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Statement of  
**Craig K. Nakamoto, Executive Director**  
Hawai'i Community Development Authority

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Thursday, April 13, 2023  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration, of  
**GM 669**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community  
Development Authority (He'eia District), Gubernatorial Nominee,  
KAIWIPUNI LIPE, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the Committee.

The Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports GM 669**, that  
considers confirmation for Dr. Kaiwipuni Lipe as a He'eia District Community Member,  
on the HCDA Board, with a term expiring on June 30, 2027.

Dr. Lipe has over 20 years of experience in education and research, and strives  
in community-based education. Member Lipe is currently serving on HCDA's He'eia  
board as a resident of He'eia and is aware of the requirements and responsibilities for  
serving on the Authority.

HCDA looks forward to continuing to work with Member Lipe to promote and  
cultivate the wetlands of HCDA's He'eia Community Development District for present  
and future generations through culturally-appropriate agriculture, education, natural  
resources restoration and management.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support.



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

**State of Hawai'i Aha Moku**

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Testimony of the Hawaii State Aha Moku  
Before the Senate Committee on  
Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism  
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**IN SUPPORT of GM 669**

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

A product of her lineage noted for their courage and intelligence, Kaiwipuni Lipe brings forth the commitment needed that demonstrates true leadership. She loves her community of He'eia and can empower local communities to steward community development. She understands the importance of retaining strong cultural landscapes in communities and will support the protection of the leina in He'eia located within its State Park.

Thank you for the opportunity to sharing our mana'o with you. We support Kaiwipuni Lipe as a member of the HCDA-Heeia District .

Respectfully,

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April 11, 2023

To: Sen. Lynn DeCoite, Chair  
Sen. Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair  
& Members  
Committee on Energy, Economic Development & Tourism

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

Re: G.M. 669 – Support for Kaiwipuni Lipe to represent the He`eia  
District on the Hawai`i Community Development Authority

Aloha Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and Committee Members:

The Ko`olau Foundation strongly supports the confirmation of Kaiwipuni Lipe to serve on one of the He`eia district seats for the Hawai`i Community Development Authority.

Punihei, as we call her, is a mixture of quick wit, intelligence, strategic thinking and boundless aloha. Over the years, particularly in her career with the University of Hawai`i, she has grown in her ability to consider complex issues and identify possible solutions.

In our view, she will be a great asset to the HCDA board.

We urge your committee to concur with us and approve/advise and consent her appointment to the HCDA board.

Mahalo for considering our mana`o.

**GM-669**

Submitted on: 4/10/2023 4:00:07 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/13/2023 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO