

GM 663

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, WINIFRED BASQUES, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Aha Moku Advisory Committee

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1/29/2013	S	Received.
1/29/2013	S	Referred to THA/WTL.
1/31/2013	S	The committee(s) on THA/WTL has scheduled a public hearing on 02-06-13 3:00PM in conference room 224.

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
and
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, February 06, 2013
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 663 –
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE AHA MOKU
ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WINIFRED BASQUES,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 663, nominating Winifred Basques to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2016.

Pursuant to Act 288, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, the Aha Moku Advisory Committee was established to serve in an advisory capacity to the Chairperson of the Department on issues related to land and natural resources management through the Aha Moku System, a system of best practices that is based upon the indigenous resource management practices of moku (regional) boundaries, which acknowledges the natural contours of land, the specific resources located within those areas, and the methodology necessary to sustain resources and the community.

The Department welcomes the wealth of knowledge and wisdom Winifred Basques and fellow nominees will bring to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. The Department looks forward to working collaboratively with the Advisory Committee to instill best resource management practices toward our lands and natural resources. As such, the Department supports Governor's Message 663 on the appointment of Winifred Basques to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.



February 6, 2013, 3 p.m., Conference Room 224, Hawaii State Capitol

To: Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs (thatestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

From: Maunalua Hawaiian Civic Club
Kitty Muller Simonds, Pelekikena (President)

Re: GM 659 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,
Gubernatorial Nominee, FRANCES KALUHIWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 660 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,
Gubernatorial Nominee, PIILANI KAAWALOA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 661 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH ROBINSON, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 662 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KYLE NAKANELUA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 663 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,
Gubernatorial Nominee, WINIFRED BASQUES, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 664 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,
Gubernatorial Nominee, LESLIE KULOLOIO, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 665 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KAREN POEPOE, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 666 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,
Gubernatorial Nominee, THOMAS HASHIMOTO, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

In Support

Chairs and Committee Members:

Each of the eight persons before you today who have been nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie for consideration as a member of the inaugural Aha Moku Advisory Committee, if confirmed, will be tasked with an enormous responsibility. Each will agree to represent the fishermen, the farmers, the educators, and the native and non-native communities of his or her moku-puni.

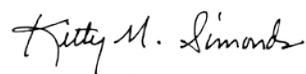
To represent the people, the Aha Moku adviser must organize his or her life to meet with the people, to hear and consider their concerns, and to bring forward to the chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and to the Hawaii State Legislature the will of the people, even if it might differ from the adviser's own personal will.

Each of the eight persons before you today is bearing the weight of those who have worked since 2005 to revive the Aha Moku system in Hawai'i. Several of the kupuna who supported this movement are now gone. We honor them by continuing to reach out to all of the people of Hawai'i to realize their vision.

The Maunalua Hawaiian Civic Club is one of the organizations that have actively supported Aha Moku movement over the years. We brought the Aha Moku initiative to the Association of Hawaii Civic Clubs, which in 2011 adopted the Resolution we co-sponsored with the Kuini Pi'olani Hawaiian Civic Club "urging the State of Hawai'i to formally recognize and make efforts to support the development of the Aha Moku system of natural resource management and to establish the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Commission within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide guidance in the management of natural resources in Hawai'i." The Association's Resolution was forwarded to the Hawai'i State Legislature and is part of the history of development of the legislation that created the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

As an entity that has a stake in the Aha Moku system, the Maunalua Hawaiian Civic Club is strongly concerned that the members of this inaugural Aha Moku Advisory Committee take their responsibilities to heart so that the Aha Moku system succeeds for the benefit of Hawai'i and all of the people who live and visit here.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.





Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

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JOINT SENATE COMMITTEES ON

TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
AND
WATER AND LAND

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES 659 – 666
RELATING TO THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 6, 2013; 3:00pm; Room 224

Aloha Chairman Galuteria and Madam Chair Solomon of the joint committees to hear Governor's Messages 659 – 666. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supports the confirmation of the following well qualified persons as members of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee: Frances Leialoha Kaluhiwa, Piilani Kaawaloa, Keith Robinson, Kyle Nakanelua, Winifred Basques, Leslie Kuloloio, Karen Poepoe and Thomas Hashimoto.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supported the Aha Moku concept when it began in 2007, encouraged its members through the growing pains and years that followed, grieved at the loss of treasured comrades and finally, we offer our congratulations as you are officially recognized!

You have our trust as you move forward to preserve, perpetuate and share your special knowledge of Hawaiian culture and traditions. The Civic Clubs look forward to working with you as you build and solidify your organization. Congratulations once again, this has been a long time coming.

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Hearing Date: Wednesday February 6th, 2013

Room: 224

Committee: THA/WTL

Testimony of Mililani B. Trask in Strong Support

Aloha Legislators,

I am happy to submit this testimony in support of the members of the Aha Moku Council: Frances Kaluhiwa, Piilani Kaawaloa, Keith Robinson, Kyle Nakanelua, Winifred Basques, Les Kuloloio, Karen Poepoe and Thomas Hashimito. The nominees are good people, good Hawaiians and traditional knowledge holders who are known in our community because of their work regarding the management & care of our precious natural resources. These folks, collectively, are well equipped to advise the State on matters relating to the public trust resources. Between them, they share a vast wealth of knowledge about our marine & land based natural resources, knowledge that is vital if these resources are to be preserved for future generations.

For many years there has been an ongoing effort to bring the Hawaiian traditional knowledge holders into the resource management programs & projects of the DLNR on ceded lands & submerged lands. It is well accepted globally, that indigenous knowledge holders possess the understanding & cultural knowledge of generations relating to their traditional lands, territories and resources. Because of this, they can play a significant role in resource management, development & preservation. Initially, the legislation provided that the Aha Moku would be advisory to the Governor, however this has been changed, and the Aha is now advising the DLNR.

I want to recognize & acknowledge the efforts of LEIMANA DEMATE, who currently serves as a DHHL Commissioner for Hawaii Island. Because of Leimana's dedication & leadership, the legislation for the Aha Moku progressed. Leimana's vision & determination has been the foundation of this

effort from the outset. The history of this measure serves as a prototype model for all in the Hawaiian community, it demonstrates that by working collectively with others & having faith in the legislative process, Hawaiians can succeed in our efforts to incorporate into State policy our treasured cultural knowledge. Imua Aha Moku Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mililani B. Trask". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Mililani B. Trask
Na Koa Ikaika KaLahui Hawaii
Affiliate to the Indigenous World Association,
ECO-SOC U.N. Credential**

GM663

Submitted on: 2/5/2013

Testimony for THA/WTL on Feb 6, 2013 15:00PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Annie Au Hoon, President	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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