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

My name is, Don 'Kona' Jugoz, I am a Hawaiian Homestead Lessee and Vice President of Princess Kahanu Estates Association. I along with others of my colleagues have worked with various Hawaiian homestead communities on Oahu and the neighbor islands with their individual community projects.

Please accept this testimony as a token of our appreciation for the support given by Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Director designate for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), we ask for your strong support as she is in the confirmation process as its Director during the remaining two years.

While working with 2012 Neighbor works Community Leadership Conference in Orlando Florida, we have experienced positive and supportive assistance from the DHHL staff and its leadership in working with regulatory and construction related issues. In each situation we have resolved these challenges in a timely and accurate manner and look forward to working with Jobie and her management staff in continuing to set the pace of this economic development throughout the state.

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,

Don 'Kona' Jugoz  
Vice President  
Princess Kahanu Estates Association

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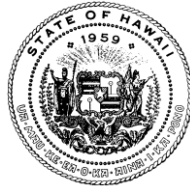
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**Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs**

**February 6, 2013**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Director of Health**

**GM586, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOBIE  
MASAGATANI.**

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1 **Department's Position:** Strong Support.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of Governor's Message 586 is to nominate Ms. Jobie  
4 Masagatani to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

5 As a colleague and fellow Cabinet member, I have observed Ms. Masagatani's strength and  
6 character as a leader and public servant. Ms. Masagatani brings to the office of the Chairperson a rich  
7 and diverse professional background to DHHL, ranging from private sector healthcare, federal budget  
8 analysis, public policy, and small business.

9 As the Director of Health, I am especially grateful for her long history dealing with Native  
10 Hawaiian health issues. This in particular is a strategic asset for the State and Native Hawaiians since  
11 where you live, including the physical, cultural, and environmental conditions, are a major determinant  
12 of health status and outcomes.

13 I stand in strong support of my colleagues nomination and urge the Committee to unanimously  
14 confirm Ms. Masagatani. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

*Promoting Lifelong Health & Wellness*

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and other Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Committee Members,

I strongly support Ms. Jobie Masagatani for Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I worked with Jobie for six years when we were both deputies at the State and have known and remained friends with her since, about 18 years.

Jobie is the ideal person for the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. She works well with many different communities and individuals. In addition, she has a strong moral compass and will do what is right irregardless of the consequences to her personally. In my conversations with Jobie over the years she has always been deeply concerned about the Hawaiian Community and Hawaiian issues. This has always been very close to her heart. Jobie takes her work very seriously and thinks through her decisions. She is a hard worker and will do what ever it takes to get her work done well.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Mary Pat Waterhouse

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February 7, 2013

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

Dear Chair Galuteria and Committee Members:

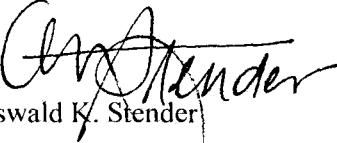
I am writing this letter in support of the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). At this time, I would like to make clear that I am writing this letter as a Native Hawaiian individual, not in my capacity as a trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).

I have known Jobie for more than 20 years. I first met her when she was a student of Kumu Hula Mapuana de Silva when Jobie was a dancer with Halau Mohala 'Ilima, and years later I had the opportunity of working with her at the Bishop Estate when I was a trustee. Having worked with her and knowing her capabilities, I kept up with her career path. Years after I left Bishop Estate, I again had the opportunity of working with Jobie when she became an employee at OHA. When Jobie accepted the appointment made by Governor Abercrombie to serve as the Interim Director at DHHL, I felt he made the right choice as I knew she would contribute much to the agency as she worked to fulfill the mission of DHHL.

While I have little knowledge of the issues raised in the press and by the naysayers, I do know that when there is change in leadership in any organization, there will always be some fallout and there will be those that are disappointed in the change. Whatever the issues, I know Jobie will manage each situation with the utmost skill, sensitivity, and compassion.

Mahalo for your consideration in this matter.

Best regards,

  
Oswald K. Stender

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**February 6, 2013**

**TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**FROM: Ray Soon, Former DHHL Director**

**RE: GM 586 -- The Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands**

Good afternoon Chairman Galuteria, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, members of the Senate's Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Committee

I am Ray Soon. I worked for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for 12 years, first under Chairwoman Hoaliku Drake as her Director of Land Management and then under Chairman Kali Watson as the Director of his development group. From 2008 to 2012, I had the honor of serving as the Director of the Department and the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I understand what it takes to be a good and effective Chairman at Hawaiian Homes.

Jobie Masagatani has all the necessary tools. She is smart, has lots of experience at the department – having served eight years as deputy director – is respectful, but tough; is focused on homesteading; can drive and inspire staff; has the skill sets to manage well and to lead an agency the size of Hawaiian Homes.

Over the years, Jobie and I have had many, many discussions; we have not always agreed. Where we have never disagreed is that the ONLY beneficiaries of the Chairman's work are native Hawaiians – not just some, but all beneficiaries of the Trust, whether they are on the land or not yet on the land. She will work with or if necessary do battle with anyone – the Governor, the Legislature, the Federal Government -- if she believes it is in the best interest of the entire beneficiary class; especially those not yet on the land.

During our term, we worked well as a team. Hawaiian Homes may be a small department, but it is complex and covers a wide range of issues. We had to work well as a team to be successful. Early on, it was clear that I needed to spend more time with external relationships while Jobie made sure the administration worked, and she did. For example, I spent significant time in Washington enabling the passage of the Hawaiian Homelands Homeownership Act of 2000 – a law which resulted in over \$10 million of Federal housing funds to the program every year during the last decade. Following the passage, Jobie made sure the implementation worked. It meant restructuring staff, securing consulting services, establishing policies and programs – all the nitty gritty stuff that makes government programs work. She made sure it worked.

She also handled every audit the department went through in our administration. If you've been through an audit, whether by the Federal government or by Marion Higa, you know the detailed focus it requires. Jobie nailed every one of them.



She led the reform work on the FHA 247 program, was the single, most responsible person for the building of Lanikeha Community Center on Molokai, and managed the department's successful positions on all of those late 90's threats to Hawaiian based programs, such as Barrett. Those cases involved hundreds of affidavits and many, many community meetings. Jobie was the point of the spear on all of it.

You will hear people talk about Act 302 and the promise it created for the empowerment of homestead associations to care for their own communities. Jobie was DHHL's chief writer in crafting that legislation with people like Noe Kalipi and Mike Kahikina. She was also our chief lobbyist for the passage of Act 302 in 2001.

The list goes on and on; she was the deputy for eight years. Suffice to say that I believe Jobie Masagatani is a very good choice.

Again, I come before you to urge your confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as the next Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the next Chairwoman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. She has all the tools needed to successfully run the department and she has the total dedication to homesteading that Beneficiaries require.

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Honorable Chairman Galuteria and Committee members, aloha.

I am Winona Kealamapuana Ellis Rubin, a Native Hawaiian born on Kaua'i where my father was on the Hawaiian Homes waiting list without having the opportunity to become a homesteader in his lifetime.

I was unable to prepare testimony in time for the hearing but very concerned with the untrue public allegations of some Hawaiian Home Lands Commissioners who have personal axes to grind and professional experience and training far below the level of the current Chairman of the Commission. This statement of support for Jobie M.K. Masagatani is being given on behalf of my late father, that of our 'ohana and others who are part of families with similar unsuccessful applicant list experiences as well as current homesteaders with concerns about the actions of some commissioners with special agendas..

While Native Hawaiians have increased in numbers over recent years and at last have Native Hawaiians whose education, expertise and articulate voices are raised to address past inequities, we need experienced and ethical professional leadership in areas of major importance to resolve issues overdue for sound solutions.

I have known Jobie and worked with her over many years. As her curriculum vitae clearly documents: she has credentials in the right fields to be of significant value to the State and to native Hawaiians: in economics and public policy, urban and regional planning; human development and social policy; and public affairs. She had prior experience with the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as deputy administrator for two prior Hawaiian Homes Lands Commissioners/Directors in the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL); as a strong leader in special projects for DHHL, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), The Kamehameha Schools (KS), the Queen's Health Systems, and more.

She has always performed with integrity, objectivity, clarity of judgement and compassion for our native people. We are fortunate that Jobie has dedicated her life to public service and is prepared to provide quality, intelligent, ethical, committed, courageous and articulate leadership as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

She has my strong support and probably the majority of the Hawaiian community for your unanimous confirmation of her appointment.. Mahalo.



Hawaiian Homelands  
Assembly

**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 Homelands, Nominee Jobie  
Masagatani**

Aloha Chair Galuteria and members of the Committee.

My name is Kamaki Kanahale, Chairman of the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, (SCHHA), formerly known as the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations. Unfortunately, I am here to oppose the confirmation of Nominee Jobie Masagatani. In August of 2012 at its Annual Convention of Delegates at the Ala Moana Hotel, the full membership of twenty eight Hawaiian Homestead Associations from all islands, after two full days of deliberations, voted to oppose the confirmation of Jobie. Justification for our position are as follows:

The SCHHA has convened annually, for the past twenty-five years, with its primary focus to advocate for the well being of beneficiaries awarded land (only approximately 7,000 awards have been made for the past 90 years) and to move DHHL to issue land awards to beneficiaries on the waitlist (today, consisting of approx. 43,000). With the passage of Act 302 in the year 2002, to which nominee Masagatani was a part of, in the past two years, the SCHHA, its waitlist-member, the Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands (AHHL) have united with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, and Hawaiian Community Assets and have begun to sit with officers of the Associations of Hawaiian Civic Clubs to Lokahi and bring this formidable army together to: 1) Make the HHCA, 1920 of Prince Kuhio a reality, 2) Kick it up a notch with the implementation of Act 302 by its beneficiaries, and 3) support Kana'iolowalu. Within the short tenure of this nominees stay as Chair of DHHL and with great credit to her skills as an administrator, her direction has been very clear that she see's 1) the State as the beneficiary of this trust and has continuously and consistently advocated these benefits for the state rather than for its intended obligations, its beneficiaries, 2) The position of the Chair of DHHL, because of Act 302, passed by this legislative body, and in Act 195, Sessions of law.3s 2011, the obvious changing of the times, begs for this position to be a Leader and defender of this Trust for "all" our people and not the consummate government bureaucrat once required of to meet the obligations of the state. This nominee, coming to this position, shall split this community as is obvious today. It's a new time and a New Day in Hawaii. Help us to move forward.

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