (MDI), a residential developer, who built the 271 homes on quarry property. The property was named to honor the beloved wife of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana`ole – Elizabeth Kahanu Ka`auwai. MDI was also responsible for the establishment and formation of the community association. This arrangement provided a strong foundation for economic self-sufficiency and self-sustainable association that is member-driven and community-owned.

From 1995 until 2002, Ms. Masagatani was the DHHL Deputy Director. She played a vital and important administrative role in the early years of my community. We attribute her involvement in the development of the policies and procedures to which our association continues to thrive and to grow. It is this experience which has prepared her for the Chair and gives her the qualifications required. Ms. Masagatani has demonstrated her desire to communicate and partner with the leadership of the homestead communities. Her efforts have eclipsed those of past DHHL Chairs. She brings a wealth of knowledge and a heart-filled passion to make a difference in the lives of homestead lessees and applicants.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to making Hawai`i a better place for us to live, play and grow.

With Humility,

Tercia L. Ku
Princess Kahanu Estates Association (Hawaiian Homestead)
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Thomas K. Kaulukukui, Jr.
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

January 30, 2013

Mr. Brickwook Galuteria, Chair
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Ms. Jobie Masagatani

To Chairman Galuteria and members of the committee,

I offer this letter in support of Jobie Masagatani, whose confirmation hearing will occur on February 6, 2013.

From approximately 1994 to 1997, I served as commissioner of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I had the opportunity to work with Jobie during my tenure. My experience with her was a positive one. She was thoughtful, well-spoken, intelligent, and hard-working. In my opinion, she was an asset to the office.

My evaluation of Jobie's character and qualifications is based upon my personal experience with her at that time. I have not followed her career in recent years, but I do not doubt her commitment and competency.

For the reasons I give above, I support her confirmation.

Sincerely,


Thomas K. Kaulukukui, Jr.

SUPPORT

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou 'Oukou!

FYI, and contrary to the attached documents, I have signed petitions from lessees in the Anahola community here on the island of Kaua'i who support Ms. Masagatani's confirmation and I would like to submit them on the day of or prior to the hearing, whichever is pono in your venue.

We know Ms. Masagatani is the right person for the job. She also knows her kuleana and will do what is BEST for all Hawaiian Homes lessees. He kanaka pono 'o ia (She is a person of moral quality.)

Me ka pono,

Toni Ka'a'a

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Hawai'i Construction Alliance

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January 30, 2013

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

RE: Testimony in support of GM 586, on consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jobie Masagatani

Dear Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance – comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Hawai'i Masons Union, Local 1 and Local 630; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local 3 – supports Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Jobie Masagatani to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Having served as DHHL Deputy Director from 1995 to 2002 and as DHHL Director since 2012, Ms. Masagatani is very familiar with DHHL's programs, funding, and operations.

Since her appointment as director of DHHL last year, Ms. Masagatani has built a broad range of accomplishment in a variety of areas. Under her leadership, groundbreaking was held for homestead developments in Waimānalo, Anahola, and Waimea (Hawai'i Island). The projects in Waimānalo and Anahola were notable for being public-private partnerships and also for pioneering the use of Rural Development funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Additionally, Ms. Masagatani has moved forward on applications for federal funding and created plans to spend previously-allocated funds from the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act.

Ms. Masagatani has demonstrated a deep commitment to improving conditions for Native Hawaiians during her time at DHHL and in her prior positions at OHA, Kamehameha Schools, and The Queen's Health Systems. We respectfully urge the committee to approve her nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
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January 27, 2013

TO: Hawaii Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Chairman, Sen. Brickwood Galuteira
Vice Chairman, Sen. Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran

Subject: Testimony in Strong **Support** of Ms. Jobie Masagatani, confirmation for Chairman,
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Senators,

My name is **Vickie Kaauwai Kauhane** and I am a homesteader on the island of Honolulu. I am proud to offer my letter of Support for Jobie Masagatani. She has demonstrated to me her willingness and ability to be of assistance when called upon. Her loyalty to the Hawaiian Homes surpasses that of any other person.

I believe that Jobie will provide the guidance, transparency and management necessary to put Hawaiian Homes back on track. With her experience, education and familiarity with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, I have full confidence that she will get the job done.

For those reasons I Strongly Support Ms. Jobie Masagatani.

Sincerely,

Vickie Kaauwai Kauhane

GM586

Submitted on: 2/6/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victoria Lynch	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Viola K. Mundrick-Wichman

P.O. Box 219

Ho'olehua, HI 96729

January 24, 2013

Re: Ms. Jobie Masagatani, appointment for Chairwoman of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Senator Brickwood Galuteria and Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Viola Mundrick Wichman and I am very proud to support the confirmation of DHHL Director designate Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the next Director and Chairwoman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands .

I look to her as a community leader, supporting Hawaiian programs that facilitate economic growth for the entire state of Hawaii. Her keen sense of business and her strong sense of work ethics will take Hawaiian Homes far beyond the scope of agriculture for the good. She is honest, respectful, hard working and has outstanding values and loyalty to the Department of Hawaiian Homes.

If you should have any questions feel free to contact me at ph: 808-560-6215

Mahalo,

Viola Mundrick Wichman, Hoolehua Homesteader

GM586

Submitted on: 2/1/2013

Testimony for THA on Feb 6, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
wanda.k.zablan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the appointment of Jobie Masagatani as HHC Chairman

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 586
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOBIE MASAGATANI.**

Governor's Message 586 submits the Governor's nomination, Jobie Masagatani, for Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this nomination.

Although DHHL and the Department have different missions, they are the State's only two public land trust agencies. As such, both departments work very closely on issues of mutual interest including land and natural resource management. We enjoy collaborative efforts state-wide and want to strengthen such efforts, particularly as the Department places a high priority on watershed protection initiatives.

Jobie Masagatani has the qualifications, knowledge, and expertise to lead the DHHL, particularly during this time of fiscal austerity and challenging times. With her background as the former Deputy Director of DHHL, as well as her experience with land and budgetary matters at the state and federal levels, Jobie is an asset to DHHL.

There is no doubt that as DHHL stabilizes its financing, addresses product affordability, re-assesses its agriculture program, maximizes its management of natural resources, and supports community-based projects, Jobie can help navigate the complexity of issues with her skills set and work with other agencies and stakeholders to implement these priorities.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

ESTHER KIA'AINA
FIRST DEPUTY

WILLIAM M. TAM
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES
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BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES
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The Department pledges to do what we can in supporting her, her staff, and DHHL in their mission to improve the conditions of native Hawaiians by providing increased housing, agricultural, and pastoral opportunities.

GM586

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments: Strong Support for Jobie as Chairman of DHHL.

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February 5, 2013

Re: Hearing on Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM586) – Oppose

Chair Galuteria and members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

I submit my opposition to the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the Director of DHHL.

I was an eight year employee of DHHL and am an undivided interest lessee of Kanehili. I loved my job and the opportunity to serve fellow beneficiaries.

I resigned from DHHL because I could not tolerate the lack of leadership, communication, unprofessional behavior and cruelty of Ms. Masagatani at DHHL.

Jobie lacks effective communication skills. Her inability to provide clear direction to employees harbored uncertainty and inefficiency. She was unclear about her goals and strategy to advance the mission of the trust. Her ability to ignore and/or disregard certain employees was stunning and unbecoming of a professional at that level of leadership.

Ms. Masagatai's inability to communicate effectively created an uncomfortable and unwelcoming workplace. After eight years of service, I found myself walking on egg shells upon her arrival.

The Director of any State agency must have excellent communication skills and the ability to build a collaborative team to carry out the agencies mission. After my experience in working under Ms. Masagatani, I was unable to deal with her immaturity. As a result, I resigned from my position after 8 years of service to an agency I loved working for. DHHL needs a strong leader with the ability to communicate both internally and externally. Unfortunately, Ms. Masagatani has not demonstrated the ability to do this.

I oppose the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Zelda Moleta

Kanehili Undivided Interest Lessee