
From: Jan Dill [jedill@pidfoundation.org]

Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 3:33 PM

To: HB266WrittenOnlyOHA

Subject: Testimony in support of HB 266 HD1 for WLH-JUD-FIN hearing, 2-23-08

Aloha e Committee Chairs and Members,

I wish to strongly support the passage of HB 266 HD 1. I am a Native Hawaiian and I have the privilege of administering several educational and social programs for the Hawaiian community and the need for additional resources to meet the educational and social challenges in the community continues to increase dramatically. Even though the hundreds of families on our beaches is an impressive and depressing sight, they represent only a very small portion of those in our community who are in desperate need of assistance and access to resources. A disproportionate percentage of these in need are Native Hawaiian. The settlement with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs represents a tremendous opportunity to give OHA increased resources to help to care for Hawaiian children and families. The Hawaiian community has waited over a decade for a resolution to the issue of ceded lands. It is very doubtful that continuing this struggle is good either for the Hawaiian community or the larger `ohana of Hawai`i nei. Please bring this issue to equitable resolution. Me ke aloha. Jan E. Hanohano Dill

To: Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources and
Hawaiian Affairs

Representative Ken Ito, Chair

Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair

Committee on Finance

Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary

Representative Tommy Waters, Chair

Representative Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

Fr: Kalani Akana

1717 Kahanu Str. , 29th District

Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Saturday, February 23, 2008 9:00 am State
Capitol Auditorium

Aloha!

My name is Kalani Akana, a Native Hawaiian and supporter of the intent HB 266 HD1. Like the proposal by the Governor and OHA, this bill seeks to remedy a situation long past due in its resolution. I'm glad to see the Legislature also taking steps to settle the public trust dispute over ceded lands revenue. I pray that you will have the wisdom to do what is pono and honor the agreements of the Admissions Act and the intent of the State Constitution and that all parties will come to a fair resolution to this long standing dispute.

HB266WrittenOnlyOHA

From: David Rodriguez [davidr@oha.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2008 4:55 PM
To: HB266WrittenOnlyOHA
Subject: FW: HB 266

-----Original Message-----

From: ndigitaki@hti.edu [mailto:ndigitaki@hti.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2008 4:23 PM
To: HSEwrittenonlytestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: HB 266

February 20, 2008

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HB266, HD1 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
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Mahalo piha,
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Mona Bernardino

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Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2008 6:12 PM
To: Mona Bernardino
Cc: Jerry Norris
Subject: HB 266 - Letter of Support

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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2008 8:44 PM
To: HB266WrittenOnlyOHA
Subject: HB266 Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement

RE: HB266 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT

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By adopting HB266, the 2008 State Legislature can make a statement that they always honor its commitments to the native Hawaiian people, and by doing so demonstrates that the native Hawaiian people will not go unnoticed again. It will also allow OHA to continue to support and enhance their list of successful programs that directly benefit Native Hawaiians, which in turn will also benefit directly or indirectly non Hawaiians throughout the state.

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Subject: HB 266

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Honorable Ken Ito, Chair, Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs
Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair, Committee on Judiciary
Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair, Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Capitol
Auditorium
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HB 266 HD 1 Relating to Hawaiian Affairs

Please support the proposed settlement between the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the State Administration.

As you know the Office of Hawaiian Affairs was established as a result of the constitutional convention and subsequent amendments to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii of 1978.

The office was established to address the needs and concerns of the native Hawaiians that had long been neglected by the various governments of Hawaii since the illegal overthrow of the internationally recognized Kingdom of Hawaii in 1893.

Since that time, there has been an ongoing dispute between the State of Hawaii and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as to what "funds" are due to OHA to fulfill its constitutional mandate. This is a 30 year dispute that began at the time that my father was a trustee at OHA when I was a child. It is my sincere desire that this issue will be resolved so that it does not continue on to my children and my children's children. Please settle this dispute for the benefit of all of Hawaii.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has and continues to work for the betterment of all Hawaiians. OHA provides valuable and needed services to Hawaiians from Hawaii to Niihau, including loans for small businesses, health care services for the sick and elderly, and advocating for traditional and customary rights of native Hawaiians. These programs and services benefit not only native Hawaiians but all of Hawaii.

There are some who may oppose this settlement because they believe it does not do enough to address the wrongs that have been done to native Hawaiians or that it does not adequately address the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom. This bill however, does not extinguish any of these claims nor does it attempt to settle any of these claims. It is merely to resolve a 30 year old dispute about the funding of a constitutionally mandated program.

Others may oppose this settlement because they believe that Hawaiians are due nothing, and should get

nothing. However, these sentiments are contradictory not only to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, which established the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, but also contradicts the 1959 Admission Act, which states in Section 5 (f):

The lands granted to the State of Hawaii by subsection (b) of this section and public lands retained by the United States under subsections (c) and (d) and later conveyed to the State under subsection (e), **together with the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of any such lands and the income therefrom, shall be held by said State as a public trust for the support of the public schools and other public educational institutions, for the betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians**, as defined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, for the development of farm and home ownership on as widespread a basis as possible for the making of public improvements, and for the provision of lands for public use.

This settlement is not only fair and equitable, but it is long overdue. It is moral and just, and it will be noted as one of the greatest accomplishments of this twenty-fourth legislature.

Aloha,

Kawika Burgess

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To: COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES
AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2008

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Auditorium, State Capitol

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 266 HD1, RELATING
TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Aloha Chairs Ito, Waters, and Oshiro and Vice Chairs Karamatsu, Oshiro, and Lee, and committee members. Pauline Worsham Marketing is pleased to voice its support of the intent of HB 266 HD1.

In 1978, The Hawaii State Legislature recognized its obligation to the indigenous people of Hawaii by establishing The Office of Hawaiian Affairs. For 30 years, OHA has been serving the needs of Native Hawaiians throughout our state.

During this time, OHA has used its resources to address some of the most critical problems facing Native Hawaiians today --- health care, education, economic development and workforce training, housing, protecting and preserving our precious legacy lands, and more.

This bill conveys certain parcels of real property and transfers cash to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as part of the State's obligations to native Hawaiians under Article XII, sections 4 and 6, of the Hawai'i Constitution. I believe this is the right thing to do for native Hawaiians who have been patiently waiting for resolution and fair compensation for use of ceded lands. I stand in support of the intent of HB 266 HD1.

Mahalo a nui loa for your support,

Pauline Worsham

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President, Pauline Worsham Marketing

HB266WrittenOnlyOHA

From: Jere Krischel [jkhkrischel@alumni.usc.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 4:58 AM
To: HB266WrittenOnlyOHA
Subject: NO ON HB266 - Testimony by Jere Krischel

For the past several decades, we have been sold a bill of goods that encourages us to racially segregate Hawaii into a class of haves and have-nots, with the only qualification being genetic ancestry.

You may have been told that the U.S. overthrew Queen Liliuokalani, and been quoted statements of Grover Cleveland calling U.S. conduct there an "act of war". What you were not told was of the Congressional investigation Cleveland commissioned following his statement, and the completely opposite conclusion found by a bi-partisan Senate committee.

You have been told that these "ceded" lands belonged to native Hawaiians before they were "ceded". What you were not told was that the Kingdom of Hawaii was a country of all races and ethnicities, and that the "ceded" lands were public lands for all the people of Hawaii.

The fact of the matter is that the chain of ownership goes like this:

- 1) John Young and King Kamehameha establish the Kingdom of Hawaii, uniting most of the islands by force, and consolidating their unification in 1810.
- 2) Kamehameha III gives the Kingdom of Hawaii its first constitution, declaring all people, "of one blood", and establishes public and private land ownership through the Great Mahele.
- 3) In 1893, in response to corruption and a grab for more despotic power, the Hawaiian Revolution removes the Queen from office, and establishes the Republic of Hawaii in 1894 - a multi-ethnic republic which consolidated the "crown" lands and the government lands into simply "government" lands, for all the public.
- 4) in 1898, the U.S. agrees to annexation, and the public lands of the Republic of Hawaii are ceded to U.S. federal control during the Hawaii Territory period. The U.S. also takes on the enormous Republic of Hawaii debt (left over from the excesses of Kalakaua and Liliuokalani), and pays off well more than any of the public lands are worth at that time.
- 5) in 1910, Liliuokalani loses her court case in the U.S. Court of Claims, where she was insisting that the "crown" lands which were ceded were her own personal property. The court declares that even under Hawaiian Kingdom law, the "crown" lands belonged to the office of the monarch, not to the monarch personally.
- 6) in 1959, upon Statehood, the "ceded" lands are returned to the State of Hawaii, once again to the public which it was for back in both the Kingdom and the Republic days.
- 7) in 1978, OHA is created, and battles for 1/5 of all the public lands, for racially exclusionary purposes.

You get to write #8 here. Will we continue to listen to the historical fiction put forth by OHA, and divide our public lands into spoils based on race, or will we endeavor to keep the public lands of Hawaii, ceded to the U.S. federal government and returned to the State government, in the hands of the public as there were originally?

Please, do not further impoverish the people of the State of Hawaii by funneling their hard-earned tax dollars and assets into a racially exclusive and undemocratic institution hell-bent on creating their own little kingdom. He Hawaii kaula - we are all Hawaiian. Judging us by blood desecrates the aloha spirit which from the very beginning of the Kingdom of Hawaii embraced all people as equals.

Aloha, and thank you for your NO vote on HB266.

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From: Shirley Okamoto [notacabal@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 7:07 AM
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Subject: Testimony in Support of HB266 HD1 Relating to Hawaiian Affairs

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Aloha Chair Ito, Chair Waters, Chair Oshiro, Vice Chairs, and Committee Members:

As a lifetime resident of the State of Hawai'i (State), I am aware of the long-standing conflict between the State and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) over the disputed revenue amounts relating to the portion of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust for use by the OHA.

The State has a constitutional obligation to resolve these conflicts to provide OHA with a pro rata share of the revenues from the Public Land Trust. The State has not judiciously met these obligations.

I support the general concept of the proposed legislation as a means for the State to responsibly, effectively, and timely meet its constitutional obligations to all Hawaiians as it is a fair and reasonable one. I also urge the Committees to also support and favorably respond to HB 266 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

Sincerely,

/s/ Shirley Okamoto

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From: Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director
Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Committee Date: Saturday, February 23, 2008
9:00 a.m.
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Subject: Support for HB266 HD1, Relating to Hawaiian Affairs

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Hawai'i's historic and cultural sites are irreplaceable. It takes many people working together to ensure that the historic places we use and enjoy today will be here for future generations. To ensure that the special places of the Islands are preserved, used and enjoyed, all people need to work together to protect the heritage and physical legacy of the Islands.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has demonstrated leadership in perpetuating the cultural sites of the Islands for the benefit of the Hawaiian people and for the community at large. By resolving outstanding issues and claims, OHA will be able to have greater certainty and resources to provide for its beneficiaries. By ending a long-unsettled issue, all parties will be able to turn their time, energy and attention to the betterment of Hawai'i.

Very truly yours,

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Hawai'i's historic and cultural sites are irreplaceable. It takes many people working together to ensure that the historic places we use and enjoy today will be here for future generations. To ensure that the special places of the Islands are preserved, used and enjoyed, all people need to work together to protect the heritage and physical legacy of the Islands.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has demonstrated leadership in perpetuating the cultural sites of the Islands for the benefit of the Hawaiian people and for the community at large. By resolving outstanding issues and claims, OHA will be able to have greater certainty and resources to provide for its beneficiaries. By ending a long-unsettled issue, all parties will be able to turn their time, energy and attention to the betterment of Hawai'i.

Very truly yours,

Kiersten Faulkner

Kiersten Faulkner, AICP
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HB 266 HD1 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT

Testimony submitted by:

T. Lulani Arquette, Executive Director
Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association

House Committees on Finance, Judiciary, and the Water, Land,
Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs:

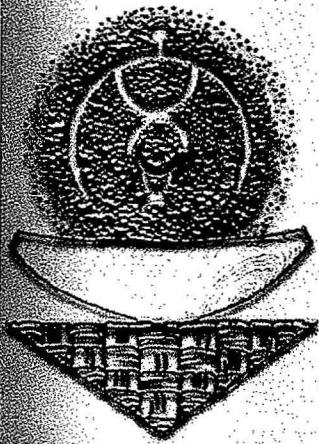
Saturday, February 23, 2008
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I strongly support the intent of HB 266 HD1 relating to the settlement negotiated by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) with the State of Hawaii on disputed ceded land revenues due OHA and the Hawaiian community. I understand that amendments were incorporated into HB 266 HD1 to allow for continued consideration by the House and Senate. Its important to keep the discussion flowing, but the final agreement on these amendments is crucial as long as what's agreed upon supports the original intent and purpose of the bill, and does not decrease the value of the settlement.

This settlement is long overdue and has remained in dispute for thirty years and four administrations back to the formation of OHA. I understand there have been four and a half years of arduous negotiations and mediation resulting in a \$200 million settlement of land and cash.

I have been working for over twenty years in Native Hawaiian organizations to help promote economic and social progress for our people. I am currently working to help perpetuate Hawaiian culture, traditions, and values in the visitor industry. Its interesting that all of the different people I meet and speak with; those born and raised here, long-time residents, relative newcomers, and visitors agree on one thing - Hawai'i is unique and has a special beauty and "character" unlike any other place. They further agree that Hawai'i's unique character has been greatly shaped by Native Hawaiian culture and values.

The 2008 State Legislature can make a statement by adopting HB 266 HD1 – one that shows Hawai'i honors its commitments to the indigenous people of Hawai'i. Such a measure of support demonstrates that Hawai'i is indeed a role model with committed leadership worthy of its high reputation. Please do what is fair and just, and support this legislation.



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February 20, 2008

Letter in support of HB 266
HD 1 Relating to Hawaiian Affairs

Aloha kākou:

As the Native Hawaiian Health Care System on Hawai'i Island, Hui Mālama Ola Nā ʻŌiwi fully supports House Bill 266, HD1 Relating to Hawaiian Affairs. We believe that this bill, which is supportive of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the State Administration, is reasonable and fair and has been delayed long enough. After four and a half years of negotiations and mediation, this settlement agreement finally and completely resolves any and all claims of disputes on ceded land revenues that have been due from 1978 to 2008.

Hui Mālama Ola Nā ʻŌiwi is a federally recognized Native Hawaiian Health Care System for Hawai'i island. As we begin our 17th year, our organization provides health services to our Native Hawaiian people. Our services include substance abuse education and prevention, cancer education and prevention, diabetes education and prevention, weight management and nutrition, medically related transportation, and Primary Care services, just to name a few.

This House Bill 266 will release funding as well as ceded land that is owed to our Native Hawaiian people so they may benefit from any and all services that OHA supports – including health care services for Native Hawaiians. Hui Mālama Ola Nā ʻŌiwi provides this letter of support of House Bill 266 and highly recommend to the 2008 State legislature that they approve this Bill as submitted.

ʻO wau me ka ha'aha'a,

(Mr.) Kaloa R.N. Robinson
Chief Executive Officer

TESTIMONY

HB266
RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Testimony Presented Before
The House Committee's on Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs,
February 23, 2008 @ 9:00am in the State Capitol Auditorium
by
Kanoë Nāone, Chief Executive Officer

INPEACE **SUPPORTS** the overall intent of this bill and urges you to pass this measure. At INPEACE we serve more than 2,400 parents, children and community members annually with our free programs across the state. Our programs include early childhood education and workforce development. We operate in every community in the Wai'anae district, South Kona, Keaukaha, Pana'ewa, Hilo, and Kilohana on Moloka'i year round and on 6 islands in 30 schools during the summer. We are committed to improving the quality of life for Native Hawaiians through community partnerships that provide educational opportunities and promote self-sufficiency. We strongly believe in the mission of OHA and their efforts to restore Native Hawaiians to the condition our people were in prior to the coming of disease, stripping of land, and banning of our language, religion and cultural practices. This settlement is a step in the right direction and will benefit not only Native Hawaiians but all the people of Hawai'i. Without the settlement it will be extremely difficult for OHA to support education, better conditions of Native Hawaiians, develop farm and home ownership, making public improvements or providing lands for public use all of which are its directives as a state agency. This is an opportunity to right the wrongs of the past, please pass this bill.

HB266WrittenOnlyOHA

From: Margaret Teng [mteng@hti.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 10:45 AM
To: HB266WrittenOnlyOHA
Cc: monab@oha.org; 'Naomi Digitaki'
Subject: HB266 HD1 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 21, 2008

Dear Chair Ito, Chair Waters, Chair Oshiro, and Committee Members:

HB266, HD1 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
February 23, 2008 9:00am State Capitol Auditorium
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WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

As a non-native Hawaiian who has lived in Hawaii for over 15 years, I am writing in total support of the intent of HB 266.
The settlement issues inherent in HB 266 are compelling, justifiable, and valid.

Mahalo,

Margaret Teng

Instructor/ Placement Coordinator

Hawaii Technology Institute

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***“WHAT LIES BEFORE YOU AND WHAT LIES BEHIND YOU ARE TINY MATTERS
COMPARED TO WHAT LIES WITHIN YOU” - Ralph Waldo Emerson***

HB266WrittenOnlyOHA

From: Robert Crowell [mililanicrowell@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 11:58 AM
To: HB266WrittenOnlyOHA
Subject: Support of HB266

Re: HB266 HD 1 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS– SUPPORT W/ ADMENDMENTS
February 23, 2008, 9:00am, State Capitol Auditorium

Dear Joint Committees on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, Judiciary, and Finance Members:

- Representative Ken Ito, Chair
- Representative Tommy Waters, Chair
- Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Although I strongly support the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' settlement with the State of Hawaii on disputed ceded land revenues due the Hawaiian community, I am concerned that HB 266 HD1 confuses the carefully worked out plan prepared by OHA and Governor Lingle. Please substitute the language of HB 2701 so that this settlement can provide the necessary financial continuity and support to help OHA better achieve its mission.

OHA has been effective in fulfilling its important mission. New programs, like the OHA Malama Loan program have loaned more than \$4.3 million to 177 Native Hawaiian beneficiaries in less than two months of operation.

It is often noted that the health of Hawaii's economy, our quality of life, and ultimately Hawaii's collective identity are founded on a vibrant Native Hawaiian culture and value system. This in turn depends upon a host Native Hawaiian population that is: well educated, healthy, productively employed, adequately housed, and actively involved in perpetuating and sharing a vibrant Native Hawaiian culture. Increasing legal challenges threaten to undermine significant programs in Hawai'i dedicated to perpetuating Native Hawaiian culture and practice. These legal challenges also threaten programs providing quality education, health, employment and housing for Native Hawaiians. Passage of HB 266 with the substitute language of HB 2701 will preserve initiation, retention and expansion of these programs – and will honor the commitment of the Hawaii Legislature, affirmed by the Hawaii Supreme Court, to fund OHA in expanding efforts to improve housing, economic development, healthcare, and social services to perpetuate our host culture.

I encourage you to adopt HB 266 by substituting its language with that of HB 2701.

Sincerely,

Robert Crowell
94-741 Meheula Pky. 20D
Mililani, Hawaii 96789

February 22, 2008

2008 State Legislative Testimony

RE: Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement

Dear Legislators:

My name is Nicholas Yee. I am a resident of Makakilo and a registered voter in the State of Hawaii, and I submit this testimony in **support the settlement agreement** between OHA and the State.

I ask your support of the settlement agreement between OHA and the State. As a Hawaii resident, I believe it is a fair past due settlement for both Hawaiians and the State.

Thank you for your consideration of my written testimony.

Nicholas Yee
92-1126 Kupanaha Place
Kapolei, HI 96707

February 22, 2008

2008 State Legislative Testimony

RE: Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement

Dear Legislators:

My name is Misty Yee. I am a resident of Makakilo and a registered voter in the State of Hawaii, and I submit this testimony in **support the settlement agreement** between OHA and the State.

I ask your support of the settlement agreement between OHA and the State. As one born and raised in Hawaii, I believe it is a fair past due settlement for both Hawaiians and the State.

Thank you for your consideration of my written testimony.

Misty Yee
92-1126 Kupanaha Place
Kapolei, HI 96707

February 22, 2008

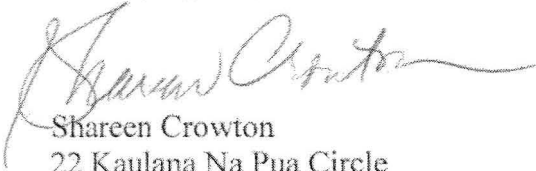
2008 State Legislative Testimony

Re: Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement

Dear Legislators:

As a resident of the County of Maui, as well as a registered voter, I firmly support the settlement agreement between OHA and the State. The time has come now, not just for me, as a Hawaiian, but for all Hawaiians and the State to act on this settlement agreement. Accomplishing this settlement this will not only mean a future where all Hawaiians will benefit, but also a future that will benefit all residents in this state. I truly believe this settlement agreement allows to "rest" the past with a brighter future that will be fruitful, both economically and socially.

I hereby sign my name below and affirm this as my written testimony.



Shareen Crowton
22 Kaulana Na Pua Circle
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

HB266WrittenOnlyOHA

From: Rena Reid [renar@oha.org]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 12:27 PM
To: HB266WrittenOnlyOHA
Subject: HB 266

HB 266 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Aloha,

My name is Rena Mae Nalani Reid and I work as a Human Service Specialist at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. My duties in this position include alleviating the daunting social issues that plague Native Hawaiians in homelessness, poverty, incarceration, and domestic violence just to name a few. I have taken observation of the reasons for the overwhelming representation of Native Hawaiians in these social issues are due to the mistreatment of Native Hawaiians historically. The passage of this bill would correct an injustice and repair the damages of generational trauma and oppression for Native Hawaiians.

I firmly support the passage of HB 266.

Me Ke Aloha,

Rena Nalani Reid

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Human Service Specialist

711 Kapiolani Blvd. 5th floor

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

594-1926



Mona Bernardino

From: echarles@hti.edu
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2008 9:05 PM
To: HB266WrittenOnlyOHA@Capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: HB 266 - Letter of Support

February 21, 2008

Dear Chair Ito, Chair Waters, Chair Oshiro, and Committee Members:

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Finance

WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

As a native Hawaiian, I am writing in entire support of the intent of HB 266. The settlement issues inherent in HB 266 are fair, accurate, and justifiable.

The settlement would provide OHA with the means to enhance and expand its programs to various communities throughout Hawaii to improve the lives of people in many ways - something that OHA has been doing remarkably well over the years.

Yes, I fully endorse HB 266 and look forward to being a part of the programs and services to Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians alike that will ensue as a consequence of the successful settlement of the ceded lands.

Mahalo,
Ethel L. Charles

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Hazel Polipoli Kahā`awinui Reyes
Honolulu, Hawai'i

February 20, 2008

Aloha, Honorable Chairpersons and Members of the House of Representatives Finance (FIN), Judiciary (JUD), and Water, Land and Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs (WLH) Committees:

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Judiciary and Finance

WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

As a Native Hawaiian, I humbly ask for your support of the recent settlement agreement between OHA and the State. I am very proud that the State of Hawai'i has acknowledged its responsibility to rectify some of the wrongs of the past and is seeking, through legislation, to settle past due amounts owed to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from ceded land revenues.

Approval of the settlement agreement is a step in the right direction to helping Native Hawaiians become more self-sufficient and better plan for their future.

Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hazel P. K. Reyes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Hazel P. K. Reyes

Ku`u Lei Bernardino
1780 Ho`okupa Street
Pearl City, Hawai`i 96782

February 20, 2008

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I support OHA's and the Governor's efforts to come up with a fair and reasonable settlement for past due ceded lands revenue. I ask that you support it, too. After many years of OHA not receiving its 20% share of ceded lands revenues, I am happy that OHA and the State of Hawai'i have been able to negotiate an agreement. I think it is a fair settlement for both Native Hawaiians and the larger population of Hawai'i.

Please approve the settlement proposal and urge its approval by the Legislature. That would be a sure statement by the Legislature of its commitment to honoring the State Constitution and carrying through on what was intended by the delegates to the Constitutional Convention in 1978.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ku'u Lei Bernardino". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Ku`u Lei Bernardino

February 21, 2008

Aloha,

Honorable Chairpersons and Members of the House of Representatives Finance Committee (FIN); Judiciary Committee (JUD); Water, Land and Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs (WLH) Committee

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Our family asks that the Legislature approve the recent settlement agreement between OHA and the State. It is fair and will honor the responsibilities the State is entrusted with on behalf of our Hawaiians. As a Hawaiian, I am encouraged that this issue is being addressed, and I hope the Legislature will approve it so we can move on to other concerns.

Please affirm the Legislature's commitment to the Hawaiian people by approving the settlement.

Mahalo,



J. Banquicio
84-758 Moua Street

February 21, 2008

To: Chair Ito, Chair Waters, Chair Oshiro, and Committee Members

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WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

I am not Hawaiian but I encourage your support of a fair and reasonable settlement between OHA and the State for amounts due to OHA for ceded lands revenues. OHA does good work for the Hawaiian community and I would like to see that continue.

Please support a fair and reasonable settlement between the State and OHA.

Respectfully,



Zain Abbas
425 Ena Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

February 20, 2008

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WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

Re: SUPPORT Ceded Lands Revenue Settlement

I am not Hawaiian but I support the concept of a ceded lands revenue settlement between the State of Hawaii and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. This is a way to correct some of the wrongs of the past. I encourage the Legislature to pass a bill that is reasonable and fair to settle these past-due amounts. Settlement will allow OHA to continue the good work it has been doing and, in that way, benefit everyone in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



Khal Shah
1717 Ala Wai Boulevard
Honolulu, HI 96815

February 21, 2008

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Judiciary Committee (JUD)
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I urge the Legislature to approve the recent settlement agreement between OHA and the State of Hawai'i. It is a fair settlement to both Hawaiians and the State. As a Hawaiian, I am happy that this issue is being addressed, and I hope the Legislature will approve it so we can move on to other concerns.

Please affirm the Legislature's commitment to Native Hawaiians by approving the settlement.

Mahalo,



Andrew Bernardino
1780 Ho'okupa St.
Pearl City, Hawai'i 96782

February 21, 2008

Aloha mai,

To the Honorable Chairpersons and Members of the House of Representatives Finance Committee (FIN); Judiciary Committee (JUD); Water, Land and Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs (WLH) Committee

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We humbly ask that the Legislature approve the recent settlement agreement between the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the State of Hawaii. It will be a fair and honorable agreement between parties and further affirms the responsibilities and duties that the State is entrusted with on behalf of our people. As a Hawaiian, I am encouraged that this issue is being addressed, and I hope the Legislature will approve it so that we can continue to work toward the betterment of our beneficiaries.

Please affirm the Legislature's commitment to Native Hawaiians by approving the settlement.

Mahalo,



John P. Alamodin
87-1950C Pakeke Street
Waianae, Hawaii 96792

February 21, 2008

Aloha,

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Please affirm the Legislature's commitment to Native Hawaiians by approving the settlement.

Mahalo,



Juanita P. Alamodin
84-758 Moua Street
Waianae, Hawaii 96792

February 21, 2008

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I urge that the Legislature approve the recent settlement agreement between OHA and the State of Hawaii. It will be a fair settlement and uphold the responsibilities the State is entrusted with on behalf of our Hawaiian peoples. As a Hawaiian, I am encouraged that this issue is being addressed, and I hope the Legislature will approve it so we can move on to other concerns.

Please affirm the Legislature's commitment to the Hawaiian people by approving the settlement.

Mahalo,



Patricia P. Sumera
84-758 Moua Street
Waianae, Hawaii 96792

Larry Carrasco
98-1729D Ka'ahumanu Street
'Aiea, Hawai'i 96701

February 20, 2008

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WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

I am not Hawaiian but I have lived in Hawai'i for more than 30 years and support the efforts of OHA to receive the amounts rightly due them pursuant to the State of Hawai'i Constitution, Article XII, and the decision of the 1978 Constitutional Convention that was ratified by Hawai'i voters, including myself.

Please support a fair and reasonable settlement between the State and OHA. It is the aloha spirit and embracing culture of the Hawaiian people that makes Hawai'i the very special place that it is.

Mahalo,



Larry Carrasco

February 21, 2008

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WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

I am writing to express my support for the settlement agreement between the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the State of Hawaii on past due ceded land revenues. The settlement agreement is fair to both OHA and the State.

Approval of the settlement agreement is a step in the right direction to helping Native Hawaiians become more self-sufficient and plan for their future.

I encourage your Committees and the Legislature as a whole to approve the settlement agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy Nakahodo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wendy Nakahodo
2079 Hoohai St.
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

February 21, 2008

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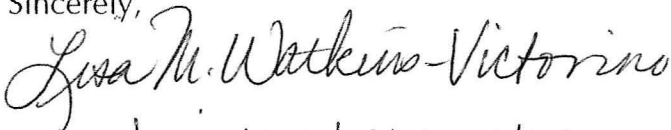
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Approval of the settlement agreement is a step in the right direction to correcting some of the wrongs of the past.

Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Sincerely,



Name: Lisa M. Watkins-Victorino

Address: 2042 Aaniiu Ln.
Pearl City, HI 96782

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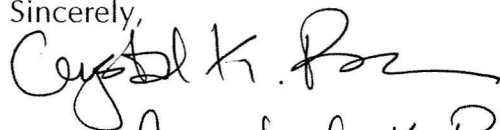
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Approval of the settlement agreement is a step in the right direction to correcting some of the wrongs of the past.

Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Sincerely,



Name: Crystal K. Rose

Address: 47-460 Waihee Place
Kaneohe, HI 96744

February 21, 2008

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Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Address: _____

1164 Bishop St. Ste. 124-343

HONOLULU, HI 96813

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Approval of the settlement agreement is a step in the right direction to correcting some of the wrongs of the past.

Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Sincerely,

Name: Kimo Aulis

Address: 1535 PENSACOLA ST. #609
HONOLULU, HI 96822

February 21, 2008

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Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Sincerely,



Name: Claire L. Asam

Address: 1288 Ala Moana Blvd 13A
Honolulu, HI 96814

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Sincerely,

Name: Kiyom. Hoop. Martin

Address: 400 Hobron Lane #701
Honolulu, HI 96815

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Sincerely,



Name: Kenneth Ordenstein

Address: 690 Old Mokapu Rd
Kailua, HI 96734

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Sincerely,

Name: Anya Nohealani Lee

Address: 679 Manu O'o St

Kailua, HI 96734

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Sincerely,

Name: Jeffery Kyle Butler

Address: 1643 A 9th Av.

Honolulu, HI 96816

February 21, 2008

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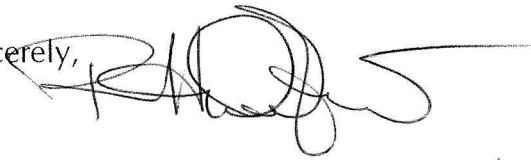
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Sincerely,



Name: Rachel Hokulani DeFeo

Address: 1088 Bishop St #509
Hnl, HI 96813

February 21, 2008

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Sincerely,

Name: Wayne W. Chang
Address: 435 Seaside Ave. #1103
Hon. Hi 96815

February 21, 2008

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Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Sincerely,

Name: Puanani Alexander
Address: 94-850 Lumiholo St.
Waipahu, HI 96797

February 21, 2008

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Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Sincerely,

Name: 

Address: 2065 9th Ave.

Hon. Hc. 96816

February 21, 2008

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My name is Dorothy Williams. I am a native Hawaiian and will be 83 years old in May.

I am a beneficiary of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. My family come from Molokai. We are the Burrows/Cahill/Pa families.

I am in support of the Public Lands Trust Settlement. I believe it is fair for all the people of Hawaii and request your support to do what is right and just.

We have been waiting long enough. I think it is important for my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great, great grandchildren know what is being done to make things right for the Hawaiian people.

Mahalo for allowing me to provide this testimony.

Dorothy Williams


98-1652 Kiawe Street
Aiea, Hawaii 96701
Phone: 488-2051

February 21, 2008

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My name is John Williams, Sr.. I am a native Hawaiian and will be
88 years old in September.

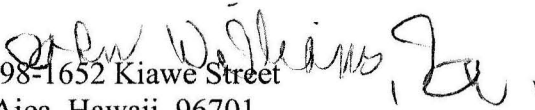
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Phone: 488-2051

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Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Sincerely,

Name: Carolyn A.P. Hanohano

Address: 981230 Kiee Place
Aiea HI 96701

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Sincerely,

Name: Charlene Kalani Punahele

Address: 1222 Piha St.

Honolulu HI 96825

February 21, 2008

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Sincerely,

(Malie)
Name: Miho Yoshioka
Address: 1521 Alexander St. #702
Hon. HI 96822

February 21, 2008

Aloha,

To the Honorable Chairpersons and Members of the House of Representatives Finance Committee (FIN); Judiciary Committee (JUD); Water, Land and Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs (WLH) Committee

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I greatly encourage the Legislature to approve the recent settlement agreement between OHA and the State of Hawaii. The agreement is needed now and is fair to all of us Native Hawaiians and the State at large. As a Hawaiian, I am encouraged and hope the Legislature will approve it so that we can continue to work toward the betterment of our beneficiaries.

Please stand up for the Legislature's co mmitment to Native Hawaiians by approving the settlement.

Mahalo,



Llewellyn Sumera
84-758 Moua Street
Waianae, Hawaii 96792

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Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Sincerely,

Name: Marianne H. Hannahs

Address: 4545-A Sierra Dr.

Honolulu, HI. 96816

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Sincerely,

Name: Elia Kawahine Tokmanga

Address: 3218 E manoa Rd
Hon HI 96822

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Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Sincerely,

Name: Brenda Mohalopusua Ignacio

Address: 1354C Kamahale St.
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

February 21, 2008

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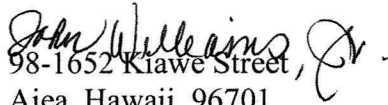
I am a beneficiary of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. My family come from Kauai; the Aimoku/Aluli/Pokakaa families.

I am in support of the Public Lands Trust Settlement. I believe it is fair for all the people of Hawaii and request your support to do what is right and just.

It is important to me that my children and mo'opuna know what is being done to make thing right for the Hawaiian people.

Mahalo for allowing me to provide this testimony.

John Williams, Jr.


98-1652 Kiawe Street,
Aiea, Hawaii 96701
Phone: 488-2051

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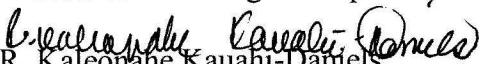
My name is Kaleonahe Kauahi-Daniels. I am a native Hawaiian.

I am a beneficiary of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. My family come from Kauai and Molokai. We are the Burrows/Cahill/Pa family of Molokai. We are the Kauahi family from Kauai.

I am in support of the Public Lands Trust Settlement. I believe it is fair for all the people of Hawaii and request your support to do what is right and just.

I would like my children to know what is being done to make things right for the Hawaiian people.

Mahalo for allowing me to provide this testimony.


R. Kaleonahe Kauahi-Daniels
Kapolei, Hawaii

Sayed Jaffar
425 Ena Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

February 21, 2008

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I have lived in Hawaii for 10 years, and even though I am not Hawaiian, I support the efforts of OHA to receive the past payments due them pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution.

Please support a fair and reasonable settlement between the State and OHA. I appreciate the openness of the Hawaiian people and culture. This is what makes Hawaii unique and special.

Thank you,



Sayed Jaffar

February 21, 2008

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Please accept this testimony in favor of a fair settlement agreement between the State and OHA. It is only right that the State try to rectify past misdeeds through a fair settlement agreement. I am not Hawaiian but I appreciate the opportunity to live in such a beautiful place and experience the Hawaiian culture.

I would like to see things be better for Native Hawaiians. Please give you're your support.

Mahalo,



Syed Yasir
425 Ena Rd.
Honolulu, HI 96815

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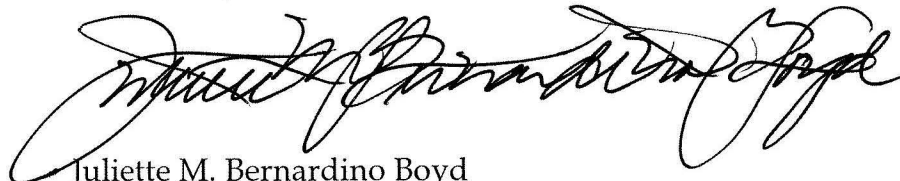
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I am a Native Hawaiian and would like to encourage your support of the settlement agreement between the State and OHA. Approval of the settlement is a step forward in restoring funds owed to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs pursuant to Article XII of the State Constitution. I commend OHA and the State of Hawai'i for working diligently toward coming up with a settlement that is good for Hawaiians and all of Hawai'i.

Please give the settlement agreement your support and affirm the Legislature's commitment to Native Hawaiians and the continuing work of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Mahalo nui.



Juliette M. Bernardino Boyd
49-066 Kamehameha Hwy.
Kāne'ohe, Hawai'i 96744

February 21, 2008

To: Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs
Representative Ken Ito, Chair
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair

Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary
Representative Tommy Waters, Chair
Representative Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement, Hearing Date set for Saturday,
February 23, 2008, 9:00 am, House Conference Room Auditorium

Aloha!

My name is Rebekah Hanohano, and I support HB 266 HD1 – relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement. Please lend your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

Rebekah Hanohano

February 21, 2008

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Committee on Judiciary
Representative Tommy Waters, Chair
Representative Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Ellen Gay Dela Rosa and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen Gay Dela Rosa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ellen Gay Dela Rosa
55-555 Naniloa Loop
Laie, Hi 96762

February 21, 2008

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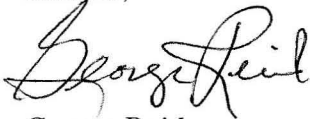
Committee on Judiciary
Representative Tommy Waters, Chair
Representative Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is George Reid and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Reid".

George Reid
55-061 Lanihuli St.
Laie, Hi 96762

February 21, 2008

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Representative Ken Ito, Chair
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair

Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
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Committee on Judiciary
Representative Tommy Waters, Chair
Representative Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Tamara Reid and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamara Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tamara Reid
55-061 Lanihuli St.
Laie, Hi 96762

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Representative Tommy Waters, Chair

Representative Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Larry noble Kawahne, and I
support HB 266 HD1 regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 -
2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

Larry noble Kawahne
17- Kapi Lane #104
Wailuku HI 96793

To: Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources and
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Toni Lawena Mitchell, and I
support HB 266 HD1 regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 -
2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

Toni S. Mitchell
17- Kapi Lane #104
Wailuku Hi 96793

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Cherry Shaw, and I
support HB 266 HD1 regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 -
2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

Cherry Shaw
10 E Kaahumanu Ave # B-7B
Kahului HI 96732

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Committee on Finance

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Committee on Judiciary

Representative Tommy Waters, Chair

Representative Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Diane Brittain, and I
support HB 266 HD1 regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 -
2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

Diane Brittain
P.O. Box 803
Makawao, Hi 96768

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is ELVIS KAUHANE, and I
support HB 266 HD1 regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 -
2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

Elvis Kauhane
2884 Dwight Street
San Diego, Ca. 92104

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Representative Tommy Waters, Chair

Representative Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Barbara Kawa, and I
support HB 266 HD1 regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 -
2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

Barbara Kawa
679 Kohomaa St.
Waihiku HI 96793

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Kylee Hernandez, and I
support HB 266 HD1 regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 -
2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

Kylee Hernandez
P.O. Box 247
Paia Wailuku HI 96793

February 21, 2008

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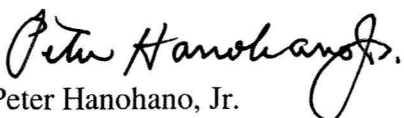
Committee on Judiciary
Representative Tommy Waters, Chair
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement, Hearing Date set for Saturday,
February 23, 2008, 9:00 am, House Conference Room Auditorium

Aloha!

My name is Peter Hanohano, Jr., and I support HB 266 HD1 – relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement as it is fair, reasonable, long overdue, and whose time is now. Please lend your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,


Peter Hanohano, Jr.

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Larry Carpenter, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Larry Carpenter
1760A Palolo Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96816

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Joy Carpenter, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Joy Carpenter
1760A Palolo Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96816

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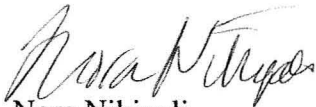
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Nora Nihipali, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Nora Nihipali
94-1218 Henokea Street
Waipahu, HI 96797

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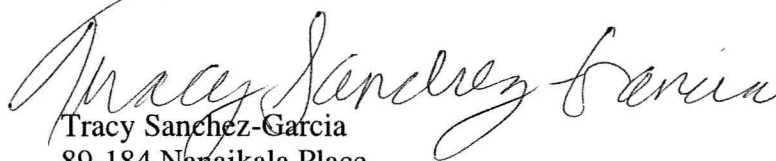
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Tracy Sanchez-Garcia, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,


Tracy Sanchez-Garcia
89-184 Nanaikala Place
Waianae, HI 96792

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Arnell Kea, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Arnell Kea
89-184 Nanaikala Place
Waianae, HI 96792

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Sam Kea, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Kea".

Sam Kea
89-184 Nanaikala Place
Waianae, HI 96792

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Lacy Nihipali-Kea, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Lacy Nihipali-Kea
89-184 Nanaikala Place
Waianae, HI 96792

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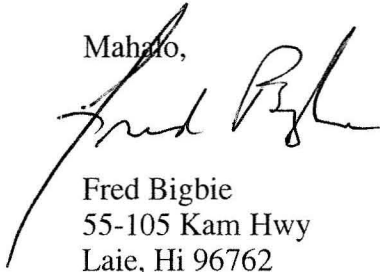
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Fred Bigbie and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Fred Bigbie
55-105 Kam Hwy
Laie, Hi 96762

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Committee on Finance
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Re: PAST DUE REVENUES TO OHA


Aloha kākou,

My name is Paulette Olds Hedemark and I support the agreement reached between the Governor and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs over past due revenues on disputed matters stemming from 1978 to 2008. The fact that this matter has been unresolved for over 30 years speaks more of an unwillingness on the part of our government to address an unpopular issue rather than an inability to reach a fair settlement.

I would hope that the 2008 Legislature would want to be remembered as those members who stood up and agreed with the Governor that restitution to the Hawaiian people, on this particular matter, is long overdue.

I ask that you support the Agreement in its original form and not subject to revision.

Mahalo nui loa,



2-21-08

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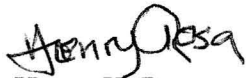
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Henry K Rosa and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Henry K. Rosa
310 Auhea Pl.
Honolulu, HI. 96825

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Wanda Kekuku-Rosa and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Wanda Kekuku-Rosa
310 Auhea Pl.
Honolulu, HI. 96825

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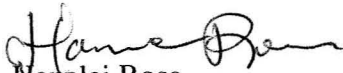
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Aloha!

My name is Hanalei Rosa and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Hanalei Rosa
310 Auhea Pl.
Honolulu, HI. 96825

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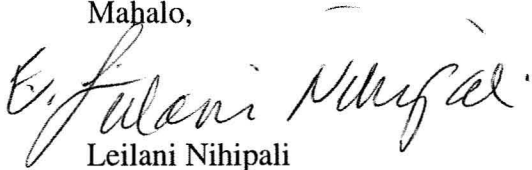
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Leilani Nihipali, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leilani Nihipali". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Leilani Nihipali
84-535 Nukea Street
Waianae, HI 96792

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Wallace Akuna Jr., and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Wallace Akuna Jr.
84-535 Nukea Street
Waianae, HI 96792

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Myrna Junk, and I support HB 266 HD1
regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 - 2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

Myrna Junk
196-5 Koke St
Kailua, HI 96734

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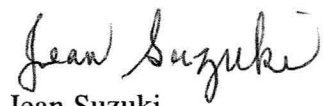
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Aloha!

My name is Jean Suzuki and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,


Jean Suzuki
3052 Uaawa Place
Honolulu, HI 96819

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Sharon Maxilom and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Sharon Maxilom
45-226 Wena Street
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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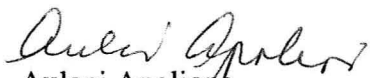
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Aloha!

My name is Aulani Apoliona and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,


Aulani Apoliona
45-312 Lilipuna Road
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Marshall K Rosa and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marshall K Rosa", written over a horizontal line.

Marshall K Rosa
6973 Kalaniana'ole Hwy.
Honolulu, HI. 96825

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Edith Grote and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Edith Grote
45-028 Lilipuna Road
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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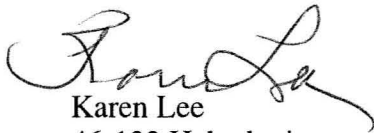
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Aloha!

My name is Karen Lee and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen Lee".

Karen Lee
46-132 Halaulani
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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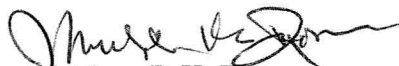
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Aloha!

My name is Matthew Rosa and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,


Matthew R.K. Rosa
1165 Namahealani Pl.
Honolulu, HI. 96825

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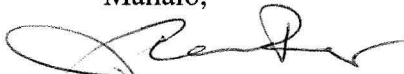
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Aloha!

My name is John K.K. Rosa Jr. and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



John K.K. Rosa Jr.
1165 Namahealani Pl.
Honolulu, HI. 96825

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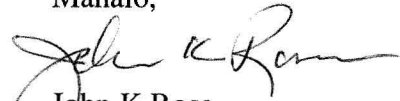
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Aloha!

My name is John K Rosa Sr. and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



John K Rosa
PO Box 240501
Honolulu, HI. 96825

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Aloha!

My name is Debra D. Rosa and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Debra D. Rosa
1165 Namahealani Pl.
Honolulu, HI. 96825

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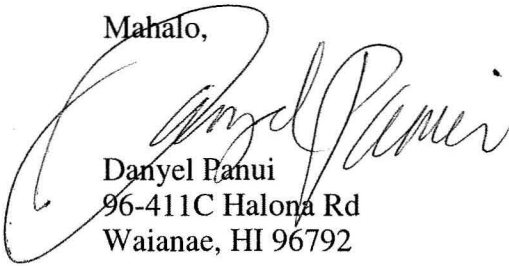
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Aloha!

My name is Danyel Panui, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Danyel Panui
96-411C Halona Rd
Waianae, HI 96792

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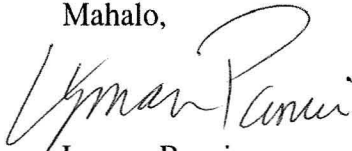
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Aloha!

My name is Lyman Panui, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lyman Panui".

Lyman Panui
96-411C Halona Rd
Waianae, HI 96792

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Vince Nihipali Jr., and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vince Nihipali Jr.', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Vince Nihipali Jr.
91-1042 Kahiuka Street
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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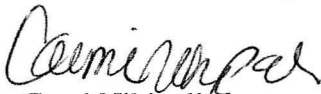
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Aloha!

My name is Cami Nihipali, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Cami Nihipali
91-1042 Kahiuka Street
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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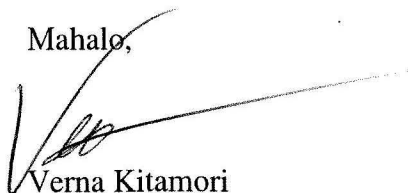
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Aloha!

My name is Verna Kitamori, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Verna Kitamori
1760A Palolo Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96816

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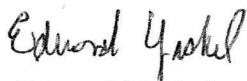
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Ed Yackel and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Edward Yackel
45-314 Lilipuna Road
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Lorna Nakasone and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Lorna Nakasone
1508 Ala Lani
Honolulu, HI 96819

February 21, 2008

HB 2666, HD 1

Feb 23, 2008

9:00 am

2008 State Legislative Testimony

RE: Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement

Joint Committee Hawaiian Affairs

Dear Legislators:

JUD + FIN

My name is Stephanie Kon. I am a resident of Honolulu and a registered voter in the State of Hawaii. I am also a Hawaiian, which means I have a vested interest in the administration of the Public Trust Lands by the State.

I urge you to support the settlement agreement between OHA and the State. I believe it is a fair settlement for both Hawaiians and the State and it should not be deferred another day.

I am counting on every State Legislator to also **support the settlement** in the **best interest of the Trust's beneficiaries**, meaning, **for Hawaiians, first and foremost**. Settle the past and allow all residents of Hawaii to move forward. Looking out for Hawaiians means ensuring economic and social growth for all of Hawaii.

Mahalo for receiving my written testimony.



Stephanie Kon
3019 Ukiuki Place
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

February 21, 2008

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement, Hearing Date set for Saturday,
February 23, 2008, 9:00 am, House Conference Room Auditorium

Aloha!

My name is Tanya Kaleinani Hanohano-Hashimoto, and I support HB 266 HD1 – relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement. Please lend your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

Tanya Kaleinani Hanohano-Hashimoto

February 21, 2008

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Aloha!

My name is Peter Hashimoto, and I support HB 266 HD1 – relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement. Please lend your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

Peter Hashimoto

February 21, 2008

2008 State Legislative Testimony

RE: Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement

Dear Legislators:

My name is Rosanna Kapoi. I am a resident of Honolulu and a Hawaiian, for whom the Public Trust was set up to benefit. I submit this testimony in support of the settlement agreement between the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and the State.

I ask your support of the settlement agreement between OHA and the State as well. I believe this settlement is long overdue. The State has a responsibility to make good on past due revenues to OHA and its beneficiaries like myself and my 'Ohana. Doing so will help Hawaiians and the State move forward. Doing nothing, again, is unacceptable and you must not allow this to happen during your term of public service.

Thank you for your consideration of my written testimony.



Rosanna Kapoi
3019 Ukiuki Place
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

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Aloha!

My name is Eva Miyahira, and I support HB 266 HD1 – relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement. Please lend your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

Eva Miyahira

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Gordon Rosa and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend
your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gordon Rosa". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Aloha!

My name is Ananda and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend
your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

Ananda Rosa

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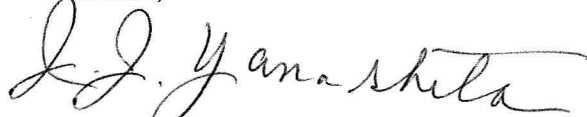
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Jerry Jean Yamashita and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. J. Yamashita".

Jerry Jean Yamashita
3052 Uaawa Place
Honolulu, HI 96819

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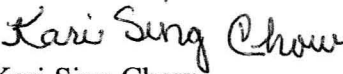
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Lorna Nakasone and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,


Kari Sing Chow
1508 Ala Lani
Honolulu, HI 96819

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is IRJE LOPES, and I support HB 266 HD1
regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 – 2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

Irje Lopes
56-115 Hukua Pl.
Kahuku, Hi. 96731

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Representative Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is JOLYNN JUNK, and I support HB 266 HD1
regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 - 2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

JOLYNN JUNK 711 WALLEPO PL #104 KALUA HI 96734

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Re: Support of HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is David Roberts and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

My tutu would take many opportunities to share with me. I used to sit and listen how she told the story of being in the school house in Laie, and being told not to speak Hawaiian. I remember her speaking of singing for King Kamehameha, and walking several miles to go to Kaneohe to work, and she especially spoke of ceded lands. Our History is one that displays treasured moments,, and one that displays harsh and cruel times. Yet our ancestors, continued to smile and do everything possible to keep our culture alive.

In review of this bill I see why it was vitally important then, as it has become important for me now as I begin my family here in Hawaii.

Now is the time to make things right, so that our ancestors can truly rest in peace.. It was their desire then, and my desire now to leave a legacy for our children. I struggle daily to stay here in Hawaii, because the cost of living is not compatible to the rate of pay as a result of this there are no homes or land available to us to keep the legacy that our tutu's ceded for their children to inherit. I urge you to please consider supporting this measure, so that, not only my tutu - but all the tutu's that have passed on can rest.

This measure is that important, and can no longer be put on the side.

Mahalo,



David Robertts
84-115A Hakimo Rd.
Waianae, Hi 96792

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Charlotte Soto and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Charlotte Soto
234 Pakauwili Drive
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Jenny Soto and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Jenny Soto
234 Pakauwili Drive
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Vanessa Soto and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'VS', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Vanessa Soto
234 Pakauwili Drive
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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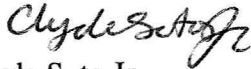
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Clyde Soto Jr. and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Clyde Soto Jr.
234 Pakauwili Drive
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Dawn Hironaka, I am not Hawaiian, I vote, and I support HB 266 HD1.
Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dawn Hironaka".

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Bernice Bissette, and I support HB 266 HD1
regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 – 2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

1371 Akalani Loop

Haleiwa, HI

96734

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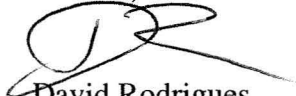
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is David Rodrigues and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



David Rodrigues
234 Pakauwili Drive
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Re: Support of HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Deirdra Alo and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

My tutu would take many opportunities to share with me. I used to sit and listen how she told the story of being in the school house in Laie, and being told not to speak Hawaiian. I remember her speaking of singing for King Kamehameha, and walking several miles to go to Kaneohe to work, and she especially spoke of ceded lands. Our History is one that displays treasured moments,, and one that displays harsh and cruel times. Yet our ancestors, continued to smile and do everything possible to keep our culture alive.

It is interesting how a decade later, this subject is still on the table. My tutu is now passed, and here I am reading and speaking of the same thing.

Now is the time to make things right, so that our ancestors can truly rest in peace.. It was their desire then, and my desire now to leave a legacy for our children. To keep our children here in this place we call HAWAII. Today, our children are forced to leave, because the cost of living is not compatible to the rate of pay as a result of this there are no homes or land available to them to keep the legacy that our tutu's ceded for their children to inherit. I urge you to please consider supporting this measure, so that, not only my tutu - but all the tutu's that have passed on can rest.

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Mahalo,



Deirdra Alo
54-278 Hauula Homestead Road
Hauula, Hi. 96717

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Aloha!

My name is Kaeo Ka Lei Alo and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.


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In review of this bill I see why it was vitally important then, as it has become important for me now as I begin my family here in Hawaii.

Now is the time to make things right, so that our ancestors can truly rest in peace.. It was their desire then, and my desire now to leave a legacy for our children. To keep our generation here in this place we call HAWAII. Today, our generation are forced to leave, because the cost of living is not compatible to the rate of pay as a result of this there are no homes or land available to us to keep the legacy that our tutu's ceded for their children to inherit. I urge you to please consider supporting this measure, so that, not only my tutu - but all the tutu's that have passed on can rest.

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Mahalo,



Kaeo Ka Lei Alo
54-278 Hauula Homestead Rd.
Hauula, Hi 96717

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Aloha!

My name is Kamalani Alo and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

My tutu would take many opportunities to share with me. I used to sit and listen how she told the story of being in the school house in Laie, and being told not to speak Hawaiian. I remember her speaking of singing for King Kamehameha, and walking several miles to go to Kaneohe to work, and she especially spoke of ceded lands. Our History is one that displays treasured moments,, and one that displays harsh and cruel times. Yet our ancestors, continued to smile and do everything possible to keep our culture alive.

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Mahalo,

Kamalani Alo

Kamalani Alo
54-278 Hauula Homestead Rd.
Hauula, Hi 96717

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Re: Support of HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Sheallene Alo and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

My tutu would take many opportunities to share with me. I used to sit and listen how she told the story of being in the school house in Laie, and being told not to speak Hawaiian. I remember her speaking of singing for King Kamehameha, and walking several miles to go to Kaneohe to work, and she especially spoke of ceded lands. Our History is one that displays treasured moments,, and one that displays harsh and cruel times. Yet our ancestors, continued to smile and do everything possible to keep our culture alive.

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Mahalo,



Sheallene Alo
54-278 Hauula Homestead Rd.
Hauula, Hi 96717

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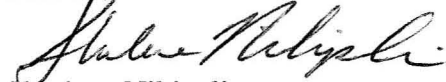
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Aloha!

My name is Sharlene Nihipali and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Sharlene Nihipali
234 Pakauwili Drive
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is DAVID R. JUNK, and I support HB 266 HD1
regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 – 2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



1965 NOKE ST.
KAILUA, HI 96734

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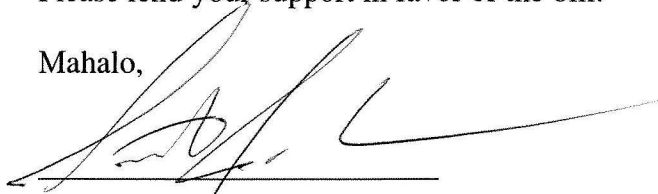
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Aloha!

My name is Scott J. Jank, and I support HB 266 HD1
regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 – 2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



711 Wailepo pl # 104
Kailua Hi 96734

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Aloha!

My name is Eleanor Nihipali and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,


Eleanor Nihipali
234 Pakauwili Drive
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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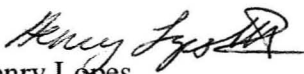
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Aloha!

My name is Henry Lopes and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,


Henry Lopes
234 Pakauwili Drive
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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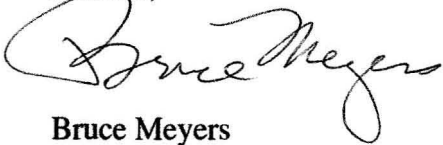
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Aloha!

My name is Bruce Meyers, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Meyers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Mahalo,".

Bruce Meyers
485F Kaumana Dr.
Hilo, Hi 96720

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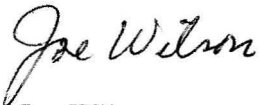
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Aloha!

My name is Joe Wilson, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Wilson".

Joe Wilson
55-025 Lanihuli St.
Laie, Hi 96762

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Aloha!

My name is Melissa Wilson, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Melissa Wilson
55-025 Lanihuli St.
Laie, Hi 96762

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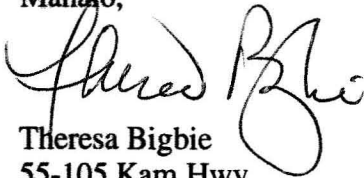
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Re: **HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement**

Aloha!

My name is Theresa Bigbie and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your **support in favor** of the bill.

Mahalo,



Theresa Bigbie
55-105 Kam Hwy
Laie, Hi 96762

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Tamara Reid and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamara Reid".

Tamara Reid
55-061 Lanihuli St.
Laie, Hi 96762

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Re: Support of HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Naysha Alo and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

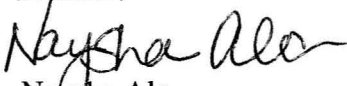
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In review of this bill I see why it was vitally important then, as it has become important for me now as I begin my family here in Hawaii.

Now is the time to make things right, so that our ancestors can truly rest in peace.. It was their desire then, and my desire now to leave a legacy for our children. To keep our generation here in this place we call HAWAII. Today, our generation are forced to leave, because the cost of living is not compatible to the rate of pay as a result of this there are no homes or land available to us to keep the legacy that our tutu's ceded for their children to inherit. I urge you to please consider supporting this measure, so that, not only my tutu - but all the tutu's that have passed on can rest.

This measure is that important, and can no longer be put on the side.

Mahalo,



Naysha Alo
54-278 Hauula Homestead Rd.
Hauula, Hi 96717

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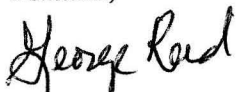
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Representative Tommy Waters, Chair
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is George Reid and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



George Reid
55-061 Lanihuli St.
Laie, Hi 96762

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Re: Support of HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Stanford Alo and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

When I was a young boy, I remember my tutu speaking of this. It is interesting how a decade later, this subject is still on the table. My tutu is now passed, and here I am reading and speaking of the same thing. I urge you to please consider supporting this measure, so that all the tutu's that have passed on can rest. This measure is that important, and can no longer be put on the side.

Mahalo,



Stanford Alo
54-278 Hauula Homestead Road
Hauula, Hi. 96717

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Chasity Lopes and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,


Chasity Lopes
234 Pakauwili Drive
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Amare Belay and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Amare Belay
234 Pakauwili Drive
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Chantelle Belay and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Chantelle Belay
234 Pakauwili Drive
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Clyde Soto Sr. and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,


Clyde Soto Sr.
234 Pakauwili Drive
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Re: **HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement**

Aloha!

My name is Shonna Magalei, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Shonna Magalei
55-085A Lanihuli St.
Laie, Hi 96762

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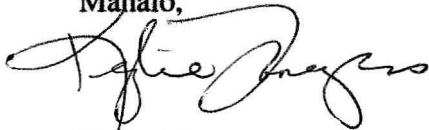
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Re: **HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement**

Aloha!

My name is Kylie Meyers, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kylie Meyers', written in a cursive style.

Kylie Meyers
55-511 Kam Hwy
Laie, Hi 96762

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is William Meyers, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Meyers".

William Meyers
55-511 Kam Hwy
Laie, Hi 96762

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Tammy Meyers, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your **support in favor of the bill.**

Mahalo,



Tammy Meyers
485F Kaumana Dr.
Hilo, Hi 96720

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Elston Kitamori, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Elston Kitamori
91-1172 Lanakoi Street
Kapolei, HI 96707

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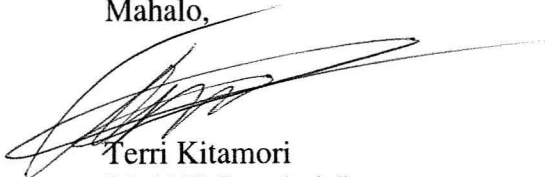
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Terri Kitamori, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Terri Kitamori
91-1172 Lanakoi Street
Kapolei, HI 96707

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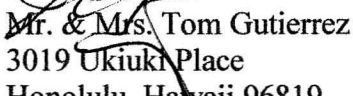
RE: Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement

Dear Legislators:

Our names are Tom and Amy Gutierrez. We are Filipino residents of Honolulu and have lived in Hawaii for more than 25 years, raised our children and now our grandchildren here. We submit this testimony in **support of the settlement agreement** between the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and the State.

We ask you to support the settlement agreement between OHA and the State because we love Hawaii and the Hawaiian people, and the past due funds should be settled for OHA and the Hawaiian people. We think this settlement is fair for the Hawaiians, for OHA and for the State. All the residents of Hawaii could not enjoy the kind of lifestyle we have in this state, if not for the Hawaiians. Take care of the Hawaiians.

Thank you for accepting our testimony.



Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gutierrez
3019 Ukiuki Place
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Gladys Gilding, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Gladys Gilding
91-1172 Lanakoi Street
Kapolei, HI 96707

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Cheryl Nihipali, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Cheryl Nihipali
94-1218 Henokea Street
Waipahu, HI 96797

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Leila Nihipali, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

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Leila Nihipali
94-1218 Henokea Street
Waipahu, HI 96797

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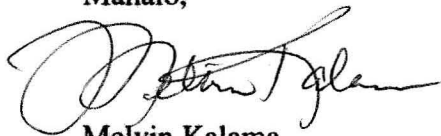
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Melvin Kalama and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melvin Kalama', written in a cursive style.

Melvin Kalama
92-932 Palailai St Apt 82
Kapolei, HI 96707

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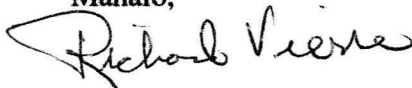
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Re: **HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement**

Aloha!

My name is Richard Vierra and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

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Richard Vierra
55-050 Kam Hwy
Laie, Hi 96762

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Re: **HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement**

Aloha!

My name is Napua Baker and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

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Napua Baker
55-061 Lanihuli St.
Laie, Hi 96762

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Re: Support of HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Donna Tuisamata and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

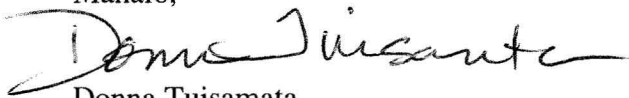
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Mahalo,



Donna Tuisamata
41-979 Waikupanaha St. #B
Waimanalo, Hi. 96795

February 21, 2008

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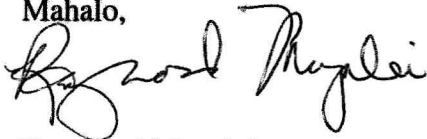
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Re: **HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement**

Aloha!

My name is Raymond Magalei, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your **support in favor of the bill.**

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond Magalei". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'R'.

Raymond Magalei
55-085A Lanihuli St.
Laie, Hi 96762

February 21, 2008

2008 State Legislative Testimony

RE: HB 266 HD1 Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement
February 23, 2008 9:00am Room 211
Joint Committees on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs,
Judiciary and Finance

Dear Legislators:

My name is Stephanie Kon. I am a resident of Honolulu and a registered voter in the State of Hawaii. I am also a Hawaiian, which means I have a vested interest in the administration of the Public Trust Lands by the State.

I urge you to support the settlement agreement between OHA and the State. I believe it is a fair settlement for both Hawaiians and the State and it should not be deferred another day.

I am counting on every State Legislator to also **support the settlement** in the **best interest of the Trust's beneficiaries**, meaning, **for Hawaiians, first and foremost**. Settle the past and allow all residents of Hawaii to move forward. Looking out for Hawaiians means ensuring economic and social growth for all of Hawaii.

Mahalo for receiving my written testimony.



Stephanie Kon
3019 Ukiuki Place
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

February 21, 2008

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Renae Wise and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Renae Wise
99-060 K98-524 B Kamahao
Pearl City, Hi 96782

February 21, 2008

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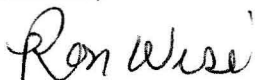
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Ron Wise and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Ron Wise
99-060 K98-524 B Kamahao
Pearl City, Hi 96782

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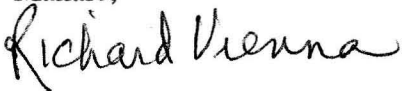
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Rick Vienna and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Vienna".

Rick Vienna
99-060 Kauhale St. Apt 303
Aiea, Hi 96701

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Re: **HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement**

Aloha!

My name is Charmayne Kahai and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Charmayne Kahai
92-932 Palailai St Apt 82
Kapolei, HI 96707

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Shawn Kahai and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

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Shawn Kahai
92-932 Palailai St Apt 82
Kapolei, HI 96707

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Tina Hoke and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Tina Hoke
92-932 Palailai St Apt 82
Kapolei, HI 96707

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Lawrence Nihipali, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Lawrence Nihipali
94-1218 Henokea Street
Waipahu, HI 96797

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Charles Nihipali, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Charles Nihipali
84-535 Nukea Street
Waianae, HI 96792

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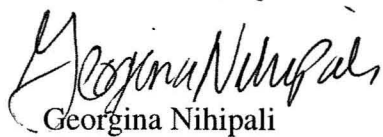
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Georgina Nihipali, and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Georgina Nihipali
84-535 Nukea Street
Waianae, HI 96792

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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Leimomi Fernandes-Stark and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,



Leimomi Fernandes-Stark
Hawai'i-kai Resident

February 21, 2008

2008 State Legislative Testimony

RE: Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement

Dear Legislators:

My name is Rosanna Kapoi. I am a resident of Honolulu and a Hawaiian, for whom the Public Trust was set up to benefit. I submit this testimony in **support of the settlement agreement** between the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and the State.

I ask your support of the settlement agreement between OHA and the State as well. I believe this settlement is long overdue. The State has a responsibility to make good on past due revenues to OHA and its beneficiaries like myself and my 'Ohana. Doing so will help Hawaiians and the State move forward. Doing nothing, again, is unacceptable and you must not allow this to happen during your term of public service.

Thank you for your consideration of my written testimony.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosanna Kapoi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rosanna Kapoi
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February 21, 2008

To: Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs
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Committee on Finance
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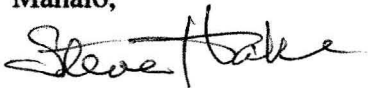
Committee on Judiciary
Representative Tommy Waters, Chair
Representative Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Steve Hoke and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Hoke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Steve Hoke
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To: Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs
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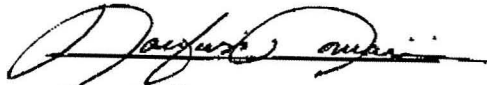
Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Taufusi Neil Tomasi, and I support HB 266
HD1 regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 - 2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,


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To: Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Cheyenne Vaka, and I support HB 266
HD1 regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 - 2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

Cheyenne Vaka Oluys-Vaka
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Siainne Mataele, and I support HB 266 HD1
regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 – 2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

Siainne Mataele 
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Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Faalalo T Faalalo, and I support HB 266 HD1 regarding PAST DUE REVENUES (1978 - 2008).

Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

Faalalo T Faalalo

8925 W. 2800 S. #6

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February 21, 2008

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Re: **HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement**

Aloha!

My name is Marjorie Kalama and I support HB 266 HD1. Please lend your support in favor of the bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Kalama".

Marjorie Kalama
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The Twenty-Fourth Legislature, State of Hawaii
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs
Committee on Judiciary
Committee on Finance

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
February 23, 2008

H.B. 266, H.D. 1 – RELATING
TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 266, H.D. 1. H.B. 266, H.D. 1 keeps intact most of the settlement reached last month between the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and the State of Hawaii and resolves a long-standing dispute concerning revenues due to OHA from income and proceeds of the public land trust between November 7, 1978 to July 1, 2008.

The bill conveys certain parcels of real property and cash totaling \$200 million to OHA as part of the State's obligations to native Hawaiians under the Hawaii State Constitution. The land parcels include commercial and industrial properties on Oahu and the Big Island worth approximately \$187 million along with \$13 million in cash.

A key change in H.B. 266, H.D. 1 is that it negates the proposed future annual payments of \$15.1 million to OHA, as required under the original agreement. Instead, it would allow the Legislature to decide how much should be paid to OHA for its share of ceded lands revenues in future years. If the Legislature is unable to reach a decision, the amount to be paid to OHA is left up to the Governor to decide.

We believe the settlement is both fair and reasonable and protects the rights of the Hawaiian people to ceded lands. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 266, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,


Nora A. Nomura
Deputy Executive Director.



TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES &
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, AND COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE REGARDING
**SUPPORT FOR SB 2733, REGARDING THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS
SETTLEMENT**

Saturday, February 23, 2008
9:00 a.m., Auditorium

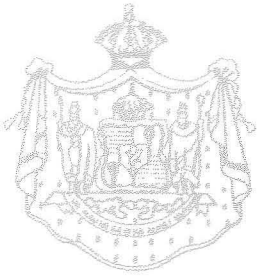
Chairpersons Ito, Waters, Oshiro and Members of the Committees on Water, Land,
Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs; Judiciary; and Finance

My name is Jon Matsuoka. I am the dean at the University of Hawai`i, School of Social Work. The School has worked closely with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs on multiple projects over the course of several years.

I am writing in support of House Bill 266 relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement. The primary entity representing Native Hawaiians, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who has the statutory right and is entitled to the income and proceeds from public trust lands in the amount of \$15,100,000. The State of Hawai`i has affirmed that these lands are historically and rightfully those of a receptacle agency representing the Native Hawaiian populace and should be used for reparations.

The revenues generated from the land trust are critical to the betterment of conditions through the implementation and sustainability of programs aimed at addressing social problems afflicting Hawaiian communities. Having been a consultant to OHA in developing a paradigm aimed at improving the quality of life of citizens of Hawaiian ancestry, I am convinced of OHA's commitment to such a cause and the methods and practices they are currently employing to achieve their objectives. We at the University of Hawai`i, School of Social Work, are currently conducting program evaluations of OHA funded projects. Thus, it is clear that they are mindful of how monies are being spent, matters of quality assurance and cost effectiveness, the promotion of best practices, and the overall benefits of programs to improving the social and mental health statuses of Native Hawaiians.

In summary, revenues drawn from public trust lands are essential to reparatory activities for Native Hawaiians. Historical events and current statuses of Native Hawaiians warrant the continuation of funds to support critically needed social service programs receiving OHA support.



Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu

Established December 1918

P.O. Box 1513 • Honolulu, Hawai'i 96806

Liholiho

Onaona wale ia pua
I ka miki 'ala mau 'ia
Ua hele wale a nohea
(Hele a nohonohea)
I ka nou i kē kehau
(I ka nou a kē kehau)
O beautiful 'ilima
Choice of my heart
O sweet and charming
flower
Soft and lovely to behold

February 21, 2008

Aloha to the members of the following committee,

Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

Written testimony regarding HB 266, HD 1

Hearing on February 23, 2008 at the State Capitol Auditorium

As President, I, Leatrice Maluhia Kauahi, and on behalf of the members of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu and as beneficiaries of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, submit this testimony in support of the purpose of this bill. Our membership totals approximately 220 at this time and is the "Mother" club designee when formed by Prince Kuhio in December, 1918.

We are residents and citizens of the State of Hawaii and urge you to do the right thing. A government like its' residents need to move forward and waiting for over 30 years for a settlement on past due monies owed to the Hawaiian people is long enough.

We believe the settlement is fair to all the people of Hawaii.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony and again, urge you to do the right thing and be pono.

Mahalo nui loa.

To: Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs
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Fr: Hailama Farden
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 Hon,Hi 96830

Re: HB 266 HD1- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Saturday, February 23, 2008 9:00 am State Capitol Auditorium

E nā 'elele o ka 'Aha 'Ōlelo o Hawai'i. Aloha kākou a pau loa. I am submitting testimony in support of HB266 which seeks to resolve past disputes relating to the portion of income and proceeds from the lands of the public trust for use by and due to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I write as a citizen and beneficiary of this public trust. The motto of our state is "Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka *pono*." In other words, our sovereignty and solvency rests in doing what is *pono* or right and making good on the legal agreements set down in law, both in our State Constitution as well as in the Admissions Act is the *pono* thing to do.

While I do not speak for the Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Royal Hawaiian Societies, and other Hawaiian organizations that I serve in, I can say as an individual who served as an officer and member of those organizations that this settlement rectifies an important matter raised by our groups and which is of primary concern for us all. I commend you all for taking steps to resolve this issue and pray that you will work with OHA and the executive branch to come to a reasonable but *pono* agreement.

February 23, 2008
9:00 am
State Capitol Auditorium

RE: HB 266 HD1-Relating To Hawaiian Affairs-**Support with Amendments**

Dear Chairs Ito, Waters, Oshiro and members of the committees,

I support the intent of the HB266; however, I would suggest the language of HB2701 be substituted in its place. I strongly support the settlement between The Office of Hawaiian Affairs's settlement with the State of Hawaii on the disputed ceded land revenues that are due the Hawaiian community. Passage of this bill will allow OHA to expand its efforts to provide improved services to the Hawaiian community and honors the commitment of the Hawaii Legislature which was affirmed by the Hawaii Supreme Court. I am concerned that the current language of the bill confuses the carefully worked out plan by OHA and the Governor.

The native culture of these islands is under constant attack by legal, social and economic challenges. It is this culture which makes the islands of Hawaii such a special and desirable place. This bill will provide the funding necessary to provide quality education, health, employment and housing for Native Hawaiians. Please support HB 266 with the amendment of substituting the language of the bill with the language of HB2701 as this will provide the necessary financial continuity and support to assist OHA in achieving its mission.

Thanks you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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HAWAII HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
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Testimony on HB266:Relating to Hawaiian Affairs

Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs
Committee on Judiciary
Committee on Finance

Saturday, February 23, 2008
9 a.m., Auditorium

Habitat for Humanity has a long standing relationship with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the benefit of native Hawaiian families. About 80% of the homes we have built in Hawaii have been with partner families who are full or part Hawaiian. Many have lived on Hawaiian Homelands. Many have had leased land but have not been able to afford to build on it. Some have lived in shacks or tents on their land. Some have lived in severely overcrowded and dilapidated rentals while hoping to build on their land. Some have not had land but have had hope. Some have lived in homes that were literally falling down around them. Some have been homeless. Some have been houseless. All have had great need of a simple, decent, affordable home.

Our relationship with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs makes partial funding available for us to build homes with some of these low and very low income Hawaiian families.

While Habitat for Humanity cannot speak to the provisions in this bill we can speak to the need we see within the Hawaiian community to have these issues resolved in a way that will make it possible for more Hawaiians to have some of the things OHA is able to help provide: security and opportunity and health and pride and homes.

Thank you.

Kathleen Hasegawa

February 21, 2008

2008 State Legislative Testimony


RE: Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement

Dear Legislators:

My name is Lovette L. Sukanuma. I am a resident of Hawaii; however, I am also a registered beneficiary of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in the State of Hawaii. As a beneficiary of the Public Trust for Hawaiians, I submit this testimony in support the settlement agreement between OHA and the State.

Please support the settlement agreement between OHA and the State. I believe it is a fair past due settlement for both Hawaiians and the State. Let's move forward.

Thank you for your consideration of my written testimony.



Name Lovette L. Sukanuma
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Honolulu, Hi. 96821

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GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII



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CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

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**TESTIMONY OF MICAH A. KANE, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION**

**BEFORE THE JOINT HEARING OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON WATER, LAND,
OCEAN RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, JUDICIARY AND FINANCE**

**ON H.B. 266, HD1
RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

February 23, 2008

Chairs Ito, Waters and Oshiro and Members of the House
Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support
of the intent of H.B. 266, HD1, relating to Hawaiian Affairs.
This bill attempts to resolve longstanding claims and disputes
relating to public land trust proceeds due to the Office of
Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and establish the minimum amount of
income and proceeds from the public land trust to be paid to OHA
each fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2008.

The issue of what income and proceeds OHA is entitled to
receive pursuant to Article XII, Section 6 of the State
Constitution, has been the subject of much debate, legislative
deliberation, and judicial actions. The time is long overdue to
bring closure and resolution to these claims.

The settlement proposed by the Administration and the
Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs will resolve claims

and disputes that have remained unsettled for nearly thirty years, and establish the minimum amount OHA shall receive annually as provided by the citizens of Hawaii under the Constitution and State law. It will provide a land base from which OHA can operate, implement programs, and generate additional revenue. Most importantly, it will provide a consistent, reliable source of income in the future with which OHA can plan and develop programs benefiting the Hawaiian people.

The proposed settlement is fair and equitable to both the OHA trust and the State of Hawaii. We, therefore, support the intent of H.B. 266, HD1, and strongly urge the Legislature to pass a bill to effectuate the recommended settlement proposed by the Administration and the Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

February 21, 2008

2008 State Legislative Testimony

RE: Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement

Dear Legislators:

Our names are Aaron and Dora Ha'o. We are residents of Ewa Beach and voters in the State of Hawaii. As Hawaiians, we submit this testimony **the settlement agreement** between OHA and the State.

Please support the settlement agreement between OHA and the State. We want a fair settlement for both Hawaiians and the State.

Thank you for your consideration of our written testimony.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aaron K. Ha'o".

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ha'o
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Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706

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Testimony Presented Before the

HOUSE JOINT COMMITTEES ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS,
JUDICIARY, AND FINANCE

February 23, 2008
State Capitol Auditorium, 9:00 a.m.

HB 266 HD1 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS – SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

Dear Chairs Ken Ito, Tommy Waters, Marcus Oshiro and Committee members:

I'm writing my testimony to strongly support the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' (OHA) settlement with the State of Hawaii on disputed ceded land revenues due the Hawaiian community and I'm concerned that HB 266 HD1 confuses the carefully worked out plan prepared by OHA and Governor Lingle. Thus, I support HB 266 HD1 with amendments. Please substitute the language of HB 2701 so that this settlement can provide the necessary financial continuity and support to help OHA better achieve its mission.

OHA has been effective in fulfilling its important mission. New programs, like the OHA Malama Loan program have loaned more than \$4.3 million to 177 Native Hawaiian beneficiaries in less than two months of operation.

It is often noted that the health of Hawaii's economy, our quality of life, and ultimately Hawaii's collective identity are founded on a vibrant Native Hawaiian culture and value system. This in turn depends upon a host Native Hawaiian population that is: well educated, healthy, productively employed, adequately housed, and actively involved in perpetuating and sharing a vibrant Native Hawaiian culture. Increasing legal challenges threaten to undermine significant programs in Hawai'i dedicated to perpetuating Native Hawaiian culture and practice. These legal challenges also threaten programs providing quality education, health, employment and housing for Native Hawaiians.

Passage of HB 266 HD1 with the substitute language of HB 2701 will preserve initiation, retention and expansion of these programs – and will honor the commitment of the Hawaii Legislature, affirmed by the Hawaii Supreme Court, to fund OHA in expanding efforts to improve housing, economic development, healthcare, and social services to perpetuate our host culture.

I encourage you to adopt HB 266 HD1 by substituting its language with that of HB 2701.

Sincerely,

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February 22, 2008

Aloha Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs,

Aloha Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee on Judiciary,

Aloha Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee on Finance,

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit my testimony for the record.

I am Kanaka Maoli and I OPPOSE HB266 for the reasons outlined below.

The board of trustees for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) are NO LONGER elected by Hawaiians. Therefore, the current board does not represent the interest of Kanaka Maoli (Hawaiians).

The lands proposed to be transferred to OHA are not in the best interest of Hawaiians because of potential contamination at Kalaeloa, community concerns regarding development at Kaka'ako, and because the lands located in Hilo are situated in a tsunami zone that has already experienced devastating destruction this century. These lands could also succumb to rising sea levels should global warming continue.

Mauna Kea would be a more appropriate land base for Hawaiians. Mauna Kea with its great attraction for astronomy could become a successful economic engine for OHA, while at the same time providing for improved management and protection for this most sacred site.

Revenue from so-called ceded lands, which are truthfully 1,000,000 acres of stolen Hawaiian Crown lands and 800,000 acres of stolen Hawaiian Government lands, are not currently divided fairly. All Crown lands proceeds should go to Hawaiians, and 20% of the revenues from Hawaiian Government lands should also go to Hawaiians until the matter of unlawful acquisition of these lands is lawfully settled.

Besides lease revenues, revenue should include percentages from all monies commercially generated on, above, or below these lands, both emergent and submerged lands.

All lands in Hawaii currently categorized as ceded lands must be leased at fair market value. To lease any of these lands for less than fair market value is no less than stealing from Hawaiians and the general public alike. If the state elects to lease any of these lands below fair market value the state should be held liable to Hawaiians for the difference. Fair market value should also apply to leases made to other governmental agencies such as the US military with

explicit requirements that all contaminants be removed and the leased area restored to pre-lease conditions.

Regarding the OHA trust management, the current board of trustees for OHA should be dissolved and replaced with a board of trustees elected by Hawaiians, whose trust assets are managed by OHA. It is a great disservice to Hawaiians, even a crime to allow publicly elected trustees to manage our trust.

Our trust has sufficient funds for us to finance the elections of our new OHA board. This approach would eliminate the issue of racial discrimination with OHA elections because our trust funds would be used rather than public funds.

Elections should be limited to each island's resident Hawaiian voters, who would elect their individual island's trustee(s).

Until a process is implemented to provide for OHA beneficiaries to elect our trustees, OHA must cease and desist all activities related to representing Hawaiian interests, particularly the political interests of Hawaiians. Trustees elected by the general public cannot and do not represent our interests.

Sincerely,

Isaac D. Harp
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Waimea (Kamuela), Hawaiian Kingdom 96743

KO`OLAU FOUNDATION

February 23, 2008

To: Reps. Ken Ito, Tommy Waters and Marcus Oshiro,
Chairs, and Members
House Committees on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian
Affairs; Judiciary; and Finance

From: Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa
President

Subject: **H.B. 266, H.D.1, Relating to Hawaiian Affairs**

The Ko`olau Foundation supports House Bill 266, House Draft 1, which provides for transfer of cash and property to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as part of the State of Hawai`i's obligations to native Hawaiians for the use of ceded Hawaiian lands from 1978 until 2008.

We wish to make it clear, however, that we support satisfaction of all claims by native Hawaiians for lands and resources taken as a result of the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893.

In addition, we ask that you safeguard the rights of native Hawaiians to secure additional satisfaction of claims should federal recognition reopen the possibilities of true reconciliation between native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawai`i, and the U.S. government.

Mahalo for this opportunity to comment.



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 22, 2008

Senate Committee on Ways & Means

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 2727, S.D.1 Relating to Ha'iku Valley

Aloha mai kakou, Senator Baker and members of this Committee. The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports passage of Senate Bill 2727, Senate Draft 1, which would create the Ha'iku Valley Cultural Preserve Commission and lead to the establishment of a new cultural preserve for this very important cultural area that lies mauka of Kane'ohe and He'eia ahupua'a.

With the Ko'olau Foundation and others, our members have worked for many years to seek preservation and protection of the many burials and heiau in Ha'iku Valley. *Kane a me Kanaloa Heiau* is one of the burial grounds for the ancestors of some of our members. As some of you may know, Kane and Kanaloa were two legendary Hawaiian gods responsible for opening springs around the islands, digging into the soil with their o'o sticks.

Our kupuna, in their late 80s and early 90s, point out to us the location of *Kanehekili Heiau*, behind which the H-3 freeway winds down toward Luluku from the tunnel. Kanehekili was the god of thunder and lightning. Na kupuna also tell us this valley served as a hospital in kahiko times. Kahuna la'au lapa'au grew their medicinal plants and people from all over Ko'olaupoko came to the valley to obtain help from the kahuna or medicinal cures. Some of our kupuna members were among those who once gathered healing herbs from the back of Ha'iku Valley at the direction of their elders.

But this valley is also important for its more contemporary history. Just after the start of World War II came the building of the Navy radar facility, the antenna grid, and the later conversion to an OMEGA Station. The radar facility was a top-secret installation and considered essential to national security following the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. Some of our members worked with the builders of the station during the 1940s. OMEGA itself was one of eight transmitter stations in the world that communicated with aircraft and ships at sea.

Some have told us that the State Legislature is wrestling with anticipated shortfalls in funding for all of the needs expressed by the administration and the Legislature. We understand and appreciate your challenges.

But we feel strongly that Kane`ohe and He`eia deserve the State's kokua to establish this preserve and protect it from further neglect and damage.

The OMEGA building, considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, has been severely damaged because the state – which controls this property – doesn't care enough about these assets to ensure they are safeguarded. It makes us weep to see how that beautiful building, left in immaculate condition with the departure of the Coast Guard, has become a haven for vandals and others looking for an outlet for their destructive behaviors. Every piece of glass, every strip of copper, all of the wall coverings, wiring, doors, windows and other remnants of what might have been recognizable and valuable to this historic building – all of this has been torn out and scattered or stolen through the lack of proper security.

It will now require as much as \$2 million to repair and secure the building, and additional funds are needed to bring in proper security for the area.

We in the community offered years ago to help watch over Ha`iku Valley, but our offer was not accepted. Instead, we have felt unwelcome in this valley, which is so important to our people and which holds great historic and cultural value to all of us.

We urge you please help us protect this precious resource, restore its use to our community, and enable us to malama this `aina as the treasure it is for all Hawai`i nei.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our testimony.

MAHEALANI CYPHER
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TESTIMONY: HB 266, HD1 – RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

House Committee on Water, Land, Ocean resources & Hawaiian affairs
House Committee on Judiciary
House committee on Finance
Saturday, February 23, 2008
9:00am
Auditorium
State Capitol

Hardy Spoehr, Executive Director

Aloha Chairs and Members of the House Committees on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs; on Judiciary; and on Finance.

Papa Ola Lokahi, the Native Hawaiian Health Board, strongly supports your passage of HB 266 which finally resolves those long-standing issues within state government in reference to the State's obligations to Native Hawaiians under Article XII, section 4 and 6 of the Hawaii Constitution.

Our only thought is that this law should not in any way impinge upon any future efforts of any Hawaiian sovereign entity which may be created in federal law to seek restitution or to move forward with any legal actions in regards to former Crown lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide supportive testimony on this important and landmark legislation.