



Testimony to the Board of Land and Natural Resources **July 10, 2026 Meeting**

Re: Agenda Item D5 - Cancellation of Revocable Permit No. S-7821 to Junedale U. Hashimoto and Jodi Hashimoto Omo, Permittees; and Issuance of New Revocable Permit to Chantal Zarbaugh and Jodi Hashimoto Omo, for Residential Purposes; Anini, Hanalei, Kauai, Tax Map Key: (4) 5-3-007:005

Aloha BLNR Board Members,

My name is Tina Aiu, Executive Director of Kīpuka Kuleana, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting cultural landscapes and helping long-time families on Kaua'i steward and preserve their ancestral lands.

Last year, at the descendant 'ohana's request, we acquired a half acre kuleana parcel along Anini road. We now steward this 'āina in partnership with the community to ensure it remains protected for future generations. Through this work, we have come to appreciate the enduring relationship between the families of Wanini area and the 'āina they have cared for for generations.

Kīpuka Kuleana respectfully supports the issuance of a new revocable permit to Chantal Zarbaugh and Jodi Hashimoto Omo. Their 'ohana has lived on and cared for this land for generations, maintaining an ongoing relationship of stewardship that contributes to the cultural and environmental well-being of the area.

As an organization that works closely with families striving to remain rooted to their ancestral lands despite increasing economic and development pressures, we recognize the importance of allowing long-time residents to continue caring for the places they know best. We respectfully ask the Board to approve the permit issuance and support the 'ohana in keeping their relationship to this 'āina.

Mahalo nui loa,

Tina Aiu
Executive Director,
Kīpuka Kuleana