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

**APRIL 5, 2024  
2:00 PM  
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**GOVERNORS MESSAGE NO. 588**

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

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

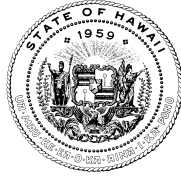
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 588 nominating Jill Coombs to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water User Advisory Board. The department supports her nomination. Ms. Coombs has been employed in the agricultural industry for 20 years. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Plant Science, with a minor in agricultural economics, from the University of Missouri, as well as a Master of Science in Plant breeding from Iowa State University. Ms. Coombs has worked as a Technical Services Specialist and Research Associate at the National Center for Soybean Biotechnology Genomics Lab in Columbia, Missouri. Ms. Coombs has been working on Molokai since 2011, previously as the Trait Introgression Coordinator, and is now employed as Production Lead for Bayer in Kaunakakai, Moloka'i. She is currently the Chairperson of the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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KALI WATSON  
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**TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT  
HEARING ON APRIL 5, 2024 AT 2:00PM IN CR 224**

**IN SUPPORT OF**

**GM 588**

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

April 5, 2024

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Jill Coombs to serve on the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. DHHL looks forward to working with Jill Coombs and we respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

**GM-588**

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 2:22:51 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/5/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Denise Kawano	Testifying for Hikiola Cooperative	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Jill Coombs for consideration and confirmation to the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board.

**GM-588**

Submitted on: 4/4/2024 6:15:14 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/5/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nathaniel Oswald	Testifying for Hawaii Farm Bureau _ Molokai President	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As president of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Molokai Chapter, I support the nomination of Jill Coombs continuation of her role on the Molokai Water Users Advisory Board

**GM-588**

Submitted on: 4/3/2024 4:18:08 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/5/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Faith Tuipulotu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in support of GM588, Jill Combs to continue serving on the board of the Molokai Irrigation System. She is a strong community leader, that hears the voices of the people and a great asset to the Board.

Mahalo, Faith Tuipulotu

**GM-588**

Submitted on: 4/3/2024 9:31:29 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/5/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Makaiwi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting testimoney for re-electing Jill Coombs for Molokai Irrigation System User Advisory Board. I am a 3rd Generation homesteader/ farmer in Hoolehua, Molokai and i feel that Jill is still the person for the job and she has been has been a board member for 4 years. I feel Jill is doing a great job and will continue to do a great job for our MIS system and the Farmer and Rancher of Molokai, thank you.

David K.Makaiwi

**GM-588**

Submitted on: 4/4/2024 5:59:51 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/5/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nielsen Kawehi Horner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I hereby put my thoughts and efforts in favor of considering Jill Coombs to serve and be a part of the Molokai Irrigation system Advisory board! Jill is an excellent candidate for this position and many others, because of her efficient, well rounded knowledge, of recourses, systems with not only Agriculture, but Our Island culture that allows her to work hard to find solutions and balance of water usage particularly with the MIS. She is hands down one of the most dependable individual that is great for any team, board or job. Please consider Jill Coombs to serve on our Molokai's irrigation systems usage board.

Thank you,

N. Kawehi Horner