



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Hawaii State Aha Moku
State of Hawaii
Post Office Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809**

Testimony of
Hawaii State Aha Moku

Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Monday, April 4, 2022
1:00 P.M.

Support for Governor Messages GM 717, GM 718, GM 719, GM 720, GM 721, GM 722, GM 723, GM 724
AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Water and Land Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to offer strong support for consideration and confirmation to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) for:

- GM 717: Keith Robinson, Ka ‘Aina O Kawelonakala (Island of Ni‘ihau)
- GM 718: Walter Rawlins, Moloka‘i Pule O‘o (Island of Moloka‘i)
- GM 719: Robert (Kalei) Luuwai, Moku O Pi‘ilani (Island of Maui)
- GM 720: Manuel Kuloloio, Moku O Kanaloa (Island of Kaho‘olawe)
- GM 721: Frances (Rocky) Kaluhiwa, Moku O Kakuihewa, (Island of O‘ahu)
- GM 722: Charles Young, Moku O Keawe (Island of Hawai‘i)
- GM 723: Llewellyn (Billy) Kaohelaui‘I, Manokalanipo (Island of Kaua‘i)
- GM 724: Winifred (Winnie) Basques, Nana‘i Kaula (Island of Lana‘i)

Participants in the Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku, Pae‘Aina) staunchly support these nominations.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) works under the **Foundation** of:

- Malama I Ke Akua – To serve and honor our Akua (Our God);
- Malama I Ka‘Aina – To serve and honor our ‘Aina (Our lands, oceans, wetlands, water);
- Malama I Na Iwi Hanau O Ka ‘Aina – To serve and honor one another, the people born of the land.

Our **Mission** is to bring the people/Na Iwi Hanau O Ka ‘Aina and their voices and decisions forward to all policy makers regarding the sustainability and perpetuation of all natural and cultural resources connected to the Akua that created the Aina/Land, and the ‘Aina from which the Kanaka was born and the Kanaka Iwi Hanau O Ka ‘Aina.

Our **Purpose and Goals** are to serve the Akua, the ‘Aina and the Iwi Hanau O Ka ‘Aina as caretakers and stewards of all natural and cultural resources of the ae Moku Of Hawai‘i Nei with the ‘Ike and the Pono of our ancient and inherited spiritualism, order and traditions which is our Kuleana/Birthright.

The nominees understand the mandates attached to AMAC in the Aha Moku Act, Act 288, SLH 2012 – “There is established the aha moku advisory committee to be placed within the department of land and natural resources for administrative purposes. The committee may advise the chairperson of the board and natural resources in carrying out the purposes of this section. §171-4.5 Section 2. (a).

As stated in §171.4-5, (d) the AMAC may provide advice on the following:

1. Integrating indigenous resource management practices with western management practices in each moku;
2. Identifying a comprehensive set of indigenous practices for natural resource management;
3. Fostering the understanding and practical use of Native Hawaiian resource knowledge, methodology, and expertise;
4. Sustaining the State's marine, land, cultural, agricultural, and natural resources.
5. Providing community education and fostering cultural awareness on the benefits of the aha moku system;
6. Fostering protection and conservation of the State's natural resources; and
7. Developing an administrative structure that oversees the aha moku system.

A heavy kuleana for each of the nominees, but the people of each of their islands know them and respect them for their incredible generational knowledge of the natural and cultural resources. Because of this, they can, and do fulfill the mandates of the Aha Moku Act. Additionally, we respect each one for their compassion, their courage and their individual and specific love for God, their 'Aina and the Na Iwi O Hanau O Ka'Aina, the people born of the land. They share all of this with the Public Trust.

Respectfully yours,

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GM-723

Submitted on: 4/1/2022 10:47:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/4/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Presley Wann	Testifying for Hui Maka'ainana O Makana	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On behalf of the Hui Maka'ainana O Makana, Ha'ena, Kaua'i, we ask this committee to strongly consider this nomination of Llewelyn Kaohelaulii for the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. Thomas Hashimoto, who was the former longtime Kaua'i Aha Moku island representative and our Kupuna from Ha'ena expressed me before his death in 2019, that Llewelyn (Billy) was his choice to succeed him. As past Aha Moku representative for Halele'a, I, also, feel that Llewelyn (Billy) has a lot of local community support. Please support this nomination

Mahalo Nui for your consideration, Presley Wann (currently President for the Hui Maka'ainana O Makana)

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KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

March 30, 2022

Sen. Lorraine Inouye, Chair - Senate Committee on Water and Land
Committee Members – Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 723 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Aha Moku
Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, Llewelyn Kaohelauii, for a term to
expire 06-30-2024.

Aloha Chair Inouye and Committee Members,

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaii Civic Club is pleased to recommend confirmation of Llewelyn Kaohelauii to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. This Committee plays a vitally important role in preserving the natural and cultural integrity of the resources of Hawaii and Mr. Kaohelauii is thoroughly suited to serve on the Aha Moku by relaying the generational knowledge of himself and others in his community.

We appreciate your favorable consideration and confirmation of his nomination by Gov. Ige.

Me ke aloha,

Cheryl Prince
Secretary and Board Member

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko`olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."

GM-723

Submitted on: 4/1/2022 11:10:23 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/4/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donna K Santos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a Native Hawaiian from the island of Kauai and I SUPPORT the confirmation of LLEWELLYN KAOHELAULII to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) and I urge your support too.

Mahalo piha,

Donna Kaliko Santos

Puna Moku / Kauai

GM-723

Submitted on: 4/1/2022 5:22:58 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/4/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Candace Strong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Support Llewellyn Kaohelaui'i confirmation for the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. Mahalo.

GM-723

Submitted on: 4/2/2022 9:25:03 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/4/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terrie Hayes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I have known Llewellyn (Billy) Kaohelaui'i for nearly 20 years. I have witnessed his dedication to his cultural values, the aina, and Ohana . As a founding member of Hui Malama o Kaneiolouma

Billy worked with public and county to establish the 1st Non profit and County Stewardship agreement, now used as template for the State. As the Po'o, Billy continues the Restoration of Kahua site of Kaneiolouma, Kona district, Manokalanipo.

Billy is in touch with the environment, fishing, gardening, and tending to Kaneiolouma daily.

As an original member of Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Billy Kaohelaui'i is readily familiar with the structure and necessity to interface with many organizations, and State and County, in order to preserve and maintain Kauai's precious Resources.

I whole heartedly Support Llewellyn Kaohelaui'i confirmation to Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

MAHALO, Terrie Hayes

From: [DaMate, Leimana K](#)
To: [Brad Knowlton](#)
Cc: [Maria Hacker](#)
Subject: FW: Maria/ Re: GM723
Date: Saturday, April 2, 2022 4:02:10 PM

Aloha Brad,

I forwarding you the testimony below for Llewellyn Kaohelaulii, GM 723 which will be heard on Monday, 4/4/22 before the Senate WTL at 1pm. This is for the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) GM hearing.

Thank you Brad,
Leimana

-----Original Message-----

From: Maria Hacker <agentmariaonkauai@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 10:16 PM
To: DaMate, Leimana K <leimana.k.damate@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Maria/ Re: GM723

Aloha Leimana, I'm a friend of Terrie and Billy I want to submit testimony on GM723, but cannot get into my Gov account. Would you be able to please accept or submit the following testimony on my behalf if possible Mahalo Maria Hacker Kauai resident

To who it may concern

I Support Llewellyn Kaohelaulii's confirmation for the Aha Moku I've known Uncle Billy for close to 30 years. Some of my my fondest memories are Uncle Billy's kindness towards my son Aaron when he was a young boy, and how he shared the Hawaiian culture with Aaron. When I look back, what comes to mind, is the expression "it takes a village to raise a child".

My son now 32, loves and respects the land and ocean, loves to fish and share with others, just like his Uncle Billy shared with him. Uncle Billy was a wonderful mentor along the way for my son. Uncle Billy has such aloha to all he meets along the way making all feel welcome.

Sincerely, Maria Hacker
Maria Hacker
Advertising Consultant