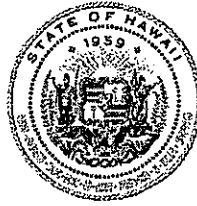
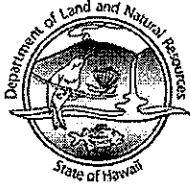


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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, February 19, 2010
3:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 311
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KOKE'E
STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NOREEN R.
OHAI-DANIELS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2011**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nomination of Noreen R. Ohai-Daniels to the Kōke'e State Park Advisory Council for a term to expire 6-30-2011.

Mrs. Ohai-Daniels was born and raised on Kaua'i and O'ahu. Her father was a commercial fisherman and her grandfather was a Fish and Game Warden during the 1940s and 1950s. She and her husband have been farming for the past forty years, primarily growing tropical flowers and foliage, while also raising livestock, taro, tropical fruits and three children. Her work history involved condominium management, real estate sales, picking and sorting papayas, akule fish sales, and farm management, making her a well-rounded individual.

With these qualities and her personal knowledge of the lands within Kōke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is confident that Mrs. Ohai-Daniels will make significant contributions as a member of the Kōke'e State Park Advisory Council that will serve the best interests of the people of Hawai'i. The Department supports her appointment for a one-year term.

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From: Chipper Wichman [wichman@ntbg.org]
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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice-Chair
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Subject: Support for GM 311, related to the confirmation of NOREEN OHAI-DANIELS to the Koke`e State Park Advisory Council

Hearing Date: Friday, February 19th at 3:30 PM

As a member of the Koke`e State Park Advisory Council, I support the confirmation of the appointment of Noreen Ohai-Daniels to the council. Mrs. Ohai-Daniels has served on the council for some time and has proved to be a very valuable member. Ms. Ohai-Daniels shares a deep commitment to Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks and is a thoughtful, hard-working and intelligent community representative. I would urge that she be confirmed to the KSPAC.

Respectfully submitted,

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