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Monday, March 24, 2008
10:30AM
State Capitol Conference Room 312

House Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs
Representative Ken Ito, *Chair*

RE: Testimony Supporting HCR 345 & HB 286 (Requesting The Office Of Hawaiian Affairs To Televisе The General Meetings Of The Board Of Trustees Of The Office Of Hawaiian Affairs)

Aloha Chair Ito & Committee Members,

I currently serve on the Office of Hawaiian Affairs's (OHA) Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council (NHHPC) which is an advisory board providing the Board of Trustees (BOT) on matters regarding historic preservation. However, I'm providing comments as an individual and beneficiary.

I strongly support of both HCR 345 & HB 286. This would greatly provide information to the *Hawaiian Community* and stimulate input on all matters that the Board of Trustees (BOT) discuss during their general meetings. An example of not adequately informing the community which caused alot of anger is the current hearings regarding HB 266 SD2 which is about the OHA Ceded Land Settlement.

As a NHHPC councilmember, I've requested that our monthly meeting agenda be posted on OHA's website to solicit input from our *Hawaiian Community*, however it hasn't been posted consistently in a timely manner or after the meeting has occurred.

Both HCR 345 & HR 286 would make OHA similar with the telecast of Neighborhood Board Meetings. **Not everyone can attend meetings and this brings it to them.**

Both HCR 345 & HR 286 is long overdue. Also monthly committee agendas for BOT, NHHPC and other committees should be posted in a timely and consistently even if it means posting a draft agenda which can always be ammended.

More *Hawaiian Community* input and participation is needed. This means ALL and not a select few. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting HCR 345 & HB 286. *Malama Pono.*

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