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Statement of  
**CRAIG NAKAMOTO**  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY,  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Friday, March 4, 2022  
3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of

**GM 555**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Community  
Development Authority (Heeia District), Gubernatorial Nominee,  
KAIWIPUNI LIPE, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and members of the Committee. The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports GM 555**, that confirms Kaiwipuni Lipe, Ph.D. as a Heeia District member of the HCDA board.

Dr. Lipe is a resident of the Koolaupoko district, an educator and program officer at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

She brings to the Authority over 20 years in education and research, with her strengths and passion in the transformation of institutional climates and cultures, policy creation and implementation, ancestral knowledge and community-based education, that complement the intent of the Heeia community development plan to:

*Recognize the value of ahupuaa management principles, promote and cultivate aina momona (abundance) for the lands of Heeia for present and future generations through culturally-appropriate agriculture, education, natural resources restoration and management.*

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support.



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March 1, 2022

To: Sen. Glenn Wakai, Chair  
And Members  
Committee on Energy, Economic Development & Tourism

From: Mahealani Cypher  
Ko`olau Foundation

Re: GM555, Support for Kaiwipuni Lipe to HCDA-He`eia District Seat

Aloha Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

The Ko`olau Foundation wishes to offer its strong support for the appointment of Kaiwipuni Lipe to serve on one of the He`eia district seats on the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Ms. Lipe is known for her ability to connect with others to address complex issues, particularly in her current role as Native Hawaiian Affairs Program Officer for the University of Hawai`i. A problem-solver by nature, she brings to the HCDA decision-making process her keen insights into addressing issues and events concerning the district she is being appointed to represent.

The Ko`olau Foundation considers her an excellent addition to the HCDA and urges your approval of this nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration of our mana`o.