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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

**APRIL 10, 2024
1:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

GOVERNORS MESSAGE NO. 598

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE MOLOKA'I
IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS ADVISORY BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, OSCAR IGNACIO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027.**

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 598 nominating Oscar Ignacio to the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board.

The department strongly supports his nomination. Mr. Ignacio worked at the Department of Agriculture for over 30 years. Over his career with the Department, Mr. Ignacio was responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Molokai Irrigation System and the delivery of agricultural water to farmers. He spent the last 10 years as Molokai Irrigation System District Manager before his retirement from state service in 2018.

Mr. Ignacio remains active in the community. He is currently employed by Bayer as a security guard and previously served as Vice President on the Molokai Livestock Coop, Board.

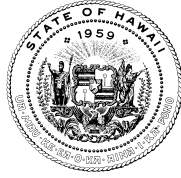
Mr. Ignacio will be a great asset to the board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
HEARING ON APRIL 10, 2024 AT 1:00PM IN CR 224

IN SUPPORT OF

GM 598

for consideration and confirmation to the
Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board
Gubernatorial Nominee, **OSCAR IGNACIO**,
for a term to expire 6-30-2027

April 10, 2024

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Richards, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Oscar Ignacio to serve on the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands looks forward to working with Oscar Ignacio and we respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.