



**Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Aha Moku Advisory Committee  
State of Hawaii  
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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 765, Manuel Kuloloio**  
**Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee**

The Hawaii State Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) stands in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee, GM Manuel Kuloloio for consideration and confirmation to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Manuel Kuloloio is a life-long natural and cultural resource expert who intimately knows about the distinct historic natural characteristics of Kahoolawe from his kupuna, the Kuloloio 'Ohana. His great-grandfather was the spiritual and cultural expert who gave the place names, each with a specific reason, to the ahupua'a of Kahoolawe. All of that knowledge was passed on by his kupuna, is held now by Mr. Kuloloio, and will be passed on to his own descendants.

In the physical world, Mr. Kuloloio was the lead sweeper and inspector of ground surface and unexploded ordnance clearance when the military left the island to the Hawaiians in the 1990's. Mr. Kuloloio has been involved consistently with Kahoolawe since the early 1990's.

Because of his impressive lineage and connection, both spiritually and physically to Kahoolawe, Mr. Kuloloio has been handed down, and has accepted his kuleana to Kahoolawe – a kuleana that allows his irreplaceable expertise to be shared with all.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure. We are honored to have him as a member of AMAC who maintains his kuleana for his island and for his people.

Respectfully yours,

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**GM-765**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mahealani Cypher	Testifying for Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments:

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports the nomination of Manuel Kuloloio to serve on the `Aha Moku Advisory Committee for a term ending 6-30-2024.

We urge the Senate Water & Land Committee to approve his nomination and forward his name to the full Senate for confirmation.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o.

**GM-765**

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**LATE**

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.