

GM 671

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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

**IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 671 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND  
CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, GENE ROSS DAVIS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020**

APRIL 18, 2016

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair English and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) strongly supports the confirmation of Gene Ross Davis. Commissioner Davis has served admirably as the Moloka'i Commissioner and once re-confirmed to a second term, he will continue to bring a perspective that understands the needs of Moloka'i; but can also see, balance and evaluate the needs of all beneficiaries as well.

Gene, has an extensive background in agriculture and business, and is a homesteader at Kalama'ula. He brings this unique experience and perspective to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands at this critical time when the Department is dealing with changing conditions such as the end of our 600 million dollar settlement, the Nelson case, and additional demands that impact DHHL, our beneficiaries, and the Hawaiian home lands trust.

Gene was raised on Moloka'i where he observed first-hand the important connection that homesteaders, farmers, and residents have with the 'aina. He is a native Hawaiian and a son of Moloka'i who is committed to Hawaii's future generations and he will work hard for the beneficiaries of DHHL. Mr. Davis is an asset to the Commission where he serves as Vice-Chair. With his uncompromised commitment and passion for beneficiaries, we look forward to the many positive contributions that he will continue to make as a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner into the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter for your consideration.



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
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April 14, 2016

Testimony on **GM 671**  
Confirmation of **GENE ROSS DAVIS**  
Hawaiian Homes Commission

Representative Lynn DeCoite

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

April 18, 2016  
1:15pm- 2:45pm, Room 423

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair English and committee members:

I respectfully request your **support** in confirming the appointment of **GENE ROSS DAVIS** to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Mr. Davis has a strong record of leadership and has shown that he is fully committed to the betterment of the Native Hawaiian Community, not just on Moloka'i but across greater community of Hawai'i Nei.

Mr. Davis has demonstrated his commitment and expertise as he has served on the Hawaiian Homes Commission for the past four years. He is a trusted leader in the Moloka'i community and has made great strides in connecting Hawaiian Home Land beneficiaries with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As a homesteader, Mr. Davis, understands the needs of Hawaiian Home Land beneficiaries and the challenges that they face. Being someone who has operated a successful business on his land (a fruit stand) while also including his fellow homesteaders, shows his understanding of the DHHL regulations and his commitment to his community by including other beneficiaries in his success.

Mr. Davis is a strong advocate for both the Moloka'i and Native Hawaiian Community. He takes the time to travel to and participate in committee hearings here at the State Legislature and also attends almost every community event on Moloka'i. Members of the community know that if they go to Gene, he will listen to their concerns and will be treated with respect and Aloha.

For these reasons and so many more I ask for your full **support** in the appointment of **GENE ROSS DAVIS** to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn DeCoite".

**Lynn DeCoite**  
State House of Representative  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bill Brown	Pana'ewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association	Support	No

Comments:

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**Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Aha Moku Advisory Committee  
State of Hawaii  
Post Office Box 621  
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Testimony of  
Leimana DaMate  
Executive Director

Before the Senate Committee on  
Hawaiian Affairs

Monday, April 18, 2016  
1:15 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

**In Consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 671  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES  
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GENE ROSS DAVIS, FOR A TERM TO  
EXPIRE 06-30-2020**

Gubernatorial Nominee, Gene Ross Davis, is submitted for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

Commissioner Davis has served as the Commissioner on the Hawaiian Homes Commission since 2012 and has played a strong role in working towards the protection and well-being of the Native Hawaiian beneficiaries of Molokai. With a strong background in agriculture and a business background, Commissioner Davis is able to bridge issues and concerns of homestead beneficiaries. He works well with the general communities of Molokai and with the ahupua'a communities of Native Hawaiian natural and cultural resource practices.

He has a natural affinity for people in general, and a strong love for Molokai and for the kupuna, keiki and families of his island, particularly for the beneficiaries of Hawaiian Homes.

Gene Ross Davis is a native Hawaiian who is able to walk comfortably in the two cultures – Hawaiian and western - with one goal – the well-being of the beneficiaries of Moloka'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony and we ask that this committee accept and confirm Gene Ross Davis to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Mahalo nui loa!

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Chaise Purdy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha I am submitting this testimony on behalf of Mr Gene Ross Davis. I believe Mr. Davis has done a fantastic job thus far. He is a good man and fights for our rights as Hawaiian people. Molokai is a unique place and needs to be protected by our people and Gene Ross has always put our people first. I support all of his efforts and hope you will do the same by reappointing him. Mahalo for your time and consideration. Me Ke Aloha Pumehana!!

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Doreen Canto	Individual	Support	No

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Jadelynn Mapuhi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support GM671

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Jaimie Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Generous Dabis' really appointment to DHHL commissioner.

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Testimony of James A. Boswell  
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)  
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, GENE ROSS K DAVIS, Hawaiian Homes Commissioner of  
the Hawaiian Home Commission (GM 671)

Wednesday April 13, 2016

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kalani English, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Gene Ross K. Davis on the re-appointment and the confirmation to continue as a member of the Hawaiian Homes.

As a native Hawaiian, I support other qualified Hawaiians who are given the opportunity to serve and lead our community. Gene Ross has a proven record of giving community service and his dedication to the beneficiaries, he is a well-balanced individual respected by our community, and his background shows his full commitment to the betterment of our Hawaiian community.

Gene Ross has contributed much of his time too many different community events and with many groups to assist our people. I know Gene Ross will continue his leadership, honesty, and dedication to move forward and do the right thing for our trust and our Hawaiian homestead program.

I give my full support for Gene Ross K Davis, born and raised on Molokai, and knows our issues and concerns of our homesteaders, to continue as our representative as a commissioner for Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I am honored to submit my testimony in strong support of Gene Ross K. Davis, and I ask your committee to consent to his re-appointment as Hawaiian Homes Commissioner, for Molokai.

Mahalo nui loa,

James A. Boswell

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair

Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

Monday April 18, 2016 - 1:15p.m. Conference Room 016

Re: GM671, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Gene Ross Davis for term to expire 06-30-2020.

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair English and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. My name is Jo-Anne Aiwohi and I am providing written testimony in strong support of Gene Ross Davis gubernatorial nomination to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

It has an honor to say Gene Ross Davis is a dear friend. Gene Ross Davis has a proven record, he has given his community, HHC and DHHL beneficiaries his full support, dedication and long hours of hard work.

He is well balanced with great education, communicating skills that will make anyone understand what the mission is. He is well organized and have multiple skills but most of all his endless love for his culture, people and 'aina.

Gene Ross serve and works on numerous community organizations and programs. He has been on the DHHL commission since 2012. Working faithfully on Policies and Procedures to fulfill the mission of HHCA. He works well with his colleagues to accomplish the best for our DHHL beneficiaries.

Gene Ross is an asset for the HHC and DHHL, he is honest and dedicated which is what our community and beneficiaries deserve. He is a man of high integrity, strong leadership, great work ethics and always willing to help others.

With no doubt or reservation, I strongly recommend and support the nomination of Gene Ross Davis to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

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Kathleen Pua Chin	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony of (your name)  
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)  
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, GENE ROSS K DAVIS, Hawaiian Homes Commissioner of  
the Hawaiian Home Commission (GM 671)

Friday, April 15, 2016

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kalani English, and Members of the Committee,

Gene Ross K Davis, is a great husband and father, we have a wonderful and adventurous life on Molokai. Gene Ross is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation homesteader, born and raised on Molokai. My husband is a trust worthy individual with many positive traits, honesty, community leader, hard working, caring and considerate man.

I know his love and dedication to the Hawaiian people, allow him to give his time freely to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the community he serves. My husband continues to focus on the vision and legacy left behind of Prince Jonah Kuhio, to assist the Hawaiian communities, and his responsibility to uphold the trust of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Though I miss my husband, I am very proud of his contribution to make a positive difference of serving his community and the wonderful example to our children. Gene Ross commitment to continue to serve amplifies the true heart and spirit of Aloha.

Please consider his re-appointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Gene Ross K. Davis on the re-appointment and the confirmation to continue as a member of the Hawaiian Homes.

Much Aloha Rosie F. Davis

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Rowena Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha , I am submitting my testimony in support of GeneRoss Davis' appointment to another term for commissioner of DHHL. Mahalo got your consideration. Rowena Davis

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wallace A. Ishibashi Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am Wallace A Ishibashi from East Hawaii , I am in full support of Mr Davis as DHHL commissioner of Molokai. He is an humble and caring man for the people. Mahalo for your positive support.

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Testimony for Gene Ross Davis GM671: My name is Joliette Keanini and I have known Gene Ross Davis for 35 years. I know his parents and his family. He has always been a smart, honest, hardworking, soft-spoken gentleman. I have worked with him in church and at the High School. He keeps us updated on the Homestead news and explains to us when we do not understand. I am confident that he will serve well in any capacity that he is assigned. You may email me at [t\\_keanini@yahoo.com](mailto:t_keanini@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. Mahalo!