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February 13, 2023

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
415 South Beretania Street
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Re: Governor's Message, Nomination of Ikaika Anderson to the position of Commission Chair
of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am writing in response to your questionnaire, dated February 7, 2023. I appreciate this opportunity and look forward to the scheduled confirmation hearing on February 14, 2023. I am providing the following responses to your questions.

1. A description of your experience with respect to the scope of responsibilities for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Hawaiian Homes Commission, or any related field.

The Department of Hawaiian Homelands is unique from other State agencies in that the department director is also Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. My experience and background have prepared me for both roles. I have been fortunate to serve in positions that have allowed me to build a base of knowledge in large project development and housing as well as continue to expand my leadership and group facilitation abilities.

Like the City Council, the Hawaiian Homes Commission is a 9-member policy-setting body where the Chair must collaborate with the body's membership to advance policy.

As each Councilmember represents their district's concerns, each commissioner likewise represents of the community in which they reside. It is the responsibility of the Chair to ensure that all communities are treated fairly, and that all voices are heard.

As Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, I also serve in an administrative executive capacity as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. In my role as Chair of the City Council, I was the administrator of the legislative branch of City government. I am fully aware that the implementation of laws, rules, and policies are important to the success of positive change. To this end, my abilities to listen and communicate with both staff and beneficiaries will be critical to ensuring that the Department exceeds its responsibilities to our beneficiaries.

As Council Chair, I presided over the City Council committees with jurisdiction of planning, transit-oriented development, land use and land entitlements for 10 years. In that capacity I shepherded the Ho'opili and Koa Ridge housing projects through the legislative process. In this role, I led public meetings and public discussions on these large-scale projects. This experience has provided me with thorough knowledge of land use, zoning, community planning and community consultation that will prove valuable as DHHL moves forward with developing housing opportunities for our beneficiaries. The beneficiary consultation requirement is a direct community engagement process in which I am both comfortable and knowledgeable.

2. An assessment of your strengths and weaknesses

I have a well-earned reputation for being decisive and the ability to render timely decisions based on the information available. I am quick to share credit for successes, and to shoulder criticism rather than assigning blame to others. I excel in bringing people from different sides of an issue together towards finding solutions. I look for innovative and creative ways to solve problems; I am not a fan of simply saying no. I'm willing to take risks to solve problems.

I am action oriented and believe that the public expects that from its public servants. I am working to think through decisions; in the interests of ensuring that we take quick, decisive action, I see in hindsight that some decisions require more careful thought. I thrive on interacting with people. Whether it is working as a team to resolve a long-standing issue or simply getting to know my staff and others around me. Although I love people, and people interaction is one of the enjoyable aspects of the job of Hawaiian Homes Commission Chair, I know that I sometimes come across as abrasive; I am working to soften my approach as I work with and interact with others.

3. An assessment of the department's strengths and weaknesses. Please include an explanation of how the department's strengths may be best utilized, as well as how the department's weaknesses may be improved.

One of the Department's greatest strengths I have witnessed over the past month is the hard working and dedicated staff I've been fortunate to work with. Their ability to collaborate with the beneficiary associations throughout the state is impressive. The work of homestead communities and beneficiary organizations to further the collective well-being of their respective beneficiary communities is a constant strength for DHHL. Their stories about their journeys are a source of inspiration for me as I visited with several of the homestead associations leadership. I am looking forward to engaging more with our homestead associations across the state. DHHL should continue to look at more partnerships with our beneficiary communities to steward and utilize trust lands and provide needed programs and services to their respective communities.

The staff's dedication and loyalty to the trust's mission to provide service to our beneficiaries is impressive. As the leader of this agency, I must look for ways to put our staff into situations in which they can succeed and advocate for the resources they need to successfully carryout their responsibilities in service of our beneficiaries.

The department has been blessed with one of the highest levels of financial resources in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act Program's 100-year history. Going forward we must clearly communicate how these various funding and potential new federal funding sources are encumbered and expended in a coordinated manner in the best interests of our beneficiaries. The department's fiscal office staff and team of accountants is one of the hidden gems of DHHL. They have done a fantastic job of accounting for department funds and will continue to do so in subsequent years.

To build on these strengths, we must adequately staff the department with dedicated personnel to fulfill the mission of the HHCA. Identify the needs of each division, and if need be, create positions to provide greater support to our beneficiaries and the planned developments.

One of the greatest weaknesses that the department has, in general, is vacancies. What I have observed in my limited time here, is that my staff has a hard time saying 'no' to our beneficiaries, when requests for assistance outside of the typical services that the staff routinely provides are submitted to the department. This leads to several issues:

- a. The existing level of staffing may not be adequate to process new requests in a timely manner and certainly not with the same quality and rigor if adequate

staffing were available. The lack of staff leads to slow response times and the perception that the department is not addressing a particular concern.

- b. Existing divisions and/or staff are asked to respond to issues outside of their area of expertise, thus leading to potential delays. This may also compromise the adequacy of the response to beneficiary concerns.
- c. A failure to respond at all to inquiries submitted to the department due to being overwhelmed.

To address this weakness, DHHL must do the following:

- i. Accelerate the rate in which the department recruits and hires qualified staff;
- ii. Better collect, log, and analyze inquiries that are received to see if there are commonalities among the inquiries and develop programmatic solutions that may address common inquiries;
- iii. Increase coordination and discussion among various department divisions to formulate meaningful responses to complicated issues that our beneficiaries ask the department to solve.
- iv. To be more proactive with our beneficiaries, than reactive.

My general observation of most DHHL staff is that they embrace a “how can we help” attitude versus a “no can help” attitude with our beneficiaries. Additional qualified staff, better analysis of beneficiary inquiries to DHHL with programmatic solutions, and increased coordination among divisions will help to address this weakness.

Another weakness that our beneficiaries have brought to my attention is that DHHL requires lessees to obtain building permits to ensure the safety of dwelling units and other communal facilities on Hawaiian Home Lands. This often leads to delays for the lessee as they need to seek approvals from both DHHL and their respective County. My administration will look to study the feasibility of DHHL creating its own in-house building permit review section. Part of the feasibility analysis will include identifying the projected volume of anticipated annual building permit requests by DHHL lessees and anticipated level of staffing needed to process the amount of estimated building permit requests. This process of building review by the HHC, the department and its respective counties have been burdensome to our beneficiaries and drastically delays progress.

- 4. An overall vision for the department, specifically what goals can be accomplished within the next four years and what types of annual benchmarks can be used to evaluate the department/agency’s progress towards those goals;**

The Department is guided by its General Plan, which was recently updated by the Hawaiian Homes Commission in 2022 and sets forth the overall vision for the HHC and its beneficiaries over the course of the next 20 years. This vision is the result of hundreds of hours of outreach and consultation with HHCA DHHL beneficiaries. The HHC's vision, in which we will adhere to is as follows:

- a. **By 2040**, the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust and its beneficiaries will be thriving, self-sufficient, and connected to one another and the 'āina.
- b. **Trust lands** will nurture and sustain beneficiary communities through an array of uses and activities on homestead and non-homestead lands.
- c. **Beneficiary communities** will be self-sufficient, healthy, prosperous, and grounded in cultural knowledge and traditions. Values of mālama 'āina will be passed on from kūpuna to 'ōpio to nourish the land and future generations.
- d. **Beneficiaries** will be thriving on the land and engaged in activities that support the rehabilitation and self-determination of all Hawaiians. Education, resources, and technical support will be available to promote greater economic opportunity, choice, and control.
- e. **DHHL** will be sufficiently funded by the State Legislature to support the continued advancement of native Hawaiians. Beneficiaries, DHHL, and the Hawaiian Homes Commission will communicate transparently with aloha as they collaborate toward achieving a shared Vision. Beneficiary voices will remain vital to advocate for funding and resources and guide decision-making by DHHL and the Hawaiian Homes Commission.
- f. **All of Hawai'i** will support the continued implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and the rehabilitation of native Hawaiians as provided by Article XII Section 2 of the State Constitution.

The General Plan identified a little more than 20 goals centered around five policy areas to be accomplished over a 20-year timeframe. My administration will prioritize and focus on the following General Plan goals over the course of the next four years. These goals are:

Goal 1: Provide a mix of housing opportunities that reflect the needs and desires of native Hawaiian beneficiaries.

With the Legislature's generous gift of \$600M to the DHHL via Act 279 of 2022, this will be the department's top goal and focus over the next four years. We will track progress in achieving this goal based on the following metrics:

- Regular reporting on the amount of Act 279 funds encumbered

- Regular reporting on the amount of Act 279 funds expended
- Regular reporting on the amount of CIP funds encumbered
- Regular reporting on the amount of CIP funds expended
- Number of homestead developments initiated
- Number of supporting infrastructure development initiated
- Number of lots developed
- Number of units developed
- Number of applicants receiving a 99-year lease homestead award
- Number of beneficiaries receiving a housing opportunity

The above metrics will ensure that funding received by the Legislature is accounted for and put to good use to provide housing opportunities for HHCA beneficiaries. While it is important to track the long-standing metric that the Department is frequently evaluated by, the size of the DHHL homestead waiting list, it is also important to keep track of other alternative housing opportunities that are provided to our beneficiaries in addition to a 99-year homestead lease as housing relief for HHCA beneficiaries such as rent with option to purchase or long-term rentals for kupuna housing are products that will help beneficiaries get through the affordable housing crisis that currently plagues the state.

Goal 2: Promote innovative, cost effective, and sustainable ways to meet infrastructure needs both by the department and Homestead Beneficiary Associations.

One of the biggest barriers to development is the cost of infrastructure to service new housing and commercial development projects. We must invest the time to look at new and emerging infrastructure technologies that could save DHHL, its beneficiaries, and the state significant time and resources. Metrics that can be used to evaluate DHHL's progress towards this goal include:

- Amount of external funding secured for research and development of new infrastructure technologies
- Number of new infrastructure pilot projects initiated
- Number of partnerships with Homestead Associations for infrastructure needs

Goal 3: Provide agriculture and pastoral homestead lots for subsistence and supplemental purposes.

We need to start the process of farming farmers! Our agricultural and pastoral lots must be more productive. Community agriculture parks and technical assistance for beneficiary farmers and ranchers will need to be revamped to ensure their greatest potential for success. On neighbor islands, there is a significant number of beneficiaries waiting for agricultural homestead awards. We must continue to promote agricultural opportunities as we deal with the existential global threat of climate change. Increasing the number of agriculture and pastoral homestead lots will help create more resilient homestead communities and a more resilient Hawaii. A metric that can be used to evaluate DHHL's progress towards this goal include:

- Number of subsistence agriculture and pastoral lots awarded.
- Number of AG parks developed with homestead associations
- Number of contracts award for technical assistance

Goal 4: Promote self-sufficiency of homestead communities by beneficiaries and beneficiary organizations.

DHHL must continue to partner with and support existing homestead communities on their journey to self-sufficiency by supporting homestead community initiatives that lead to improvements in community well-being. DHHL currently formalizes partnerships with homestead communities through two primary means (1) DHHL grant agreements and (2) Long-term dispositions of Hawaiian Home Lands to homestead associations. My administration will look for opportunities to increase the number of partnerships with existing homestead communities in addition to the existing partnerships that DHHL currently has. Metrics that can be used to evaluate DHHL's progress towards this goal include:

- Number of associations with DHHL grant agreements and / or DHHL land dispositions
- Number of commercial development agreements on DHHL lands that include community benefit packages for homestead communities
- Number of homestead associations building out revenue generating projects to provide benefits and services to their respective communities.

Goal 5: Generate significant revenue to provide greater financial support towards fulfilling the trust's mission.

While DHHL is grateful for the Legislature's passage of Act 279 and the Legislature's continued support of DHHL's annual sufficient sums requests, DHHL does understand that the amount of state resources is finite and that the Legislature has the unenviable job of allocating state revenue among the myriad of important public needs. The Legislature's job to fairly appropriate resources becomes even more difficult during times of recession. DHHL will continue to advocate for sufficient funding from the Legislature per its fiduciary responsibilities identified in the State Constitution and further clarified as the result of the Nelson lawsuit. However, DHHL will also look at alternative streams of funding to complement the Legislative funding so that adequate financial resources will be available to fulfill the trust's mission during good economic time as well as lean economic times. Metrics that can be used to evaluate DHHL's progress towards this goal include:

- Amount of federal funds obtained
- Amount of private capital contributed to DHHL initiated and homestead community initiated projects on Hawaiian Home Lands
- Amount of lease revenue generated on Hawaiian Home Lands
- Amount of annual general funds provided by the Legislature

5. The department's top budgetary priority for the biennium;

Vacancies and staffing. With the recent new monies given to DHHL, existing issues caused by high workload volumes described in question 3, and anticipated increase in new homestead lessees to service because of new homestead lots coming online in the near future as a result of Act 279, the Legislature's continued support to fund the Department's level of staffing is critical to DHHL's success. I understand that vacancies have been a long-standing issue at DHHL and I intend to fill funded positions as quickly as possible. During my 6 weeks at the Department, I have asked my staff to create a plan of attack to increase hiring. I am committed to hiring more quickly and will work closely with Department managers to seek out staff that share my passion to better the conditions

for native Hawaiians. I understand that no vision or goal can be achieved without the hard-working and dedicated staff in the department.

6. An assessment of the department staff's morale, including the turnover rate for personnel

It is my understanding that during the pandemic, the state enacted a hiring freeze in anticipation of declining state revenues. During the hiring freeze, several key staff retired or left DHHL creating vacancies that DHHL was unable to fill over the course of the pandemic. Even though staffing levels decreased, the workload remained the same.

As my team has had initial orientation meetings with the various department divisions over the course of the last month, some of the common feedback we have heard from staff we have met with include "we are spread thin," "our plates are full," "I'm doing multiple jobs." The current staff work extremely hard. Whether it is working evenings for a community meeting, meeting procurement deadlines, or reports to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, many staff go the extra mile and put in the extra effort. But the current pace is not sustainable unless the current staff receive "reinforcements."

DHHL has been blessed to have dedicated staff that have individually given decades of service to our beneficiaries. Of the 123 filled positions that DHHL has, 26 percent have 10 or more years of service with the Department, 25.2 percent have 20 or more years of service with the Department, and nearly 30 percent are over the age of 60. Through their years of service, several staff have developed a wealth of institutional knowledge and cultivated collaborative working relationships with beneficiaries. Unfortunately, many of these staff are at or approaching retirement age and may be contemplating retirement over the next several years. Over the course of the next four years, DHHL will need to plan for this transition as long-time employees choose to enter retirement.

7. Any foreseeable possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service in the department and how you would overcome them.

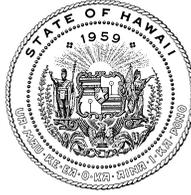
No foreseeable conflicts of interest. Should any conflicts arise in the future, I shall recuse myself from voting and ask the Attorney General's office for clarification.

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ikaika Anderson". The signature is stylized with a large initial "I" and "A" and a small "2" above the second "A".

Ikaika Anderson
Chair Designate
Hawaiian Homes Commission



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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

Testimony of
Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawaii

Before the
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Tuesday, February 14, 2023
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016 and Videoconference

In consideration of
Governor's Message No. 511

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Governor's Message No. 511, the appointment of Ikaika Anderson to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ikaika has an extensive history as a public servant in our State, including serving on the Honolulu City Council from May 2009 through September 2020, and serving as its Chair from May 2019 through September 2020. While on the Council, he helped to establish Hui Mahi'ai 'Aina, a tiny-home communal village that offered shelter and wrap-around services to our homeless population in Waimānalo, O'ahu. He also served on the Waimānalo Health Center Board of Directors, where he directly engaged with state, county, and federal policymakers.

Since the announcement of his nomination as chairperson, Ikaika has been traveling across the State, speaking and engaging directly with beneficiaries and stakeholders to pursue solutions as the department continues to address the ongoing issues facing our Native Hawaiian communities.

With his proven dedication to public service, and for the reasons above, I am confident that Ikaika will serve the state and our community well with his appointment as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo for your consideration.

LATE

Senator Maile Shimabukuro,

Committee members may be aware that I have concentrated my efforts since leaving the Governor's office on building affordable, permanent rental units for low income folks.

As a result, I have spent considerable time and focus with City Officials with particular emphasis on and at the City Council.

In turn, I have personally witnessed at length the tenure of Ikaika Anderson as Chair of the Council.

Having served on the Council myself, I can say without reservation that his leadership, grasp of the issues, and ability to steer contentious issues to consensus and resolution was second to none in my 50 years of legislative experience.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro,

I realize fully the depth of emotion and the multiple shades of agreement and disagreement involved in meeting the challenges of the DHHL issues.

That is precisely why I believe Ikaika a true son of Hawaii whose commitment and that of his family, which covers three (3) generations, make him the right candidate at the right time to put that experience and background to work for DHHL and its beneficiaries.

I believe that the transition to a new administration during the Legislature's initial consideration of the DHHL Directors nomination may have fostered a disconnect between Ikaika and some members.

I can say to you in speaking with him he is fully aware of Legislative intent in conjunction with the recent \$600 million appropriation, as well as the intent of the DHHL Commission in terms of implementing the legislation.

Unfortunately, in seeking some flexibility to take into account conditions and circumstances that have transpired, since the legislation passed, like rising interest rates, land costs and supply chain lags, etc., caused his suggestions, which were meant to accompany implementation of the Legislative/DHHL Commission plan, to be deconstructed as opposition or deviation from it.

I suggest and commend to my good friends in the Senate, that we all keep our eyes on the prize – serving the interest of DHHL beneficiaries. Let's step back – take a few deep breaths – and let the record be corrected as to the intent of the DHHL under Ikaika's directorship .

The question is not challenging or altering the \$600 million plan, but rather how best to implement it in real time and circumstance. Work with Ikaika in the time to come as he will pledge to work with you. Eyes on the Prize!!

Neil Abercrombie
Governor 2010 - 2014

LATE

GM-511

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| Nani Medeiros | Testifying for Office of the Governor, Chief Housing Officer, State of Hawaii | Support | In Person |

Comments:

I stand in support of Ikaika Anderson's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

LATE

**Testimony in Support of Ikaika Anderson
Chair-Designate of the Hawaiian Homes Commission**

**John D. Waihe'e III
Governor of the State of Hawai'i (1986-1994)**

I support Ikaika Anderson's confirmation to serve as Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is at a critical inflection point. In building on what I've previously described as a banner year for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in 2022, we need a strong leader to keep the Hawaiian Homes Commission moving forward in meeting its obligation to our homesteaders.

I trust that Chair Anderson will build on existing progress to realize the full force of Act 279, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022. He will uphold the State of Hawai'i's constitutional obligation to enforce and affect the purpose of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

As Governor, I presided over eight years of concerted effort on addressing those controversies attached to the Hawaiian Homes Lands Trust. After years of pressure from my own administration to address those controversies related to the Trust, Act 14, Special Session Laws of Hawai'i 1995 set out to guarantee the Department had the resources needed to building more housing for our people.

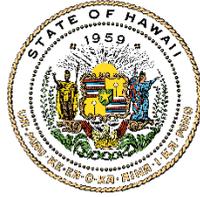
In building on this history, Governor Josh Green is committed to guaranteeing homesteading housing for Hawaiian people on Hawaiian lands. By nominating Ikaika Anderson, he demonstrates a true commitment to upholding Article XI of our State Constitution.

Chair Anderson will navigate those present challenges attached to the future of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. He will also continue to work with our State Legislature to plot a path forward for the future of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

In confirming Chair Anderson, we will build on recent progress and uphold the State of Hawai'i's commitment to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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**Testimony of
DAWN N.S. CHANG
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 511
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE IKAIKA ANDERSON
CHAIRPERSON FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure. Governor's Message 511 proposes to confirm as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

The Department recognizes that Mr. Ikaika Anderson, former Chairperson for the Honolulu City Council, senior legislative assistant, and policy organizer, has extensive experience with land use policy, legislative advocacy, negotiation, government procedures and processes, and community planning. The skills and relationships that Mr. Anderson has built working for over 20 years in public service for the benefit of Hawai'i residents are exemplary and offer a solid foundation for nomination to the Chairperson position with the DHHL.

The Department and DHHL work closely together to fulfill their respective missions, including transferring state public lands to DHHL as part of the historic settlement agreement and ensuring reservation of DHHL water rights in water permits. Mr. Anderson has proven leadership skills and abilities to work effectively with other government agencies.

Finally, Ikaika has a herculean task to expend efficiently and effectively the \$600 Million appropriated by the legislature to put native Hawaiians on the land and timely address the long-standing waitlist. As a Hawaiian, Mr. Anderson understands the high expectations placed upon him not only by the

legislature but more importantly by the native Hawaiian community. I am confident that with his leadership experiences and the foundation of his 'Ohana, it has prepared him to take on this challenge.

I urge the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs to act favorably on Mr. Anderson's nomination as the Chairperson to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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February 14, 2023

To: Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: Malama Solomon, Ph.D.

Subject: GM 511 - Nomination of Ikaika Anderson, Chair - Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Kakou,

I strongly support Ikaika Anderson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Chair. His record in the Honolulu City Council and his run for Lt. Governor have given me confidence as to his serious and sincere commitment to better the socio-economic condition for all of us who call Hawai'i our homeland.

We are Hawaiian Homesteaders. My mother, the late Hula Loea Flora Leiomalama Beamer Solomon, was on the 1951 waitlist at the age of 21 years. Later she became a member of a class action suit known as the Aged Hawaiians v State of Hawai'i, which took the State 20 years to reconcile. 51 years later my mother was awarded her pastoral lot in Waimea, Hawai'i at the age of 72.

We took occupancy, however, the relationship between the Department and my parents was strained. This mo'olelo is a prototype of most homesteaders who are and continue to be in a contentious legal relationship with the State of Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for breach of trust to beneficiaries.

I witnessed the Senate Ways and Means Informational Briefings via zoom and I agree, the nominee with his Deputy, both on the job for less than 3 weeks, did falter. However, more alarming was the staff who were involved in the preparation of the Commission-approved Strategic Plan and who struggled to answer the Committee's inquiries. Furthermore, the Nominee's 5-point plan was discussed and deferred.

The discussion with Legislators continued at the second WAM briefing and included a representative from the governor's staff. She proceeded to comment on the 5-point plan; therefore, I am assuming this 5-point plan was discussed with the Governor.

Shortly thereafter, a follow-up DHHL Commission meeting was called by the Nominee. The meeting was held at the DHHL Office on Oahu to receive beneficiary testimony pertinent to the Senate WAM informational briefings, and I observed the following: the Commission went on record to support the Strategic Plan as

Nomination for Ikaika Anderson, Chair - Department of Hawaiian Home Lands - Testimony Continued

submitted to the legislature; the Nominee's 5-point plan was discussed and deferred, and the beneficiaries, in particular, the kupuna expressed opposition to the Governor's interference with a friendly reminder that the Chair of DHHL answers to the Commission, not to the Governor. The Nominee agreed to all of the recommendations of the Commission and acknowledged the kupuna concerns and agreed.

I believe the nominee's confirmation process has been commandeered by political agendas irrelevant to his ability as a competent administrator for the betterment of conditions for Hawaiian Homesteaders and the beneficiaries on the waitlist.

The complexity of reducing the waitlist is addressed by the DHHL Strategic Plan. To accomplish these objectives plus conforming to the 3-year time window, and working cooperatively with the Counties of Oahu, Kaua'i, Maui, and Hawai'i's political permitting process, the nominee before you meets the requirements. He is knowledgeable about land use, and his 10-year experience on the City Council of Honolulu on committees and as chair and chief presiding officer, gave him insight and opportunities to work with the public-private sector as public-private partners. These skill sets are mandatory to be able to facilitate and resolve arising challenges to the DHHL Strategic Plan.

Furthermore, he represented the City Council of Honolulu on the Hawai'i State Association of Counties, whose purpose focused on advocating and lobbying with government sectors including the Mayors of the 4 counties, to tackle important land use, infrastructure, and public safety issues all related to a Statewide cohesive, responsible land use management policy including zoning, permits, and occupancy. The nominee knows the rudiments of the political-community dynamics needed to reduce the waitlist, fulfilling the State's administrative mandates of the Hawaiian Homestead Act.

In closing, please note our Hawai'i County Democratic Party District 8 Legislative Subcommittee re: DHHL/Hawaiian Affairs Recommended Priorities for the 2023 Hawai'i State Legislature (Approved 1-8-23) includes:

“We support Governor Josh Green's appointment of Ikaika Anderson as the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Chair, and actively encourage legislative leadership and our representatives to support his confirmation.”

This was sent to the Hawai'i State Senate President and the Speaker of the House to be shared with subject matter committees.

Please consider this mana'o and pass this nominee out of the committee to the floor for a full vote. He deserves this opportunity.

Me ke aloha.

Malama Solomon

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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February 14, 2023

To: The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 16 & Videoconference, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: G.M. 511; Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

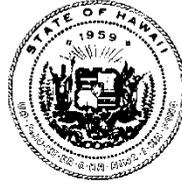
The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations **strongly supports** the confirmation of Mr. Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

As the Councilmember of District 3 which includes homesteading communities in Waimanalo and as the former Chair of the Honolulu City Council, Mr. Anderson's has demonstrated his passion to engage with the community in finding resolution to stakeholder concerns and problems.

DHHL has a waitlist of roughly 28,700 applicants seeking homesteads and we believe the critical and demanding issues that DHHL faces will require the thoughtful consideration, focus, and resolve that Ms. Anderson has always shown in public service. In addition to widespread constituent support Mr. Anderson's ability to work with construction labor organizations will be a tremendous benefit while the department gets ready to address the massive task of closing the gap between the number of units that are available and those that need to be built during the next several years. His firsthand family experience on being on the waitlist will also help him make wise decisions. His commitment to uphold DHHL's sacred trust and responsibility for Native Hawaiians is without question.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 511.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

Statement of
Hakim Ouansafi, Executive Director
Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 14, 2023
1:00 PM – Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
GM 511
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON,
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, IKAIKA ANDERSON,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2026

Honorable Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 511, to consider and confirm Mr. Ikaika Anderson to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I have known Mr. Anderson for many years, and I am honored to be working alongside with him in Governor Green's administration. He is an integral part of a team that is committed to addressing the many issues facing our State and I believe that he will be able to effectively fulfill his role through his life experiences and professional expertise.

There is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Anderson's hard work ethic and integrity will be great assets to the State of Hawaii, and he will bring a fresh perspective to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) in developing sound and thoughtful DHHL policy for the generations to come.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 511 and Mr. Anderson. We humbly request your favorable consideration.



Ka Moku'aina 'O Hawai'i Aha Moku O Pae'Aina

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Testimony of the Hawaii State Aha Moku

Before the Senate Committee on

Hawaiian Affairs

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

1:00 PM

Conference Room 016

IN SUPPORT of GM 511

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports this Gubernatorial Nominee.

Based on his extensive experience in government policymaking, legislature, zoning and planning in the State of Hawaii, Aha Moku supports Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. But more than his expertise in leadership is his open-door policy to native Hawaiians. He is a native Hawaiian who was raised with the traditional values of his culture. He is respectful to Kupuna which is critically important to Hawaiian beneficiaries. Mr. Anderson is well-versed in the Hawaiian Homes Act and truly understands Prince Jonah Kuhio's mandate to care for his people by putting them in homes on their lands.

Aha Moku works with native Hawaiians on all the main Hawaiian Islands. In speaking to beneficiaries on Moku O Keawe (Hawaii), Moku O Piilani (Maui), Nana'i Kaula (Lana'i), Kakuhihewa (O'ahu), and Manokalanipo (Kaua'i), there was not one who opposed Mr. Anderson's nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to sharing our mana'o with you. We support Mr. Anderson's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

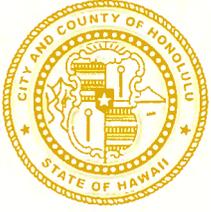
Respectfully,

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February 13, 2023

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

**RE: Testimony in Support of GM 511 – Gubernatorial Nominee, Ikaika Anderson, for
Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL)**

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee,

It is my honor to provide support for an outstanding candidate for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL), Mr. Ikaika Anderson. With over two decades of government experience, Mr. Anderson has proven himself as a dedicated public servant who takes the initiative to listen to community needs, evaluates effective strategies and programs, and is capable of delivering on department goals within budget and on-time. He served as Chair and Presiding Office at the Honolulu City Council, directing and supervising over 150 employees, preparing a fiscally responsible annual legislative budget of \$23 million, serving as Chief Procurement Officer for the Legislative Branch, and providing oversight in the Legislative Branch regarding modernization and transparency.

During his time on the Council, Mr. Anderson also served for a decade as the Chair of the Zoning, Planning, and Transportation Committee by leading key efforts to create City and County land use and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) policy, established the City's TOD Plan policy and a 2-year moratorium on "Monster Homes," and executed D.R. Horton's first affordable rental housing development in the U.S. via the Ho'opili Unilateral Agreement. His work record demonstrates vision, collaboration, leadership and results. Mr. Anderson's experience as the Chair of the Zoning, Planning, and Transportation Committee has given him a great understanding of housing issues, housing laws, zoning and planning. His in-depth knowledge of these critical issues make him the ideal candidate to fulfill the mission of creating housing for Native Hawaiians.

Mr. Anderson is deeply committed to Hawai'i and public service. He is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and received a B.A. in Political Science and Journalism from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my support for the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. I am confident that Mr.

Anderson will improve the quality of life for Native Hawaiian residents and fulfill the mission of the State of Hawai'i at the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy Waters". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

Council Chair Tommy Waters

District 4 (*Hawai'i Kai, Kuli'ou'ou, Niu Valley, 'Āina Haina, Wailupe, Wai'ālae-Iki, Kalani Valley, Kahala, Wilhelmina Rise, Kaimuki, portions of Kapahulu, Diamond Head, Black Point, Waikiki, and Ala Moana Beach Park*)

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GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 10:00:33 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| William J Aila Jr. | Individual | Oppose | In Person |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

We oppose GM 511 and ask that the Committee not vote to confirm Ikaika Anderson as Chariman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands for the following reasons:

Every appointed Chairman is briefed by Deputy Attorney Generals on the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and the Trust Duties assigned to implementing the Act. Nominee Anderson chooses to ignore his Trust responsibilities by waiting for instructions from the Governor's office on changes to the Commission's strategic spend plan for the 600 million dollars to remove beneficiaries from the waitlist, thus putting the funding at risk of being encumbered in timeto meet the legislative deadline.

The Hawaiian Homes Act seperates the Authorites given to the Governor and those given to the Commission. Then the Commission delegates certain authorities to the Chairman of the Department to implement.

It is obvious that Mr. Anderson does not grasp or chooses to ignore his Trust Duties. Rather than taking direction from the Commission he choose during the two Senate Informational breifings to defer to Nani Medeiros, Robin Danner, and thru them the Governor, to provide an incoherent set of answers as to how he planned to submit changes to the Strategic Plan.

Senators were rightfully confused and during the second briefing lied to about what the Commission approved via his "Five point point plan" which rather broadly layed out a vision with a stated goal of issuing a four RFP's with minimal specificity on what the RPF's would accomplish and not enough specific information on how much would be allocated from the 600 million to this new vision and how many less lots would be built. Commissioner Teruya when called to testify had to disagree with Mr. Anderson's statement that the Commission voted to deviate from the Plan. She answered truthfully that thay gave no such authority.

There is Mr. Anderson's staff and there is DHHL staff. Why does he operate like this? Moral at the staff level is very low.

Mr. Anderson may have good skills in the polical realm but does not appear to have the Administrative skills, understaning of his Trust Duties, which at times require him to disagree

with the Governor, or the ability to be transparent with the Commission and State legislators on how his is going to make sure that the 600 million will not lapse. The Hawaiian Homelands Trust and its beneficiaries deserve a Director who can hit the ground running and not wait for the Governor's office to surpland the Commissions Authority. Please assit the Trust and vote no. Mahalo.

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February 6, 2023

The Honorable Maile S.I. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaii Affairs
State Capitol Building
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: Governor's Message 511 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

I write in support and favorable consideration of Governor's Message 511.

As a former state senator and more recently a member of the Honolulu City Council, I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Ikaika Anderson for many years in various capacities. Over the years, I have come to respect his sense of empathy and responsibility for our keiki and kupuna all the while assisting those in the community who most need it. He fought long and hard for more affordable housing for all.

I have also come to admire his sense of fair play and his passion of being good stewards of the aina.

I respectfully request passage of Governor's Message 511.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Ann H. Kobayashi



12 February 2023

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
Chairman
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Senate
Honolulu, HI, 96813

Dear Madam Chairman and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

I am writing this letter of support for Ikaika Anderson as the Gubernatorial Nominee to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) as its Chairperson.

I have personally known Ikaika for the last decade and find him to be a proven leader with sound decision making skills regarding public policy. His experience serving on the Honolulu City Council in multiple capacities, including as Chairman, have given him a unique perspective in land use and development planning which will be critical for the success of the DHHL. As a native Hawaiian and resident of Waimānalo, Ikaika has a reputation as a consensus builder bringing people together from all sides of an issue to find common ground. Since being nominated to this position, Ikaika over the last month has traveled to beneficiary homestead communities throughout Hawai'i to listen and hear from homestead residents on their challenges and frustrations within the Department and ideas of how they can be addressed. In addition, Ikaika is committed to implementing the Hawaiian Homes Commission Master Plan and he understands the sense of urgency for continued lot development for qualified waitlisters.

The challenges at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands are daunting and I believe it is one of the most complicated departments in this State. Historically under resourced by the State and Federal government and lacking leaders with the vision, values and attributes to lead the DHHL has put the department & its employees in a perpetual state of crisis. Let me be clear, there is no perfect person to lead the DHHL and even the best, most qualified individual you can think of would face one of their greatest challenges. The nominee before you has the heart and compassion, coupled with the dedication and commitment to put the DHHL on the right course. I have the utmost confidence in the abilities, talent and integrity of Gubernatorial Nominee Ikaika Anderson to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as its Chairperson and I give him my highest recommendation for your confirmation.

Hau'oli Ka Mana'o,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kaiali'i Kahele', written in a cursive style.

The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele
Member of Congress (2021-2023)

February 8, 2023

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of GM 511, Gubernatorial Nomination of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

As a Waimanalo resident, Ikaika has built solid relationships and genuine friendships within the Hawaiian community. Ikaika is a true son of Hawai'i who has always advocated for the betterment of the Hawaiian people. During his service as Honolulu City Council Chairman, Ikaika demonstrated strong leadership skills with the ability to bring people from all sides of an issue together. Ikaika is open to all viewpoints, and his leadership style is one that ensures all voices will be heard.

I have known Ikaika Anderson for more than 30 years, and I humbly ask you, my former colleagues, to please support his confirmation.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Fred Hemmings
Former Hawai'i State Senate Minority Leader
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February 13, 2023

Hawaii State Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Hawaii State Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
The Senate
Hawaii State Capitol

Date and Time of Hearing:
February 14, 2023
1:00pm
Conference Room 016

Subject: **Governor's Message No. 511**
Relating to the Appointment of Ikaika Anderson
as Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

Please accept this letter of testimony in support of the appointment of Mr. Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands ("DHHL").

I offer this letter having known Ikaika both personally and professionally for over twelve (12) years. I first encountered Ikaika during his tenure as the Senior Legislative Assistant to then Chairperson for the Honolulu City Council, Ms. Barbara Marshall, while I was serving as the Deputy Director for the City's Department of Community Services. It was at that time that I could sense his passion for public service and diligence in advocating for the community and constituency that Chair Marshall served. Of course, it came as no surprise to me when Ikaika himself was elected to the Honolulu City Council to succeed Chair Marshall.

When I, myself, was privileged to be elected to the Honolulu City Council, my relationship with Ikaika grew both personally and professionally whereupon immediately upon my appointment as its Chairman and Presiding Officer, I called upon him to serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Honolulu City Council in addition to appointing him to Chair a number of high profile committees such as the Zoning, Planning and Transportation committees.

As noted through its website, the following is detailed as the value statement for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands:

"To ensure the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust is on a solid foundation with sound policies and procedures, a long-term sustainable financial plan, a commitment to serving

Hawaii State Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Hawaii State Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair
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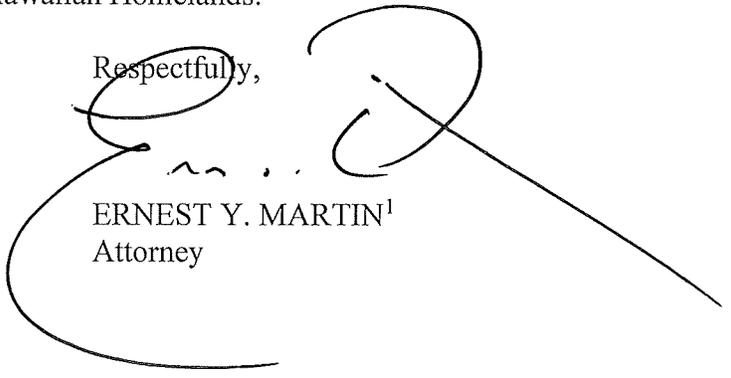
beneficiaries, and an organizational culture that honors the spirit of its founder, Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole. With the foundation firmly rooted, administrations going forward will be prepared to work side-by-side with beneficiaries and other partners to create and maintain vibrant homestead communities.”

It was during his leadership of the aforementioned City Council committees that I witnessed his aptitude and professionalism in dealing with a diversity of politically complex and sensitive issues affecting land use, planning, transportation and financial issues. Despite the varying and often competing interests that routinely arise during the contemplation of legislation that affect these issues, Ikaika consistently extended due courtesy and consideration to all parties and worked towards decisions that he and his committee members believed represented the consensus of their constituencies. I firmly believe that given his prior service and accomplishments on the Honolulu City Council in the aforementioned leadership positions will serve him well in meeting the objectives detailed in the aforementioned DHHL value statement.

Having served in both the executive and legislative branches of government myself, I have always had great admiration and appreciation for those individuals who have accepted the “call to serve” through public service appointments, in particular, those individuals that already are involved in challenging professional and personal endeavors.

In closing, knowing Ikaika as well as I do, I am pleased that he has offered himself for service to our State and respectfully ask for your favorable consideration on his nomination as Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Respectfully,


ERNEST Y. MARTIN¹
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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AND
SABRINA NASIR
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 511

February 14, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Room 016 & Videoconference

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, IKAIKA ANDERSON, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2026.

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee:

We strongly support the appointment of Ikaika Anderson to the position of
Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Governor Green's administration shares his priorities of homelessness and
housing, the cost of living, climate change, and health care for the people of Hawai'i.
We are committed to take action to make the needed changes to move Hawai'i forward.

Mr. Anderson is an integral part of a team that is dedicated to achieving the goals
of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Mr. Anderson has been serving as the Chairperson at DHHL since January 2023.
Prior to that, he was a Councilmember with the Honolulu City Council from 2009 and
became Chair in 2019. His leadership skills will benefit the department and the State;
therefore, we support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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A HO'OMĀKA'IKA'I

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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 14, 2023
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of
GM 511
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of
Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to
expire 12-31-2026.**

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella and Members of the Committee.

I support the appointment of Ikaika Anderson to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

As a longtime public servant, Mr. Anderson has been an advocate for the residents of Hawai'i with a deep understanding of community needs. I believe that his expertise in community planning and development and background in land use policy will be beneficial to this key role.

For these reasons, I humbly ask for Mr. Anderson's confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

JOSH GREEN M.D.
GOVERNOR

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LT. GOVERNOR



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**TESTIMONY OF
GARY S. SUGANUMA, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION**

TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

In consideration of G.M. No. 511

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial nominee, Ikaika Anderson

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of the confirmation of Mr. Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I believe Mr. Anderson's many years of experience as a Honolulu City Council member will enable him to address the challenges facing the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. I believe Mr. Anderson is prepared and committed to work with the communities in serving the best interests of the State and am confident that he has the experience, skillset and leadership abilities to take on the role Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 511.

JOSH GREEN
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 511,
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE IKAIKA ANDERSON

PRESENTATION TO
THE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA
ADJUTANT GENERAL,
DIRECTOR OF HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY,
AND HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR

FEBRUARY 13, 2023

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General, Director of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and Homeland Security Advisor, Department of Defense, State of Hawaii.

I respectfully submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of GM511, relating to the Gubernatorial Nomination of Mr. Ikaika Anderson for Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands for a term to expire on December 31, 2026.

Chair Anderson possesses a diverse breath of expertise in navigating and improving government at all levels. He has experience working in both city and state government, as well as the private sector and has spent nearly 20 years as a dedicated public servant. His proven leadership has been displayed at the highest levels of local government where he served as Chairman of the Honolulu City Council and Chair of the Zoning, Planning and Transportation Committee.

Chair Anderson also understands the importance for the executive branch and legislature to work together to achieve success. His diverse background in long-range planning, community building, conflict resolution, land use policy and negotiations will serve the state well in managing and developing Hawaiian Homestead lands and helping Native Hawaiians with their housing crisis.

Chair Anderson is someone I believe to be committed to bettering the state and helping Hawaiians. I would be honored to serve with him and am confident he will be a pillar to help guide and lead our state.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and for your consideration.

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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



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Testimony of
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Chief Information Officer
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (HWN)
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 511
NOMINATION OF IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN
HOME LANDS

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Favella, and members of the committee:

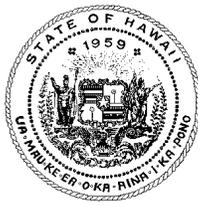
I am writing in support of Governor Josh Green's nomination of Ikaika Anderson as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Mr. Anderson served as a Honolulu City Councilmember from 2009 to 2020. In his capacity on the Council, he helped to establish Hui Mahi'ai 'Aina, a tiny-home communal village that offered shelter and wrap-around services to the homeless population in Waimānalo, O'ahu.

He has served on the Waimānalo Health Center Board of Directors and directly engaged with state, county, and federal policymakers on matters pertaining to skilled labor and advocated for those priorities.

Mr. Anderson is a dedicated public servant, and I am pleased to support his confirmation.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE NO. 511
RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF MR. IKAIKA ANDERSON TO BE THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

By
Tommy Johnson, Director

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 14, 2023; 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference 016 & Via Video Conference

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in support of the nomination and confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Mr. Anderson's nomination and hopeful confirmation represent a fresh start and new leadership to the DHHL at this critically important time.

The legislature recently appropriated over \$600 million to the DHHL to fulfill its mission and mandate to provide housing to native Hawaiian, many of whom have been on the waiting list for decades. If provided with the opportunity, Mr. Anderson can lead DHHL forward in this effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony support of Governor's Message 511 and Mr. Anderson.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
Governor

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Lt. Governor



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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023
ROOM 016
1:00 P.M.**

GOVERNOR MESSAGE 511

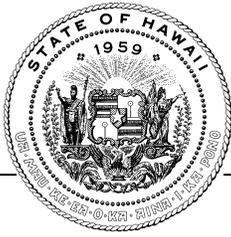
**CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF IKAIKA ANDERSON AS THE
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS**

Chairperson Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Fevella and Members of the Committee:

Ikaika Anderson is the Governor's nominee and will serve the Department of Hawaiian Homelands well as Chairperson. Ikaika brings 20 years of experience in negotiation, long-term government, community planning and government policy to the position. Ikaika served on the Honolulu City Council from 2009 to 2020, and was Chairman and Presiding Officer. He is Native Hawaiian and an alumnus of Kamehameha Schools, which adds to his readiness for the position. He is the right person to serve as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Thank you for the opportunity to support of the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands.





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Statement of
SCOTT GLENN, Director

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of
GM 511

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ikaika Anderson,
for a term to expire 12-31-2026.**

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Ikaika Anderson to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Mr. Anderson is a long-time public servant who has shown leadership at the county level representing his district and serving as the Chairman and Presiding Officer of the Honolulu City Council. His expertise in land use and government operations will greatly assist DHHL in its ambitious work.

Since becoming the Governor's nominee, Chair Anderson has led DHHL to collaboratively engage the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development on a range of matters, including housing and infrastructure, transit-oriented development, special management area regulations, DHHL staff training on the environmental review process, and designating an advisor to serve on the Hawaii State Board on Geographic Names and whom the National Park Service has appointed to serve on the national Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names.

For these reasons, I humbly ask for Mr. Anderson's confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



TESTIMONY BY:

EDWIN H. SNIFFEN
DIRECTOR

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STATE OF HAWAII
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869 PUNCHBOWL STREET
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Tuesday, February 14, 2023
1:00 P.M.
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol

In consideration of
Governor's Message 511
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of
Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ikaika Anderson

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

Mr. Anderson has spent numerous years in public service and held various leadership positions while at the Honolulu City Council. During his time, with the Council he has demonstrated his ability to work collaboratively with various stakeholders for the betterment of Oahu.

The critical and demanding issues that DHHL faces will require the thoughtful consideration, focus, and resolve. His commitment to uphold DHHL's sacred trust and responsibility for Native Hawaiians is without question, and the reason we support his confirmation. The DOT looks forward to working with DHHL to deliver on the housing and improvements our native Hawaiian communities deserve.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

LATE

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MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
GM 511 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF
J. IKAIKA ANDERSON
AS CHAIRPERSON TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS**

Before the
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
February 14, 2023; 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

Testimony of Derek S.K Kawakami
Mayor of the County of Kaua'i

Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee:

I testify in **support** for the appointment of J. Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and the Hawaiian Homes Commission. He is qualified to fulfill this responsibility given his professional and life experiences, leadership skills, and desire to serve his people and community.

I have known and worked with Mr. Anderson for over a decade as the course of our times serving on our respective County Councils. He seeks to listen to all community members to gain understanding of the many diverse perspectives and uses this knowledge to solve problems and move forward with palatable solutions.

In the short time since his appointment by Governor Green as Interim Chairperson, conditional to the consideration and confirmation of this body, Mr. Anderson encumbered \$18.7 million for the development of homestead lots in Hanapepe, Kauai. In addition to meeting beneficiaries in Hanapepe and Anahola on Kauai, he has met with beneficiaries on each island to broaden his understanding of their needs and challenges.

I am confident in Anderson's ability to lead the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and the Hawaiian Homes Commission in delivering homesteading opportunities to qualified Native Hawaiians. I look forward to working with him and the Department with infrastructure permitting and other forward-thinking ventures to assist in achieving the goals established by Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole .

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony in **support**.

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February 13, 2023

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Kurt Favella, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol Room
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Favella, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

SUBJECT: GM 511, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-31-2026

As the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, it is my privilege to express my strong support for the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

During my service in the City as Director of Transportation Services and Interim Councilmember, I had the opportunity to work directly with Ikaika Anderson and found him to be a dedicated and thoughtful leader with a strong ability to bring individuals and groups together to reach successful resolutions in dealing with the most challenging of issues.

I respectfully ask for this Committee's favorable consideration of Mr. Anderson's confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

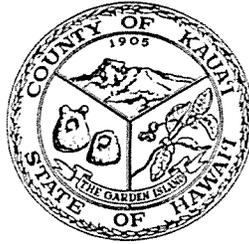
Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Michael D. Formby
Managing Director

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February 7, 2023

**TESTIMONY OF KIPUKAI KUALII
COUNCIL VICE CHAIR, KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**GM 511, Gubernatorial Nomination of Ikaika Anderson as the
Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 016
Via Videoconference**

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong SUPPORT of GM 511, Gubernatorial Nomination of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as Council Vice Chair of the Kaua'i County Council.

Mr. Anderson is a natural leader that excels in bringing people together, always working towards consensus. His experience and leadership as City & County of Honolulu Council Chair will allow him to effectively manage both the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Further, Mr. Anderson has a strong understanding of land use and development policies to effectively build homes for our Hawaiian people. Most importantly, he also has the insight and empathy needed in serving trust beneficiaries as his Council district included Waimānalo, which is predominantly Hawaiian homesteads.

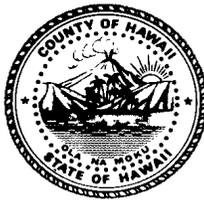
Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Ikaika Anderson's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188 or via email to cokcouncil@kauai.gov.

Sincerely,

KIPUKAI KUALII
Council Vice Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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SUSAN L.K. LEE LOY

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February 10, 2023

The Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Support for GM 511, Gubernatorial Nomination of Ikaika Anderson

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of GM 511, Gubernatorial Nomination of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have the privilege of representing two homestead communities, Keaukaha and Pana'ewa, on the beautiful island of Hawai'i. While I provide comment in my official capacity, I would also share for members of this Committee that my family resides in the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in Pana'ewa.

Mr. Anderson is a natural leader who excels in bringing people together, always working towards consensus. His experience and leadership as City & County of Honolulu Council Chair will allow him to effectively manage both the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Further, Mr. Anderson has a strong understanding of land use and development policies to effectively build homes for our Hawaiian people. Most importantly, he also has the insight and empathy needed in serving trust beneficiaries as his Council district included Waimānalo, which is predominantly Hawaiian homesteads.

Mahalo, again, for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Ikaika Anderson's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. By partnering and focusing our efforts, we can make the best use of our resources and develop viable solutions for a more efficient and effective system that serves our beneficiaries.

Aloha Piha,

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Susan "Sue" L.K. Lee Loy
Council Member, County of Hawai'i, District 3



STANFORD CARR DEVELOPMENT, LLC

■ February 9, 2023

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

RE: Testimony in Support – GM 511 Consideration and Confirmation
as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Ikaika Anderson
Hearing: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 1:00 PM, Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee:

It is my pleasure to express **strong support** for the appointment of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission that functions as the administrator of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) with responsibility to serve the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust.

My support for Ikaika is predicated on my interactions with him over the past twelve years as he served as the Honolulu City Councilmember representing portions of windward O`ahu from 'Āhuimanu to Waimānalo. During his tenure at the City Council, he demonstrated leadership qualities that included integrity and innovation, where he actively listened to everyone and encouraged others to think out of the box, especially as it related to transit-oriented development, sustainability plans and county-wide land use policies. As a Councilmember and as the Council Chair, Ikaika served and advocated equally for community members and diverse stakeholders – always providing an opportunity for others to be heard.

Based on the educational vision of Kamehameha Schools (KS), Ikaika was motivated as a teenager with the KS vision to become a global minded servant leader. It is my belief, that Ikaika's commitment to servant leadership and innovative solutions will drive him to empower the DHHL team to develop and deliver on its mission to serve Hawaiian beneficiaries with increased momentum.

Your consideration and confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission is humbly requested.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for Ikaika Anderson.

Sincerely,

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Stanford S. Carr

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/3/2023 11:13:13 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| De MONT Kalai Manaole | Testifying for Ho'omana Pono, LLC | Support | In Person |

Comments:

We **STRONGLY SUPPORT** Ikaika Anderson for Director of DHHL!

Finally we have a Hawaiian who truly desires to fulfill the promise that was first put into place by our beloved Prince Jonah Kūhi'o Kalaniana'ole, which is: PUT NĀ KĀNAKA BACK ON OUR HOMELAND!!!

We realize that Ikaika may have opposition, however, you must consider the source of the opposition.

Ikaika is a thoughtful & a deep deliberative man. Ikaika deserves the opportunity to bring back credibility to the Department & fulfill Prince Kūhi'o's desire for 'Aina Ho'opulapula through the Kau Hale model he helped create with Aunty Blanch in Waimanalo.

He's a straight shooter who can get things done. Our FULL FAITH & CONFIDENCE is in Ikaika Anderson! #NāKānaka4Ikaika #IkaikaA derson4DHHLDirector.



February 9, 2023

**To: Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Sen. Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair & Members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**

**From: Kali Watson
President/CEO
Hawaiian Community Development Board
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

**Re: Hearing on GM 511 re Appointment of Ikaika Anderson
Chair, Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands
February 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm
Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street**

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Dear Chairperson Shimabukuro & Vice Chair Fevella of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support to GM 511 relating to the appointment of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Director for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for a term expiring on December 31, 2026. HCDB strongly supports Mr. Anderson.

I've known Mr. Anderson for many years and am impressed by his leadership skills. He was first elected to the Honolulu City Council in 2009 and through perseverance attained the Chairmanship or top leadership position. Having previously worked on the city's Agricultural Development Task Force, chaired the Zoning and Planning Committee, and growing up in the Waimanalo homesteading community, he has a good background for leading DHHL's homesteading and development programs.

In the very short time that he's lead DHHL, Ikaika is in the process of encumbering over \$100 million in legislative funding, and moved forward on implementing the Strategic Plan adopted by the Hawaiian Homes Commission, which will generate 2,727 lots involving 20 projects of residential, agricultural and pastoral lots. He understands leveraging of Act 279 funds, the different housing models and development mechanisms, both RFPs and RFQs.

A good example of his quick learning capacity is how he handled the stalled Ulu Ke Kukui conversion project in Maili, Oahu on DHHL lands. Several years ago, HCDB was awarded the contract to convert the six-building homeless shelter into an affordable rental housing project for beneficiaries on the waitlist, and create a multi-service center to prepare these waiting applicants for homeownership under the homesteading program. Being a rehabilitation project rather than new construction, HCDB unsuccessfully applied several times with HHFDC for an award of tax-credits and bond funding. Ikaika and staff worked with HCDB

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to revive the project using federal NAHASDA funding with anticipated matching Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) from HHFDC. By leveraging the NAHASDA funds, these HUD program funds create a priority status for the award of RHRF. Ikaika is also proposing to take an aggressive approach to self-permitting within the Department to avoid the long delays caused by the various understaffed county Departments of Planning & Permitting. Therefore, we anticipate being successful with HHFDC, and with DHHL permitting in place, should be able to commence construction by the end of the year, specifically targeting kupuna on the waiting list, as asked by Ikaika.

Ikaika is working very hard. In my discussions and meetings with him, I can see that he has been very active. He's been meeting with various beneficiaries, homestead organizations, service providers, nonprofits, government organizations, funders and developers across the State.

I recently traveled with him to Pokai Bay on the Waianae Coast, where we met with the Waianae Kupuna Council, members of various homestead community associations, beneficiaries, and members of the Waianae community. As requested, I explained the Ulu Ke Kukui Project. He explained his vision for moving forward but also attentively listened to their concerns and issues and responded in a substantive and positive way. He explored options, and formulated solutions, not just regurgitating past practices.

Most importantly, from an administrative perspective, he's expeditiously filling DHHL vacancies and is recruiting qualified and needed staff. He's already moved forward on his recent RFP and is in the process of choosing among projects involving new lands with housing plans to add to the DHHL's existing land base. He plans to also use volume-oriented design/build request for qualifications (RFQ) proposals. He clearly is gearing up to meet the legislative deadline under Act 279 to encumber all \$600 million. He is a dedicated & honest individual that is putting 110% effort into what he does. He needs to be allowed to continue.

With over 28,700 native Hawaiians on the waitlist for DHHL homes, and a third of the homeless in our State being Hawaiians, DHHL needs effective leadership. Our people need someone that can respond in a timely fashion and work with various organizations and people. We need someone that is intelligent, knows the HHC Act, and is willing to think outside the box to get the job done. I strongly believe that Mr. Anderson is that person.

Pupuka I Holomua,

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Kali Watson, President/CEO
Hawaiian Community Development Board

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/10/2023 7:40:37 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Blanche McMillan | Testifying for Hui Mahi'ai Aina | Support | In Person |

Comments:

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 7:21:13 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Jullie Aiko Manaole | Testifying for Ho'omana Pono, LLC | Support | In Person |

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Jullie Aiko Manaole, I am Co-Manager of Ho'omana Pono, LLC. I am writing in support of Ikaika Anderson for DHHL.

My personal feelings about this is simple. I am NOT Hawaiian, however, I feel that hawaiians have been struggling for too long, and things should go back to how it was originally meant to be. Every administration that I have seen that has led the hawaiians so far has been met with constant criticism. Obviously things are NOT working the way they have been run. I have seen many things that are happening on Hawaiian Home Lands that are 100% against the rules and NOBODY does anything about it. I have seen people TRY to talk to someone in DHHL, only to be given excuses and told they are too busy in meetings. Why keep the head of the department tied up with red tape and then blame him. Ikaika Anderson has been the ONLY one that I have seen go out INTO the public and speak to the people. He cares about what the BENEFICIARIES want, isn't that what the point should be? If this is truly about helping hawaiians then let the HAWAIIAN that WANTS to help and DO something help them! If it's all about money making and government back door deals then just keep putting people who don't care in the head position. I have faith in Ikaika Anderson that he will make the changes needed to FINALLY help with hawaiians. Give Ikaika Anderson a chance to make a change! Thank you



Ko`olau Foundation

P. O. Box 4749
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February 14, 2023

To: Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Sen. Kurt Fevela, Vice Chair
And Members, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: Aaron D. Mahi, President
Mahealani Cypher, Board Member

Re: G.M 511 – Supporting Ikaika Anderson, DHHL Chair

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella and Committee Members:

The Ko`olau Foundation strongly supports confirmation of Ikaika Anderson to serve as chair of the Hawaiian Home Lands Commission and head of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Our members have been deeply concerned about the need to have forward-thinking leadership at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. With the infusion of new funds allocated to DHHL last year, we join you in our collective hope at their success in developing thousands more housing units for Native Hawaiians on the “wait list”.

Ikaika Anderson, we note, probably has some of the best experience in land use planning and development, particularly through his years as a councilmember – leading the council’s planning committee – and as chair of the Honolulu City Council. He is aware of the many challenges that are likely to confront DHHL as they embark on this ambitious program to develop housing for their beneficiaries.

It was to be expected that others would find fault with this particular nominee because they favored other candidates to head this department – completely understandable.

However, with limited time given the agency to carry out this huge housing program, we need someone in that position who can overcome the challenges and move things forward.

We urge your support for G.M. 511 and your advise and consent to confirm Ikaika Anderson for this important position.

Mahalo for considering our mana`o.

LATE

GM-511

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Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Nathaniel Kinney | Testifying for Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters | Support | In Person |

Comments:

Mr. Anderson has extensive professional experience in the public sector, including but not limited to his position as the Chairman and Presiding Officer for the Honolulu City Council. He is a lifelong resident of the State of Hawaii, comes from a family of public servants, and has demonstrated a passion and commitment to serving the people of Hawaii through his work as a public servant.

We are confident in Mr. Anderson's ability to serve the people of Hawaii as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. As such, we respectfully request your favorable decision on this measure.

February 8, 2023

TESTIMONY of SUPPORT by KipuKai Kualii, Pres. of the Anahola Hawaiian Homes Assoc.
GM 511, Gubernatorial Nomination of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson, Department of
Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL)

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 1:00 pm Conference Rm 16 via videoconference

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of GM 511, Gubernatorial Nomination of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

Ikaika and two others from his leadership team at DHHL came to Kaua'i on February 4, 2023 to visit with leaders from the Anahola Hawaiian Homes Association, the West Kaua'i Hawaiian Homestead Association and the Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands.

We truly appreciated being able to share our successes, concerns and plans with them. Because of our exchange and their engagement with us, we are extremely excited and hopeful about the significant progress we know we can make together!

Ikaika is no stranger to public servant leadership and being accountable to citizen constituencies having served on the City & County of Honolulu's Council for twelve years. This experience should serve him well as he works to address the concerns of trust beneficiaries, as well as State officials and others that have concerns, like we do, about management and operations at DHHL.

Ikaika also has a strong understanding of land use and development policies to effectively accelerate the building of homes for trust beneficiaries. What's most important about Ikaika and what we've been able to confirm during his visit is that he has the insight and empathy needed to best serve in this role. He clearly has learned from his time representing the Waimānalo homesteaders and other Hawaiians in his district.

Mahalo nui loa again for this opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of Ikaika Anderson's nomination as the Chairperson of DHHL. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact at (808) 652-3684 or via email to kipukai.kualii@gmail.com.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
KipuKai Kualii, President
Anahola Hawaiian Homes Association (AHHA)
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February 13, 2023

Senator Maile S. K. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

GM 511 – Nomination of Ikaika Anderson, Chair
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

The Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports the nomination of Ikaika Anderson as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ikaika Anderson has a strong history of experience through service on the City Council of Honolulu. He served as chair and chief presiding officer and gained up front opportunities and lessons learned in making public-private sector partnerships work. Mr. Anderson tackled land use, infrastructure, and public safety issues through his work on the Hawai'i State Association of Counties to create land use management policy all of which will be of great import for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony in support of Ikaika Anderson's nomination as chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Sincerely,

EDITH KAWAI, President
Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club



Testimony of
KAINOA KAUMEHEIWA-REGO
Chair, Government Relations Committee

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 1:00 P.M.
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 016

in consideration of
GM511

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, IKAIKA ANDERSON, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2026.

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Committee Members:

My name is Kainoa Kaumeheiwa-Rego, and I am testifying on behalf of Ke One O Kākuhihewa (O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs). Our council represents all 26 Hawaiian Civic Clubs on the island of O'ahu.

Ke One O Kākuhihewa fully supports the appointment of Mr. Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

At our recent council meeting on January 28, 2023, our clubs voted unanimously to support Mr. Anderson's nomination.

Our council believes that Mr. Anderson's experience as a former member of the Honolulu City Council from May 2009 to September 2020, where he also served as Chair from May 2019 to September 2020, will be valuable in his new role.

Throughout his public service career, Mr. Anderson worked to improve land use and Transit-Oriented Development policies in the City and County of Honolulu, which positively impacted the quality of life for O'ahu residents. He was also instrumental in the establishment of Hui Mahi'ai 'Aina, a tiny-home village that provided shelter and services to the homeless population in Waimānalo, O'ahu.

Furthermore, Mr. Anderson has a strong connection to the Hawaiian community as a lifelong member of the Hawaiian Civic Club movement. His grandfather, Whitney Anderson, served as the President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs from 1978-1972.

Mr. Anderson's appointment strongly aligns with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Club's 2020-2025 strategic plan, particularly with Strategy 1 - Objective 2, which aims to "support Native Hawaiian leaders in pursuing elected, appointed, and administrative government positions."

For all these reasons, **Ke One O Kākuhihewa firmly supports the nomination of Mr. Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.**

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/3/2023 6:52:20 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| WALLACE A ISHIBASHI JR | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha

I am Wallace A Ishibashi Jr. Pass DHHL East Hawaii Commissioner.

I stand in strong Support of Ikaika Anderson as our DHHL Chair.

Positive confirmation of Mr Anderson. Mahalo nui loa for all that you do.



February 13, 2023

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on
Hawaiian Affairs

RE: Governor's Message No. 511
Hearing date: February 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice chair Fevella and members of the committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Ikaika Anderson's nomination as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Ikaika is an experienced leader with more than two decades in public service. He has a wealth of experience in government, serving as chair of the Honolulu City Council. This experience demonstrated his leadership abilities and the aptitude to come to compromises on important issues. He also was able to gain valuable insight into land use and development, which is critical to a position tasked with developing homes for Native Hawaiians. Ikaika also has a substantial experience, working with constituents and communities where Hawaiian Homelands are located.

On a personal note, I have known Ikaika for nearly a decade. He is a person with great enthusiasm and tenacity, and is willing to dedicate his time to accomplishing the goals of DHHL. For these reasons, I strongly support Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands and hope you will confirm his nomination.

Mahalo,

Michael L. Iosua

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 12:43:07 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Maile Lu'uwai | Testifying for Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members,

The Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association (KPFA) supports the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

KPFA is a Hawaiian Homes Commission Act Beneficiary Association and a Homestead Association (as defined by the Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act 109 Stat. 537) and is registered with the Department of Interior under 43 CFR Stats. 47.10 and 48.6.

KPFA represents over 1,000 native Hawaiians and their 'ohana on agricultural Hawaiian Home Trust Lands in Pana'ewa, Hawai'i Island.

We believe Ikaika is committed to and will effectively serve our community and waitlist 'ohana. We ask that Ikaika be given a 'fair' opportunity to assess the viability of the previous administration's 600M Plan and to engage a strong team to implement the plan, as well as address the myriad of DHHL issues that directly impact services to native Hawaiian beneficiaries.

Your vote 'yes' in support of Ikaika's confirmation is important to our community and our waitlist 'ohana.

Mahalo,

Maile Lu'uwai

President, Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association



HUI KAKO'O 'ĀINA HO'OPULAPULA

"Let the people flourish on the land."

Position: Comments Offered

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. We are offering comments on this nomination.

Hui Kāko'o 'Āina Ho'opulapula (Hui Kāko'o) is a 30 year old organization recognized by the Department (DHHL) as representing the applicants on the DHHL waiting lists, **an estimated 28,000 eligible Native Hawaiians.** While we may not have homesteads, our recognized entity represents more beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homestead Act than any of the homestead associations. We were first founded by kūpuna on the waitlist in 1992; we formally organized in 1995. We are an active part of the community and work closely with all Native Hawaiians: those on DHHL lands, those on the waitlist, and those eligible but not yet applied to the waitlist.

We have a long and successful history of working with the Department and the past Chairs, including in the advocacy for the passage of Act 14, the Native Hawaiian Recovery Act and Act 279.

Act 279 is for us and our members. This money is help get our members who have languished on the waitlist for decades into homes.

Successful implementation of Act 279 should be the Department and the Chair's top priority.

Despite this fact, which we believe is widely supported, the nominee has not yet met with our organization or our board, despite repeated requests made to him since last year. We are gravely disappointed by this. We are deeply disappointed by the fact that for the first time in our 30 years history of working with the Department, the (acting) Chair has basically ignored us. What is even more alarming is that he is doing this in a moment when our partnership is more critical than ever.

Conversely, his Deputy-Designate Katie Ducat met with us promptly. Hui Kāko'o will be supporting her nomination.

Hui Kāko'o needs to be an active partner in the Commission's Strategic Plan on the Implementation of Act 279, yet we do not appear to be a priority for this nominee. We find this very troubling.

A successful Chair must first and foremost prioritize Act 279 and in doing so, understand how to work effectively with the beneficiaries on the waitlist. This is Hui Kāko'o's entire purpose: to advocate for and work with the Department to get Native Hawaiians onto the land. We urge the Committee to ensure that whoever is selected to lead the Department at this critical time have the necessary skillsets, leadership capacity, integrity, and ability to work with the 28,000 beneficiaries who continue to wait for land.

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GM-511

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Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Kimeona Kane | Testifying for Waimanalo Neighborhood Board #32 | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Nui Kākou,

The Waimānalo Neighborhood Board #32 stands opposed to the appointment of Ikaika Anderson to the position of Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

On Thursday January 19, 2023, the Kuana ‘Ike Hawai‘i Committee of the Waimānalo Neighborhood Board, recommended out of Committee by unanimous vote, the position to oppose the appointment of Ikaika Anderson to Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

On Monday February 13, 2023, at its regular monthly meeting, the Waimānalo Neighborhood Board #32 voted to support the Kuana ‘Ike Hawai‘i Committees recommendation to oppose the appointment of Ikaka Anderson to Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands by vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, and 1 abstention.

Mahalo nui for your time and service.

Kimeona Kane

Chair- Waimānalo Neighborhood Board #32

February 7, 2023

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We are asking you please do not confirm Ikaika Anderson as Chair to represent us on Hawaiian Homelands. We are not confident that he has our best interests in mind when it comes to caring for and fighting for the homesteaders.

We are already suffering from the deficiency of Health care physicians, a shortage of jobs, and overpopulation of deer. I ask that you please do your due diligence and ensure that the person you select will help and not neglect our Hawaiian Homesteaders!

We ask for your help and consideration regarding this matter! Attached are signatures of concerned Molokai Homesteaders that support this letter as well.

Mahalo Nui,

Signatures/Names of individuals that support this letter:

Joana Keobuloa LOT # 118E
Juana Piialii " 118E
Dr. J. Wilson Grant 02
Renee Montoya 02
Nanna Montoya 02
Lanae Kaula
Alala Kaula
Sharon Kaula
Whiston Kaula
 DeWette

Moana Keobuloa
Juana Piialii
Maikenn M. Battad-Pbins-Kopuiki Lot #16
M. Pehanu Kaahani (Lot #16)
Heg Kalo Kuloa Ohana (Lot 16)
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Mahalo nui,

Kupuna Aunty Judy Caparida

Signatures/Names of individuals that support this letter:

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| <u>Chouty Kekauoha</u> | <u>Lot # 44</u> |
| <u>William Kekauoha Jr</u> | <u>Lot #44</u> |
| <u>Patricia A. Armes</u> | <u>Lot 32-B-10 Lot 42 gm</u> |
| <u>Anela Hobbs</u> | <u>Lot 32-B-10 Lot 42</u> |
| <u>Healy Kahu</u> | <u>706 Ala Ekolu St, Hahaione, HI 96729</u> |
| <u>Frances U. Hill</u> | <u>Box 516 38th Farrington Ave</u> |
| <u>Mason Phillip</u> | <u>P.O. Box 139</u> |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>Lot # 7 Makulele</u> |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>PO Box 129</u> |
| <u>Adelaide Keai Komura</u> | <u>665 Kamehameha St</u> |
| | <u>Highway 96748</u> |

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Kupuna Aunty Irene Ka'ahanui

Signatures/Names of individuals that support this letter:

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| <u>Dawn Kookanaui</u> | <u>118-C Moo Mo Mi AVE</u> |
| <u>Tom K...</u> | <u>" " "</u> |
| <u>Claudette Rachel</u> | <u>" " "</u> |
| <u>Cecilia Eberstein</u> | <u>131 " "</u> |
| <u>Randall W...</u> | <u></u> |
| <u>Irene Ka'ahanui</u> | <u>2900</u> |
| <u>Charles Ka'ahanui, Jr.</u> | <u></u> |
| <u>J. O...</u> | <u>14 Kapekape Loop</u> |
| <u>Telly A. Isomua</u> | <u>1615 KAM 5 Highway</u> |



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Testimony of

Melvin P. Silva Jr.

Business Manager/Financial Secretary Treasurer
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Before the

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Subject

Governor's Message 511

In favor of Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

I am writing in strong support of Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of his confirmation.

I have known Mr. Anderson for over 10 years and got to know him well while he was the Chair of the Honolulu City Council. Ikaika has an extensive history as a public servant and during his time as Council Chair he excelled as a public sector executive. He is a man of strong integrity and unwavering commitment. Ikaika can be trusted to always make the right decision, even when the decision is not popular.

Already in his short time as DHHL chairperson, he has made a difference for beneficiaries. From his first day, Mr. Anderson dove right in and has been working directly with homelands stakeholders to tackle longstanding problems in the community. Many have been impressed with his dedication to public service.

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Aloha e Honorable Senator Shimabukuro,

This email is regards to we strongly support for Mr. Ikaika Anderson for DHHL Administrator; his a strong and knowledgeable individual who has a heart of gold and the strength of a Lion always looking out for the people of Hawaii nei. Ikaika is a result oriented individual who wants accomplishment in seeing things completed efficiently.

First hand, we experience Mr. Anderson's passion this past weekend Saturday 11th where Mr. Anderson and DHHL Land Management Division "Kahana" Peter Albinio came all the out to Ka'u for a informal meeting with our non-profit group to discuss DHHL lease application process and current status. We've been working on this process since 2021, thus this is progress!

We humbly request as the chairwoman your support and endorsement to allow Mr. Anderson to continue his quest and purpose to serve his people. His very dedicated to getting the job done.

Mahalo Nui Loa, Dane & Terry Shibuya :)

(Hana Lulima Lahui O' Ka'u- grassroots 501c3 nonprofit organization) in Rural Ka'u

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Submitted on: 2/14/2023 9:54:57 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Leonard Leong | Testifying for Royal Contracting | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support Ikaika Anderson because of his experience, ability to analyze the whole impact of his actions and sincerity to help lin solving the need of Native Hawaiians that depends on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to obtain housing & support.

Leonard Leong

IVAN M. LUI-KWAN

Pacific Guardian Center, Makai Tower
733 Bishop Street, Suite 1900
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

GM 11, Ikaika Anderson
Gubernatorial Nominee to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

Testimony in Support of Ikaika Anderson's
Confirmation as Director of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Ivan Lui-Kwan. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands ("DHHL").

I have known Ikaika for approximately 14 years commencing when he worked for Councilmember Barbara Marshall. I have seen and watched him grown as a public official, more recently as a Honolulu City Council Chair.

It is my firm belief that Ikaika will do an excellent job as DHHL Director and Hawaiian Homes Commission ("HHC") Chair for the following reasons.

1. He has the passion for improving the lives of the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust.
2. He possesses the leadership and public policy skills to do an excellent job. As Honolulu City Council Chair, he was always fair, conducted Council meetings with skill and dignity, and demonstrated excellent judgment on tough public policy questions.
3. He possesses the values of an exemplary Native Hawaiian leader: Aloha, compassion, moral strength and integrity.

Testimony in Support of Ikaika Anderson's
Confirmation as Director of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
February 10, 2023

I am confident he will do an excellent job as DHHL Director and HHC Chair, if confirmed. Please confirm Ikaika Anderson as Director of DHHL.

Mahalo Nui.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivan M. Lui-Kwan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ivan M. Lui-Kwan

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/10/2023 10:24:59 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Kawehi Correa | Individual | Support | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

Aloha Legislators-

I strongly support the designation for Ikaka Anderson to be confirmed as the DHHL Chair. I beleive his track record would show you that his intentions and heart is for the people of Hawaii.

He will benefit the community and the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land tremedously.

Please afford him the opportunity.

Thank you,

Kawehi Correa

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/11/2023 4:44:24 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| keli w. ioane jr. | Individual | Support | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Skippy Ioane, I am a 72-year-old Hawaiian beneficiary awaiting Hawaiian Homestead Lands. Ikaika Anderson came to our village on Hawai'i island this past Friday, and after our talk story, I have decided to support him for Chairman.

"Ikaika Anderson is a new solution to an old problem"

Kelii Skippy Ioane

Aloha e nā kia Kenekoa o ko Hawai'i pae 'āina,

My name is Ainaaloha Waikaalulu loane loane I come to you from the Hawaiian Homestead subsistence village of King's Landing, on Hawai'i Island. In 1982 to protect themselves from the force of eviction by the Department of Hawaiian Homelands our founding Kupuna, William Kulakauka Pakani, Audrey Pakani, Kelii "Skippy" loane and Carol loane established M.A.H.A, Malama Ka 'Āina Hana Ka 'Āina.

In 1986 with the help of Palapala Inc. the MAHA Subsistence Management Plan was completed to formalize MAHA's first ROE with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Since 1982 the Kupuna Council and leadership of MAHA have been focusing on the completion of a settlement plan and the creation of Kuleana Homesteading for the village of King's Landing.

For 40 years MAHA and the beneficiaries of King's Landing have rehabilitated with 'āina. For 40 years we have received little attention from the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. We have lost 18 Hawaiian beneficiaries while awaiting leases. We have gone through 10 Chairman's awaiting for our needs to be met. In 2022, with the help of Chairman Aila, and the recommendation of the Provisional Investigative Committee of King's Landing, the Commissioners voted unanimously for King's Landing to complete a Kuleana Homesteading settlement plan.

On November 10th, 2023 Ikaika Anderson accepted MAHA's invitation to our Subsistence village in King's Landing. We shared with him the beauty of our 'āina, and successful stories of Hawaiian rehabilitation through self-governance and subsistence living. We highlighted our need for Kuleana Homesteading leases, and Ikaika Anderson listened. He encouraged us to continue in our journey and relationship building with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and its Commissioners towards our goal of Kuleana Homestead leases.

Ikaika showed commitment to the rehabilitation of all beneficiaries by supporting the traditional Homesteading methods and showed commitment to exploring innovative possibilities.

As Kupuna and Hawaiian homestead beneficiary Skippy loane of our Kupuna Council said, "Ikaika Anderson is a new solution to an old Problem."

Me ke aloha, a me ka haahaa,

I support the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homestead.

Ainaaloha Waikaalulu loane

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 1:56:07 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Juanita Kawamoto Brown | Individual | Support | In Person |

Comments:

Honorable Senators Maile Shimabukuro and Senator Kurt Favella,

I support the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands as a Member of the Kalih Palama Hawaiian Civic Club and the Oahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify in support.

Me ka mana‘o nui,

Juanita Mahienaena Brown-Kawamoto

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 8:54:09 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Craig Bo Kahui | Individual | Support | In Person |

Comments:

Aloha

My name is Craig "Bo" Kahui and I'm in support of the Governor's selectee Ikaika Andersen to serve as the next Chairman of Hawaiian Homes Land.

Mr. Andersen has severed in varionus capacities at the Honolulu City Council to include serving on the Housing Committee.

Mr.s Andersen experience at the Honolulu City Council could prove instrumental in advancing housing development for native Hawaiians.

The recent \$600M- Act 279 legislativer funding signed into law by Governor Ige on July 11, 2022, Act 279 set aside a historic \$600 million toward addressing the needs of native Hawaiians on the DHHL Waiting List. Act 279 required DHHL to submit a strategic plan, including findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to the legislature by December 10, 2022.

The two year deadline to spendown Act 279 \$600M is the challenge any administration welcomes, but the procurement laws and other regulatory obstacles would infrng on the success for this initiative to build more homes for thoses on the waitlist.

I believe Mr. Andersen has the capacity and leadership to move DHHL in a direction for success if given the opportunity.

Mahalo

Bo KAhui, native Hawaiian

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 10:11:21 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Todd Apo | Individual | Support | In Person |

Comments:

I am testifying in support of Ikaika Anderson's appointment to Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have known Ikaika since the early 2000's during our time together at the Honolulu City Council. I was able to work with Ikaika and watch him work both as a staff member and as a fellow Council Member. I believe Ikaika has the ability, dedication, and interest to lead DHHL through his important period of time. The combination of the monetary resources and support that has been provided by the Legislature along with the dedication to housing and Native Hawaiians by the State is a key opportunity for the Department.

I look forward to providing oral testimony to expand on my support for Ikaika.

Mahalo - Todd Apo

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 10:07:43 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------|
| Shelby Billionaire | Testifying for Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands Post Office www.KHPO.org | Oppose | In Person |

Comments:

Aloha Senator & To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter today in **OPPOSITION** to the confirmation of Jason-Michael “Ikaika Anderson” because he is **INCOMPETENT**, **CANNOT** be trusted, **Knows Nothing About Real Estate Development**, and is a “sleaze bag” known as “Slick Rick” who will **Embezzle the \$600 Million Dollars and Defraud You with Major Kickbacks from the Unions, Local 630 Union, Private Developers, and other Criminals**. These are the **Following Reason why I am in Opposition**:

#1 He is **INCOMPETENT** and **Knows Nothing About Real Estate Development**. If you watch his video at the **Senate Ways And Means Committee Hearing**: He clearly has **No clue how to invest the funds in viable real estate projects that can be made cheaply with all natural materials (Ex. Bamboo) or anything about financial literacy**.

Ikaika Aderson at The Senate Way & Means Hearing Video

<https://youtu.be/ydr3SgouEps>

#2 Ikaika is **beyond INCOMPETENT & Will Embezzle the Funds in the form of “Vertical Construction & Rentals” thru the Unions, Private Developers, and other bribed officials**. He has **No intention of following any plan and will 10000% do his own thing once the U.S. Funding comes in and cannot be trusted**. Would you give someone **\$600 Million Dollars to invest in Real Estate with No ROI%, Cash Flow projections, Project Management Plan, Marketing plan, or Viable Pragmatic Business plan?**

#3 Ikaika CANNOT be trusted due to his past history of quitting the Honolulu Council Chair Position & Responsibilities to join the LOCAL 630 UNION for more \$\$\$\$\$. He is a “Shady” character that will say anything to get \$600 Million Dollars and should remind you of a “Sneaky Weasel,” selling Snake Oil to his own Native people.

#4 Ikaika CANNOT be trusted, because he lies all the time and has done so in the guise of appearing to be confident, but actually has No clue. Ex. In the Senate Ways And Means Committee, he clearly has NO Idea which part of the Original Approved Strategic Plan DHHL would be keeping, and which parts they would not be keeping. Senate Chair Donovan Dela Cruz asked him multiple times during the hearing/interview and he could not answer the question specifically; because he doesn't have a clue!

#5 Ikaika Anderson has lied to the Senators more than Once & Vice Chair of The Hawaiian Affairs Committee caught him lying 5x times to the Senators, breaking your own Hawaii Revised Statutes HRS, invoking “MENS REA” & “ACTUS REUS.” Can you trust someone who has No clue what to do and willingly openly lies publicly to your face and colleagues?

Ikaika was caught breaking these Statutes during the Senate Ways & Means Committee and was struggling to answer the basic questions from the Senators to reduce the Beneficiary waitlist.

HRS §710-1062 False swearing

HRS §710-1063 Unsworn falsification to authorities.

Hawaii Revised Statutes

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(1) A person commits the offense of unsworn falsification to authorities if, with an intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of the public servant's duty, the person:

(c) (c) ... invites reliance on any statement ..., which the person knows to be falsely made, completed, or altered; or

#6 Ikaika Anderson is an IDIOT who wants Kanaka Maoli with Royal Lineal Descendancy Heirship to forget their past and what their Royal Hawaiian Kingdom Ancestors fought for (The

Great Mahele, Royal Patents, Land Commission Awards) to accept a 99 year lease & only if you have 50% or more blood quantum to be qualified as a beneficiary. Not only does this break your own Statutes (HRS 1-1 & HRS 172-11), but it is also Unconstitutional as well. If you go into the DLNR (Department of Land & Natural Resources) Building 3rd floor, you can clearly see the maps prior to 1893 and after 1893; identifying the Royal Crown Lands of the Hawaiian Islands.

HRS §1-1 Common law of the State; exceptions. The common law of England, as ascertained by English and American decisions, is declared to be the common law of the State of Hawaii in all cases, except as otherwise expressly provided by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or by the laws of the State, or fixed by Hawaiian judicial precedent, or established by Hawaiian usage; provided that no person shall be subject to criminal proceedings except as provided by the written laws of the United States or of the State.

HRS §172-11 Land patents on land commission awards; to whom, for whose benefit. Every land patent issued upon an award of the board of commissioners to quiet land titles, shall be in the name of the person to whom the original award was made, even though the person is deceased, or the title to the real estate thereby granted has been alienated; and all land patents so issued shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and assigns of the holder of the original award.

#7 Ikaika Anderson is a complete IDIOT who doesn't even understand Allodial Title & Allodium Versus Fee Simple and LeaseHold.

Allodial title constitutes ownership of real property (land, buildings, and fixtures) that is independent of any superior landlord. Allodial title is related to the concept of land held "in allodium", or land ownership by occupancy and defense of the land. Allodium: land freely held, without obligation of service to any overlord. Allodial land tenure was of particular significance in western Europe during the Middle Ages, when most land was held by feudal tenure.

#8 Ikaika is an IDIOT who won't even honor his own Royal Hawaiian Kingdom Ancestors, H.I. Constitutions, Treaties, laws, or HRS 1-1 fixed by Hawaiian judicial precedent, or established by Hawaiian usage; which also ties back into HRS 172-11. All of the Treaties between the United States of America (U.S.) & the Kingdom of the Hawaiian Islands can be found here: www.punawaiola.org/treaties.html If Ikaika will NOT FOLLOW FIXED HAWAIIAN JUDICIAL PRECEDENT, HRS 1-1, any H.I. Constitutions or Treaties; what makes you think he's going to listen to you or follow any other laws. You don't get to pick and choose which

laws you follow and don't as a public servant. Ignorance of the Law, doesn't excuse you of the law or the past; which is what makes Ikaika unqualified for the job and an Idiot.

#9 DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Homelands) is an entity made in 1920 to steal all of the Royal Hawaiian Crown Lands, protected since the Great Mahele of 1848 and then stolen later via quiet title. Ikaika Anderson knows this 103 years later and pretends to tell everyone that he is here to help the beneficiaries; but he actually has No plan to return his own people back to their own crown lands. His grand plan is to buy back the land with fiat currency and give native people empty plots of lands, rental units, homeless shelters, & build vertical commercial multi-family properties. None of this is written in the Original 1920 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, and neither does it say that Kanaka Maoli must qualify for a loan, 20% down Payment, or 40% Debt to Income Ratio. FYI, The STATE OF HAWAII, INC; wasn't created until 1959! Why would you follow a 1920 U.S. Act? HAWAII wasn't part of the United States until 1959! Wrong country & Wrong jurisdiction? U.S. Laws don't apply to other countries! Domestic Laws vs International Laws! Do you even know who you are hiring for this job? One Cannot Sell, Transfer, Lease, what One Does Not Own. DHHL, DLNR, & the STATE OF HAWAII operate under the COLOR of Law! This is Fraud and the basis for War, under International Law, Army Field Manual 27-10, U.S. Constitution, H.I. Constitutions and International Treaties.

#10 If you confirm an IDIOT and "SNEAKY WEASEL" to the Chair of DHHL; you will Not only regret it, but you will also condone his lying and criminal behaviors; incurring Criminal liability; as an accessory to the fraud and broken laws above and below:

CHAPTER 710 OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 1

For which Mr. Anderson may have criminal liability

1 HRS Chapter 710 Offenses Against Public Administration

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol14_Ch0701-0853/HRS0710/HRS_0710-.htm

Mr. Anderson, under the provisions of the Hawaiian Homes commission Act and the HRS 554D

Uniform Trust Code 2 also violated:

1. His “good faith” obligation to the trust, the Hawaiian Homes Commissioners, and the Hawaiian Homes Beneficiaries.

PART VIII. DUTIES AND POWERS OF TRUSTEE

[§554D801] Duty to administer trust.

... the trustee shall administer the trust in good faith, in accordance with its terms and purposes and the interests of the beneficiaries,

2. As a representative of the State, his fiduciary duty to the trust, the Hawaiian Homes Commissioners, and the Hawaiian Homes Beneficiaries

TITLE 1A: PURPOSE

Section 101. Purpose.

Part (c)

affirm their fiduciary duty to faithfully administer the provisions of this Act on behalf of the native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Act.

3. The duties, powers, and authority as were lawful or proper for the performance of the functions vested in the commission that were delegated to Mr. Anderson by the Commission.

Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

Section §202. 3

Department officers, staff, commission, members, compensation.

2 HRS 554D Uniform Trust Code

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol12_Ch0501-0588/HRS0554D/HRS_0554D-.htm

3 HHCA Section §202 Department officers, staff, commission, members, compensation.

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol01_Ch0001-0042F/06-HHCA/HHCA%200202.htm

These serious allegations of violations of law BY NOMINEE ANDERSON are based on verifiable

facts.

Some of which have already been brought to the attention of the public by

Senator Kurt Fevella.

<https://studio.youtube.com/video/V8E9oglt1PY/edit>

As a matter the fiduciary duty of the State of Hawai'i, in accordance with:

TITLE 1A: Section 101. Purpose. Part (c) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act

this committee MUST call for a:

1. independent

2. thorough

investigation of violations of the law by nominee Anderson

FOR YOUR REFERENCE ONLY

TITLE 1A: Section 101. Purpose. Part (c) 4

State of Hawaii hereby acknowledge the trust established under this Act and affirm

their fiduciary duty to faithfully administer the provisions of this Act on behalf of the

native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Act.

CONCLUSION

Ikaika Anderson is a “Sneaky Weasel” who will Bullshit you and say anything to get the money, Honey! He doesn’t care about your feelings, the laws, Royal Patents, Land Commission Awards, the U.S. Constitution, the H.I. Constitution, or existing Treaties between our two countries. Ikaika is Not only Incompetent, when you watch him being interviewed by multiple Senators, but he clearly has No plan to house Kanaka Maoli/ Native Hawaiians and reduce the waitlist. Not only is he going to do what 76% of beneficiaries don’t want and build vertical construction, but he’s also going to manipulate the market and get major kickbacks from private developers, unions, and other real estate investment related agencies. Keep in mind, if you or your family members DO NOT have 50% or more blood quantum; then your Ohana isn’t going to get \$hit! Zero! All the promises and BS “Ikaika Anderson” is telling you, doesn’t apply! How can DHHL determine if someone is 49% vs 50% vs 51%? What gives them the power to steal from the Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands Crown Lands and Royal Patents; when it's clearly marked on your own maps held in the DLNR Building and Hawaii State Archives? Does Ikaika Not know how to read a map? Is he illiterate or just plain stupid?

Why can’t you just build a treehouse on Hawaiian Crown Land and save on the budget and infrastructure? Why can’t DHHL teach people how to build their own home, with all natural materials; like in the ancient days? There are tons of shows on TV & Youtube on how to build w/ various materials: Matson containers, bamboo, clay, cinder, etc. Why hasn’t Ikaika mentioned any of these potential alternative projects to the public? Because he has no intention to and he’s an idiot! Instead of teaching people how to fish to feed them for a lifetime, he plans to sell people fish/housing; keeping them perpetually stuck in foreign bank loans/debt/rent & poverty.

I Oppose the Confirmation of Jason-Michael Ikaika Anderson, due to the following reasons above, as aforementioned & you should as well. If you empower an incompetent idiot with \$600 Million Dollars, he’s still an incompetent idiot! Money only makes you more of who you are: sneaky, devilish, a liar, criminal, or impotent. I highly suggest you find someone else to be the head of DHHL, someone who has a heart and is actually already in the field building homes and housing Kanaka Maoli/Native Hawaiians.

Always Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide!

Love Jiminy Cricket & Pikachu

Mr. Shelby Billionaire

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/3/2023 4:54:53 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Ilima DeCosta | Individual | Oppose | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

Ikaika Anderson has not demonstrated the temperament or financial acumen necessary to lead the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

While a member of the City Council, Ikaika Anderson is known to have participated in "arm twisting" vulnerable kupuna into going along with the Council's failed plan to privatize public housing; ultimately, the mismanagement of that contract under Ikaika Anderson's watch led to a loss of confidence in the Council and loss of revenues from the projects.

Ikaika Anderson is also responsible for trying to push the carceral state, by insisting that the County needs to invest in more jails and ignoring the fact that native Hawaiians are disproportionately disadvantaged by the current carceral system.

Ikaika Anderson is not a friend to poor and disadvantaged native Hawaiians, and I am concerned that he is only interested in promoting programs that would benefit the smallest number(s) of native Hawaiians...no doubt those native Hawaiians who shielded Anderson from his own poor judgement and malfeasance.

Ikaika Anderson has never been held accountable for his failures and cannot be trusted to do the right thing for all native Hawaiians...he will be too busy catering to the desires of a small group of native Hawaiians, who hold power and sway over Ikaika Anderson's political career.

Please consider the many instances where Ikaika Anderson has not kept his word - or has spoken out of both sides of his mouth.

Please DO NOT confirm Ikaika Anderson for any appointed position.

There are other native Hawaiians who haven't sold out kupuna and who will not be seeking ways to make a financial return from developing the prison system. Consider the many, many options before tying your cart to Ikaika Anderson's horse.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to voice strong opposition to GM511. My name is Shirley Swinney, Kapolei homestead beneficiary since 2001. DHHL is at a most critical time in its history given the \$600 million legislative appropriation from Act 279. Yet, with the bounty of funding for DHHL there is a shortage of confidence and trust in DHHL. If at any time in its history, DHHL requires transparent and decisive leadership. Leadership with short term goals and long term vision to cultivate an environment of strategic planning, effective management and beneficiary engagement. The leadership I describe is currently not present at DHHL.

My opposition comes from observing DHHL recent presentations before Senate committees and from hearings before the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC). Under the direction of the current nominee, confusion reigned over clarity. During hearings before Senate committees, DHHL report and explanation was obscure and dreadfully failed to demonstrate a clear, concise plan especially around current budget requests and expending Act 279 appropriation. DHHL staff appeared restrained and tentative as persons outside DHHL were called upon to explain a plan to deviate on expending Act 279 funds. Further, at HHC meeting, several Commissioners commented in support of the strategic plan which was vetted and approved by them and any deviation from that plan was contrary to their intent.

From a beneficiary perspective, there is no support for any leadership that would have DHHL descend to disarray and confusion. I humbly and respectfully ask to end the disorder and ambiguity and to please bring transparent leadership to DHHL. Again, mahalo for the opportunity to voice strong opposition to GM 511.

February 14, 2023

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair

Testimony in Opposition of GM 511

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and members of the Committee,

I'm Homelani Schaedel, a beneficiary residing in Kapolei, and an advocate for the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 (HHCA).

On January 17 and 18, 2023; Chair Designate, Ikaika Anderson mislead the commissioners in approving his one (1) page, "5 Point Conceptual Plan". I personally testified at both commission meetings and they did not vote to allow the Chair Designate to "deviate" from the Act 279 Strategic Plan which was submitted to the legislature.

On January 19, 2023 it was distressing and disappointing to watch the Chair Designate's second attempt in responding to questions from Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means (WAM) committee. It was painful to see him floundering like a fish out of water, and lying to the committee saying the commission "allowed this administration to deviate from the existing plan".

Although Mr. Anderson had Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) staff from every division to assist him; ultimately it was the Governor's appointed Director of Housing who came to the table to assist him in explaining his submittal to the committee and who stated the "administration" would look for other funding "to develop lots" and the 600 million would be used to construct homes as part of their vision; which deviates and puts Act 279 Strategic Plan and funding approved by the commission at risk.

To this point, the purpose of the HHCA is clearly defined in Section 101-b: (2) **Placing native Hawaiians on the lands** set aside under this Act in a prompt and efficient manner and assuring long-term tenancy to beneficiaries of this Act and their successors and (4) **Providing adequate amounts of water and supporting infrastructure**, so that homestead lands will always be usable and accessible. That is exactly what Act 279 Strategic Plan addresses.

In the first ten (10) days of entering DHHL, Mr. Anderson terminated a key staff member without cause, other than to appease the Governor's office. Unfortunately, in the past 42 days Mr. Anderson has not displayed integral qualities necessary of a leader for Chair of the HHC and Director of DHHL.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and most importantly all of our beneficiaries need a leader who is transparent, has integrity, morals, and stands on a foundation of ethical principles; all of which Mr. Anderson has not displayed.

On January 25, 2023 at a Special Commission meeting, I commented to Mr. Anderson; the chair he is seated in, is very sacred to me and when he sits in that chair below the portrait of our Prince he needs to lead the Commission, when he sits in the Director's chair, he leads the staff and, he needs to lead us, the beneficiaries. But first, he needs to stand on his own two (2) feet, to be kinao'le and pono. My final statement was; you have from now until your confirmation to prove to me that you can stand on your own two (2) feet, if you are unable to, I cannot support your confirmation.

Senators, you know far well that DHHL is in a pivotal point in our history. Many of you have held your seats for more than a decade. It will be up to you and the Senate as a whole to determine the fate of our beneficiaries and the very continuity and existence of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, of 1920.

I charge and hold each of you responsible as a beneficiary of the HHCA; to be thoughtful in your deliberation, absent of any political or personal relationship, and make the right choice for our beneficiaries.

Please know, I take no pleasure in discrediting a person in public. But, today my choice is easy; I choose our beneficiaries over supporting confirmation of Ikaika Anderson.

Mahalo, for allowing me time to share my mana'o.

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 1:46:19 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai | Individual | Oppose | In Person |

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

I am gravely concerned and submit these comments on GM 511 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

I regret that this is my first, and only time I hope, in opposing a DHHL Chairman. While I and my Homestead have much to lose, I must protect the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. I also fear there are powers at play that could possibly cause a detriment and loss of \$600M, Act 279, that are being played upon Ikaika Anderson.

While the DHHL Director works for the Governor and with other State departments/Agencies, the Director's primary purpose is to protect the HHCA and to serve the beneficiaries. It is in this capacity that I suspect and fear that he will fall short and fail.

Mahalo for accepting my concerning comments in opposition of a good man in a hard spot. Furthermore, I believe other valid candidates were interviewed and declined to be put in this predicament. I propose they be reconsidered and wholeheartedly protect the HHCA and Act 279 as the Hawaiian Homes Commissioners already agreed to.

I will share more at the hearing.

Mahalo me ka haahaa,

Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai

HHCA Beneficiary

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 2:59:53 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kapua Medeiros | Individual | Oppose | In Person |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella and Members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

I am asking that you **OPPOSE** the Confirmation of Nominee Ikaika Anderson for DHHL Director.

As a potential Beneficiary and Kanaka Maoli I am deeply concerned with the way Anderson has displayed his inadequate, unqualified, very arrogant and Aloha 'ole attitude towards this very important position.

While viewing the WAM/HWN Committee hearings both Anderson, as well as Nani Medeiros made statements and then later contradicted their own words. If Ikaika has no issue lying to your committees, I feel he has no ethics and cannot be trusted to manage the Dept. Of Hawaiian Homelands.

Here are just some of the reasons why Ikaika Anderson should **NOT BE CONFIRMED** as the Director of DHHL:

** Hūnānāniho development plan was Anderson's Project but when the Community had Strong Opposition and Voiced concerns he was unavailable and said it was the Mayor's kuleana.

** Anderson used his Kūpuna as an excuse to step down from the City Council yet a few weeks later accepted a job with a Local Union.

** Anderson showed that he was not fully familiarized with His own Plan to Head the Dept of Hawaiian Homelands during Senate hearings.

** As seen in the Senate WAM-HWN committee hearings Anderson is not prepared to handle the Kuleana of DHHL Director and should never have applied for this position.

** As of yet there have been **NO** DHHL Commission public hearings established for DHHL Beneficiaries to have their questions answered.

** The DHHL Comissioners Confirmed they never agreed to Deviate from their Plan as stated by Anderson in the WAM-HWN committee hearings.

** When asked Why a Beneficiary should have to settle for a Vertical Unit vs. a Home Lot, Anderson said "Any Home above ground is a Vertical Unit"

** Anderson's 5 point plan calls for rental units for Beneficiaries. This is not aligned with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act that calls for Beneficiaries to be placed on their own land.

As a resident of Waimānalo, my hometown and as a Protector of our Sacred 'Āina Aloha, I am again asking you to Vote NO for Ikaika Anderson for Director of the DHHL.

Mahalo me ke aloha pau 'ole,

Kapua Medeiros

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LATE

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TO: Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2023
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Room 016 & Videoconference

RE: GM511 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

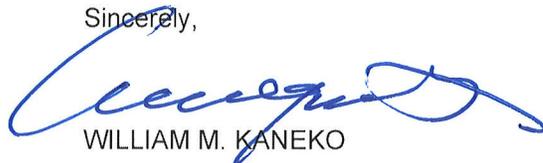
My name is Bill Kaneko, and I am a licensed attorney in Hawai'i. I have known Ikaika for over a dozen years during his tenure in the Honolulu City Council. I have had numerous meetings with Ikaika discussing various public policy and legislative matters. He was always been thoughtful, reasonable, and methodical in his approach to public policy and matters facing the City & County of Honolulu.

I strongly support Ikaika Anderson's nomination as the Chair/Director of Hawaiian Home Lands. Ikaika is well versed in land use issues that would be beneficial to DHHL. As Chair of the Zoning, Planning and Transportation Committee, Ikaika dealt with a variety of planning, zoning, development and permitting issues that would be relevant to developing homes for Native Hawaiians. He has been collaborative and decisive in advancing many policy initiatives, including addressing affordable housing and homelessness. Because DHHL is confronted with addressing the lack of affordable housing for those on the DHHL wait list, Ikaika's understanding and experience in establishing housing ordinances and programs will be of great benefit to the department.

Additionally, Ikaika is the right leader at the right time for DHHL. He is a strong yet collaborative leader. He listens, and is transparent in his approach to decision-making. He relies on fact, data and community input. If he disagrees with you, he'll provide his candid opinion and justification. He will not avoid you, or avoid confrontation. Ikaika will render a decision on what's best for DHHL and the Native Hawaiian community. This kind of leadership will be essential to move DHHL forward in fulfilling its mission to provide housing opportunities for Native Hawaiians.

I urge this Committee to support the nomination of Ikaika Anderson as Chair/Director of Hawaiian Home Lands. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM M. KANEKO

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/4/2023 9:10:27 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Victor K. Ramos | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

SUPPORT: He seems very outspoken and genuinely cares about the Hawaiian People. I recommend that he be given a chance.

To: The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair,
The Honorable Kurt Favela, Vice Chair,
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 016 & Via Videoconference

From: Nadine Y. Ando

**Re: G.M. 511, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
AS THE CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, IKAIKA ANDERSON,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2026**

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Y. Ando, and I submit this testimony to whole-heartedly support the nomination of Ikaika Anderson to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

Chair Anderson has nearly 20 years of experience working in legislative leadership roles that make him well-qualified to take on the challenges of leading the DHHL. He has a proven track record of being able to work with stakeholders to forge collaborative agreements to move forward and address the interests and concerns of the affected constituencies. He is well-suited to step into the role and embrace the responsibility of heading DHHL at this critical time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**TESIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
GM 511**

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 1:00pm, Rm.016, Videoconference

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, **IKAIKA ANDERSON**, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair, Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice-Chair, and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Pauline N. Namuo, Oahu Commissioner of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I am submitting my testimony in support of **Ikaika Anderson** for the position of Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Mr. Anderson is a single father who takes care of his grandparents who raised him, and he is also taking care of his 4 children. He is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawaii with degrees in Journalism and Political Science.

He has served more than 20 years in public office on the Honolulu City Council working on a plethora of community issues, including housing, which were extremely difficult at times and controversial.

Now, he has chosen to take this huge step to serve the beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. I have found him to be straightforward and diligent in wanting to do his best in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of this particular job. It is not an easy journey and I am willing to give him a chance to prove himself worthy. I hope you all agree. We need people who want to serve despite the difficulties, public confrontations, and 24 hour workdays.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline N. Namuo

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A LAW CORPORATION

February 10, 2023

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro
Chair, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
The Honorable Kurt Fevella
Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: GM 511 Testimony in Support of Ikaika Anderson

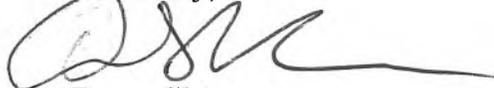
Aloha, Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Fevella:

I respectfully submit testimony in support of Ikaika Anderson's nomination as chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I worked closely with the nominee, from 2006-2012, first when I was the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and then when I was the Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu. During that time, the nominee was initially chief of staff for the late Barbara Marshall and later he served as a City Councilmember and the Council Chair. We sometimes agreed but did not always agree on certain issues, nor did we always advocate for the same positions, given our roles, but in every interaction, I had great respect for the nominee's leadership skills, demeanor and devotion to public service. The nominee clearly understands the importance of consensus building and bringing people from all sides of difficult issues together to find solutions. The nominee is even-tempered, practical and solution-oriented. He is well-deserving of and well-positioned to make a positive impact in this new position.

I will be off-island on February 14, 2023 when his confirmation hearing is scheduled. I thank the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs for its consideration of Ikaika Anderson to be the chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Sincerely,



Doug Chin

Stanford J. Fichtman

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Testimony in Support of Governors Message No. 511

Re: Consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

By: Stanford J. Fichtman

Aloha Committee Chairperson Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Favella, and the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs members.

My name is Stanford J. Fichtman, testifying as a private citizen, in strong support of the confirmation of Mr. Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

My association and friendship with Mr. Anderson began when I became a Legislative Aide at the Honolulu City Council in 2004. One of the first positive interactions I had with other staffers there was with Mr. Anderson. He didn't presume anything about me and throughout the time I was at the Council (2004-2008) we struck up a cordial, conversational relationship in the confines of our professional work.

From the time I met him to me currently supporting him here, I have come to discover that Mr. Anderson is a dedicated public servant whose only focus is to do right for the people of the State of Hawai'i. As you know, he comes from a long, distinguished line of public servants. For Mr. Anderson, the political career he has today was not given to him by his privilege but built by him from the bottom up, learning the trade and becoming proficient in it.

These are two of many qualities that I find admirable in Mr. Anderson, something I would hope the committee will see in considering him for the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Its dedicated public servants like Mr. Anderson that will do the department well, which is critical to Hawai'i for Hawaiians, and non-Hawaiians.

He is also a stand-up guy, willing to tell you the truth on matters even if it's not to his benefit. That is a trait that is rare in the political realm, which will serve the State well as it moves forward with its historical investment in Kānaka Maoli communities throughout the state. As I have observed with awe of Mr. Anderson, being that stand-up guy means that you take it on the chin, but never yield from principals that affirm the right and proper, and eschews the expedient for the sake of politics.

In honoring his commitment to work in public service, to be that person that Theodore Roosevelt so described in his speech "Citizenship in a Republic", given in 1910, by consenting to his appointment, you as a body will honor those who serve the people of Hawai'i, and ourselves, with dedication and the sacrifice that comes with it.

Therefore, in conclusion, I humbly ask the committee to advise and consent to Mr. Ikaika Anderson for full Senate consideration of his appointment as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Mahalo.

Reverently submitted,



Stanford J. Fichtman

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 3:45:06 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kenny Fink | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson to be the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Has has been handpicked by the Governor to lead this important department and advance the Governor's priority of increasing affordable housing, particularly for the Native Hawaiian lahui.

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/10/2023 1:55:30 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Marion K A Kapuniai | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I beleive Mr. Ikaika Anderson has the experience, commitment, desire. and passion to *holo mua* and implement the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, as amneded, 1921 on behalf of the intended beneficiaries, such as Prince Kuhio intended,as the

Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, as well as the

Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Thank you, M Kapuniai

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/10/2023 5:02:05 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Paul Shinkawa | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am strongly in favor of confirming Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I believe Ikaika is a capable, diligent & focused leader with the skills to implement & advocate for the immediate & longer term needs of the DHHL & its beneficiaries.

GM 11, Ikaika Anderson
Gubernatorial Nominee to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

Aloha e Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kamaki Kanahale, I am the Po`o of the Kupuna Council and Director of the Native Hawaiian Traditional Healing Center at the Wai`anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. I am also the former Chairman of the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Associations. I am a life-long resident and beneficiary of Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead. I led the development of the first commercial mall by a Hawaiian Homestead Association in Nanakuli. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

I have known Ikaika Anderson for many years. He has the necessary heart, experience and skill set to manage well and lead the department of Hawaiian Homelands. I believe Ikaika will empower beneficiaries and he's demonstrated his commitment by engaging with beneficiaries from day one.

Ikaika is a proven Native Hawaiian leader with over a decade of service to the public in his roles as a Honolulu City Councilmember and Council Chair. He is committed to community, as a member of the Honolulu City Council Chair Anderson aided in the implementation of Hui Mah'ai 'Aina, a tiny-home communal village that offered shelter and wrap-around services to our homeless population in Waimānalo, O'ahu. These efforts exemplify not only commitment in the policy making realm but at the surface levels of our community.

He is a longtime member of, servant of, and representative of the Waimānalo Community, a predominantly Native Hawaiian populated community with a large beneficiary presence, Chair Anderson has a heart for those the Department serves. His priority is to put native Hawaiians not just on the land but into homes aligning with Statewide priority to provide affordable housing options in our communities.

Chair Anderson can do the job because he has done the job. As an experienced community servant Anderson headed the call to serve the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and jumped into the task of serving headfirst.

I ask the committee members to support the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson..

Kamaki Kanahele

Po`o, Kupuna Council for the Wai`anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center



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February 10, 2023

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair; Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair

Re: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM511; Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

HEARING DATE: February 14, 2023
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

I submit this letter in strong support of Ikaika Anderson for the position of Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands (“DHHL”).

I am the former Attorney General of the State of Hawaii, having served under Governor Neil Abercrombie from 2011 to 2014. I have been a practicing lawyer for the past 40 years, since 1978. I served as the President and Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association, Lawyer Representative for the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Ninth Circuit, Northwest Regional Governor of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Vice Chair of the Hawaii Supreme Court Rule 19 Committee on Judicial Performance, Chair and Director of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, and on numerous Bench Bar Committees. I served as a Co-Vice Chair on the Task Force on Civil Justice Improvements. I have appeared in court many, many times, both in Circuit Court and District Court. I have also appeared before the Hawaii Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Ninth Circuit. While serving as Attorney General, I worked closely with and observed many persons in government, including the other Cabinet Members and heads of state departments and agencies.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair; Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair

February 9, 2023

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I strongly recommend that you confirm Ikaika Anderson for this position. I have known Mr. Anderson for a few years, but I have also followed his career as the Chairman and Presiding Officer of the Honolulu City Council, and the Chair of the Zoning, Planning and Transportation Committee of the Honolulu City Council. I have appeared and testified before the City Council on various legislative measures, and dealt with Mr. Anderson in that capacity. He was always well prepared, intelligent, articulate and reasonable.

I have also dined with Mr. Anderson on several occasions. He is engaging and personable.

I have thus observed Mr. Anderson in a variety of settings and believe him to be a person who would make an excellent Chairperson of DHHL. First, Mr. Anderson is very knowledgeable about Native Hawaiian issues which affect DHHL. I have met with Mr. Anderson and discussed various issues relating to Native Hawaiians and DHHL. He has the intelligence, knowledge and experience to help guide DHHL. One of the major issues confronting DHHL today is the waiting list and the lack of affordable housing. Mr. Anderson has substantial experience with the issues of housing.

Second, Mr. Anderson has the temperament, demeanor and calmness needed to succeed as the Chairperson of DHHL. He is fair, well balanced and able to listen to all sides before making a decision in order to obtain all viewpoints and perspectives. He is dispassionate and analytical, but he also understands the human dimensions of the issues that affect Native Hawaiians.

Mr. Anderson would be a true asset to the State to help lead DHHL.

KOBAYASHI SUGITA & GODA, LLP

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Louie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "L".

DAVID M. LOUIE, ESQ.

for

KOBAYASHI SUGITA & GODA, LLP

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/10/2023 9:25:05 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Barbara Dalton | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support the appointment of Ikaika Anderson as DHHL Chair.

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/11/2023 8:30:05 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| William L Kapaku Jr | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am on the DHHL waiting list for Big Island residential and agricultural lots since 1995. I recently retired from the Pentagon after 41 years of service (both in and out of uniform) and desire to return to Hawaii permanently. I have two other siblings who are leasees of Hawaiian Home Lands properties.

I endorse Ikaika Anderson as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He is young, bright and fully capable of administering/leading the Department and Native Hawaiian beneficiaries into the future.

His current lack of in-depth past historical knowledge of Department affairs can easily be overcome with more time and seasoning. All new leaders take time transitioning into their position and I believe he has the mental capacity to learn which will enhance his confidence and competence moving forward.

His past experience as a member of the City Council of Honolulu District 3 including Waimanalo and close working relationship with Native Hawaiian leaders such as Bumpy Kanahele and others provided him unique insights of grassroots Native Hawaiian issues and programs.

He is more than able and ready to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/11/2023 11:31:59 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Sharrese Castillo | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Allow Ikaika Anderson the chance to prove his leadership as chairperson of DHHL.

Michael S. Vincent

CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
OF
IKAIKA ANDERSON

Gubernatorial Nominee as Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands
Before the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Tuesday, February 14, 2023; 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 016, Via Videoconference

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Favella, and members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Ikaika Anderson to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

Ikaika has consistently held that one of the biggest issues facing Hawaii is a scarcity of affordable housing in our communities. This problem is not new, but the extent of the problem has continued to grow at exponential rates. The final solution to this problem may never be realized, but if there is a single agency that has the potential to make the greatest impact on this problem, it is DHHL with land subject to its jurisdiction that is intended to be made available to beneficiaries and programs to help those beneficiaries.

My personal or working relationship with Ikaika is very limited, but I have watched him over the years and have nothing but admiration and respect for him and what he is trying to do. My current opportunities to spend time with him have only solidified that admiration and respect.

Admittedly Mr. Anderson can be a controversial figure in Hawaii and Hawaiian politics. Not everyone supports all of his actions or decisions that he has made in prior roles, but one thing that cannot be disputed is that underlying those decisions or actions is an inherent desire to serve our community as best as possible. Every member of this Committee understands that the decisions of leaders always come with detractors and naysayers, but what sets a great leader apart is what do they do in response.

Controversy often comes from leaders willing to take a stand on an issue. It is utterly impossible for leaders in our community to please everyone, yet many try to walk the illusive thin line trying to please everyone thereby avoiding controversy but in so

doing often forfeiting the opportunity to make a meaningful difference. To make a substantial difference, difficult issues must be addressed and often the only way to do that is attacking them head on, but this means there will always be those who did not get their way and will express their dissatisfaction—often very vocally. Truly great leaders are willing to fend off the arrows of public opinion to stay the course during such times.

One of the characteristics I admire the most with Ikaika is the undisputed fact that he is not afraid to stand up, be counted, fight to do the right thing, and do all of this with an unwavering willingness to face the never-ending scorching onslaught of criticism, disparagement, barbs, ridicule, and vitriol from certain very vocal limited interests. These characteristics are exactly what is needed for a leader who genuinely wants to take on the monumental task of resolving the internal problems that have plagued DHHL for decades and which keep it from being the agency Congress intended it to be and what the Hawaiian community needs—an agency focused on the beneficiaries by making lands available for homesteads and providing programs to support those beneficiaries.

Ikaika is exactly what is needed right now for DHHL to make meaningful strides in getting beneficiaries on the land in numbers never before seen in Hawai'i. This single opportunity can do more to address the affordable home problem in Hawaii than any other single effort. The Senate should recognize his love for community and the value of his ability to take on the hard issues while facing the criticism that comes with that challenge.

For these and other reasons, I strongly support the nomination of Ikaika Anderson to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and respectfully ask the Committee to move his nomination forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in support of Ikaika.

Michael S. Vincent

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 6:09:27 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Micah Alameda | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee,

As a DHHL beneficiary and resident of Keaukaha Hawaiian Homestead, I strongly support Ikaika Anderson as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Micah K. Alameda Sr.

Keaukaha, HI

TO THE SENATE
KA 'AHA KENEKOA
THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2023

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2023
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol

Measure: **GM11**

Description: Consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, KAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

Position: **SUPPORT**

After time and consideration I have come to the conclusion to support of the appointment of Mr. Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL). I believe he will valuable component to the overall structure of this administration's cabinet in this new appointment. Mr. Anderson's as a former member of the Honolulu City Council from May 2009 to September 2020, where he also served as Chair from May 2019 to September 2022 will bring experience that has not been seen in DHHL.

Mr. Anderson's experience with Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) policies in the City and County of Honolulu will be an asset especially for O'ahu residents and understanding the levers of federal funding that may be available In addition to his experience in county government he has a strong connection to the Hawaiian community as a member of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and instrumental in the establishment of Hui Mahi'ai 'Aina, a tiny-home village that provided shelter and services to the homeless population in Waimānalo, O'ahu.

Thought many may differ with my sentiments, we need someone that has experience with the Hawaiian community are various issues along with understanding of where to find and take the initiative with federal funding opportunities of projects beyond the money allocated. It is time to think outside the box and allow for new ideas along with thoughts that came before. We as human all have room for improvement asking questions, learning and implementing constructive critiques, regardless of if Mr. Anderson is chosen or not, whomever is selected to take the reins of DHHL will have a steep learning curve along with a difficult task ahead of them. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Ken Farm

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 11:31:03 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Jordan Lowe | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vicechair and committee members,

I am in full support of the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Ikaika is a dedicated public servant and will serve the people of Hawaii well.

Jordan Lowe

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 11:43:59 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Dylan P. Armstrong | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

To the Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair, and the Honorable Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Aloha mai kākou:

I am testifying in support of Governor's Message 511: *Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.*

I have known Ikaika Anderson. I have known many politicians. The same personal qualities that Ikaika Anderson embodies, from my personal dealings: fairness, compassion, and passion for Hawai‘i, are rare enough that I ask: *who would likely be put forth as a better nominee?*

When one questions any nominee, there is a double-fold problem. *Is the nominee appropriately suited to the role? And is the nominee the best available?* To even testify is a ‘shot in the dark’, an act of faith made not knowing what else has been said, or who else has been considered. In 2015, I did not support Mr. Carlton Ching for Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, ex officio Director of the Department of L&NR. I doubted Mr. Ching not because I thought he had bad intentions but because I believed a better-suited choice was possible. Whether or not we subsequently got one is a matter for history to decide. There is a context of great pain and cruelty, much of it passive, cynical, or apathetic cruelty, that led to this moment now.

Among the many beneficiaries and other stakeholders for the essential issue of Hawaiian Homelands, I place great stock in the thoughts and words of Mr. Elmer Ka‘ai, whom I've known far longer than Mr. Anderson, who said: "people just need to think beyond the spending of the \$600 million. It's not spending. It's how to leverage it. I agree we have to build homes. That's number one. But after you do that, we'll be back in the hole again." With respect to Representative Hashimoto and others who have given commentary regarding the importance and scarceness of the recent \$600 million in funding, as referenced above by Mr. Ka'ai, this is a fundamental junction less of surprise or surplus resources but one of planning, vision, and context.

The context is that people have been waiting and dying in one injustice within a complex of political, racial, and economic injustices. Furthermore, many of the potential beneficiaries are not just residential applicants, but agricultural ones as well.

Mr. Tyler Gomes, former Deputy Director of the Department, placed emphasis on resolving infrastructure capacity. While important, I question whether his descriptions of the situation and outstanding needs (shortfalls) were comprehensive enough. To that extent, I think Senator Fevella raises important points about the primacy of planning, which in my lifetime has remained unachieved.

The Department has a long way to go in terms of planning and vision. I doubt any candidate at this point will smoothly fix a crisis that took about a century to become this complex. I've perceived Mr. Anderson's main strength is that of a connector with knowledge of systems and fellow political operators. Such persons are often the most effective of agency directors, though they can also be ineffective for a variety of reasons. I believe Mr. Anderson has the capacity to be useful, both dynamic and achieving, for the good of the beneficiaries as a connector.

I am a taxpaying citizen. I have an equal right to be 'heard.' I am also an experienced urban planner who has worked with billions of dollars in infrastructure grants, both as an applicant, an eligibility reviewer, and a compliance officer. Hawai'i as a political entity would be far better off if it sought more to understand its own systems from multiple points-of-view, rather than to partition fiefdoms to jealous appatchiks and bureaucrats as it more typically does. In the spirit of open dialogue and kind intent, I make my very limited comments.

I hold no great faith in the political class of Hawai'i. The more I have seen of it, the more I see how difficult it will be for civilization to survive this age of darkness, with all its attendant malevolence, greed, fear, and indifference. Our political class is largely captive to cynicism or learned helplessness, as if climate change or nuclear war or croynism and the decline of the Aloha State will spare them or their children's hopes and dreams. Our instiutions are largely failing to rise to deep, existential crisis. This thereby jeopardizes all of the most important things of life. DHHL has been part of many failures made manifest, leaving human lives and dignity hanging in the balance.

Nevertheless, I have great respect for your offices as the people's representatives and the consideration that you are now bringing to bear.

If Mr. Anderson can successfully assure your values as the right (not perfect) person to acknowledge the Department's shortfalls, to take advantage of its opportunities by working with beneficiaries and stakeholders, and to accomplish the statutory requirements of the Department, please kindly vote then in favor, as an act of faith for a better future.

Thank you,
D.P. Armstrong, individually

GM-511

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Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Ralph Hasegawa | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha, I support the nomination of Ikaika Anderson. I am a resident of 'Aiea. Mahalo, Ralph

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 8:47:02 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Lisa Grove | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Esteemed Committee,

I am writing to offer my strong endorsement of Ikaika Anderson to Chair DHHL. Ikaika is a proven leader capable of bringing people with differing views together to solve critical problems. He is grounded and understands what is in the best interests of not just Hawaiian people, but all people of Hawaii.

His Hawaiian roots and upbringing mean that his heart and values are what's needed to heal generations of trauma that impact so many Hawaiians today. DHHL still has a lot to prove and we need proven collaborators and leaders like Ikaika stepping up. While housing is just one part of it, we all know that the security that comes with having a roof over your head and roots in the ground is absolutely essential.

Please confirm him. DHHL -- all of Hawaii -- needs him right now. He is a true servant leader.

Mahalo nui loa,

Lisa Grove

Aloha e nā kia Kenekoa o ko Hawai'i pae 'āina,

My name is Ainaaloha Waikaalulu loane loane I come to you from the Hawaiian Homestead subsistence village of King's Landing, on Hawai'i Island. In 1982 to protect themselves from the force of eviction by the Department of Hawaiian Homelands our founding Kupuna, William Kulakauka Pakani, Audrey Pakani, Kelii "Skippy" loane and Carol loane established M.A.H.A, Malama Ka 'Āina Hana Ka 'Āina.

In 1986 with the help of Palapala Inc. the MAHA Subsistence Management Plan was completed to formalize MAHA's first ROE with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Since 1982 the Kupuna Council and leadership of MAHA have been focusing on the completion of a settlement plan and the creation of Kuleana Homesteading for the village of King's Landing.

For 40 years MAHA and the beneficiaries of King's Landing have rehabilitated with 'āina. For 40 years we have received little attention from the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. We have lost 18 Hawaiian beneficiaries while awaiting leases, and have gone through 9 Chairman's.

In 2022, with the help of Chairman Aila, and the recommendation of the Provisional Investigative Committee of King's Landing, the Commissioners voted unanimously for King's Landing to complete a Kuleana Homesteading settlement plan.

On February 10th, 2023 Ikaika Anderson accepted MAHA's invitation to our Subsistence village in King's Landing. We shared with him the beauty of our 'āina, and successful stories of Hawaiian rehabilitation through self-governance and subsistence living. We highlighted our need for Kuleana Homesteading leases, and Ikaika Anderson listened. He encouraged us to continue our journey and relationship building with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and its Commissioners towards our goal of Kuleana Homestead leases.

Ikaika showed commitment to the rehabilitation of all beneficiaries by supporting the traditional Homesteading methods and showed commitment to exploring innovative possibilities.

As Kupuna and Hawaiian homestead beneficiary Skippy loane of our Kupuna Council said, "Ikaika Anderson is a new solution to an old Problem."

Me ke aloha, a me ka haahaa,

I support the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

He wahi maka'ainana a Aloha 'āina,

Ainaaloha Waikaalulu loane

I have attached the names of support from the MAHA Community Association, and King's Landig Village, on Hawaii Island. These are Hawaiian Homelands beneficiaries and future successors.

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| 1. Kelii "Skippy" loane jr. | Hawaiian Homes Beneficiary | |
| 2. Carol loane | Future Successor | Wife of beneficiary |
| 3. Ainaaloha W. loane | Future Successor | Of Hawaiian Ancestry |
| 4. Haawina Wise | Future Successor | Of Hawaiian Ancestry |
| 5. Keahialaka loane | Future Successor | Of Hawaiian Ancestry |
| 6. Kelii Kanakaole loane | Future Successor | Of Hawaiian Ancestry |
| 7. Serena Laimana | Hawaiian Homes Beneficiary | |
| 8. Herman Costa | Hawaiian Homes Beneficiary | |
| 9. Jon Waipa | Hawaiian Homes Beneficiary | |
| 10. Lehuanani Angay | Future Successor | Wife of beneficiary |
| 11. Aliiloa Waipa | Future Successor | Of Hawaiian Ancestry |
| 12. Laakea Waipa | Future Successor | Of Hawaiian Ancestry |
| 13. Wayson loane | Hawaiian Homes Beneficiary | |

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February 13, 2023

Hawaii State Senate

State Capitol

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear State Senators,

Re: Confirmation of Ikaika Anderson for Hawaii Home Lands

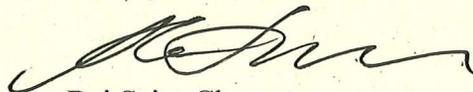
I wish to indicate my strong support of the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson to head the Department of Hawaii Home Lands. I know he will be dedicated to the job and have a passion to serve the Hawaiian families in Hawaii.

I have known Ikaika for well over 15 years, starting with an issue of mutual interest. I found him quite insightful, analytical and compassionate. At the time, I recall that when he told me his age, I was very surprised and wondered how such a young man could be so poised and insightful.

Other interactions with Ikaika has proved him loyal to individuals and to his endeavors and always true to his word.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Ikaika Anderson highly for confirmation to head the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Please feel free to contact me should you have more questions.

Aloha,



Rai Saint Chu
Phone # 808-528-4000

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GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 1:02:26 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Terry-Lee L. Shibuya | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Honorable Senators,

Support Letter: We strongly support for Mr. Ikaika Anderson for DHHL Administrator; his a strong and knowledgeable individual who has a heart of gold and the strength of a Lion always looking out for the people of Hawaii nei. Ikaika is a result oriented individual who wants accomplishment in seeing things completed efficiently. And if he doesnt have the answers for you, he will find out.

First hand, we experience Mr. Anderson’s passion this past weekend Saturday 11th where Mr. Anderson and DHHL Land Management Division "Kahana" Peter Albinio came all the out to Ka’u for a informal meeting with our non-profit group to discuss DHHL lease application process and current status. We’ve been working on this process since 2021, thus this is progress! Integrity!!!

We humbly request as the chairwoman your support and endorsement to allow Mr. Anderson to continue his quest and purpose to serve his people. His very dedicated to getting the job done.

Mahalo Nui Loa, Dane & Terry Shibuya :)
(Hana Laulima Lahui O’ Ka’u- grassroots 501c3 nonprofit organization) in Rural Ka’u



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Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Marleen Serrao | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Testimony in Strong Support for Consideration and Confirmation as the chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ikaika Anderson, for a term to Expire 12-31-2026.

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February 14, 2023

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

RE: GM 511 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella and Members of the Committee:

I urge you to support GM 511 the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I have known the Anderson Ohana since the 1960's when I started getting involved in the legislative process first at Iolani Palace then the new State Capitol (1963-2016.) Ikaika Anderson has a legacy of accomplishments since graduating from Kamehameha schools and the University of Hawaii. I remember meeting him when his grandfather, Whitney Anderson was in the State Senate and Ikaika was ever present at his office. From there he went to the City Council and worked for the office of Councilwoman Barbara Marshall whom he succeeded in 2009 upon her passing. He served on the planning and zoning committee and ultimately became chair of the City Council which is not an easy accomplishment.

His recent appointment by the Governor in January falls in line with his commitment to develop affordable housing for the beneficiaries that have long been denied for generations housing on Hawaiian Homelands.

In closing I commend the legislature for the appropriation last year of \$600 million for this effort and that Ikaika Anderson is the person who will be able to accomplish this objective!

Sincerely,

George A. "Red" Morris

LATE

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| William Oku | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee:

I support the nomination of Ikaika Anderson to become the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) as listed in Governor's message No. 511.

Mahalo Nui,

William Oku

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 2:58:45 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Gary Nakata | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I give my highest recommendation for Ikaika Anderson's confirmation as Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL). I have known Mr. Anderson for the last eight years. I first met Mr. Anderson when he first served as Vice-Chair then Chair of the Honolulu City Council, and I served as Director of the Honolulu Department of Community Services. As a legislative leader, he was always fair-minded and made his decisions based on the totality of benefit to the people he served, and with much research, introspection and clarity on the issues. I expect no less from him as DHHL Chair.

After our time with the city, we became friends and I have gotten to know his family and personal values, and his love for the people of this state. With special respect to DHHL, I was impressed with his knowledge of its operations and his plan for increasing affordable housing using DHHL as a platform.

I have no doubt that he will serve the people of this state well. For this and the above reasons, I highly recommend his confirmation as DHHL Chair.

Aloha,
Gary Nakata

LATE

Aloha Senator Shimabukuro,

I humbly request your support and endorsement allowing Ikaika Anderson as the administrator for DHHH to continue serving the people of Hawai'i Nei! This individual for me is very dedicated to his responsibilities. I have experienced his honesty to work with the people of Ka'u. He said he would fly to Hawai'i to meet and listen to our cause, and he kept his word and this is something very rare and appreciated. For this reason, please consider Mr. Anderson's position for I believe he will stand tall and strong for our Hawai'i islands and people.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
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| Kekoa Enomoto | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha mai e members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, I am a 37-year Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) beneficiary; veteran homelands leader and advocate, and retired 30-year isle newspaperwoman who supports the nomination of Ikaika Anderson as director of the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I also chair the Upcountry Maui nonprofit, Pa‘upena Community Development Corporation, and serve as president of the Maui/Lana‘i Mokupuni Council; both entities serve the nearly 14,000 Maui County HHCA beneficiaries.

Nevertheless, I act as an individual in endorsing Anderson for his experience as a lawmaker; his expressed commitment to getting beneficiaries onto HHCA federal-trust aina, and his resolution-oriented approach.

Contrary to his so-called on-the-job training, I welcome that Anderson is not a bureaucrat, i.e., a government official whom one may perceive as prioritizing proper procedure over people’s needs. While some may criticize that Anderson appeared unprepared at hearings, I myself disdain formulaic excuses. Moreover, I salute Anderson’s ostensible willingness to transcend a DHHL mind-set that has allowed 28,000 native Hawaiians to languish on homestead-waitlists, with scores dying thereon yearly.

In conclusion, mahalo for this opportunity to extend my earnest support for Ikaika Anderson to be DHHL director.

LATE

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Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Keith Regan | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am providing this written testimony in support of Ikaika Anderson's nomination to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands that is before you for consideration.

Although I may not have had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Anderson prior to joining the cabinet, what I have been witness to since joining the cabinet has been impressive. I am able to testify that Mr. Anderson has, without question, shown an incredible level of dedication, commitment, and passion to his role as Chairperson (nominee) as well as to the mission of the department. He has taken on his role with positive energy and enthusiasm even when faced with challenging situations.

It is for these reasons that I would humbly request your kind consideration for Mr. Anderson to be confirmed as Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands by your committee.

Mahalo,

Keith Regan

LATE

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GM 511, Ikaika Anderson

Gubernatorial Nominee to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

**Testimony in Support of Ikaika Anderson's
Confirmation as Director of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands**

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella and Members of the Senate
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Duane Fisher and I **provide this testimony in strong support of Ikaika Anderson** for Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have practiced business and real estate law in Hawaii for more than 31 years. During that time, I have appeared before various State and County agencies and have had the opportunity to observe and work with many different politicians and regulators. Mr. Anderson stands out as a particularly skilled and effective leader.

When Mr. Anderson was Chair of the Honolulu City Council, a bill was introduced to amend the City & County's Land Use Ordinance, and I witnessed first hand Mr. Anderson's handling of the proposed bill. He was extremely knowledgeable, thoughtful and helpful, and encouraged the parties involved to work closely with the Department of Permitting and Planning to arrive at a consensus concerning the language of the bill. His leadership was very valuable and in the end, all concerned were happy with the bill's new language, the bill was passed by the Council and signed into law by the Mayor.

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Confirmation as Director of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
February 13, 2023

In addition to the bill amending the LUO described above, I have seen Mr. Anderson handle many other committee and Council hearings and meetings. He was always professional, courteous and kind, yet firm and business-like when necessary to keep things moving forward appropriately. I believe Mr. Anderson's experience on the City Council will be particularly helpful as he leads DHHL through the myriad issues and challenges the Department faces.

I urge you to confirm Ikaika Anderson's appointment as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane R. Fisher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Duane R. Fisher

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/13/2023 5:47:19 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Christopher Michael Flaherty | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members - My name is Chris Flaherty and I have been living and doing business in Hawaii for the past 11 years. I have been fortunate to get to know Ikaika and have spent a considerable amount of time with him when he was on the City Council and while running for Lt. Govenor. It is my opinion that Ikaika would be a great addtion to Govenor Green's list of nominees. From my experiences, Ikaika demonstrates the qualittites needed to execute plans. He is an active listener and knows what he doesn't know. He exemplifies these attributes when in conversation by asking pertinent and relevant questions in conversation so as to gain a better understanding of the subject in discussion. I firmly believe that Ikaika will take action at deploying the resources and expertise to make the development of housing for DHHL beneficiaries the primary driver of his team's action. Ikaika is a doer and will not allow the status quo to rule the day. He wants to get to work and get things done and is not afraid to make decisions. The ability to make decisions is a gift. We have seen what the lack of making decisions has produced.

I encourage the Committee to support Ikaika as Govenor Green's nominee.

Kind Regards,

Chris Flaherty

Aloha Senator:

This is to recommend to you that you do not confirm Justin-Michael "Ikaika" Anderson as Director of DHHL. As a former Democratic Party Region 9 Chairperson, and former Oahu-At-Large member of the State Central Committee, I received no help, support or cooperation from Anderson for our Party activities.

When he was the City Council member for Kaneohe, Kailua and Waimanalo, as former Chairperson of the Kailua Neighborhood Board (on behalf of the Board's strong opposition to short-term rentals) I requested his help. The result was he introduced and supported an ordinance to increase the number of permits for STRs. While he represented Waimanalo, the residents woke up one morning to find a bulldozer clearing a major portion of their beloved Sherwood Forest to build a major sports facility. It caused major demonstrations which resulted in cancelation of the project.

In reviewing his resume, I find he has little experience managing large numbers of people, no less a large complex agency like DHHL. And little or no experience in the details of housing construction or high finance. It does not appear that it would be appropriate to entrust him with managing a large agency with such a critical housing responsibility, especially with a \$600 million special appropriation. We cannot afford the large appropriation to be poorly managed or wasted by inexperience or failure to listen to the beneficiaries or the public.

Mahalo,
Chuck Prentiss, Ph.D.
Kailua

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/3/2023 4:52:40 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| charles chang | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Members of the Senate

Strongly oppose Mr. Andersons Nomination as the Head of DHHL. He lacks the tempermant and experance necessary for such a positon. Used his past postion as a council member for personal gain and not for the good of the people elected to serve

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/3/2023 8:01:03 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Andrew Crossland | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose Ikaika Anderson for this position.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 8:13:13 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Tammi Gumban | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Opposition of Mr. Anderson:

I believe he is not the suitable person for this position after watching all the WAM and legislative meetings thus far. We need a person who can read the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and understand that we are exhausted with administrative leaders who 'needs to learn'- we are dying on the list and there's NOTIME for learning- especially. With the 600 million dollars that we have to spend sooon. For this I Strongly OPPOSE!!

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/4/2023 8:52:44 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Dana Keawe | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE GM511

Anderson is obviously NOT qualified to chair DHHL. Remove him immediately!

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/5/2023 11:07:51 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Malia Marquez | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Kākou,

My name is Malia Marquez and I am a lifelong long resident of Maunaloa. As a beneficiary I am NOT comfortable with Ikaika Anderson making choices for us. He has not been a pono advocate for our kanaka and I strongly oppose his confirmation as DHHL Director. Please see key points below.

** Hūnānāniho development plan was Anderson's project but when community had strong opposition and voiced concerns he was unavailable and said it was the Mayor's kuleana.

** Anderson used his kūpuna as an excuse to step down from the City Council yet a few weeks later accepted a job with a Local Union.

** Anderson showed that he was not fully familiarized with his own Plan to head the Dept of Hawaiian Homelands during Senate hearings.

** As seen in the Senate WAM-HWN committee hearings Anderson is not prepared to handle the kuleana of DHHL Director and should never have applied for this position.

** As of yet there have been NO DHHL Commission public hearings established for DHHL beneficiaries to voice their opinions or have their questions answered.

Please act in a pono manner and OPPOSE Ikaika Anderson for DHHL Director. He is NOT the right person for such a crucial position.

Mahalo piha a me ka ha'aha'a,

Malia Lum-Kawaihoa Marquez

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 8:53:56 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Jezelyn Gonsalves | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose for Ikaika Anderson to be the Chairperson of Hawaiian Homelands. He is not a good candidate and I do not trust his decisions. We can do better!!!

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:00:59 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Leona Leialoha | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha! After watching the live coverage of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee's hearings with Ikaika Anderson in regards to the monies set aside for DHHL by the legislature, it is very clear to myself that this man is definitely not a leader I would want for myself and fellow homesteaders! I STRONGLY OPPOSE IKAIKA ANDERSON'S PENDING APPOINTMENT AS DHHL DIRECTOR!

Mahalo nui for your consideration on this matter.

Leona Leialoha

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 3:42:00 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Tamara Paltin | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

I do not support the nominee for this position, we need someone less political that can get as many waitlisters on all islands housed as quickly and safely as possible. I would support the continuity of Tyler Gomes instead.

Mahalo

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 7:45:01 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Morris Pantastico Jr | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose this selection for the following reasons.

1. Unqualified candidate,
2. False representation on resume,
3. On record not wanting the position he's now seeking.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:59:31 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Ann Medeiros | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Ikaika Anderson has represented my district on Oahunfor many years. He only is self-serving and not a good representative of our community. His position on illegal rentals and filling our neighborhoods with transient development and supporting big business over local communities makes him a poor choice for a state level cabinet position. He proved in his many years in City Council that the outcome of his job is whatever works best for him. He lied to the public about why he left office. He lied about why he was running again. He is unscrupulous and will only make state politics more corrupt. NO thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 2:46:38 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Lu Ann Faborito | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Based on hearings from Ways & Means & Hawaiian Affairs committee's. I am of the opinion Mr. Anderson is not prepared to take on the role of Chair of DHHL. He's answers to the committee fell short of answering questions accurately and misrepresents the commissioners views and decisions.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 3:15:45 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kenneth Faborito | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

This Designate does not represent the commission who represents the needs of the beneficiaries. I strongly oppose his appointment and ask legislators to do what is pono for our native hawaiian's especially those on the waitlist and not confirm Mr. Anderson.

Aloha e CHAIR Senator Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Senator Fevella and distinguished members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am Patrick L. Kahawaiolaa, a native Hawaiian as defined, pursuant to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, amended July 9, 1921 c42, 42 stat. 108 (67th Congress), and the current President of the Keaukaha Community Association (KCA), the second Homestead settled in 1924 with 61 native Hawaiians beneficiaries....to begin a pilot project....

Today we are being asked to address GM 511 Governor Green's nomination of Mr. Ikaika Anderson for Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) ... and I will speak not as the President of an Association of lessees THAT ALREADY ARE ON THE LAND ...

but as a ADVOCATE for those Qualified Beneficiaries on the Wait List, for which I have (2) who have been waiting over 30 years...the ONLY BENEFICIARIES AFFECTED BY THIS LEGISLATION is those on the wait list...

ACT 279 (\$600m) funding with the INTENTIONS of getting beneficiaries OFF OF THE WAIT LIST AND ACQUIRE HOMEOWNERSHIP!!!

I need to quantify my NON SUPPORT for the Governor's choice for the following reasons:

Mr. Anderson visited Panaewa and in attendance at that Meet & Greet were representatives from representatives of the Panaewa Hawaiian Homes Community Association, Keaukaha Community Association, Keaukaha-Panaewa Farmers Association, Piionua Hawaiian Homestead Community Association, Kaumana Community Association, Makuu Farmers Association and Kau Community Association ... collectively the East Hawaii Hawaiian Homes Community Association, (EHHHCA).... Created and Recognized by the DHHL... and also other native Hawaiian entities, ...

MAHA, Kupuna for Moopuna, Panaewa Action Committee, Beneficiary Kupuna Council (Wait list) and several other interested native Hawaiians...

Expressed by Mr. Anderson, that he was just on the job a week, & will be chairing his first Commission Meeting on February 17, 18, 2023 in Kapolei and that he's still feeling his way around the process...

Q & A was held with naturally Associations expressing what they each were doing to represent their respective associations, some asked how he may be able to assist them with their particular situations, what would his support be for Act 236 (extending the lease of the Prince Kuhio Plaza) and other related issue to assist the Associations... (Beneficiaries on the Land)

He than began to speak to his 5 point plan (ACT 279) and the parts of the plan that would deal with maybe as an alternative to providing a homestead LOT, some RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES for those on the wait list...

expressed that at the upcoming hearing on Feb 10, 2023 before the WAM/HAW on DHHL Budget he was prepared to speak at length on his 5 point plan and the Strategic Plan submitted by the HHC in the waning days of the Aila/Ige administration... A 99 page submittal to the Senate Committee delivered in December as required by legislation in Act 279...

Meeting of Feb 10 2023,

For me I was disappointed at his lack of PREPAREDNESS as I saw some of you express that too at least in answering questions about Act 279 and how the initial funding was first going to be ENCUMBERED...in my opinion no concrete answers...

but I gave him the benefit of the doubt that he's only being there a week... but with due respect to Mr. Anderson, the DHHL staff who many of them have been there at least 10-15 plus years WAS NOT PREPARED EITHER... Mr. Anderson's 5 point plan substantively CONFLICTED with the SUBMITTED STRATEGIC PLAN from the Commission....and was not in the best interest of the native Hawaiians on the wait list...

February 17,18 2023 COMMISSION MEETING IN Kapolei only began to shed light that his abilities to lead this Department, WHICH ONLY HAS ONE CONSTITUENCY... native Hawaiians as DEFINED... and no one else... some strong disagreements began playing out on ZOOM as a televised meeting...again The lack of UNDERSTANDING of the Process and how the lack of KNOWLEDGE of HHCA, 1920 as amended OPERATES...If you do not understand ASK for assistance...

then we return on the 19th of February 2023 before the WAM /HAW committee and there clearly is showed me anyway...He was going to be overwhelmed in trying to lead the department because the wait listers were clearly been ignored or elected officials could not get ANSWERS that would satisfy their questions on HOW THE FUNDING ACT 270 WOULD BE ENCUMBERED BY THE DEADLINE OR RISK LOSS OF THESE FUNDS and this Chair designate has difficult time articulating his message... and ALL elicited a RESPONSE from a native hawaiian from the audience "... thanking all present there the Native Hawaiians on the list would die there on the list..."

and lastly the 6 hour on February 27,2023...

PUBLIC HEARING ON WHAT HAPPENED AT THE WAM/HAW ...held in Kapolei...

So for me personally this job cannot be for anyone in the OJT STATUS... (on the job training) mode... The individual needs immediately a working KNOWLEDGE of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act,1920, as amended... KNOWLEDGE of how funds are being expended...KNOWLEDGE of being PREPARED before any body of this Legislature ... and out of all the people that appeared or spoke at all 5 meetings WITH CLARITY, CONVICTIONS AND KNOWLEDGEraising to the top and clearly spoke to the recipients of who would be affected by this Act 279 legislation, how to quickly encumber the funds so we do not loss any was....

Nicole Lehua Kanikau-Cano NAHASDA administrator

The majority of beneficiaries I've heard from on the waitlist CAN NOT or WILL NOT SUPPORT Mr. Anderson...therefore I will acquiesce to the wishes of the waitlist beneficiaries for ONLY WHOM ACT 279 WAS ENACTED...(and will not be the tail wagging the dog syndrome) and NOTHING personal to a fine upstanding Hawaiian like Mr. Ikaika Anderson...

It's a CHOICE I've made and will stand by the CONSEQUENCES of my Choice... and wish all of you stand by your CHOICES wherever this selection leads to...

Thank you all for allowing me the time to express my Advocacy "... to better the conditions of the native Hawaiian as defined..."

I can be reached at (808) 937-8217

MAY THE GREAT ONES BLESS YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE...

"Owau me ka ha'aha'a,

Patrick L. Kahawaiolaa
native Hawaiian Advocate

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Sent from Gmail Mobile Keaukaha Smiles 'Owau me ka ha'a ha'a (I humbly remain) Patrick L.
Kahawaiolaa

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/10/2023 12:27:13 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| J. Kimo Alama Keaulana | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha e nā mea hanohano,

I am a resident of Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead and am not in support of confirming Ikaika Anderson as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I was surprised to learn that he was being considered for the position.

Mr. Anderson does not sit favorably among many homesteaders largely due to his questionable record with the Honolulu City Council and moreover, how he had left that position. He has demonstrated that he is not forthcoming and reliable.

Again, it is not in the best interest that Ikaika Anderson be confirmed as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. The Hawaiian people deserve a leader who has admirable leadership qualities.

Na‘u,

J. Kimo Alama Keaulana

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/10/2023 2:38:06 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Leah Kamalu | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Mr. Anderson lacks the character, leadership ability, listening skills, and understanding to carry out the duties of this position.

There are other well qualified people for this position that would best serve the Hawaiian Community.

Please do not confirm this nomination.

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/11/2023 9:03:54 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Jody M Green | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

I am opposed to GM511 and consideration of Anderson as Chairperson. Waimanalo knows this is not someone who should be considered for any public office in Hawaii, as we remember too well how he lied to our community, brought heavy equipment in to bulldoze iwi kupuna burial sites, and was loyal to corrupt city officials instead of his own home town. We remember everything he tried to force on Waimanalo with no consideration for our wishes to protect the last coastal forest on Oahu, one of the most culturally important sites of First Contact according to archeologists' carbon dating, and an important funerary, as Sherwood Forest is named on The National Historic Registry and the State Historic Registry.

We remember those that held space for months to prevent that administration from building parking lots for buses and tourists on top of sacred space that should have been protected, not desecrated. We remember the protectors and protestors that came from other communities, outer islands, even other countries to stand with us against an administration that wanted that sacred space in the worst way. We remember the police called into our Waimanalo Neighborhood Board meeting to "protect " Anderson because the community was furious about his not listening to our objections to the plan.(What was he thinking?) Even arresting 28 ki'ai would not stop us. We were shocked when the bulldozing began again, to see the tons of sand being hauled away in big trucks, away from where it belonged, taken from Waimanalo..

Who was the mouthpiece for the mayor? Ikaika Anderson. Ironically, the City plans on removing their opala (dumped rock and gravel, orange plastic barriers, etc.) this month, finally. If there is one person who should not be in any position where land is involved, it is this person. He goes against kupuna, community, all to serve the highest bidder. He is not for Hawaii and he is definitely not for Hawaiians.

Mahalo for this opportunity,

Jody Green

Waimanalo resident 70 yrs.

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/12/2023 7:44:38 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Kahana Kauahi | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

My name is Kahana Kauahi, I am a law abiding citizen that is of hawaiian decendant and am currently on the dhhl homestead list. I feel Ikaika Anderson is not fit to be chairperson for dhhl, when being asked questions of integrity concerning dhhl programs, funds, and mutiple sales of homesteads i feel he hides his true intents by not answering questions properly most times deviating from them by making retracting statements. I oppose gm511 and do not see Ikaika Anderson fit to be dhhl chairperson.

thank you

I do not think that Ikaika Anderson is a suitable person to head the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I am not Hawaiian, but I've been his constituent for the entire time he has been in government, and I can't point to one thing I'm grateful for him having done. He may have the support of some business- and development-oriented individuals and organizations in Waimanalo, but his popular support among those he has represented is very limited. His manner of conduct is dominated by bluster and bullying; he has been vindictive toward people who have challenged him. He is not at all gracious in receiving criticism or opposition. Gov. Green may have been pragmatic in nominating Mr. Anderson, who is a pawn of PRP and the construction sector, to spend millions expanding the state's obligation to Native Hawaiians, but given the character he has demonstrated, I fear that his comportment in the office will reflect badly on the new governor's judgement. The head of DHHL should, in my opinion, be someone who is diplomatic, compassionate, and conscientious. Putting Mr. Anderson in the role only repeats the pay-to-play morality endemic in Hawaii politics and reinforces the cynicism of taxpaying citizens. Please do not approve his nomination, and find a better candidate.

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 12:16:51 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Lena Suzuki | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

As much as I like Ikaika Anderson and the aloha he has shown towards me, my personal opinion is that there are other qualified beneficiaries that have not been looked at to be chair of DHHL. I also believe that our governor, Josh Green has the opportunity to help us rewrite our history by appointing someone who has a plan, and a plan to execute what needs to be done for our people.

Aloha kākou,

I'm writing in regards to Ikaika Anderson as DHHL director. He is NOT for the beneficiaries and he does not have Hawaii's best interest in mind. In fact he's the complete opposite! His track record proves it. To have him hold such a high position is both irresponsible and harmful. He has also proven time and time again at board meetings just how out of touch and incompetent he is! Please vote NO! We are so sick and tired of the mistreatment and mismanagement of our only island home! We are counting on you folks to do the right thing.

Mahalo

Stephanie M.

Dear Senators,

I am writing to **oppose the confirmation of Mr. Ikaika Anderson** to head the Department of Hawaiian Homelands:

- Mr. Anderson, a former City Council member representing Waimanalo and environs, was fully aware of former Mayor Caldwell's plan to develop Sherwood Forest in Waimanalo as an athletic/recreational destination for tourists and others. This area is a precious resource for Waimanalo residents, **many of whom are Native Hawaiians. Mr. Anderson betrayed the Waimanalo residents' trust by failing to involve residents in decision-making about this project or providing any notice to the community of these plans until bulldozers had arrived.**
- Mr. Anderson, in the recent November 2022 election, **egregiously slandered now-elected Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke**, a longtime public servant and State legislator. He did this with the support of the Carpenters' Union PAC, already tainted by previous slander of former Gov. Ben Cayetano. **This was an insult to Ms. Luke, and an insult to all the voters whom Mr. Anderson attempted to deceive.**
- Funds are now available to DHHL which could help clear the longstanding DHHL backlog of applications. **Mr. Anderson has not proved himself to be worthy of managing these funds.** Misuse and diversion of these precious resources could be the outcome if he is confirmed, rather than the implementation of cost-effective plans acceptable to the Hawaiian community.

Thank you,

Nicola Miller
Kaneohe, HI

Please vote NO to Ikaika Anderson for DHHL. He is not equipped enough or trustworthy enough to be a leader for our Hawaiian rights and needs.

Mahalo,

Nani

Aloha,

I urge you to vote NO to Ikaika Anderson. I attended the special meeting on January 27. I witnessed that he wasn't educated on most matters on hand. It was like having a serious medical condition hoping to see a specialist, just to have an undergraduate operate on you. We don't need an under-qualified person in charge of our deteriorating land. We don't want someone that remedies the symptoms. We need a leader that can treat the underlying and pre-existing problems with solutions. Please vote NO to Ikaika Anderson as chair of DHHL.

Mahalo,

Mialisa Otis

Aloha Kākou,

As a beneficiary, I do NOT support Ikaika Anderson as DHHL Director.

** The Hūnānāniho development plan was Anderson's project but when our community had strong opposition and voiced concerns he was unavailable and said it was the Mayor's kuleana.

** Mr. Anderson used his kūpuna as an excuse to step down from the City Council yet a few weeks later accepted a job with a Local Union.

** Ikaika Anderson showed that he was not fully familiarized with his own plan to head the Department of Hawaiian Homelands during senate hearings.

** As seen in the senate WAM-HWN committee hearings Anderson is not prepared to handle the kuleana of DHHL Director and should have never applied for this position.

** As of yet there have been NO DHHL Commission public hearings established for DHHL beneficiaries to voice their opinions or have their questions answered.

These are more than enough reasons to oppose Ikaika Anderson as Director of DHHL. He is not equipped to make such crucial decisions for us.

Mahalo for your time and consideration on this vital matter.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
Malia Marquez
Maunaloa resident

Aloha e Senators,

I am an Oahu resident, and a Kanaka registered voter who has serious concerns regarding the current processes this Senate has been taking on the DHHL Commission hearings for the director position. It has been shared in a not very public way that a confirmation meeting will be held for Anderson for the position for DHHL Commission without public hearings. The Sunshine Law states there must be a 7 day Public notice for all public meetings. This was not done.

As of yet there have been NO DHHL Commission public hearings established for DHHL Beneficiaries to voice their opinions or have their questions answered regarding the work ethic and past actions of Anderson in his current position. As a Kanaka resident I have no confidence in Anderson's leadership abilities nor does he have an accurate understanding of what beneficiaries want or need.

I am opposed to the appointment of Anderson for DHHL Director and will point out a few reasons why.

- Anderson failed to hear and advocate for beneficiaries who oppose the Hūnānāniho development plan which was Anderson's Project. When Community had Strong Opposition and Voiced concerns he was unavailable and said it was the Mayor's kuleana. This shows an inability to listen and understand how to do his job.
- Anderson used his Kūpuna as an excuse to step down from the City Council which is an important position to advocate for the beneficiaries he is supposed to serve. Then a few weeks later he accepted a job with a Local Union. This shows a complete disregard of the gravity of a public office.
- Anderson showed that he was not fully familiarized with His own Plan to Head the Dept of Hawaiian Homelands during Senate hearings unable to respond to questions of current build projects that he is supposed to be intimately knowledgeable about.
- As seen in the Senate WAM-HWN committee hearings Anderson is not prepared to handle the Kuleana of DHHL Director and should never have applied for this position. His leadership has shown to produce very little progress and is wasting beneficiaries funds. My father died in 2020 waiting on the list for a home. His older brother is still alive and has been waiting for a home for over 30 years. This is an atrocity and Anderson is not who we need for DHHL leadership.

Mahalo,
Laurie K. Akana

Aloha Senators,

I am writing and pleading for your NO vote for Ikaika Anderson for dhhl chair. I am one of thousands currently on the homestead waiting list I personally do not trust him. Trust is the key word. With his past record, how can you trust someone with \$600 mil. to do the right thing for the Hawaiians. The way he treated the homeless kanaka during the Bill 54 hearings was unbelievable. How can we trust him with our future.

I as a beneficiary should have a say to who we put into this position to serve and guide us. I can go on and on but please listen to us Hawaiians who have suffered in the past.

Please vote NO on his confirmation!!

Mahalo nui for your time,

Larry Duque

Aloha Senator Fevella,

I am writing to express to you that we are against Anderson being Director of DHHL. We have been watching his actions since we stood up to him against the Waimanalo Bay Beachpark Master Plan when he lied and flip-flopped, then resigned for family reasons in the fray of Waimanalo's resistance to his plans, only to accept a job with a local union.

He should not have been handed this position by Gov. Green, as he has shown he is not an honest representative for Native Hawaiians nor our a'ina. We stand with Kuana'ike Hawai'i Committee when we say no to his appointment. Please hear the voices of those who oppose his appointment. We know Anderson's record and feel he is unqualified and not trustworthy for this position of such power. Please help to appoint anyone else with a reputable name to stand up for all the DHHL wait listees. They deserve a person who is trustworthy. Anderson is not that person.

Mahalo,
Jody Melani Green

Aloha:

I write to you to request that Ilaka Anderson not be confined as the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Chair as he is not qualified to become the Chairman. He has no knowledge of what the position entails and why is it that he is only an interim and has the authority to remove those who have worked there for years who are knowledgeable and bring in his own people who know nothing of the Act of 1920 and the Administrative Rules! (Even though they are at will employees). And if he is not Confirmed what happens to those he let go who have worked their fingers to the bone for the Department and to those he recently hired. An Injustice!

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is unlike other Departments that one can just come in and take over.

He has not met with the staff to to make an effort to find out what it takes to be a Chair before hiring 16 of his own people who are less than worthy to work there. 16 that is an atrocity.

We are tired of being the Political dumping ground for Political appointed employees.

We know for a fact that he is connected to a Homesteader who is part of the Governor's Cabinet that will be pulling the purse strings at the Department.

She has been trying to gain control over the Department for years but has not succeeded because she does not sit well with the Department and many of the Homesteaders and has used the Department for her own personal gain.

We know that she has close personal ties with the Governor and his wife.

IKaika visited the Island of Kauai secretly with out the knowledge of Staff to meet with this person and two Homestead Associations which she has control over. What about the other Homestead Associations. He can say that it was for the Anahola Homesteaders but there are more than the two he met with. It's because these two are closely affiliated to that person of interest. Who has her own interest in mind. He can say he notified them but why only these two under the influence of this particular Person showed up?

We do not think so.

He had come across the Homesteaders as arrogant. It's ashamed that he be considered to Chair the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

There are three who should be considered who have knowledge and the heart of our Hawaiian people at heart.

For Chair and Deputy.

Tyler Gomes, Kaleo Manuel and Nicole Kinilau-Canó.

These Candidates are worthy to be appointed to serve our Hawaiian people.

Please consider my request at heart. What I speak is the TRUTH.

Sincerely,

Jessie Ho'omalulu

Dear Senator Fevella,
I'm not Hawaiian so I have no family matters at stake in the matter of DHHL leadership. But, as a resident of Waimanalo during the time that Ikaika Anderson has been active in politics and governance, I have developed a strong distrust of the man. I have seen enough of his arrogance to convince me that he should not be given any further responsibility in affecting State finances or the lives of my fellow citizens. Please do your best to find a more suitable person to run DHHL.

Thank you,
Dale Evans

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 3:10:57 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Barbara Smith | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I'm sure Mr. Anderson is a nice person, but beneficiaries of the Trust need a leader, not a puppet.

- Only a puppet would fire Cedric Duarte, only days into his appointment, without understanding Cedric's value to the department, beneficiaries, and Hawaiians as a whole. An unnecessary setback for Hawaiians. For the past four year's barely a week passed without a DHHL project, environmental assessment, home blessing, development groundbreaking, water system survey, or beneficiary consultation being in the news cycle. Transparency finally.
- Only a puppet would try to mislead the Commission with a 5 point plan, and then misrepresent their approval of it to Senators. The Commission did not approve a "diviation."
- Only a puppet wouldn't understand that vertical low to mid-rise housing, doesn't give waitlisters a lease, and certainly doesn't remove us from the waitlist.

Who is the puppet master? Robin Danner, Brooke Wilson, Nani Medeiros... all of them? Please do not set beneficiaries back even further.

The Department needs someone who will put beneficiaries first and protect the Trust; not a politician beholden to his creditor(s).

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 3:46:09 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Regina Peterson(Nani) | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I am here to provide testimony opposing the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as Chair of the DHHL.

As witnessed by 2 members of this committee,

Senator Maile Shimabukuro,

Senator Kurt Fevella

And,

as confirmed subsequently by Hawaiian Homes Commissioners.

Mr. Anderson lied to the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

In lying, Mr. Anderson violated the law under Hawaii Revised Statutes:

CHAPTER 710 OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

For which Mr. Anderson may have criminal liability

Mr. Anderson, under the provisions of the Hawaiian Homes commission Act and the HRS 554D Uniform Trust Code also violated:

1. His “good faith” obligation to the trust, the Hawaiian Homes Commissioners, and the Hawaiian Homes Beneficiaries.

PART VIII. DUTIES AND POWERS OF TRUSTEE

[§554D-801] Duty to administer trust.

... the trustee shall administer the trust in good faith, in accordance with its terms and purposes and the interests of the beneficiaries,

2. As a representative of the State, his fiduciary duty to the trust, the Hawaiian Homes Commissioners, and the Hawaiian Homes Beneficiaries

TITLE 1A: PURPOSE

Section 101. Purpose.

Part (c)

affirm their fiduciary duty to faithfully administer the provisions of this Act on behalf of the native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Act.

3. The duties, powers, and authority as were lawful or proper for the performance of the functions vested in the commission that were delegated to Mr. Anderson by the Commission.

Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

Section §202.

Department officers, staff, commission, members, compensation.

These serious allegations of violations of law BY NOMINEE ANDERSON are based on verifiable facts.

Some of which have already been brought to the attention of the public by Senator Kurt Fevella.

As a matter the fiduciary duty of the State of Hawai'i, in accordance with:

TITLE 1A: Section 101. Purpose. Part (c) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act

this committee MUST call for a:

1. independent
2. thorough

investigation of violations of the law by nominee Anderson

FOR YOUR REFERENCE ONLY

TITLE 1A: Section 101. Purpose. Part (c)

State of Hawaii hereby acknowledge the trust established under this Act and affirm their fiduciary duty to faithfully administer the provisions of this Act on behalf of the native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Act.

CONCLUSION

FOR THE SENATORS OF THIS COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH AN
ENDORSEMENT OF MR. ANDERSON'S CONFIRMATION

WITHOUT A THOROUGH INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION

OF VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW,

INCLUDING POSSIBLE CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS,

BY MR. ANDERSON

WOULD ITSELF BE A VIOLATION OF YOUR FIDUCIARY DUTY UNDER THE LAW

Again, given the serious allegations of violations of law by Mr. Anderson, I request that a copy of this testimony be forwarded by this committee to the

Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for investigation.

Mahalo for your time Senators

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 4:59:15 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Michelle Brown | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am in STRONG Opposition of GM 511. Nothing personal against Ikaika. He is NOT Qualified for this position of this Department. Department Hawaiian Home Lands needs a STRONG Leader one who can make sound decisions without a second thought.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 5:00:25 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Erman Tancayo | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

STRONG OPPOSITION OF GM 511. WRONG CHOICE!

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 5:02:38 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ivan Pauole | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

A'OLE ANDERSON. I OPPOSE GM 511

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GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 6:27:52 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Jocelyn L Kellkoa-Pua | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

As a beneficiary and leasee I oppose the appointment of Ikaka Anderson as our DHHL Director, GM 511.

Furthermore, I believe other highly qualified candidates, like Tyler Gomes and others were interviewed. I propose Tyler be reconsidered. I am confident that Tyle will protect the HHCA and the \$600M allocated in Act 279.

Thank you for this opportunity in allowing me to express my mana'o and pu'uwai in opposing GM 511.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 9:49:01 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Sharleen Kahumoku | Individual | Comments | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Testimony: DHHL Ikaika Anderson

I, Sharleen Kahumoku has been on the Board of Village's of La'i'opua Association (VOLA) since Oct. 2019. I served as a Board of Director & VOLA Secretary from Dec. 2020 to Sept. 2022 and continue being a director. Im also on the Board La'i'opua Community Developer Corporation (LCDC) since Sept. 2022 as a Board of Director. I've lived in Kaniohale Community in Village 3 since 1999. I joined the Boards in our area to educate & learn what's going on in our neighborhood to share with my neighbors. I'd like to see DHHL Chairman & Kaniohale Community Homesteaders work together in unity with all the community from L2020, La'i'opua Community Development Corporation (LCDC), Village's of La'i'opua Association (VOLA) with all lessee's/ Homesteaders in our area.

Mahalo,

Sharleen Kahumoku

Village 3 Lot 66 Lessee

Kaniohale Community.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 10:33:36 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| jaerick medeiros-garcia | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

He's a politician that had absolutely no problem walking away from the people as city council, than again he has no problem walking away from union members , he isn't fit for DHHL.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 10:35:19 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| jaerick medeiros-garcia | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

He's a politician that had absolutely no problem walking away from the people as city council, than again he has no problem walking away from union members , he isn't fit for DHHL.

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GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 10:36:03 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Kimeona Kane | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha nui kākou,

I do not support the appointment of Ikaika Anderson to the role of Chair for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I believe that he does have capacity to serve and establish working relationships with the community in a lesser role and work to build credibility and trust again, however I do not believe he is the best candidate to serve the people in this role.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Kimeona Kane

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/13/2023 11:12:53 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Tara Rojas | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I OPPOSE GM511.

Kānaka Maoli, Beneficiaries, need to be housed on ‘ĀINA - not in "vertical housing".

Truth, NO hidden agendas, Pono EActions are what's needed...it's been 130 yEArS...time to right all the wrongs and the untruths.

After 130 yEArS, there should be zero Kānaka ‘Ōiwi waiting on a list to be housed on THEIR OWN LAND. Land that is still being stolen, leased, given away to everyone besides all the Beneficiaries-Kānaka Maoli. Stop all development until ALL Kānaka Maoli are off the list in their own hale on their entrusted land.

Sincerely,

Tara Rojas

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 12:31:59 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Edward Halealoha Ayau | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Testimony of Edward Halealoha Ayau

In Opposition of the Confirmation of Ikaika Anderson as Chair of DHHL

February, 14, 2023

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and esteemed members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee. I am humbled to provide these views. I am a homestead lessee, fourth generation. My great grandfather and name sake the Rev. Edward Hleanini Ayau was an original residential homesteader at Kalama‘ula, Molokai. I was raised on his agricultural homestead in Ho‘olehua, which my father Reynolds Ayau succeeded to. I am a graduate of the Kamehameha Schools, the University of Redlands and the University of Colorado School of Law. I worked for U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye and focused my professional career on the national and international repatriation and reburial of ancestral Hawaiian skeletal remains, funerary objects and sacred objects. I am the former Acting District Supervisor for the Molokai District of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and also worked for the DHHL Planning Office as a Water Resource Specialist. In addition, I am a volunteer Executive Director for Hui Iwi Kuamo‘o whose focus is repatriation and reburial. I also serve as the Chair of the NAGPRA Review Committee having been appointed by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland and as the new Executive Director of the ‘Aha Kāne Foundation for the Advancement of Native Hawaiian Males. **I want to make it absolutely clear that I am testifying in my personal capacity and not on behalf of any organization that I am affiliated with.**

I oppose confirmation and I want to say I have nothing against Mr Anderson. I voted for him in the last election because he stood up for family values and I respected that. Since his nomination, I gave him every benefit of the doubt and withheld judgment as to whether to support his nomination because I felt compelled to understand the bottom line: **Is he qualified for one of the most challenging cabinet positions in Hawai‘i?** Unfortunately, I am not confident in his skill sets in understanding the complexities of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, the management of the DHHL, and the relationship of the Hawaiian Homes Commission to the DHHL and its beneficiaries. My reasons are as follows.

First, when it appropriated the 600 million for DHHL to address the wait list by putting Hawaiian lessees on the land, the State Legislature set conditions including deadlines for plans on how to use the money within two years or risk losing the funding. DHHL staff under

Chairman Ailā met those deadlines. See the DHHL website for copies of its submissions to the Legislature that met the requirements for utilization of the funding. Some have criticized DHHL for focusing on infrastructure rather than housing. That criticism is misplaced. Pursuant to DHHL's plans submitted last year under the previous administration, they correctly focused on the need to fund infrastructure first with housing to be paid through the federal NAHASDA housing program funds. In other words, former Chair Ailā and staff leveraged the state funding of 600 million with millions in federal housing dollars. That strategy deserves respect and support. However, the current DHHL Nominee for Chair indicated his intent to change those plans and if he does so in any significant way, there simply will NOT be enough time to carry out the changes risking the entire 600 million. This is DANGEROUS gamble and in my view, a failure in leadership. I further understand he intends to seek an extension from the Legislature, which will be difficult and is not guaranteed. The optics of such a move are horrible: the legislature appropriated 600 million to expedite beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Trust getting into homes on the land and the DHHL Chair intends to request more time to figure out how? Seriously? As Hawai'i News Now reported,

"As chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, there's a lot of pressure on Anderson to come up with a plan to spend \$600 million quickly on new housing. But his performance so far has led to doubts about his ability to do that. He was criticized by Home Lands commissioners for his responses to tough questions seeking specifics from the Senate Ways and Means Committee's about the spending plan. After one meeting, Commissioner Randy Awo said Anderson's presentation "was laced with confusion and in this historical moment of financial opportunity we cannot act with confusion."

I concur with Commissioner Awo, as I too am concerned about whether the nominee understands the complexities of the plans to expend the 600 million. He is too new to this process, to the HHCA and now is not the time to be learning on the job. We need someone with expertise and experience.

The more effective strategy in my opinion would have been to have nominated the new Chair from the DHHL ranks, so that he/she could hit the ground running to meet the deadlines imposed by the Legislature, to work strategically with the full confidence of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and to uphold the rights of the beneficiaries of the Trust. I would have nominated Tyler Gomes, the former Deputy. There is simply too much at stake to go with a newcomer bringing with him inexperienced staff.

Second, I was concerned about a press conference in which nominee Anderson spoke about lands the military once used for the FAA Station in Ho'olehua, Molokai being returned to DHHL--- as if the military was doing a good deed for native Hawaiians. This could not be further from the truth.

DHHL Land Management Division and the Molokai District Office worked together to hold the U.S. Air Force's feet to the fire as it tried to terminate its general lease without full compliance with its terms. The Air Force was behind in paying lease rents and refused to comply with the conditions including the mitigation of harmful impacts from its tenure and usage. DHHL's Land Management Division staff negotiated an exit plan for the Air Force that required it to remove

the antennas and related accessories, to mitigate the harmful chemicals contained in the FAA building including removal of all lead paint and asbestos panels used in the ceilings and to put the building in a useable condition. A company was hired to perform this important environmental mitigation work a few years ago.

The land was not being returned to DHHL (it never left the Trust)--- it was leased and the terms of the lease, via the exit plan developed and overseen by DHHL, allowed the lease to end and the land automatically returned to the DHHL inventory. It was NOT a gift from the military, nor the result of the efforts of Nominee for DHHL Chair Ikaika Anderson. It was the result of hard work by DHHL staff prior to Anderson's arrival. I was in a position to know this first hand, as the former Acting District Supervisor of the Molokai District Office for DHHL during the time when this cleanup occurred.

The Air Force also did very little to secure the premises, which was subject to years of vandalism and misuse by chronic drug users. DHHL secured the property instead. The FAA building provides an excellent facility for homestead uses and could serve as an emergency shelter during severe weather episodes because of its sturdy design and framework. That was in the plan all along and the reason why the Air Force was not allowed to just walk away from its prior written commitments. If the media wanted to accurately identify the persons who made this all happen--- thank the good folks at DHHL during the Ailā administration.

This brings me to my third concern. Upon taking over at DHHL, nominee Anderson fired some key people at DHHL including Mr Cedric Duarte, the Public Information Officer. During my time at DHHL, Cedric was a consummate professional who went through great lengths to get the message right and help elevate the communication of the work of DHHL and the needs of the beneficiaries. I worked with Cedric specifically in the area of DHHL water, and ensuring that our reporting of water usage and compliance was effectively communicated to beneficiaries. He was a hero to me in the professional manner in which he approached his job, and the responsibility to go beyond because the needs of the Trust demanded it. His loss will be felt deeply by the beneficiaries. No reason was given, except to start a new. Again, the challenging situation at DHHL demands professionalism and expertise and not newcomers.

I have had my past disagreements with the former Chair of DHHL especially with regards to the Maunakea Access Road. Our lawsuit against DHHL and the State of Hawai'i was recently accepted for review by the Hawai'i Supreme Court. My concerns were so profound that I ended up resigning my position at DHHL due to disagreement with the Commission and the Department.

However, my former concerns with DHHL and the Commission aside, the kuleana at hand is to take a hard look at this nominee and ask myself the hard question whether he possesses the requisite skill set to lead DHHL in this most trying times. From what I have seen especially in responses to the questions posed by the Senate Ways and Means Committee, I cannot confidently say he does. I mean no disrespect to nominee Anderson.

I instead confidently assert the opinion that Mr Tyler Gomes would be a more effective nominee for Chair of DHHL because of his previous knowledge of the DHHL plans to expend the 600

million in his role as the former Deputy, his expertise as a lawyer and understanding of Trust law and its application to the HHCA, his established working relationship with the Hawaiian Homes Commission and his excellent relationship with the beneficiaries. These are the qualities a candidate needs to be an effective leader and the next Chair of DHHL in my humble opinion, mahalo.

Sincerely,

Halealoha

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 6:19:03 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Kamalani Keliikuli | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson we need leaders who will be for the people

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 12:37:54 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Tracy Spencer | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha, My name is Tracy Spencer and I have been on the DHHL waitlist since 1986 which also equals to 37 years.

I am opposed to Ikaika Anderson's confirmation to be the next Director of DHHL. I have witnessed in recent online hearings and DHHL Commision meetings that this appointee is simply unprepared and incompetent for the job, I feel that he is unable to support the beneficiaries and those waitlisted individuals with the historic \$600 million dollars that was part of ACT 279.

The purpose of ACT 279 was to assist those on the waitlist with homes or lots. After what I've witnessed online, I cannot trust that he will lead our lahui succesfully toward that goal.

Thank You

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 6:51:43 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Don Aweau | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

In full support of nominee for his commitment to the betterment of Native Hawaiians and the Native Hawaiian community. Utilizing his extensive knowledge in land use and policy experience, he will provide the best opportunity for the department to move forward in its kuleana to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act beneficiaries.

I have personally known Director Anderson for over three decades and he is a man of great character and integrity. His Kamehameha Schools education and Waimanalo roots have always kept him grounded to be a leader and steward of our culture, 'aina and 'ike.

Mahalo piha.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 7:02:32 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

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| Theresa Keohunani Taber | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha kakou,

I'm writing in OPPOSITION to Ikaika Anderson for DHHL chair. I am very concerned regarding Ikaika Anderson's familiarity with DHHL, it's processes and most importantly, his position amongst the Lahui, particularly those that were arrested in Waimanalo protecting Iwi. His tone regarding the approved DHHL Commissioners plan for the 600 million is quite dismissive and he has stated such many times. I have great concerns that the time frame is TOO short, that the current approved Commissioner's plan is based on long term solutions and not aligned with expediting beneficiaries off the waitlist. As a matter of fact, all this infrastructure will be in place while literally thousands of beneficiaries move out of Hawaii, how is this sustainable and within Prince Kuhio's vision of Kanaka on the land. I have a few suggestions with proper facilitation, may kokua in alleviating Kupuna and Beneficiaries from dying on the waitlist. 1. Inventory of all DHHL lands 2. qualifying ALL beneficiaries 60 and over IMMEDIATELY 3. Consider Time Share/Hotels/Condo complexes for leasehold/Kupuna/Etc 4. Consider purchasing properties outside of Hawaii in Heavy Hawaiian communities 5. Release funds for rental/down payment assistance for Fee simple Hawaii State Beneficiaries ALL AGES 6. Consider the looming Economic downturn (things are getting worse in the very near future) 7. Establish a BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE 8. Establish LIST OF VERIFIED LOAN AGENCIES/Raise Construction funding limits to FHA limits 9. Allow waitlisters to purchase empty homes, lots in current homestead communities 10. TAKE ADVISEMENT from LAHUI and BENFICIARIES regarding Chair/CoChair and DHHL Commissioners As a former mortgage banker and a great granddaughter of the first homesteaders in Ho'olehua Molokai, I find that Ikaika Anderson is not qualified Mahalo

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 7:11:43 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kea Wong | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

I was appalled at Ikaika Anderson's performance before the Senators last month. I'm confused that the Commissioners aren't as upset as I am. I am pissed!!

I am a beneficiary, a native Hawaiian, don't I deserve better? I do! So do my children and my moopuna! Governor Green said Hawaiians deserve better, then he fires Cedric Duarte after years of honest, hard work. Vindictive? Yes, and scary.

I deserve leadership that I (and Commissioners!) can trust to do his/her best to realistically get us a lease eventually, AND protect the trust for those still to come.

Speaking of reality, you need infrastructure for lots. Water, roads, proper drainage, and access to utilities and internet. I don't know what kind of residence doesn't need those things?!

Hawaiians deserve better. Please.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 9:02:27 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Melvin Mcaulton | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

He did not do what we asked him to do the roof of the GYM in Waimanalo. Did he oppose the construction on city and county by Caldwell ? No. Did he reject my investigation of WAIMANALO APARTMENTS ILLEGAL USE OF LAND BY its mainland OWNERS USING AG LAND FOR THEIR APT BUILDING and then rasing the rents on local families ! No. TIME HAS CAUGHT UP TO HIM....THIS TIME ITS, NO !!!!

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 9:26:35 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Christine Camp | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am submitting this testimony in support of Ikaika Anderson as Director of DHHL. As a community leader developing affordable housing and as a developer who have brought issues to the City Council, I have known him as a council member, as a chair of the Zoning Committe and as Chair of the City Council of Honolulu. He has a track record of deep understanding of land use issues, being honest, hard working, and with utmost concern for the citizens of Hawaii. He is the right person for this job.

Thank you for your consideration.

Christine Camp

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 9:33:51 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Duke hashimoto | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support the nomination of Ikaika Anderson as Director of DHHL. He will do a great job in this role.

LATE

Aloha Kakahiaka Kakou. I am Kauilani Almeida the current President of the Panaewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association (PHHLCA). We are lessees of the DHHL Panaewa Tract lands located in Waiakea, South Hilo on the island of Hawaii. This letter is to support the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson, Governor Green's appointee to the Commission Chairperson that will lead the State of Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. There are two Administrative rules that apply to the DHHL Chairman (a) 10-2-18, which describes the Responsibility of commissioners of the State of Hawaii; and (b) 10-2-19 which describes the Duties of commissioners as trustees. (1) Act EXCLUSIVELY in the interest of beneficiaries under the act (HHCA Act 1920, amended 1921), (2) Hold and protect the trust property for beneficiaries under the act (HHCA 1920, amended 1921); (3) exercise such care and skill as a person of ordinary prudence would exercise in dealing one's own property in the management of Hawaiian home lands; and (4) Adhere to the terms of the trust as set forth in the act. (HHCA1920, amended 21). There are other Admin rules that specifically describes the duties of the Chair as the State of Hawaii Administrator.

In relation to the Commission Chair as a trustee that is what where, we, as beneficiaries, hold the State of Hawaii accountable to the HHCA 1920, amended 1921. Ikaika Anderson came to our Panaewa Homestead

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/14/2023 9:34:58 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Ben Dookchitra | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support Ikaika Anderson as Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands as he has a long track record of advocacy and support for the community.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 9:37:41 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Jonathan Kishaba | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support Ikaika Anderson as the director of DHHL. He has proven himself to make good decisions for the State of Hawaii and the Hawaiian people. He is the most qualified candidate.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 9:37:48 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Toni Miller | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support Ikaika Anderson as director of DHHL.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 9:39:50 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| elisha hirakawa | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

My name is Elisha Hirakawa as a Native Hawaiian, I am sending this written testimony in full support of Ikaika Anderson's nomination as Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-31-2026.

Sincerely,

Elisha Hirakawa

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 9:42:44 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Laurie Ann Chan | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am in support of Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 9:42:58 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Daniel A Curran | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am in support of Ikaika Anderson as DHHL director.

Mahalo

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 9:45:44 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Myungki Kang | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

As an individual citizen, I am submitting written testimony to support the passage of GM 511, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON.

Knowing Ikaika Anderson for many years as a volunteer leader and subsequent outstanding service in his position has been a great pleasure and honor to observe and respect.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

LATE

I am asking that you OPPOSE the confirmation of Ikaika Anderson for DHHL Director

I feel he is not the right or strongest person for this position he is using he's family's names & ties to try and get into office.

There is so many unanswered questions.

Some of DHHL office positions has been getting funded for years with no one filled in those offices.I would like to see where the money for these positions is going to? Audit.

Mr.Anderson is already asking for more money! Audit

Why would Mr. Anderson put beneficiaries into rental units instead of being placed on their own lands? He is definitely not the right person for this position.

Please OPPOSE the confirmation of Mr. Ikaika Anderson for DHHL.
The beneficiaries & our Kūpunas deserve better.

Mahalo Nui
Joe Aquino

LATE

Aloha:

I just received information that Ikaika Anderson was to have a meeting with staff on the 10th of February, Neighbor Island staff were prepared to fly in to Honolulu, but was told the meeting was cancelled because he (Ikaika) had a meeting at the Legislature, however, Ikaika went to Big Island King's Landing on Friday and South Point on Saturday and again didn't inform the Hilo staff.

He terminated Cedric Duarte, the Head of ICRO and replaced him with StaceyLynn Eli, who eventually was not able to perform in the position and moved her to another position within the Department. Cedric Duarte has been one of or the best ICRO employee the DHHL could ever have employed.

He also accused staff of hiring a non-Hawaiian for the Molokai District Office.

Staff did interview a non-Hawaiian. As to not DISCRIMINATE! This person was referred to the DHHL by DHRD . Was this person qualified? Yes. Was he hired? NO!

And with only 6 Weeks of being at the Department has made it known that his appointed staff shall be in on all applicant interviews.

Yet he has not even met with all of the Administrators of DHHL. So how can he efficiently service our Hawaiian Beneficiaries?

HE IS NOT TRANSPARENT!

I apologize for the misinformation of number of employees Ikaika has brought on board.

If he doesn't get confirmed he leaves does the staff he brought in go with him?

The following are the known staff he brought on board.

All under the Office of the Chairman with the exception of two:

StaceyLynn Eli

Chico Figueredo

Brian Furuto. ASO

Lillian Makaila. PO

Anuheia Rosales

Kekoa Texeira

Jean Jeremiah

Loretta Kaeo

Kaliko Chun

Ikaika Anderson

Katie Lambert

Sincerely,

Jessie Ho'omalu

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 10:34:56 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| June Freundschuh | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I fully support Ikaika. He is the right candidate to represent serve the people of hawaii. He has proven again and again as a city councilmen he is not afraid to do the right thing. Please select Ikaika. He will work deligently to serve Hawaii.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 10:36:04 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Denise Sullivan | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

I am part Hawaiian and I support Ikaika Anderson as Chairperson for Department of Hawaiian Homelands through December 31, 2026. Mahalo for allowing me this oppourtunity to provide my written testimony.

LATE

Chair Maile Shimabukuro
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol

Re: GM 511 – IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR, DHHL

Dear Chair Shimabukuro & Members of the Committee:

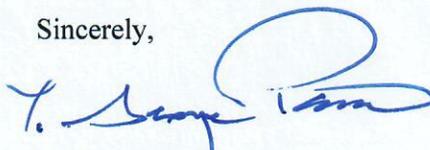
My name is T. George Paris and I respectfully **oppose** the nomination of Mr. Ikaika Anderson to be Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL). The Native Hawaiian community deserve a department chair that will be a champion for their health and safety. While Mr. Anderson was with the City and County of Honolulu as a Councilmember and as a staff member for then Councilmember Barbara Marshall, I believe that he supported policy positions that ended up better protecting the “birds” and other wildlife of Ka Wai Nui-Hamakua Marsh Sanctuary rather than policies that would address the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians living next to active landfills including those in Nanakuli and Waianae.

In 2012, the City and County of Honolulu was looking at alternate landfill sites to shut down Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill and Mr. Anderson was then the Council Vice-Chair. After the Landfill Advisory Committee came out with a Kailua site at the top of the list, he told Star-Advertiser that he would do “everything in my power to stop it” from being built. That Kailua site no longer tops the recommendation list for Oahu’s next landfill, while Oahu’s trash continues to flow to West Oahu. Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill continues to operate and take trash, H-Power ash, and even asbestos, even after the December 2022 deadline from the Land Use Commission to select an alternate site. PVT Landfill continues to take construction and demolition waste while operating less than ½ a mile from Nanakuli and Princess Kahanu Estates Hawaiian Homesteads and hundreds of residents in Puu Heleakala and Auyoung Homestead-Mohihi communities, many of them being Native Hawaiians.

The active landfills in West Oahu are negatively affecting the community’s health, degrading the surrounding environment, decreasing real property values, and we even had trash and leachate discharge into nearshore waters with medical sharps finding their ways onto our beaches. Multiple studies shows that people living closer to landfill sites suffer from medical conditions such as asthma, cuts, diarrhoea, stomach pain, reoccurring flu, cholera, malaria, cough, skin irritation, tuberculosis, and some cancers more than the people living far away from landfill sites. According to the US Department of Health/Center for Disease Control National Center for Health Statistics Life Expectancy Project, those living in the two census tracks in Nanakuli next to PVT Landfill, including the two homesteads, have 10 years less life expectancy then the state average. Native Hawaiians deserve better, our communities deserve a healthy place live, work, and play.

As a state, we need to do more to protect the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians. We have laws that protect whales, birds, monk seals, green sea turtles, opae, and even fish, but what are we doing to protect Native Hawaiians on and off Home Lands? We should at least ensure the next Chair of DHHL is a champion of Native Hawaiian health and safety. I do not have confidence that Mr. Anderson will be that champion. I urge the committee to vote no against the nomination of Mr. Anderson to be Chair of the DHHL. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



T. George Paris

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 11:56:13 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| MaryAnn Omerod | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I'm in opposition to Ikaika Aderson's appointment to DHHL Chair.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 11:56:33 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Stephanie Lauifi | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Being a fourth generation homesteader on Molokai know that this is not an easy job. Many demands are put on the Chair to deliver so with that being said on behalf of our family, we support Ikaika Anderson for this position and know that he do what's best for the beneficiaries of HHCA.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 12:02:08 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Craig Watase | Individual | Support | In Person |

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Craig Watase, President of Mark Development, Inc. We are an affordable housing developer and property manager since 1977.

I am writing in support of Ikaika Anderson for Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

LATE

From the desk of Micah A. Kāne

micahkane@hawaii.rr.com

I am writing in support of Governor Green's nomination of Ikaika Anderson as Chair to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

I have known Ikaika since the early 2000's and am familiar with his work while he served on the Honolulu City Council. Additionally, with the time I spent in the director position at DHHL from 2003-2009, I am familiar with the Department's mission, goal, efforts and challenges.

I believe Ikaika can serve the Department and the Hawaiian community well. He brings the passion for the work and the people. He has shown his leadership while serving on the Council and as Chair of the Council. He has also shown throughout his career, the ability to listen and lead with empathy. These are key skills that the leader of DHHL must exemplify for the organization to be successful.

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my view.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 1:28:05 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Lahela Kahe'e Gomez | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I will oppose Ikaika Anderson after he lied to the senate and went behind all of the commissioners back and said our plans that wasn't agreed by the beneficiaries and his staff! He is a liar!

LATE



TESTIMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

On GM 511 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, IKAIKA ANDERSON, for a term to expire
12-31-2026

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

1:00 pm, State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Fevella and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs **SUPPORTS** GM 511 and the confirmation of Mr. Ikaika Anderson as the chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Our organization supports the Native Hawaiian leaders pursuing elected, appointed, and administrative government positions. Mr. Anderson has a long-track record of public service and support of community.

Furthermore, Mr. Anderson has a strong connection to the Hawaiian community as a lifelong member of the Hawaiian Civic Club movement. His grandfather, Whitney Anderson, served as the president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

Founded by Prince Kūhiō in 1918, the Hawaiian Civic Club movement is the oldest Native Hawaiian community-based advocacy movement. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is a not-for-profit organization that is a confederation of 61 individual and autonomous Hawaiian Civic Clubs located across Hawai‘i and across the continental United States. With more than 3,000 members, we advocate for improved welfare of Native Hawaiians in culture, health, economic development, and education.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony.

LATE

GM-511

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 5:13:41 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/14/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Mapuana Tector | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose to Ikaika Anderson being the Department Chair is that he may understand some form of policy towards his community matter but how well versed is he on all pass and future matters as to helping all native Hawaiians both young and old rich or poor...maybe a serious oath or a series of issue's from the blood quantum of .001% through 100% should be represented and find true solutions to better our kanaka mauoli born into a US government that promised many native Hawaiians fair treatment and supplying good homes in good communities instead we get government selling native lands to foreign investors and leasing native lands for profit. In the mean time stopping out native people to sell farm goods or native products to travelers instead let foreign sales of foreign products to be sold...Can Ikaika fulfill that needs and demands and support the government at the same time? Only time will tell.