



GM762

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE
ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, HOKULANI HOLT-
PADILLA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020**

Senate Committee on Water and Land

April 17, 2017

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee will recommend that the Board of Trustees **SUPPORT** GM762, which would confirm Hokulani Holt-Padilla as a member of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

Ms. Holt-Padilla brings a great range and depth of experience to the KIRC. For example, she served the KIRC admirably as Culture and Education Manager from 1997 to 2001. This role included providing training and instruction in cultural practices for the Kaho‘olawe Island clean-up project and consulting on culture with the U.S. Navy and other key players.

Her contributions to the Hawaiian community and the general public are immense and include serving as Cultural Programs Director for the Maui Arts & Cultural Center and as a Lecturer in Hawaiian language and culture at the University of Hawai‘i. She is a renowned kumu hula.

OHA believes that Ms. Holt-Padilla will continue to bring outstanding benefits to the KIRC in its stewardship of Kaho‘olawe.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM762. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.