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REGULAR SESSION OF 2019

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday, April 12, 2019 @ 1:15 PM
Conference Room 229
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

SUPPORT GM 689, GM 690 & GM 691.

Aloha Honorable Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

As a representative organization of the neighbor-island of Molokai with dozens of members who employ hundreds of our neighbors, friends and families, we are respectfully submitting testimony to **SUPPORT** agenda items GM, 689 & GM 690, appointing members Faith Tuipulotu and Jill Coombs, respectively, to the Molokai Irrigation System User Advisory Board (MISUAB).

Faith Tuipulotu has had a long and distinguished career in agriculture on Molokai and will bring her many years of experience to the MISUAB and the many items and issues they are tasked with overseeing and making decisions upon.

Jill Coombs is a plant scientist with 16 years experience in agriculture and will bring her unique perspective and expertise to the table in helping the MISUAB oversee and make decisions on the items that come before it.

The backbone of our island economy is agriculture, and having an experienced and knowledgeable board to oversee our island's agricultural water source is crucial in keeping our island economy in balance.

The experience of these two nominees, along with the experience of the existing board members will help to ensure good sound decisions will be made to keep the Molokai Irrigation System healthy and safe and viable.

We support our working families and our business community provides the jobs to do so. Please help us to continue supporting the financial health and well being of our island business community and residents by supporting these appointments.

For these reasons, among others we humbly ask you to support the above appointments.

Sincerely,

Robert Stephenson, President & CEO

Mr. Adolph Helm
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SUPPORT for GM 689, GM 690

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

Mahalo, for the opportunity to submit testimony. My name is Adolph Helm and I have been working on Molokai in the field of agriculture for over 40 years. Currently our family farm business Anahaki LLC is located on the island of Molokai in the Hoolehua homestead area. The farm mainly produces specialty teas and other crops for the local and U.S. mainland market. For farmers on Molokai to succeed it is imperative that the Molokai Irrigation System (MIS) continue to provide irrigation water to its customers consistently, efficiently and cost effectively.

To better serve the customers and improve the MIS operations the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board (MISWUAB) was created. The MISWUAB members represent Homesteaders as well as Non-Homestead users. They play a key role in the success of agriculture on Molokai. The MIS is the primary water source for farmers on Molokai and having people who care about agriculture and the wellbeing of the MIS serve on the MISWUAB is important.

I humbly request that you support Faith Tuipuluto (GM 689) and Jill Coombs (GM690) nomination to serve on the MISWUAB. Both have the passion and aloha to serve on the MISWUAB as well as a long and positive history working in agriculture on Molokai. They also share a common vision in supporting the island's agriculture economy and would bring outstanding leadership skills to the MISWUAB including knowledge useful to improve the MIS. Thank you for your consideration please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach me via email at helmadolph@gmail.com or call 808 658-1270.

Much Mahalo,

Adolph Helm
Anahaki LLC



GOV. MSG. NO. 689

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GOVERNOR

LATE

March 21, 2019

The Honorable Ronald Kouchi, President,
And Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination:

Faith Tuipulotu
Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board
Expiration Date: June 30, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Y. Ige".

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

From: [Liette Corpus](#)
To: [WTL Testimony](#)
Subject: Nomination of Faith Tuipulotu
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 12:31:13 PM

Aloha Friend's,

I would like to nominate Faith Tuipulotu to the MIS water Board. As a multi- generational farmer she knows the needs of the farmers and residents of Molokai. Her continued support of our community makes her nomination imperative for our continued survival here.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo, Liette Corpus

Molokai Resident

GM-689

Submitted on: 4/11/2019 12:36:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Bicoy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

The Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board (MISUAB) has chronically dealt with a lack of volunteers to serve on its board, this has made it impossible to conduct the business it has been tasked to do without proper quorum. Confirming these exemplary nominees will finally allow the MISUAB to have quorum and address its purpose – to advise the Department of Agriculture on matters of concern to the users of the system; provide support for improvements to the irrigation facilities; participate in long-range planning of the system; and act as liaisons between the users and the Department of Agriculture.

I would like to **SUPPORT** the following Gubernatorial Nominees for the Molokai Irrigation System Users Advisory Board, these model nominees would not only allow for quorum to be met, they would compliment the existing members and create a balanced board representing all voices of Molokai agriculture and its Molokai Irrigation System users:

GM 689 Faith Tuipulotu

Faith is an exemplary leader in the agriculture community here on Molokai. Her perspectives will bring a uniquely diverse voice to the table. Faith not only works for CTAHR, she is an Organic Inspector for HOFA and ICS and offers Organic certification services throughout the State, is the President of the MKK Homestead Farmers Alliance, and is the Chairman for the MKK Lanai Soil and Water Conservation District Board. Faith truly embodies what it means to be an advocate of agriculture. She walks the walk.

GM 690 Jill Coombs

Jill is another stellar example of what agriculture means here on Molokai. Jill currently is the Enablement Lead for Bayer Molokai, which centers much of her focus around conservation, stewardship, and sustainability. Jill has her degree in Plant Science and has been working on behalf of agriculture for over 16 years. Jill is a member of the Molokai Farm Bureau and is very passionate about keeping agriculture viable on

Molokai, something all active farmers here on Molokai are concerned with on a daily basis.

Dawn Bicoy,

Resident of Maunaloa, Molokai, Hawaii

Currently serves as:

Molokai County Farm Bureau, Government Affairs Committee Chair

Molokai Filipino Community Council, Secretary