



**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 766, Robert Luuwai**  
**Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee**

The Hawaii State Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) stands in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee, GM Robert Luuwai 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. We are honored to have him as the member of AMAC who maintains his kuleana to his people.

Respectfully yours,

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**GM-766**

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 1:00:10 PM

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>
Mahealani Cypher	Testifying for Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments:

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports the nomination of Robert Lu`uwai for a seat on the `Aha Moku Advisory Committee for a term ending 6-30-2020.

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.

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Submitted on: 5/11/2020 10:52:06 AM

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>
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 5/11/2020 11:38:49 AM

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>
Kalani	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 5/12/2020 5:24:53 PM

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



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua DeMello	Individual	Comments	Yes

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.