

HCR 345

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**HCR 345, REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO TELEVISION THE GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**APRIL 22, 2008**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Room: 414**

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English and members of the committee.

My name is Clyde Nāmu‘o and I am the Administrator of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS HCR NO. 345.

OHA is not opposed to greater outreach to beneficiaries and the community at-large. In fact, OHA has several tools we currently use to disseminate information to and receive feedback from the community including our newspaper, *Ka Wai Ola*, our radio show, *Nā ‘Ōiwi ‘Ōlino*, and our website, *OHA.org*.

Instead of being directed to televise the meetings via ‘Ōlelo Community Television, we would instead favor working within the parameters of OHA’s resources and budget to determine what would work best for the needs of OHA and its beneficiaries.

While the Honolulu City Council and the State Legislature currently televise their meetings on ‘Ōlelo, Honolulu Hale and the State Capitol are already set up for connection to the ‘Ōlelo studio. OHA’s offices at 711 Kapi‘olani Boulevard are not. Facilitating such a connection could incur additional expense and staff time.

For example, in order to televise meetings live, we would need to set up a microwave relay from the OHA offices and direct the broadcast signals to the ‘Ōlelo studio. We currently do not have the equipment or infrastructure to do that.

As another example, in order to record a Board of Trustee meeting for showing at a pre-arranged time on ‘Ōlelo, it would require the use of staff time and possibly the purchase of additional equipment to film the general and committee meetings which numbered about 8 to 10 per month during the first five

months of this year. 'Ölelo has already told us that it cannot accommodate that many meetings on its schedule.

We believe OHA should determine the best avenue for televising the meetings including looking at programs and projects in which we are already involved.

For example, OHA is in the process of finalizing a working relationship with filmmaker Edgy Lee's Pacific Network Television which partners with Time Warner Telecom, KGMB-9 and Team Core Hawaii and we see this as a viable alternative.

Therefore, we ask the Committee to delete the second "whereas" clause.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.