

**PC Committee**

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Aloha, my name is Tanya Mailelani Naehu from Lahaina and now a resident of Molokai. As a native Hawaiian cultural practitioner myself I am in strong support of the bill as well as the qualifications required to hold the seat as a Hawaiian cultural practitioner on the planning commissions and Hana Advisory Committee. It is crucial to allow the expertise and viewpoint of a Hawaiian cultural practitioner to be heard and weighed out when making decisions for Our people and land. Hawaiian practices, beliefs, history and perspective should be recognized as the base foundation for decision making. Our ancestral knowledge holds many understandings that have been diluted, misused and even lost. These ancient wisdoms can offer answers to many if not all the modern day issues we deal with in Hawaii today. Who better to have on your committee than someone who honors these knowledges as the core of mans relationship to the land, water, elements and people? Please support this bill it will be a positive step to saving and preserving the vision that was given to us from centuries ago. Mahalo, Tanya Maile Naehu

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