



# KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO  
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

By

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Hearing Date: Thursday, January 31, 2008,  
3:00 pm, Conference Room 309

TO: Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
Representative Joe Bertram, III, Vice Chair  
Committee on Higher Education

SUBJECT: Support of HB 3238, Relating to Applied Archaeology

My name is Neil Hannahs. I serve Kamehameha Schools as Director of the Land Assets Division and I wish to offer testimony on behalf of The Schools in regards HB No. 3238 (and SB No. 2906) which provides critical funding to support the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Department of Anthropology's Applied Archaeology Program and several of its education and community initiatives.

Kamehameha Schools firmly supports the mission of the U.H.-Mānoa Applied Archaeology Program to provide a focused alternative track for the education and training of local kama'āina and Native Hawaiian students who aspire to work in cultural resource management and historic preservation in Hawai'i. We see value in developing the next generation of trained professionals with Hawai'i to be the future managers of our precious cultural resources and materials. This type of education program directly address the current crisis in historic preservation and the need for greater protection of our sacred sites and cultural heritage.

Kamehameha Schools is moving forward in working collaboratively with the U.H. Mānoa Applied Archaeology Program to develop an archaeological field school on our Waialua lands (in the ahupua'a of Pa'ala'a, Kawailoa, Lauhulu, Kuikuiloloa, Puanue, and Kapaeloa). The archaeological field school is scheduled to start in the Fall 2008 semester and will begin with surveying important cultural sites like Kūpopolo Heiau and conducting oral history interviews with knowledgeable kūpuna from the area.

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Ultimately, these research studies will provide our KS Land Assets Division with increased knowledge about the cultural resources on our lands in the North Shore by creating a site inventory of cultural resources, determining historical and cultural significance of our lands, protecting burial sites, and developing informed policy.

The U.H. Applied Archaeology Program will also allow us to carry forth the will of Ke Ali'i Pauahi by educating Native Hawaiians in the field of archaeology and anthropology at the University level. More directly, this program will create an opportunity for Kamehameha students to actively participate in and learn about archaeology. In order to demonstrate our commitment, we have offered the U.H.Mānoa Applied Archaeology Program funding support this fiscal year to hire a temporary lecturer position and a graduate research assistant position for the field school component of the program.

We urge you to also support HB 3238.

Mahalo for considering our views on this matter.

TO: Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
Representative Joe Bertram, III, Vice Chair  
Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Jonathan Osorio, Director  
Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies

HEARING: Thursday, January 31, 2008, 3:00 pm, Conference Room 309

SUBJECT: **Support of HB 3238, Relating to Applied Archaeology**

Aloha. My name is Jonathan Osorio and I am the director of the Kamakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies. We at the Center wholeheartedly support HB 3238.

We are aware that the State of Hawai'i has struggled in recent years to provide adequate staffing of the State Historic Preservation Division, and that this difficulty has prevented the State from honoring its legal obligations to properly protect Native Hawaiian burials. Part of the problem has certainly been the lack of adequately trained and culturally-informed archaeologists and other professionals.

This legislation will help resolve the current historic preservation crisis by providing training in Hawaiian archaeology to professionals involved in the identification and protection of human burials and grave goods, cultural resources, and archaeological sites. Funding an Applied Archaeology Masters program at UH-Mānoa will enable the State to comply with its moral obligation and legislative mandate to protect Hawai'i's cultural heritage and strengthen ties between the university and the public. The program and the proposed planning sessions will create a public dialogue on historic preservation among numerous communities, state agencies and professional interests. The Applied MA at Mānoa will also provide distance learning across and state and involve faculty from other UH campuses. Students will receive paid internships that will directly contribute to their education and to the increased protection of cultural sites and resources. This program will increase the employability of students entering government and private sectors.

Kamakakūokalani has already begun to expand the breadth of training for our own MA students. We would greatly benefit from the establishment a program in Applied Archaeology that would give our students the skills in researching historical and cultural significance and understanding cultural resource management. We have been in dialogue with faculty in the Department of Anthropology and are willing to support their Applied MA by partnering on grants and by offering positions that would focus on matters of historic preservation. In order to do that though, the Legislature must support these efforts. We strongly urge the committee to pass HB 3238.

Mahalo.  
Jonathan K. Osorio, Ph.D

TO: Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
Representative Joe Bertram, III, Vice Chair  
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HEARING: Thursday, January 31, 2008, 3:00 pm, Conference Room 309

SUBJECT: Support of HB 3238, Relating to Applied Archaeology

Aloha. My name is Sean Naleimaile and I speak on behalf of Nāki'iKeAho. Our organization is made up of Native Hawaiian archaeologists, anthropologists and others involved and concerned with maintaining the integrity of our cultural practices and resources. I have recently started a new A.A.S. program here at Hawaii Community College in Hilo called, Kahu Ku'una: Cultural Resource Stewardship. This program is geared towards enabling our learners and members of the community with the skills and knowledge to participate in the field of cultural resource management. This program grew from a growing concern in our group as well as the larger Native Hawaiian community as to the lack of Native Hawaiian participation in the very important field. The education of our community in these matters can only strengthen our abilities to make positive change. Today I testify on behalf of Nāki'iKeAho to register our full and enthusiastic support for HB 3238.

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This legislation will provide an avenue for future learners to move into an advanced degree program. I am sure that the Legislature is aware of the State's staffing shortages in Historic Preservation, and many of the problems it has caused, and that Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 13, Chapter 281 require principal investigators conducting archaeological work or cultural impact assessments in Hawaii to possess graduate degrees in archaeology, or anthropology, or an equivalent field. Of the 26 private consulting firms operating in Hawaii, none of them have principal investigators who are of Native Hawaiian ancestry.

There are just a handful of Native Hawaiians with their advanced degrees in archaeology and anthropology. There are only two Native Hawaiians with their PHDs whose focus has been primarily archaeology. I feel that this is something that needs to be changed and that as my program grows, I hope that it would foster an interest in our Native Hawaiian community, as well as our local community to take an interest in pursuing these advanced degrees so as to further affect the field in a more culturally appropriate manner. We hope to design our program here at the Hawaii Community College in concert with the proposed MA program at UH-Manoa so that we can make transitioning into a four-year degree and subsequently the MA program at UH-Manoa seamless and student friendly. The members of Nāki'ikeAho see these efforts as positive and believe that there is a synergy occurring right now that is creating an atmosphere of cooperation between the Native Hawaiian community and members of the archaeological and anthropological communities. This synergy comes from a common objective to protect our vital cultural resources.

For these and many other reasons, we urge the committee to pass HB 3238. Mahalo.

**TO:** Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
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**FROM:** Dr. Miriam Stark  
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**HEARING:** Thursday, January 31, 2008, 3:00 pm, Conference Room 309

**SUBJECT:** Support of HB 3238, Relating to Applied Archaeology

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It is essential that the expansion of this program be done in dialogue with interested parties outside the university. Issues of historic preservation of cultural resources cut across numerous communities, state agencies, and professional interests. The proposed bills will support an inclusive planning process necessary to launch a program that has the confidence and cooperation of the wider community.

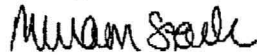
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
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For these and many other reasons, I ask that the legislature support our bill. Mahalo!

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TO: Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
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FROM: Dr. James M. Bayman   
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**TO:** Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
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**FROM:** Jo Lynn Gunness, Archaeology Labs Manager  
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**HEARING:** Thursday, January 31, 2008, 3:00 pm, Conference Room 309

**SUBJECT:** Support of HB 3238, Relating to Applied Archaeology

Aloha. This testimony is submitted in support of HB 3238. I am testifying as an interested and concerned individual, rather than as a representative of the University of Hawai'i.

The proposed bill will expand the UH-Mānoa graduate program in Applied Archaeology to help resolve the current historic preservation crisis in our islands. Although UH-Mānoa regularly offers archaeological training, we are actively working to produce more archaeologists with graduate training specifically in Hawaiian archaeology. As the first generation of cultural resource management archaeologists has begun to retire, many more trained professionals are urgently needed to identify and preserve archaeological sites, human burials, and other sacred sites, in the face of unrelenting economic development.

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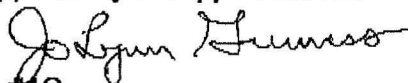
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Thank you for the opportunity to support this bill.

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## BISHOP MUSEUM

### TESTIMONY FOR LEGISLATIVE BILLS: SB No.2906 & HB No. 3238

January 30, 2008

Aloha!

My name is Dr. Tianlong Jiao, and I am the Chairman of Department of Anthropology at Bishop Museum.

On behalf of our Department, I submit testimony to register our profound support for SB No. 2906 (and HB No. 3238).

In 2007, UH-Mānoa faculty launched the Applied Archaeology program to train students specifically in the historic preservation of Hawai'i. The program is designed to help students and working professionals across the state, and it has already attracted lots of applications from local students. Funding through SB No. 2906 (and HB No. 3238) will expand the UH-Mānoa program in Applied Archaeology to accommodate more students, train them more comprehensively, and thereby enable the State to comply with its moral obligation and legislative mandate to protect Hawai'i's rich cultural heritage.

The proposed bill is timely. The first generation of professional archaeologists who now manage the state's resources has also begun to retire. Many more trained professionals are urgently needed to identify and preserve burial sites, archaeological sites, and other sacred sites, in the face of unrelenting economic development. Graduates of the UH-Mānoa 2-year program in Applied Archaeology will be technically skilled and administratively qualified to staff the many private cultural resource management firms and government agencies that are responsible for identifying and protecting burial sites and archaeological remains in Hawai'i.

We support this bill also because of our active commitment to Hawaiian archaeology. We work closely with the University of Hawaii's archaeologists as researchers and colleagues. We regularly employ UHM archaeology students in our internship program, and we look forward to incorporating more interns from the UHM Applied Archaeology MA program into Bishop Museum archaeology activities.

For these and many other reasons, we ask that the legislature supports this bill. Mahalo!

Tianlong Jiao   
Chairman, Department of Anthropology

TO: Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
Representative Joe Bertram, III, Vice Chair  
Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Aggy Stevens-Gleason, MA Student  
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HEARING: Thursday, January 31, 2008, 3:00 pm, Conference Room 309

SUBJECT: Support of HB 3238, Relating to Applied Archaeology

Aloha. My name is Aggy Stevens-Gleason and I speak on behalf of graduate students in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Today I testify to register my full and enthusiastic support for HB 3238.

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As a student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa who has recently begun working professionally in the field of cultural resource management, I have personally become aware of the necessity for training in applied archaeology at the university level. While the applied archaeological methods training I have received at the university is fair, the funds and curriculum are lacking. In conjunction, there is little opportunity for students interested in entering into the field of cultural resource management to receive appropriate training. This makes it very difficult to find students who are adequately trained to fill the increasing number of positions that are becoming available in the growing professional cultural resource management field. By providing opportunities at the university level, students will be able to further develop the dialogue on historic preservation throughout the communities, public, private, and governmental, in Hawai'i. Employers need potential employees with diversified training. If students had the opportunity to receive intensive archaeological training through a diverse and well-funded curriculum at the university level, applied anthropologists from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa would be ideal candidates for these positions.

For these and many other reasons, we urge the committee to pass HB 3238. Mahalo.

## **Testimony for Legislative Bill HB No. 3238**

Aloha!

My name is Geoffrey White. I am Chair of the Department of Anthropology at UH Mānoa and speak on behalf of myself and several colleagues who are working to build a new program in Applied Archaeology.

We are submitting testimony to register our complete support for HB No. 3238 and offer comments and one amendment to the bill's wording.

The proposed bill will expand the UH-Mānoa graduate program in Applied Archaeology to help resolve the current historic preservation crisis that has developed in our islands. Although UH-Mānoa regularly offers archaeological training, we are committed to training more archaeologists with expertise in Hawaiian archaeology. As the first generation of professional archaeologists who manage the state's resources is beginning to retire, we urgently need trained professionals to identify and preserve archaeological sites, human burials, and other sacred sites, so that economic development proceeds without coming into conflict with highly valued cultural and historic sites.

We note the timeliness of the new program in Applied Archaeology at UHM. In August 2007, just as the program was admitting its first students, we learned that state legislators had recently informed the UHM Chancellor about the severe shortage of archeologists at the State Department of Land and Natural Resource's Historic Preservation unit that was holding up a large amount of business for the state and private industry. We responded by initiating a planning process that could expand the program to meet this growing need.

It is with this background that in 2007 the UH-Mānoa faculty launched the Applied Archaeology program to train students specifically in the historic preservation of Hawai'i. The program is designed to help students and working professionals across the state, and now, in the second year is receiving a sharply increased number of applications from local students. Funding through HB No. 3238 will expand the UH-Mānoa program in Applied Archaeology to accommodate more students, train them more comprehensively, and thereby enable the State to comply with its moral obligation and legislative mandate to protect Hawai'i's rich cultural heritage.

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Graduates of the 2-year program in Applied Archaeology will be technically skilled and administratively qualified to staff the many private cultural resource management firms and government agencies that are responsible for identifying and protecting burial sites and archaeological remains in Hawai'i.

In supporting this bill, we offer one amendment to its language, changing the stipulation that students in the applied archaeology program be "limited to" students who intend to work in Hawai'i to "give priority to" those students. This will allow the program to include smaller numbers of students who work in other communities and who, through their presence in the program, will enrich the training of Hawai'i students.

Under Section 2, revision of Chapter 304A, Hawai'i Revised Statutes:

- (b) Enrollment in the applied archaeology graduate program shall give priority to students who work or intend to work immediately upon graduation in Hawai'i's public and private sectors in cultural resource management archaeology or other historic preservation fields.

In conclusion we ask that the legislature support HB No. 3238 and commit ourselves to working to ensure the success of this timely program. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the following telephone number and email address. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TO: Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
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FROM: Ty P. Kāwika Tengan, Assistant Professor  
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HEARING: Thursday, January 31, 2008, 3:00 pm, Conference Room 309

SUBJECT: **Support of HB 3238, Relating to Applied Archaeology**

Aloha. My name is Ty Tengan and I am an assistant professor in the Departments of Ethnic Studies and Anthropology at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Today I submit testimony in full and enthusiastic support for HB 3238.

I have been involved in matters dealing with archaeology, anthropology, and burial sites protection since 1996 when I was still in undergraduate school. While a graduate at UH Mānoa, I received Research Assistantship to support the efforts of community organizations working to repatriate human remains and burial objects from Mōkapu on O'ahu. As an assistant professor of ethnic studies and anthropology, my research, teaching and service have revolved around the practices and politics of anthropology, repatriation, and cultural sites. In the community I have worked with approximately forty-five other Native Hawaiians involved in archaeology and anthropology to form an organization called Nāki'ikeaho, which has called for a greater level of Native Hawaiian participation in archaeology, anthropology, historic preservation, cultural resource management, and land stewardship. Through Nāki'ikeaho and my affiliation with the Department of Anthropology, I have become a member of the Friends of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), a coalition of archaeologists, Native Hawaiians, and other community members that have worked to resolve the present crisis at SHPD and to implement long term changes and improvements in the historic preservation community.

All of this has led me to redouble my efforts at providing the kinds of training and education at the university level that would respond to the needs of the public. We developed our Applied Archaeology at UH Mānoa in 2007 in dialogue with the larger historic preservation community. I facilitated a series of correspondences Nāki'ikeaho who overwhelmingly registered support. With no additional funding, we began to offer classes in the Fall semester and enrolled two Native Hawaiian students; presently we have an additional nine applicants for next year, the majority of whom are Native Hawaiian or local. We seek to train these students to become qualified professionals who will fill important staff positions in government agencies and produce a more responsible and effective form of contract work in the private sector.

Importantly, we have proceeded with an eye to working with others in the University and in the community. Members of our department have been conducting a voluntary mapping and survey study of Lyon Arboretum since 2006, which has involved some fifty students and community members. This has led to a dialogue with the City and County of Honolulu to conduct similar work at Mānoa Falls. We have begun to develop partnerships with Kamehameha Schools, who will help to fund a training field school on their lands on the North Shore. The



Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies has indicated interest in partnership as they look to expand their training of graduate students and service to the Hawaiian community. We have also approached the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and intend to explore the possibilities of working with them.

This expanding list of partners, growing cohort of students, and ongoing work with Nāki'ikeaho and the Friends of SHPD evidence the tremendous need and support from the community for an MA in Applied Archaeology at UH Mānoa. However, we can only fulfill this potential through an increase in resources and continued dialogue with the community. This bill provides for this through funding for faculty, administrative support, student internships, and planning workshops. Given the stakes that ride on the preservation and protection of our State's historical and cultural resources, I strongly urge the committee to pass HB 3238. Mahalo.

**TO:** Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
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**FROM:** Dr. Windy McElroy *Windy McElroy*

**HEARING:** Thursday, January 31, 2008, 3:00 pm, Conference Room 309

**SUBJECT:** Support of HB 3238, Relating to Applied Archaeology

Aloha,

My name is Windy Keala McElroy, and I am submitting testimony in support of SB No. 2906/HB No. 3238. I was born and raised in Hawai'i, received my Ph.D. from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Anthropology Department and am currently employed as a senior principal investigator at a cultural resource management firm on O'ahu.

I support SB No. 2906/HB No. 3238 because it will expand the UH Mānoa graduate program in Applied Archaeology, providing sorely needed training for the future archaeologists of our state. Whereas other Anthropology degrees offered by UH Mānoa are geared toward students who will eventually move away from Hawai'i and become professors or otherwise remain in academia, the Applied Archaeology program targets students who will stay in Hawai'i and work as professional archaeologists in both the public and private sectors. There is currently no other M.A. level program in our islands or elsewhere that fills that need.

The proper training of archaeologists will help resolve the growing historic preservation crisis that has developed in our islands and assuage the current staffing situation at the State Historic Preservation Division. Many more trained professionals are urgently needed to identify and preserve burial sites, archaeological sites, and other sacred sites, in the face of unrelenting economic development. It is imperative to train local students who understand the uniqueness of our islands and appreciate and respect the Hawaiian culture of the past and present rather than bringing in archaeologists trained at mainland or international universities who may hold advanced archaeology degrees but have little understanding of our islands.

The UH Mānoa Applied Archaeology program was initiated in 2007 with the aim of training students specifically in the historic preservation of Hawai'i. The program is designed to educate the next generation of professional non-academic archaeologists and others who seek to be effective advocates for the study and preservation of cultural resources in Hawai'i, and it has already attracted many applications from local students. Funding through SB No. 2906/HB No. 3238 will expand the UH Mānoa program in Applied Archaeology to reach out to larger numbers of students, train them more

comprehensively, and thereby enable the State to comply with its moral obligation and legislative mandate to protect Hawai'i's rich cultural heritage.

Funding the proposed bill will allow the development of distance-learning courses that will reach students across the state. This will foster relationships between the various UH campuses and help students from neighbor islands earn degrees toward graduation at UH Mānoa without relocating to O'ahu. Outreach courses such as this will help to broaden the participation of under-represented groups in the discipline of archaeology as they will affect individuals who would not otherwise be able to attend UH Mānoa.

Graduates of the two-year program in Applied Archaeology will be technically skilled and administratively qualified to staff the many private cultural resource management firms and government agencies that are responsible for identifying and protecting burial sites and archaeological remains in Hawai'i. For these and many other reasons, I ask that the legislature support SB No. 2906/HB No. 3238.

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TO: Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
Representative Joe Bertram, III, Vice Chair  
Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Melissa Ka'akau

HEARING: Thursday, January 31, 2008, 3:00 pm, Conference Room 309

SUBJECT: Support of HB 3238, Relating to Applied Archaeology

Aloha. My name is Melissa Lehuanaani Ka'akau and I speak on behalf of the Applied Archaeology Masters Program, University of Hawai'i, Mānoa. Our organization, Masters candidates in Applied Archaeology. Today testify to register our full and enthusiastic support for HB 3238.

This legislation will help resolve the current historic preservation crisis by providing training in Hawaiian archaeology to professionals involved in the identification and protection of human burials and grave goods, cultural resources, and archaeological sites. Funding an Applied Archaeology Masters program at UH-Mānoa will enable the State to comply with its moral obligation and legislative mandate to protect Hawai'i's cultural heritage and strengthen ties between the university and the public. The program and the proposed planning sessions will create a public dialogue on historic preservation among numerous communities, state agencies, professional interests. The Applied MA at Mānoa will also provide distance learning across and state and involve faculty from other UH campuses. Students will receive paid internships that will directly contribute to their education and to the increased protection of cultural sites and resources. This program will increase the employability of students entering government and private sectors.

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Personally, this program helps me to learn ways to contribute to my community as a Native Hawaiian. I specialize in paleopathology and desire to find ways to better the health status of Kanaka Maoli. This program provides me the tools I need to be able to immediately recognize burial sites and establish site protective measures. It also provides a means in which our ancestors can speak to us as we seek answers to issues facing us today. This dialogue between the past and present is what archaeologists have sought to maintain over the years. The Applied program is specifically designed for those of us who wish to get "down and dirty" NOW, implementing mandates as related to Historic Preservation of cultural sites, burials, and documenting and protecting these sites and their associated material, for the purpose of educating the general and, specifically, the Hawaiian communities. As more of our kupuna pass on, our knowledge base shrinks, and the urgency of the funding of this program becomes glaringly obvious. We need to put people into the field who are experts in burial practices, the handling of skeletal remains, the protection of cultural sites and resources, and have the ability to

maintain a dialogue with the various community groups that will benefit from the knowledge these resources provide. The sacredness of our past must be protected, as urban growth is quickly encroaching upon and covering the very land that once fed our ancestors. That land, that dirt, is what we work in. It is our media through which we can hear our ancestors speak, for they wish to talk to us still. Funding this program will continue this lifeline between our past and the present. Mahalo iā 'oukou!

For these and many other reasons, we urge the committee to pass HB 3238. Mahalo.

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**FROM:** Kalani Akana  
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**HEARING:** Thursday, January 31, 2008, 3:00 pm, Conference Room 309

**SUBJECT:** Support of HB 3238, Relating to Applied Archaeology

Aloha. My name is Kalani Akana and I write as a concerned Hawaiian and cultural practitioner/consultant as to the dismal state of affairs regarding human burials, cultural resources, and archaeological sites in our beloved state and homeland. I hereby register my full and enthusiastic support for HB 3238.

This legislation will help resolve the current historic preservation crisis by:

1. Providing training in Hawaiian archaeology to professionals

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2. Enabling the state to comply with its moral obligation and legislative mandate to strengthen ties between the public and the university.
3. Providing access through distance learning to the outer islands.
4. Attracting qualified students into the profession.
5. Increasing the number of students who can serve in government.

More importantly, to me, is that an Applied MA program at Mānoa will include culturally appropriate sensitivity to the heritage of our Hawaiian predecessors whose mana permeate these islands.

For these and many other reasons, I urge the committee to pass HB 3238. Mahalo.

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TO: Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
Representative Joe Bertram, III, Vice Chair  
Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Kelley Lehuakeapuna Uyeoka, Graduate Student  
UH Manoa, Applied Archaeology M.A.

HEARING: Thursday, January 31, 2008, 3:00 pm, Conference Room 309

SUBJECT: Support of HB 3238, Relating to Applied Archaeology

Aloha. My name is Kelley Lehuakeapuna Uyeoka and I am a graduate student at UH Manoa in the Applied Archaeology Graduate Program. Today I testify to register my full and enthusiastic support for HB 3238.

This legislation will help resolve the current historic preservation crisis by providing training in Hawaiian archaeology to professionals involved in the identification and protection of human burials and grave goods, cultural resources, and archaeological sites. Funding an Applied Archaeology Masters program at UH-Mānoa will enable the State to comply with its moral obligation and legislative mandate to protect Hawai'i's cultural heritage and strengthen ties between the university and the public. The program and the proposed planning sessions will create a public dialogue on historic preservation among numerous communities, state agencies, and professional interests. The Applied MA at Mānoa will also provide distance learning across and state and involve faculty from other UH campuses. Students will receive paid internships that will directly contribute to their education and to the increased protection of cultural sites and resources. This program will increase the employability of students entering government and private sectors.

I have been working in the cultural resource management (CRM) industry since I graduated from UH Hilo in 2004. During this time I have seen the many ways of how archaeology can benefit the Native Hawaiian community. I have always wished to continue my education, but I wanted to enroll in a program that focused on Hawaiian archaeology and how it can be used to strengthen the community today. When the MA in Applied Archaeology was established in the fall of 2007 at UH Manoa, I knew this program would be ideal for me. It provided practical training for working in the CRM field with a focus on Hawaii and the Pacific. This program also complemented my job by acknowledging my work experience in my studies. Practical training is the key to this program as students learn the applied skills needed to work in the historic preservation industry. When students graduate from this program, they will be able to attain jobs that help preserve Hawaii's unique cultural heritage.

I see so much potential for this program to improve and expand so it can assist more Hawaii students who want to work in the CRM industry in Hawaii. Funding for field schools in Hawaii and internships with community agencies such as KSBE and OHA will provide students with the experience needed to attain jobs that can directly benefit the



Native Hawaiian community. More resources and support for this program will also help provide local students with the proper education and experiences to run their own companies and integrate a more culturally appropriate way of practicing archaeology in Hawaii. Personally, I will use the educational training I receive under the Applied Archaeology M.A. to continue to preserve and perpetuate my Hawaiian cultural heritage.

For these and many other reasons, we urge the committee to pass HB 3238. Mahalo.

January 30, 2008

TO: Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
Representative Joe Bertram, III, Vice Chair  
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FROM: Christopher P. Dunn, PhD, Director  
Harold L. Lyon Arboretum

HEARING: Thursday, January 31, 2008, 3:00 pm, Conference Room 309

SUBJECT: Support of HB 3238, Relating to Applied Archaeology

Aloha. My name is Christopher Dunn and I am the Director of the Harold L. Lyon Arboretum. The Lyon Arboretum, a branch of the University of Hawai'i, consists of almost 200 acres at the top of the Mānoa watershed and serves as a center for educational activities on plants, arts, culture, geography, and a range of other sciences. I testify in full and enthusiastic support for HB 3238.

Although approximately 34,000 visitors each year participate in classes, research projects, other community activities, or simply wander the grounds enjoying the beautiful plant displays, it is a relatively unknown area archaeologically. In response to the need for an inventory of the cultural and archaeological sites on our property, we have partnered with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa since Fall 2006 to conduct a comprehensive survey project that has been carried out on a voluntary basis. Approximately 50 students and community members have mapped and surveyed our property over the last two years. The public has had an opportunity to learn not only about archaeology, but perhaps more importantly about the interaction between culture and environment. This has helped to fulfill our mission of serving as an outdoor laboratory for school and university students, and developing a research and training program in restoration of Hawaiian ecosystems from a bio-cultural perspective.

While the Lyon Arboretum Archaeological Inventory Survey has seen a success, it has been limited due to its voluntary nature. The development and funding of an Applied Archaeology MA would greatly strengthen the survey by funding additional faculty, graduate student internships, and community involvement in the planning process. For these and many other reasons, we urge the committee to pass HB 3238. Mahalo.