

**GM-763**

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Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bridget Hammerquist	Testifying for Friends of Maha'ulepu	Support	No

Comments:

Please accept this testimony in strong support for the confirmation of LEWELLYN 'Billy' KAOHELAULII. Billy is well known and respected throughout the island of Kauai for his work to preserve the island's natural resources. Most recently, he devoted countless hours to the restoration of Kaneiolouma, a large archeologic find on the South Shore of Kauai. He has also been involved in efforts to preserve fresh water protection and reasonable fishing practices to promote sustainability and reef health. If confirmed, he will be an asset to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

**From:** Mahealani Cypher <malamapono744@aim.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:37 PM  
**To:** Linda Menda <l.menda@capitol.hawaii.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: WTL GMs

Aloha mai kakou!

We are re-submitting our support for the following nominees to boards and commissions, for the Wednesday, May 13, 2020, meeting:

GM550 - Dawn Chang, LUC - SUPPORT

GM584 - Wesley Yoon, BLNR - SUPPORT

GM670 - Jonathan Scheuer, LUC - SUPPORT

GM756/757 - Frances Kaluhiwa, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM758/759 - Godfrey Akaka, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM760/761 - Keith Robinson, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM762/763 - Lewellyn Kaohelaulii, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM 764/765 - Manuel Kuloloio, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM 766/767 - Robert Luuwai, `Aha Moku Advisory Committee - SUPPORT

GM776/777 - Cedric Bertelmann, Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council - SUPPORT

GM 778 - Frederick Reppun, Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council - SUPPORT

GM7808 - Angela Hiilei Kawelo, Natural Area Reserves System Commission - SUPPORT

We had neglected to include the following two nominees:

GM752/753 - Anthony Pacheco, `Aha Moku Advisory Commission - SUPPORT

GM754/755 - Charles Young, `Aha Moku Advisory Commission - SUPPORT

We have attached letters for some of these nominees which apparently did not show up during our attempts to submit our testimony earlier.

Mahalo for letting us know of the mistakes in our submittals today.

A hui hou,  
Mahealani Cypher, Chair  
Government Relations Committee  
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Terrie Hayes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the appointment Llewelyn Kaohelaui'i as Aha Moku Advisory Committee Po'o/

representative for Kauai. The AMAC was created by State Statute in 2012.

Since then here are a few people in Hawaiian community who have decided to appoint themselves as representative of a group they call AMIC..( Aha Moku Island Councils.)

This AMIC, self appointed body, is not recognized by the State.

Testimony offered by AMIC member Theodore Blake, from Kauai should be disregarded.

It is offered in an attempt to undermine the AMAC.

There may be additional testimonies from AMIC on Molokai or Maui.

There are far more members that support the AMAC , recognized by the State.

Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony.

Terrie Hayes

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Submitted on: 5/12/2020 5:24:03 PM  
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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 Proceure 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.