



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
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Testimony of
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Before the Senate Committee on
Water and Land

Wednesday, May 13, 2020
1:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In **SUPPORT** of
GM 756, Frances Kaluhiwa
Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee

The Hawaii State Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) stands in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee, GM Frances (Rocky) Kaluhiwa for consideration and confirmation to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Respectfully yours,

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KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

May 11, 2020

TO: Sen. Kaiali`i Kahele, Chair
Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Mahealani Cypher, Chair
Government Relations Committee
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

RE: GM756, Aha Moku Advisory Committee Nominee Frances Kaluhiwa,
Until June 30, 2020

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

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club extends its heartfelt aloha to all of you for continuing to kokua our communities through your work as state senators and public servants.

We offer our strong support for Mrs. Frances Leialoha “Rocky” Kaluhiwa to serve as a member of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) for a term ending June 30, 2020.

Mrs. Kaluhiwa is a dedicated and hard-working member of our community who has given much of her life to supporting native Hawaiian cultural practices, particularly to malama `aina and malama i ke kai. She and her family reside on Kane`ohe Bay, where they have practiced the Hawaiian culture through fishing and farming in the area for generations.

As a holdover member of the AMAC these past few years, “Aunty Rocky” - as she’s known – has demonstrated a keen sensitivity toward the mana`o of our Hawaiian community and the broader general public as she works to help solve problems and find ways to address Hawaiian concerns that come before the AMAC.

She has helped to organize the various moku on O`ahu and truly believes that, as a member of the `Aha Moku Advisory Committee, her role is to help solve problems, often seeking to bridge any gaps that arise between communities and government.

We urge you to approve her nomination and forward to the full Senate for confirmation.

Mahalo for allowing us to offer our mana`o.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. One of the largest of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs, its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are “Hawaiian at heart”.

GM-756

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-756

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua DeMello	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

My comments on this nomination is not directed at the nominee but rather at the process for which nominations were provided to the legislature.

The Aha Moku Advisory Committee Final Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, effective October 20, 2016, provides for the process for nominations. Part 1, section 1-2 states:

" The committee shall consist of eight members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate **from a list of nominations submitted by the 'aha moku councils of each island**. Oversight of the committee shall be by the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources. The committee members shall vote for the committee chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members."

My question is, did the Governor provide his list of nominees from a list submitted by the Aha Moku Councils? If not, these nominations cannot be supported by the legislature based on procedure alone.

This will be a comment that I repeat for each nominee under each GM number.