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Testimony in Support of SB 2733 (Feb 9, 2008 10 am hearing) LATE TESTIMONY

Importance: High

Saturday February 9, 2008

Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs Committee on Water and Land

Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: SUPPORT for SB 27322 (Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement)

To the Honorable Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English, Chair Hee, Vice Chair Kokubun, Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee and Other Members of The Committees:

Thank for you for this opportunity to testify.

I am Trisha Kehaulani Watson. I work in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education at the University of Hawai'i Manoa and am Executive Director of Kako'o 'Oiwi. I am testifying in neither capacity on this bill nor should my testimony be considered the official position of their entity.

Rather, I am here simply as a beneficiary. And I am in support of this settlement.

Is this settlement perfect? No. No settlement ever is. Does the State owe us more? Absolutely. But this settlement is a start.

This is not a global settlement and I would not support it if it were or if it should become one. It does not address all our potential claims and grievances; rather it brings to resolution a conflict over a comparatively short and finite period. We have been here 2,000 years. This settlement only addresses thirty of those 2,000.

Yes, there are Hawaiians concerned. I understand their concerns and support the political ideologies behind them. We are an illegally occupied and sovereign nation. Sadly, that has never stopped the State from imposing sales or income tax on me. So I believe in that same vein, I can support this settlement and the Independence movement. I don't find them in conflict. I even think these are simply two different routes to the same destination.

Further, OHA could have been more transparent, but as a JD and trained mediator, I believe most settlement negotiations are closed, even when they are done by Trustees on behalf of beneficiaries. Ultimately, my support for this stems largely from the fact that I been fortunate enough to get to know Trustee Heen and Trustee Lindsey – and

I trust them. I love having Trustees I can actually trust. For I believe that great deal of the opposition to this settlement comes from a lack of trust in those who run OHA.

So I am making one request. Make it so anyone, including State employees, can run for OHA. Many qualified Hawaiians do not run because they are State employees and do not want to give up their jobs. So change this requirement and give the beneficiaries the opportunity to make the changes we need to, so that OHA becomes a transparent and trust-worthy entity.

The decision to support this bill was an extremely difficult one for me, and I am standing in opposition to many people I care about to do so. The thing is: right now there are so many Hawaiians with nothing. And maybe there are people willing to live with the status quo of nothing. I'm not. I'm a mom. And I need to know my little boy will grow up to have better than nothing.

So I want this settlement.

I will take every penny, every acre, little bit by little bit offered to Hawaiians. I will do this, because I know in my heart that all those pieces of "better than nothing" will in my lifetime add up to something.

A lot of something.

I'm hoping my Nation.

Thank you.

Trisha Kehaulani Watson

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# H.B. NO. 2701 PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT February 9, 2008 TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BY

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LATE

DR. VERLIEANN LEIMOMI KAPULE MALINA-WRIGHT, NATIVE HAWAIT

Aloha, Committee Chairman, Committee Members, staff, and community participants. My name is VerlieAnn Leimomi Kapule Malina-Wright, I am a Native Hawaiian educator with 41 years of education experience. Honua, land, always has had genealogical connections to our own spiritual and traditional beliefs, cultural identity, customs, practices, and language. Communities were built around these land resources and sustained our people.

I am vice principal at Kula Kaipauni 'O Anuenue, a K-12 public Hawaiian language immersion school located in the ahupua'a of Waikiki in Palolo Valley. John Nakoa lived on the land where our school is located on. He farmed 7 acres of his lands until the land was condemned by the State to build Anuenue Elementary School. Mr. Nakoa was given 35 cents per square foot for his 7 acre farm of lo'i fields.

Today, it is unique that our language survival school whose primary purpose is to restore the Hawaiian language throughout our communities is located on land that once belonged to the John Nakoa family. I share this story with this Committee because many people assume that the Hawaiians did not value their lands. I know the Nakoa family. They still have their home located on the perimeter of our school, and they still take care of their lands which they lost by taking care of our school. Many people assume that the Nakoa family was paid adequately so the loss of their lands resulted in a financial gain. These people do not know that money is not an indicator of the value of Hawaiian lands. Instead, it is the love of our lands, and the special inter-connection and inter-relationships that all native peoples have to these lands that are unique to who we are as the host nation to all in Hawaii.

What I have learned through the 41 years of educational experience is that there are great strengths in our State that are forthright as demonstrated by the moral commitment and kuleana to the Hawaiian people, the host nation. Just as the ali'i at one time were the stewards of the lands for their Hawaiian people, all members of the state legislature continue today as stewards of Hawaiian lands. For the Hawaiian people these responsibilities are embedded in our State constitution and legislation and continue through the introduction of H.B. No. 2701, A Bill for an Act Relating to the Public Trust lands.

As Hawaiian people, we have the inherent rights, as do other indigenous peoples, to pass on their lands, language, culture and resources to their children and generations to come. Placing these lands in trust in perpetuity will resolve once and forever the self-determination of the Hawaiian people to manage their own land resources. We should also note that the Hawaiian people will never be able today to achieve the level of landownership of their ancestors. However, HB No. 2701 attempts to resolve what has been ignored for over a century: the rights of the native peoples to the revenues, resources, and self-determination of their lands held in trust.

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## Avis Alokele Jervis The Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter P. O. Box 1955, Kailua, Hawaii 96734 Telephone: 528-1033, 528-0606, 263-4595

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RE: SENATE BILL 2733

Hearing Date: February 9, 2008

#### Dear members of the House and Senate:

As a Native Hawaiian beneficiary and Executive Director of The Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter, a non-profit organization established to serve the economically disadvantaged victims of women and children involved in domestic violence and homelessness. We were founded in the early 90's we have had over 5000 women and children involved in domestic violence and homelessness come thru our doors fleeing for their lives with their children in tow. With legislatives assistance, you came to our aid because you knew it was the right thing to do. In 2007 OHA came to our aide to not just serve Hawaiian victims of abuse and homelessness but for all of Hawaii's Ohana. They are again supporting our programs for 2008.

I am writing in full support of SB 2733, relating to the public trust lands settlement agreement assigning the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as beneficiaries to receiving payments totaling the sum of \$200,000,000.00, for income and proceeds from the lands public land trust for the period November 7, 1978 to June 30, 2008. As an entity truly dedicated towards improving the lives of our Native Hawaiian people, OHA continues to exceed their commitment of providing support and aid to Native Hawaiian people throughout our Hawaiian Islands, a place like no other.

At a time in my life I have sat in your chair here at the legislature worried about voting right or wrong and I found out almost immediately if it feels good, it's RIGHT. Go with the feeling in your gut!

Sincerely

Avis Alokele Jervis

## SUPPORT FOR SB 2733 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT

#### TESTIMONY BY APOLEI KAHAI BARGAMENTO

Aloha kakahiaka, Chairmen and members of the Committee. My name is Apolei Kaha`i Bargamento. Twenty years ago I accepted a position with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs when I was impressed during the interview that my people needed help to get ahead.

To further my knowledge, I also joined the Hawaiian Civic Club, who I found to not only be knowledgeable of our people's needs, but to be pro-active in support of the struggle to improve the life of the Hawaiian people.

For 20 years I have personally watched OHA struggle to gain benefits to make lives bettr for the people of Hawai`i. I say "People of Hawai`i" because we are diverse. Every blood which has set foot on the shores of Hawai`i has mixed and produced siblings with the host natives of Hawai`i. When you help one, you help all of the other races too.

I was there when the board of Trustees received no salary. The only expense paid was travel to their meetings. I was there when travel expense was not provided if the meeting was held on their island. The Trustee had to find their own way to their meeting, particularly it if was on the other side of the island. One Trustee, in particular, having no ka`a, hitched a ride from her resident in Hilo to make the meeting in Kona. That is what I call "dedication—to pursue their mission – which mission was then, and still is today, to better the lives of the Hawaiian people.

It has been a struggle and a long journey these past 20 years.

In 1978 with Constitutional amendments and the establishment of OHA, the State of Hawai'l made forward movement in that regard and the State Legislature followed on by enacting statutes to implement OHA and provide a pro-rata share of ceded land revenures.

Early 1990's to the present, there were steps forward as well as backwards. Between 1978 and 2008, four times OHA and the Executive Branch have attempted negotiations. In1993, settlement of the undisputed revenue issues acknowledged that the unresolved issues or disputes would be left for resolution at a future time — this was a written agreement signed by OHA and the Waihe'e administration. That was implemented through enactment of statute by the legislature in Act 35.

**1998 and 1999** negotiations between OHA and the Executive branch was to resolve the disputed, unresolved issues – attempts which never produced a signed settlement agreement between and the Executive branch.

1999 never resulted in a signed agreement between OHA and the Executive branch because the Cayetano administration was demanding that OHA agree to a release of claims provision that would have adversely affected Native Hawaiians' overthrow claims to ownership of the ceded lands. The board of Trustees by a majority vote rejected Cayetano's unacceptable proposition.

2008 - This is our 4<sup>th</sup> try to resolve these disputed issues and join with the Executive branch to request that the 2008 State Legislature bring forward our negotiated settlement to resolve the disputed revenue issues from 1978 to the present.

With enactment of 2008 legislation to implement our settlement, the State Legislature will have fulfilled the court's direction and will have participated in not only codifying statute to settle the undisputed but also the disputed issues surrounding payment of cedd land revenues to oHa from 1978 to 2008 and will codify the minimum payment of \$15.1 million annually to OHA.

On behalf of my ohana and future generations, we ask the Legislature to enact our legislation to implement the settlement. This has been a long struggle and we ask the Legislature to bring it to a closure.

Mahalo for this opportunity to present this testimony.

Apolei Bargamento

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To: Committees on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Committee on Water and Land Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Fay Uveda, Director

Alaka'i Mālama Academy Communities in Schools-Hi

#### Re: Senate Bill 2733 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT

Aloha Committee Chairpersons and members,

This is a monumental time in our history and most certainly as leaders and decision-makers. It is a time to return to a place of pono where words and deeds must connect beyond the confusion of political motivations both nationally and locally.

OHA has evolved to an organization that has demonstrated its ability to be an excellent fiduciary agent of resources to benefit Hawaiians. It models the values and practices of the culture while meeting and exceeding the demands of a bureaucratic system in all arenas of government.

What OHA brings is the possibility of a future that will eliminate Hawaiians from being the disproportionate minority in all risk factors of health, education, economics, social, concerns. Most important, Hawaiians will be able to fulfill their kuleana as caretakers of land, ocean, culture, and others. Hawaiian perspective is often at odds with Western thinking. Hawai'i needs this perspective and courageous action that must think at least 7 generations ahead.

On a National Geographic airing focused on Volcanoes, the commentator spoke of how Hawai'i island was growing. His comment was, "Alright, More real estate!" Auwe! Doesn't that frighten you?

Change is necessary and Hawaiians were masters of change but always grounded by their values and understanding that "the land is the chief, man is the servant." How do we justify how land has been taken care of? Is money the chief? Have you noticed that while our homeless population grows, many of whom are Hawaiians, storage companies amass land to store "things" of a population obsessed with owning things they cannot even use?

Did you ever think you'd buy water? How do we know where the water comes from? Hawai'i used to claim some of the best and one water in the world.

Did you ever think you'd get sick from eating fish caught on and off shore of Hawai'i? A'ole. Does it change our lifestyle when you are hesitant to eat a fish a neighbor or friend gives you?

Yes! We are part of a "global village" but isn't it disturbing that we come from a culture that lived well interdependently, even accepted "their" enemies without malice, importing and outsourcing resources we have in Hawai'i? OHA has invested in nurturing what works for Hawai'i while developing important alliances of those who can help and not dominate existing resources. Although, their investments and resources primarily assist Hawaiians, the benefits help the wider community. It is the way of the culture. Besides the fact, that inter-racial marriage brings non-Hawaiians into the 'ohana.

While the government has spent millions of dollars on sending inmates away from families and considering tents to house them. Does anyone ask the question why is this happening? Why are so many Hawaiians in prison with as many as 3 generations?



Many years ago, Senator Inouye was asked how come the recidivism rate for Hawaiians was so low. His answer-"Ohana". Today with many more dollars and increasing services, why are our problems greater? What has happened to our 'Ohana. I believe the change came as we "bought into" models of services that were culturally incoherent.

We send many of our youth and adults to "Anger Management". Many can teach the course but it appears that many retain their anger and hurt. We blame drugs because substance abuse and treatment is a major industry.

Talk to people who have undergone Ho'oponopono. There is transformation. But it cannot be done in isolation and as a treatment plan. It must come out of the context of a cultural framework not fully understood by those educated in the Western Institutions alone.

So, what has all of this to do with the present bill. It has everything to do with it. Hawai'i must trust an entity to be the caretakers of what we have left so that Legacies begun by our Ali'i to continue the care of our islands and its people a future for succeeding generations.

We have all the laws, a state motto, even the Aloha bill, Kanawai Mamalahoe to align our actions to be pono. As lawmakers and keiki o ka 'aina, whether Hawaiian or not, you are obligated to bring integrity back where it is lacking. You must question a system that accepts, apologizes for past wrongs, then insists on controlling those they have violated.

The time is now! OHA I believe is an open book. They have demonstrated their ability to use funds to benefit their beneficiaries while moving toward helping to develop a sovereign nation. They have brought together diverse factions to work cooperatively. They have put aside egos and personal agendas to struggle with doing what is pono and beneficial to the collective mission. What more is needed?

Whether the battle is in the Federal Government level, courts, Hawai'i's leaders should be unified on this settlement issue.

Time is a most invaluable gift. The time individuals take to write testimonies, go to hearings. This is also the kuleana of the citizenry. You are in a position to serve the best interest of Hawai'i. I believe that the future of Hawai'I is at stake in this bill.

Personally, as someone who has worked with thousands of disenfranchised and alienated individuals, I thank the host culture. My education of what works with people did not come through my degrees. It has come through understanding the culture that nurtured me. We all must be passionately committed to a path that may have us walking alone in our decisions. But as Kupuna Craver said, "You supposed to know you have the strength to do what is right! Get a grip! Leave a legacy.

We are challenging our haumana, students to study this issue, observe, learn and take a stand. Ho'omau i ka pono!

Please feel free to contact me at any time-664-5704.

Aloha pumehana,

Fay Uyeda

## SB2733 - RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT ATF February 9, 2008 10:00am State Capitol Auditorium

## COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Chair Hee, Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chairs, and members:

I support SB 2733. I believe that the State of Hawai`i clearly has a constitutional obligation to resolve the conflicts 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 Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The Admission Act of 1959 and the Hawai'i Revised Statutes further mandate that a portion of the revenues from the use of ceded lands held in the Public Land Trust be provided to OHA and expended for benefit of all Hawaiians. Moreover, the Hawai`i Supreme Court ruled not once but on four separate occasions that the resolution of this lingering matter is a political question for the legislature to determine and to resolve with OHA.

As Hawai`i's seated legislators, you have been given the authority to judiciously settle the issue of OHA's past due entitlements determined to be legally owed to the indigenous Native Hawaiian people. You have also been given the opportunity to honorably fulfill the State of Hawai`i's long outstanding obligation to the Hawaiian people. The golden vehicle is before you and you are in the driver's seat. You can lawfully enable the State to meet is legal obligations to OHA's beneficiaries to ensure that OHA shall receive a steady annual stream of revenues that it is entitled to received to meet its obligations to its beneficiaries.

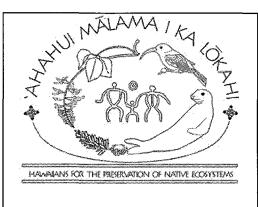
The Settlement Agreement painstakingly reached between the State of Hawai`i and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is undoubtedly a fair and reasonable one. Granted, while it does not fully resolve all obligations due and owing to the indigenous Native Hawaiians, it provides a strong starting point and is certainly an enormous step forward in a positive direction.

For the foregoing reasons, I unequivocally support this measure and strongly urge the Committees to support and favorably respond to SB 2733.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Cary Kanemoto



#### 'Ahahui Mälama I Ka Lökahi

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Senate Committee on AHW-WTL-JDL SB - 2733 - Relating to the Public Land Trust Settlement February 9, 2008 10:00 am Auditorium - State Capitol

Chairpersons and members of the Committees,

I'm Charles Pe'ape'a Makawalu Burrows, a member of the OHA Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council and Ahahui Malama I ka Lokahi, a native Hawaiian conservation organization of 2000 members. I am in support of SB 2733 – Relating to the OHA Public Land Trust Settlement. This historic and remarkable agreement between OHA and the State Administration regarding payment of ceded land revenues has been long overdue. It is a justified and reasonable settlement not only for Kanaka Maoli but also for all of Hawaii's people. Hawaii, the U.S. nation and the global world countries will be facing declining economies based on fossil fuels and greenhouse gasses accelerating the rate of global warming within the next 100 years. The ecological, social and economic impacts will first be on island ecosystems, indigenous peoples and the poor. The Kanaka Maoli in most cases fall into these categories. These ceded lands and projected revenues will help not only Hawaiians to meet the challenges for the future but also for all of those in Hawaii who have been disenfranchised by the present economic, social and political systems.

Aloha pumehana,

Charles K. Burrows, Ed.D.
President, Ahahui Malama I ka Lokahi
Council member of the OHA Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation

#### testimony

LATE

From: Glenn Johansen [glennj@konacoast.com]

Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2008 10:32 AM

To: testimony

Subject: TESTIMONY ON HB 2701 AND SB 2733

I have reviewed the texts of HB 2701 and SB 2733 and am quite concerned that these bills are not in the best interest of the "People of Hawaii" as the trust beneficiaries of "Ceded Lands". The complete text of these bills should of course be published in their entirety in the public newspapers of the State of Hawaii well in advance of any public hearings on the bills. Public hearings should be held across the State.

This issue is so much more consequential to all of the residents of the State of Hawaii than was the Hawaii Superferry issue and, as in the case of the Superferry legislation, the general public must be allowed to comment on the bills at public hearings in their own Counties and not have to travel to Honolulu to present their manao.

Please be sure to allow for public hearings on these accompanying bills in advance of any action taken by the Hawaii State Government, of the people and by the people. The public deserves to know exactly what their elected officials are up to before such crucial laws are passed. Taxpayers need to know that they are not purposely being put into a lose-lose situation by lawmakers with hidden agendas. Please don't attempt to sneak any more legislation by on us taxpayers.

Please do publish the complete texts of these bills in our local newspapers and then hold public hearings on the bills before taking action to attempt to pass such highly questionable legislation in the name of the people of Hawaii. All legal residents of the State of Hawaii are truly stakeholders in this issue. It's our tax dollars being considered here.

Mahalo Nui Loa, Glenn M. Johansen Kailua-Kona, HI

### LATE

#### ALBERT TIBERI 3634 Manoa Rd. Honolulu, HI 96822

#### LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

#### SB 2733 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT

February 9, 2008 10:00 am Capitol Auditorium

My name is Albert Tiberi. I am Hawaiian, a father of two Hawaiian children, a beneficiary of OHA and a resident of the State of Hawai'i. I strongly support passage of SB 2733. The resolution that this bill proposes is fair, it is long overdue and will provide OHA with increased financial stability to be used for its constitutionally mandated mission of the betterment of the conditions of Hawaiians and native Hawaiians. The resolution of this issue has lingered for far too long with countless hours and resources expended by both parties. It is time to resolve this issue so both OHA and the State can move forward and focus on all the other work to be done to make Hawai'i a better place for all. The resolution is a new and positive beginning for OHA and the State of Hawai'i and a positive example of what can happen when parties partner together to resolve an issue.

Mahalo,

Albert Tiberi



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Independent and Sovereign Nation-State

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February 08, 2008

OBJECTION to OHA Ceded Land Settlement Regarding SB 2733 & HB 2701

#### NOTICE TO ALL LEGISLATORS TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST

Any and All legislation past, present and future regarding the political, economic, social and cultural status of native Hawaiians.

#### EXCERPTS FROM THE SUPREME COURT DECISION, JANUARY 31, 2008

The Hawaii Supreme Court has concluded that "injuctive relief" is proper pending final resolution of native Hawaiian claims through the political process.

Furthermore, the Hawaii Supreme Court hold that: the Apology Resolution and related state legislation, give rise to the state's fiduciary duty to preserve the corpus of the public lands trust, specifically, the ceded lands, until such time as the unrelinquished claims of the native Hawaiians have been resolved.

#### SOLUTION

Injunction on SB 2733 & HB 2701 until such time as the political process of the Native Hawaiian people is resolved.

#### **ELECTORAL PROCESS**

Native Hawaiian People need a substantial period of time in which they can engage freely and without fear of threat or intimidation in the processes of educating and publicly debating among themselves, with meaningful access to the mainstream news media in Hawaii, regarding the various options available to them including but not limited to: Integration • Free Association • Independence • Restoration of Independence

In order to guarantee a free, fair, impartial, and objective electoral process in accordance with historically recognized international standards and procedures, such a process must be supervised by the United Nations Organization, i.e., UN observers.

It must be guaranteed, before the process begins, that the will of the Native Hawaiian people is determinative (has power to determine) and will be honored and respected whatever the results might be, including restoration and independence.

Pu'uhonua D. K. Kanahele

Head of State

Attachments:

Apology Law

St. Thomas Law Review including the Proclamation of Restoration 1995

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#### Senate

ANNIVERSARY OVERWEROW OF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM

The PRESIDENG OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report Senate Joint Resolution 19.

The bill clark tead as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 19) to acknowledge (25 199th anniversary of the January 17, 1893, overthrow of the Kingdom of Have all and so offer an apology to Native Rathe overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii.

The Sepate proceeded to consider the

The PRESIDENC OFFICER. Debate on the resolution is limited I hour equally divided and controlled in the

Mr. INCUYE addressed the Chair. The PRESIDING OFFICER, The Senator from Mawaii is recognized.

Mr. INOUYE, Mr. President, it is my honor and privilege to call upon my colleague from the State of Hawaii, a son of whose incestors were present on that fateful day 100 years ago when the beloved Queen Lilluokalani was over-thrown illegally, So. If I may, I would like to yield 15 minutes to my col-

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawail, Senator AKAKA, is

recognized for 15 minutes.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I thank my senior Senator for his graciousness and for his leadership in the Senate and for the people of Hawall,

I appreciate this opportunity to speak about a very, very important but forgottan chapter in American history concerning U.S. policy toward its native peoples, I am referring to the in-volvement of the U.S. diplomatic and military representatives in the 1801 everthrow of Queen Lilluokalant, the last ruling monarch of the Kingdom of

Earlier this year, on January 17, native Hawailans commemorated the 100th antiversary of this historic event which brought an untimely end to the Kingdom of Hawaii and altered the deatiny of the native Hawaiian people. In an effort to educate the Congress and the American public on the profound impact that this event has had on native Hawailann, the Senate last year reseed a resolution I introduced which acknowledged the 1891 overthrow and offers a U.S. apology to native Hawai-lane for its complicity. Unfortunately, the House was unable to act on the measure before the 1024 Congress adbearing and

The resolution we are considering today, Mr. Fresident, is identicalidentical—to the legislation as passed unanimously by the Senate last year. I had hoped that we could pass the resolation through a unanimous-consent agreement again in the 103d Congress. That is why we are debating this issue today.

Senate Joint Resolution 19 acknowledges the historic significance of the January 17, 1892, overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, it offers an apol-ogy to the native Hawaiians on behalf of the United States for the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawall with participation of citizens and agents of the United States. It commands efforts of reconciliation initiated by the State of Hawaii and the United Church of Christ with Native Rewallana, and it urges reconciliation efforts between the United States and the native Hawaiian

While the primary purpose of Senate Joint Resolution 19 is to educate my colleagues on the events surrounding the 1893 overthrow, the resolution would also provide the proper foundstion for reconciliation between the United States and Native Hawaiiana. This, I believe, is the least our Govern-

ment can do.

As some of my colleagues may know, the United Church of Christ, through its American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, sent the first missionaries to the Kingdom of Hawaii between 1870 and 1850. In recognition of the complicity of some members of the church in the 1893 overthrow of Queen Lilinokalani, the 18th general aynod directed the president of the United Church to offer a public apology to the native Hawsiian people and to initiate the process of reconciliation between the United Church of Christ and of Na-tive Hawaiians. This action, which oc-curred on the centennial of the over-throw earlier this year, was a significant gesture by the United Church of Christ and was deeply appreciated by the native Hawaiiana.

Mr. President, the Federal Government must also begin the healing process. Not until our Nation understands the significance of the events surrounding the 1991 overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii will American people appreclate the meaning of the Native Havallan rights movement, which grows each

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Few Americans know that the Elegdom of Hawaii was a highly organized. civilized, and sovereign pation from the unification of the Pawellan Islands under King Kamehameha I in 1810 until the overthrow of its last monarch in 1893. Few Americans appreciate that for nearly 70 years, between 1825 and 1893, the United States recognized the independence of the Kingdom of Hawall, extended full and complete diplomatic recognition to the Hawaiian Government, and entered into treatics and conventions with the Hawalian monercha to tosem commerce work navigation

Americana do not understand that without the active support and inter vention by U.S. diplomatic and mill

hape a majority of them from mixed of independence and confirmed in a war ethnic backgrounds, live together in peace and friendable.

In raidebooks about the State of Mawall, and it is mentioned in our own blatory, that State is given as an example of how people from different backgrounds can live together happily and peacefully. Yet here we begin that process of division.

At the time of the commemoration of this coup, or this overthrow, last January the Governor of Hawaii caused the flag of the United States to be removed from the capital for 5 days. I must basten to add he was denounced by the two Senators from Hawall for baving done so. But it was symbolic of the divisive nature of this kind of proposal.

My distinguished friend, the junior Senator from Hawall, made no mention in his opening speech of what these ramifications were or of how this reconciliation was to take place. Many members of the Native Hawaiian community in the State however have done exactly that I will quote from stories from newspapers on the subject. The

Los Angeles Times says:

A small minority advocates total inde-pendence, in effect the re-creation of the old kingdom, and so even amaller minority bas gone on record for total independence coupled with exposition of many non-patives from the State. A troad middle group wants s nation within a nation.

With a form of sovereignty perhaps, a legislative and an executive and a judicial set of bodies coupled with claims. for somewhere between 200,000 and 1.4 million acres of public lands owned by the Federal Covernment and by the State of Hawais, and I suspect some kind of monetary compensation at

some point or another.

Mr. President, these demands for compensation differ profoundly from those offered to Japanese-American's by this body in a bill of which this Sen-ator believes that he was a sponsor not many years ago. Those reperations were given to individuals who were greatly wronged by their Government. who were deprived of their homes and of their livelihoods solely by reason of their race and ethnic origin, and who were alive to receive reparations greated to them by Members of this body and the other body almost all of whom were alive when that terrible injustice to individuals took place.

This coup took place more than 100 years ago. No one is alive who played any role in it. No one is alive, perhaps there are a couple of centensylana who may have tood there when this took place, This is a different time and a dif-

ferent generation.

It goes without saving in this body. it seems to me, that every square inch of the United States of America was acquired in a manner which bears certain similarities to the acquisition by the United States of America of what is now the State of Hawaii. ..

Certainly this can be precedent for

against Mexico in which many died only about 50 or 50 years before the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii. Does this justify some kind of special acknowledgment to citizens of Mexico? The rest of this country was acquired either from its natives or by way of England, France, Spain, or Russia.

In fact, we are no different than any other society in the world today. I doubt that there is a square mile of the world which is occupied by exactly the same people who were the original human beings on the spot. But it is the renius of us as Americans, it seems to me. Mr. President, that this does not count in America. What counts is that we are all citizens, and that we are all

equal.

In no realistic way did we apologize for the acts by people over whom we had no responsibility and with whom we shared no life whatevers. As a consequence, it seems to me we most look toward the consequences not only of what we do here but the consequences of that coup. The consequences of that overthrow are the fact that Hawail is the 19th States of the United States. The fact that it has more than I million inhabitants live together in peace and harmony in an extremely prosperous society, the fact that all except for allens are citizens not only of the State of Hawaii but of the United States of America.

Are these adverse or unhappy consequences? Are these consequences or remifications of that overthrow which we wish to undo? [ know that the two Senators from Hawall do not agree y the transparation is with with a length wind. Parance no still be notified, and in the That is the only way independence. That is the only way that the clock can ever truly be turned

This Senator intersely regrets the fact that we are in this process creating a division which does not exist. I probably can come up with no better description of both what Hawaii is like and what some thoughtful people think is an appropriate response than to quote a couple of paragraphs from a speech by a former president of the University of Hawaii, Harlan Claveland. He says, after acknowledging the history that is included in this resolution, and I quote him: But my judgment is also that diffusion of

American democracy and enterprise with Ha-wallen culture mined now by immigration and intermerrisgs with Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, and other workways and mindrate has produced one of the worlds mest intriguing experiments in the building of a multicultural society.

That is the actual real world consequence of something, which took. place more than a century ago. President Cleveland goes on to say that sove ereignty which is what many of the native Hawklian groups wished is unlikely to be the answer, that the way the Government of Mexico recialming in which any individual problem abouid. Texas—which was select first in a war be dealt with is through education and

through quite a different course of action than seems clearly implied from the proposal which we have before us

Mr. President, in concluding these remarks, I would like to remind my colleagues of a remarkable part of our carly history and of our genius. On the Pourth of July in 1858, while he was in the mides of the campaign-ultimately unsuccessful—to be elected to the Senate of the United States, Abraham Lincoin spoke to a throng of his constituents shout something which troubled those constituents even then: The distinetion between Americans who could trace their descent to the generation which signed the Declaration of Independance and fought for our freedom, and those who were immigrants or the sons or daughters of immigrants.

This is what Abraham Lincoln said on that day, a century and a bail ago: We have, besides these who are descended by blood from our aneastors, these who are not descendents at all of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence or lought to establish it. But when they look through that old Declaration, they find: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all man are created equal . . . " and then they (as) that that moral santiment authorize their relation to those man, and that they have a right to claim it as though they were blood of the blood and flesh of the flesh of the man who wrote that Declaration: and so they are,

That is Abraham Lincoln on the true American beritare, on the American beritage that all are created squal and that all deserve equal treatment—not a divisive septiment, but a uniting and inclusive one. That is the genius of the State of Hawaii, whether its inhabitanta are native Hawailana, Japanese, Chinese, or Clucasians from the mainland. And it is, regrettably, that equal heritage which, in the view of this Senator, this resolution significantly undercuts.

Mr. DANFORTH, Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. GORTON, Yes, I yield such time

as the Senator wishes.
Mr. DANFORTH. Mr. President, I want to say to my friend, Senator Con-TON, that he obviously has undertaken a thankless job bare, but I think a very important one, in making the state-ment he just made on the floor of the Sepate, I say this with all due respect to all Senators, especially the Senators from Hawali, whom I admire very much.

The great challenge of this country has always been the challenge of attempting to hold together diverse repple. The statement over the Presiding Officer's head, curved in the markle of this room: "E Pluribus Unum." from one, many, That is the motto and chailenge of the United States of America.

to keep us all together.

It is a challengs which is tested constantly. It is tested by bigots and by hateful people; by mean people; by peo-ple who like to lord over others and discriminate against other people. For most of our bistory, that has been the terrible challenge of America, from

comeone is reported to bave surrented. "Why don't we cut that flag in 12 parts: each of us take a piece, a piece of the 生的现在分类

And that is what happened. It is said that one piece remains today, the last remaining place of the flag of the Kingdom of Hawaii.

I think that would give you an idea of the attitude of the Americans who were residing there at that time. It is not an attitude that we would condone today. We would not raise that attitude with accolades. Why not recognize it for what it was?

The United States is an extraor-dinary country. Though we may express batred and animosity, we have certain principles that we have always abided with.

For example, I took part in the great war. World War II, and we had to seek the permission of the Pope to destroy the Monta Caseino Abbey because that was used by the Germans as an observation point. We did not want to destroy that. It was against our principles. And we promised the Pops once the war is over we will replace it.

In the same attitude of principle, we issued orders, orders that were devsatating to our men-and many lost their lives as a result of this military order-mos to bomb the palace of the Emperor of Japan, our most hated enemy, but not to bomb the talace, not to bomb the city of Kyoto, because that is the royal city, that is the sa-

But in this case, the first thing they did was take over the palace, the only palace in the United States at this time, ran the legislature in the throne room. Impeleoned the queen in her bedroom, desecrated the palace, something that we Americans have never done before or since.

I think these footnotes might give you a different flavor of what happened on January 17.

And so I say to my colleagues. I think the time has come. One hundred years has been long enough. All we have to say is that we are sorry

Mr. GORTON addressed the Chair. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington is recognized.

Mr. GORTON, Mr. President, I intend in fust a moment to yield to the Senator from Colorado, but I wish to make only one or two preliminary remarks.

Of course, this Senator does not be-Here that either of his collegues from Hawaii wish the consequences of this resolution to be the restoration of the independence of Hawall Itself. What this Senator said was that there are some splinter groups in Hawaii who believe that is the only appropriate response to the operthrow and they will. clearly use this resolution as the basis on which to make such a demand.

This Senator finds that he has been with anything that sither of the Sen-

nd the annexation of Hawaii by the United States.

But this Senator needs to point out that neither Senator from Hawall has said one word about what the ramifications of the overthrow and the proper foundation for reconciliation is to be. In fact, the senior Senator from Hawaii. said it is not to be independent. This Senator believes that, on the record of this debate should be spread the intentions of the two Senators from Hawaii in that respect.

In this a purely self-executing resolution which has no meaning other than its own passage, or is this, in their minds, some form of claim, some form of different or distinct treatment for those who can trace a single ancestor back to 1778 in Hawaii which is now to be provided for this group of citizens. separating them from other citizens of the State of Hawaii or the United Status

At the very least, before we vote on their resolution, we ought to understand what the two Senators from Hewall mean those ramifications and consequences to be.

With that, how much time does the Senator from Washington have remaining?

The PRESIDENG OFFICER. The Senator from Washington has a minutes and S seconds.

Mr. CORTON, I vield i minutes to

the Senator from Colorado.
The PRESIDING OFFICER, The Senator from Colorado la recognized.

Mr. BROWN, Thank you, Mr. Prestdent.

Phys. Mr. President, let me recognize the very thoughtful and very sincere and very moving words of the senior Senator from Hawail. His comments and his observations, I think, hold great meaning for all Americans, regardless of their background or herit-320.

As I read through the resolution, I have concerns—concerns because I fear It is not clear as to what it implies or merne.

Let me be specific. The apology Etitos:

Applopiese to Native Hawaiians on behalf of the people of the United States for the overthrow of the Kingdom.

Included in the whereases that precede this is a recitation that at that time it invelved communal land ten-

That, as my friend knows, has been replaced by a concept of private property. Surely, we do not mean to surgest that we apologize for bringing the concept of private property to replace the concept of a communal land tabure System.

The whereases also note a unified monarchical government.

As everyone knows, that has been replaced by a representative democracy. Surely, we do not intend—and I do not unable to disagree in most respects, mean to imply that anyone intends that we applicate for having replaced a ators from Hawaii has said about the monarchy or a form of monarchy with bistory which led up to the overthrow a representative democracy.

My guesa in Rewallana take creat pride in our representative democracy. hat as every American does.

I notice in the first section, it sods with these words, referring to the "event which resulted in suppression of the inherent sovereignty of the Native Hawaiian people."

Mr. President, it seems to me, we ought to be clear that we are not here apologising for democracy or the concept of private property.

We do indeed and should apploping for a violent forceful overthrow of the government.

I would like an opportunity to clarify this, which, I think, would meet the intentions of all parties. I sak unanimous consent that we be allowed an addicional half hour of debate wherein amendments may be offered to clurify the intent of this resolution.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. is there

objection

Mr. INCUYE. Mr. President, reluctantly, on behalf of the leader, I must object, because a schedule has been established for the rest of the afternoon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. BROWN. Let me almply conclude my remarks with this concern.

I, for one, am not going to be able tovote for this resolution, not because I do not sympathize with the very eloquent remarks of the distinguished senior Senator from Hawaii, but because I believe this is not clearly worded and perhaps may imply some things that this Chamber and the Members would not agree with. Specifically to lament or to imply a lamentation of moving private property away from communal property, I think, would be a mistake; specifically to lament or imply that we lament moving away from a monarchy to a representative democracy, I think, would not represent the feelings or intentions of the Members of this Chamber.

Lyield the floor. The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who yields time?

Mr. INOUYE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Secstor from Hawali has 2 minutes and 20 seconds and the Senator from Washington bas 4 minutes and 30 seconds.

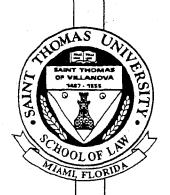
Mr. INCUYE, Mr. President, may I once egain cay that the suggestion that this resolution was the first step toward declaring independence or se-ceding from the United States is at best a very painful distortion of our intent

The whereases were placed in the resolution for a very simple reason: So that those who are studying this resolution or those students of blatory in years to come can look back and say that is the way it was in Hawall on January 17, 1890.

To suggest that we are attempting to restore the Kingdom, Mr. President, I find it most difficult to find words to even respond to that.

Mr. President, I indicated that we aubmitted this resolution because of

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am talking about an independent state under international law, and ultimately a member of the United Nations and other international organizations.

There is a recent example that was pursued by the Palestinian People, who in 1988 decided, of their own accord, to proclaim their own state.4 This was a decision taken by the Palestinian People as a whole. It was subject to a majority vote because there was not unanimous consent, but even those who opposed it agreed to be bound by a majority vote. In 1988, the Palestinian people unilaterally proclaimed their own state in a Declaration of Independence. This unilateral Declaration of Independence eventually led to the recognition of the Palestinian state by 125 nation states in the world.<sup>5</sup> You don't read about that much here in the United States because the United States government is one of the few governments in the world to oppose the Palestinian state. But almost all of Latin America, Africa, and Asia recognize the existence of the state of Palestine. Again, these are indigenous people, like Native Hawaiians, striving for their right of self-determination. Indeed the Palestinians have the amount of votes to be admitted to the United Nations organization as a sovereign independent nation state, yet it is the threat of a United States veto that has prevented the admission of the state into the United Nations organization. This however, has not prevented the vast majority of the states in the world from recognizing the existence of the Palestinian state. Even most of Europe would accord them formal de jure diplomatic recognition if not for the pressure brought to bear by the United States government. Therefore, many of the European states, which are the last holdouts, are today according them de facto recognition as an independent state. That is, they are treating the Palestinians as if they are an independent state, without formally coming out and announcing it.

So, this is one model to consider that I will discuss. Not that the plight of the Palestinians are on all fours with Native Hawaiians, but there too, you have a situation of massive violations of fundamental human rights and people living under a regime of military occupation. In their case, for the last forty-five years; in your case, for the last one hundred years. So I will discuss some of the parallels with that process

<sup>4.</sup> See John Quigley, Palestine's Declaration Of Independence: Self-Determination And The Right of The Palestinians to Statehood, 7 B.U. INT'L. L.J. 1 (1989).

<sup>5.</sup> *Ia* 

<sup>6.</sup> See, e.g., Ved Nanda et al., Self Determination: The Case of Palestine, 82 AM. SOC'Y INT'L L. PROC. 334, 344 (1988).

ern your relations with each other, and clearly you have that. The fourth requirement is the capacity to enter into international relations, to deal with other states, and to keep your commitments. As I understand it, there are already states in the Western Pacific region that support the Native Hawaiian people, and would probably be prepared to give you diplomatic recognition as an independent state, if this is your desire. I also suspect, like the Palestinians, there would be a large number of states - certainly in the Third World, that have come out of a colonial situation, in Latin America, Africa, and Asia — that would also be prepared to recognize you as an independent state and enter into diplomatic relations with you. Whether you would someday be allowed into the United Nations, of course, would depend on the U.S. veto. But the U.S. veto does not go on forever. Eventually the United States lifted its veto on the admission of Vietnam to the United Nations, despite the enormous hostility towards the people of Vietnam. Vietnam then became a member nation of the United Nations organization. 10

So, that being said as preliminary, introductory remarks, I would like to go through the Public Law on a line-by-line basis and provide my analysis of it. Indeed, I would encourage all of you, as Native Hawaiians, to study this. It makes it very clear what happened to you. This is now officially recognized as a matter of United States domestic law. You should be able to take this law, any time you are in court, and show it to the judge and the jury, and say, "this is the law; this is what has happened to me and my people and I am basing my conduct, whatever I am doing, on the basis of this law. It cannot be denied any more." As a litigator before the International Court of Justice, I would be able to take this law to the World Court and say, "the United States government has now officially conceded that it illegally invaded and occupied the Kingdom of Hawaii. For this reason, the native people of Hawaii would be entitled to a restoration of their independent status as a sovereign nation state, to go back to what they were before the U.S. invasion, to undo the damage that had been done."

This law is styled as an apology, and one might say that yes, an apology is certainly here and it is long overdue. But it is not enough. When a government commits a severe violation of international law, as happened here, it should not simply apologize and then walk away. Damages are required, reparations, and in extraordinary circumstances,

<sup>10.</sup> Assembly Opens New Session, Admission of Dibouti, Vietnam, UN MONTHLY CHRON., Oct. 1977, at 5, 6.

United States government has always been able to extragaish the right of native peoples, and the Supreme Court has seen nothing wrong with that." I replied that, "well, that might be the case with respect to Native Americans living in the United States, but here in Hawaii you're in a very different situation. You had these three treaties, one of which was a treaty of friendship, commerce, and navigation, that established good relations between two sovereign states, and they violated that, too."

This issue, a treaty of this nature, came up most recently in the World Court in the *Nicaragua* case, <sup>18</sup> when the World Court condemned the United States government for violating a treaty of friendship, commerce, and navigation by mining the harbors in Nicaragua. Certainly the World Court can do the same thing—condemn the United States—for overthrowing a monarch and for overthrowing and destroying an entire sovereign nation state.

Here you have the Congress of the United States of America admitting that in one of its own laws. That is very clear, this admission, what we lawyers call an "admission against interest." Congress has admitted what the United States did and it has opened this Pandora's Box. How should this be remedied? Again, the one point to keep in mind here is that it is now for the Hawaiian people to decide the appropriate remedy, not the Congress. The United States government is the criminal. The government admitted what it has done now, for the last 100 years - and that the American presence, then, in Hawaii, for the last 100 years has been nothing more than an illegal, colonial, military occupation regime.

In reading the Public Law it is important to remember the socalled "whereas" clauses. These clauses are official findings of fact and law by the United States Congress. These findings bind all state and federal courts here in Hawaii. I was pointing this out this afternoon to Judge Nakea with respect to the case of Mike and Sondra Grace, that the court and judges are bound by these findings of fact. They can no longer be contested or denied. The United States is stuck with them.

Haw. 1991), aff d, 1993 U.S. App. LEXIS 24968 (9th Cir. 1993).

<sup>17.</sup> Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation, Dec. 20, 1849, U.S.-Haw., 103 Consol. T.S. 391. "The cession of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States having been accepted by the resolution approved by the President, July 7, 1898 (30 Stat. 75), the treaties with that country terminated upon the formation of the government for the Islands." WILLIAM MALLOY, TREATIES, CONVENTIONS, INTERNATIONAL ACTS, PROTOCOLS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OTHER POWERS 1776-1909 908 (1910).

<sup>18.</sup> Military & Paramilitary Activities (Nicar. v. U.S.), 1986 I.C.J. 4 (June 27).

maintains that Native Americans did not have a state-type structure that had to be recognized, because it was somewhat different from the structures of government that Europeans were under on the North American continent.<sup>23</sup> We know the government is wrong. The Native Americans did have a governing structure. The Europeans simply did not want to recognize it, but instead wanted to steal the land.<sup>24</sup>

Putting that aside, you are in a very different situation here from Native Americans. Congress has conceded what it will not concede for the Native Americans<sup>25</sup> - that you had a state, a state just like any other state in existence at that time — just like the United States of America — and that you were entitled to as much respect and dignity. Congress has now conceded this point. I read in the newspaper that during his visit to Hawaii, Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt asked, "should Native Hawaiians be treated by the federal government like the Native Americans?" My response to reading that was, "why would you want to do that?" The tape of the San Francisco Tribunal shows that Native Americans are up against genocide and extermination. That is the policy of the federal government with respect to Native Americans. So I do not understand why Native Hawaiians would want to buy into that system, and be treated in that system in a way that ultimately would lead to your extermination. That is certainly the way large numbers of Native Americans see it. That was the purpose of the San Francisco Tribunal. I would encourage you, if you haven't seen it, to look at that tape. So whatever you do, I would certainly caution you against trying to seek the same type of treatment that the federal government has doled out to the Native Americans. We know where that will lead.

On the basis of this statute, moreover, you are entitled to a lot more than they give the Native Americans. That is not to say that, in my opinion, the Native Americans are not also entitled to establish themselves as independent nations, if that is their desire. But the dif-

Article on State Responsibility: Draft Article 19 and Native American Self-Determination, 32 COLUM. J. TRANSNAT'I. L. 155 (1994); Susan Lope, Note, Indian Giver: The Illusion of Effective Legal Redress for Native American Land Claims, 23 Sw. U. L. REV. 331 (1994).

<sup>23.</sup> Lope, *supra* note 22, at 333-34. "Discovery . . . initiated the inevitable erosion of the Native American nations." *Id.* 

<sup>24.</sup> See generally Heyder, supra note 22.

<sup>25.</sup> See William J. Murphy, Jurisdiction - Sovereign Immunity - Business Owned by Native American Nation Granted Sovereign Immunity from Suit Arising From Its Private Off-Reservation Transaction. In Re Greene, 980 F.2d 590 (9th Cir. 1992), cert. denied, 114 S. Ct. 681 (1994), 17 SUFFOLK TRANSNAT'I. L.J. 599, 601 n.16 (1994) (listing cases in which Congress' power to regulate Native Americans was upheld).

United States admits that this was not just a question of right of conquest, but of treaty violations. They were violated.

The government acts violated international law. It even violated the terms of the United States Constitution at the time when treaties were the "supreme law of the land." So again, legally you are in a much different, much better situation than Native Americans.<sup>31</sup>

"On January 14, 1893, John L. Stevens . . . the U.S. minister . . . conspired with a small group of non-Hawaiian residents of the Kingdom of Hawaii, including citizens of the United States, to overthrow the indigenous and lawful government . . . . "32 So again, Congress concedes that the government of the Kingdom of Hawaii was the lawful government at that time, and that an official agent of the United States government conspired to overthrow the government of Hawaii. The United States government is bound by the actions of its agents, of its ministers.<sup>33</sup> The government therefore cannot say, "he did it, and later on we condemned what he did." You know the President did shed a crocodile tear or two over what he did, did he not, right? There was a statement. That is not enough. Of course it isn't. If the minister did it, it is just the same as the President doing it. There is no difference. The President was bound by the actions of his minister. The United States government was bound by the actions of the minister. Thus, it was the United States government that conspired to overthrow the lawful government of the Kingdom of Hawaii. Again, an internationally illegal act at the time it was done.

The next paragraph continues, "pursuant to the conspiracy . . . naval representatives called armed forces to invade the sovereign Ha-

<sup>30.</sup> U.S. CONST. art. VI, cl. 2.

<sup>31.</sup> The next section of the law is on the Congregational Church. It is an attempt at reconciliation and does not need further elaboration.

<sup>32.</sup> Id.

<sup>33.</sup> See Nuclear Tests Case (Austl. v. Fr.) 1974 1.C.J. 252 (Dec. 20), where the International Court held that:

It is well recognized that declarations made by way of unilateral acts, concerning legal or factual situations, may have the effect of creating legal obligations. Declarations of this kind may be, and often are, very specific. When it is the intention of the State making the declaration that it should become bound according to its terms, that intention confers on the declaration the character of a legal undertaking, the State being thenceforth legally required to follow a course of conduct consistent with the declaration. An undertaking of this kind, if given publicly, and with an intent to be bound, even though not made within the context of international negotiations, is binding.

Id. at 267. (holding France bound to statements made by government ministers). But see Personnel Management v. Richmond, 496 U.S. 414 (1990) ("The United States is neither bound nor estopped by acts of its officers or agents in entering into an arrangement or agreement to do or cause to be done what the law does not sanction or permit.").

would not call this a provisional government - I certainly would not call it that. You would call it a government of military occupation. Certainly I would suggest that that would be an appropriate way to think about it. That is, you had military forces here and then you had a civilian arm of the military occupying regime.

You see the same thing today in the occupied Palestinian lands where the Israeli occupying forces have set up a civilian arm of their military occupation authorities to administer the civil affairs of the Palestinian people.<sup>38</sup> These matters, by the way, are currently the subject of the negotiations between the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and Israel today. The negotiations centered around the withdrawal of the civilian military occupation arm, and the withdrawal of the military occupation forces themselves.<sup>39</sup> Indeed, the September 13, 1993 agreement calls for the dissolution of the civilian occupation arm and then the withdrawal of the military occupation forces themselves.<sup>40</sup>

I submit, therefore, that this "provisional government" referred to in the Public Law is really the civilian arm of a military occupation force. That was the predecessor to the current government of Hawaii that administers you today. Again, following the implications of that law, the state government of Hawaii occupies a similar position to that provisional government. Of course you have federal military forces here keeping it in power. Again, somewhat similar to the arrangement in Palestinian lands.

We then come to the very famous statement by your Queen, "that I yield to the superior force of the United States of America," and you are aware of the rest of the language. She made it very clear that this statement and her later abdication were procured under duress and

two nations and of international law." Overthrow of Hawaii Resolution, Pub. L. No. 103-150, 1993 U.S.C.C.A.N. (107 Stat.) 1510, 1510-11.

<sup>38.</sup> See J. Timothy McGuire, International Law and the Administration of Occupied Territories: Two Decades of Israeli Occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. 8 EMORY INT'I. L. REV. 383 (1994).

<sup>39.</sup> See David 1. Schulman, The Isracli-PLO Accord on the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements: The First Step Toward Palestinian Self-Determination, 7 EMORY INT'L L. REV. 793 (Fall 1993); Gumar Halley, Issues Confronting the Return of Palestinian Arab Refugees After the 1993 Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, 8 GEO. IMMIGR. L.J. 149 (1994).

<sup>40.</sup> Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-government Arrangements, Sept. 13, 1993, Isr.-P.L.O., art. VI, 32 I.L.M. 1524, 1527. The author served as Legal Advisor to the Palestinian Delegation to the Middle East Peace Negotiations from 1991 to 1993.

<sup>41.</sup> Overthrow of Hawaii Resolution, Pub. L. No. 103-150, 1993 U.S.C.C.A.N. (107 Stat.) 1510, 1511.

demned what his ancestors did. Now the simple question is, where do the Native Hawaiian people want to go from here?

Well, again, "the U.S. minister raised the flag and declared Hawaii to be a protectorate of the United States." Of course that's nonsense. They did not protect anything, did they? Was there a need to protect Hawaii from itself, from its own people? Who was threatening Hawaii at that time? It was the United States. They needed protection from the United States, so this is absurd. It was entitled to no legal validity at all at the time and is not now. That is basically what Congress is saying.

The Blount Report states that "military representatives had abused their authority and were responsible for the change in government." Again, this is further admission that the United States acted illegally under international law. But an admission is not enough. The implication then, of these admissions by Congress, by the Blount Committee, is that there must be restitution. The Hawaiian people have a right to be returned to the situation they were in, as of January 17, 1893. This is your right if that's what you want. The federal government disciplined the minister and forced him to resign his commission. Well, of course they should have done that, but that should not have been the end of the process. The overthrow should have been reversed. They had the authority to do it; the President could have done it if he had wanted to, he just did not do it. So this is simply eye-washing. It is nice that they finally conceded these points, but it is not enough under international law.

I do not know how the Native Hawaiians feel about it. I suspect maybe they would agree with me that it is certainly not enough. Where it should lead from here is another issue. Again, I'm trying to point out, line by line, that this Resolution clears up all these matters, all debate, all argument, and it makes it very clear here. You have a right to restoration, to restitution, and to proclamation of your state. You do not need the permission of Congress to do this. Congress might not like it, but it is kind of stuck with its own law, is it not?

<sup>47.</sup> Overthrow of Hawaii Resolution, Pub. L. No. 103-150, 1993 U.S.C.C.A.N. (107 Stat.) 1510, 1512.

<sup>48.</sup> Id. ("Presidentially established investigation conducted by Congressman James Blount into the events surrounding the insurrection and overthrow").

<sup>49.</sup> See Mark A. Inciong, Note, The Lost Trust: Native Hawaiian Beneficiaries Under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 8 ARIZ. J. INT'L & COMP. L. 174, 191 n.34 (1991) ("The Blount Report . . . found that the overthrow . . . had been illegal . . . and that Liliuokalani [should] be restored to power").

entire annexation. The whole legal basis for it has now been invalidated.

If the annexation of the land is invalid, then where does the title come from, who has title to the land? It is the Native Hawaiian people who retain title to the lands of Hawaii, as a matter of international law. It is not the federal government, not the state government, but the people themselves. That is the implication here, certainly as I read this section, as an international lawyer. Again these findings of fact and conclusions of law are now officially set forth by Congress. It is only one step, as I am trying to point out here. What are the implications then of these findings of fact and conclusions of law?

The law next reads that, "[t]he Newlands Resolution, the . . . Republic of Hawaii ceded sovereignty over the Hawaiian Islands to the United States."56 But, the Republic of Hawaii never had sovereignty over the Hawaiian Islands.<sup>57</sup> We have already determined that the socalled Republic of Hawaii was the civilian occupying arm of a military occupation authority. It had no sovereignty. Military occupation forces, even though they are there and are present, do not exercise sovereignty over the territories they occupy. Sovereignty remains in the hands of the displaced sovereign. This is black letter international law.<sup>58</sup> This is the issue at stake in the Middle East peace negotiations between the Israelis and Palestinians. The Israelis do not have sovereignty over the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, or East Jerusalem. They are a military occupation authority. They exercise administrative powers, but they do not have sovereignty. They never did. The sovereignty remains in the hands of the Palestinian people and they have proclaimed a state. Again I submit there is a parallel here for Native Hawaiian people. Sovereignty resides in your hands. This so-called Republic never had sovereignty to cede to the United States, and that is pretty clear from just reading through the Resolution and moving one step forward from the analysis set forth here.

"The Republic of Hawaii also ceded 1,800,000 acres of crown, government, and public lands of the Kingdom of Hawaii, without the consent of or compensation to the Native Hawaiian people, or their

<sup>56.</sup> Id. at 1512.

<sup>57.</sup> Mililami B. Trask, Historical and Contemporary Hawaiian Self-Determination: A Native Hawaiian Perspective, 8 ARIZ, J. INT'L COMP. L. 77, 91-95 (1991).

<sup>58. &</sup>quot;[A]nnexation of occupied territory is a violation of international law . . . Title to the territory in question must not change until there is either complete subjugation (*debellatio*) or a peace treaty has been put into effect." GERHARD VON GLAHN, LAW AMONG NATIONS 768 (1992).

The same right exists with respect to attempts to destroy your temples and places of worship. Article 18 of the Declaration provides that "everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion. This right includes freedom to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship, and observance."62 So where is the right of the State of Hawaii, or a real estate developer, or a resort developer, to destroy any of your temples, when these are your temples, this is your land, and your right to worship is guaranteed in the Universal Declaration? I don't see that right any more and indeed it will be very hard for them to argue that now that this law has been passed. I won't go through the applicability of all the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the activities of Native Hawaiians here in relations of the state and federal governments. Again I would encourage you to get this from Amnesty International. They have them available. Read through it, and understand what your rights are, and proceed to assert them in your dealings with the state and federal government.

"Whereas, the Congress . . . annexed Hawaii . . . and vested title to the lands in Hawaii in the United States." This is clearly illegal. We have already seen it. The annexation was invalid. The United States cannot get title from the Republic of Hawaii because the Republic never had title in the first place. They had no sovereignty. They were nothing more than a military occupation power, and a military occupation power cannot validly transfer title to land. Again, black letter international law. That is why, today, the United States government condemns the illegal settlements in occupied Palestinian land. You cannot transfer title; the occupying power cannot sell land legally. I mean they can do it, but that doesn't make it lawful. It is invalid. It is illegal. So an occupying power cannot sell land, they do not control title, sovereignty. They can administer, but that is all, arguably, that they can do. In theory, they are obliged to leave, not to stay.

The law goes on to state: "Whereas, the Newlands Resolution effected the transaction between the Republic of Hawaii and the United States government." The Newlands Resolution is entitled to no valid-

<sup>62.</sup> Id. at art. 18.

<sup>63.</sup> Overthrow of Hawaii Resolution, Pub. L. No. 103-150, 1993 U.S.C.C.A.N. (107 Stat.) 1510, 1512.

<sup>64. &</sup>quot;Belligerent occupation does not transfer sovereignty. Instead it transfers to the occupant the authority to exercise some rights of sovereignty." VON GLAHN, supra note 58, at 774. See also SHWARZENBERGER, supra note 54, at 163-78.

<sup>65.</sup> Overthrow of Hawaii Resolution, Pub. L. No. 103-150, 1993 U.S.C.C.A.N. (107 Stat.) 1510, 1512.

Herzegovina,<sup>73</sup> I submit that there would be no difficulty in convincing the World Court that genocide has been practiced by the United States government against Native Hawaiians. Now, that is bad enough, but where does that lead you? I suggest that where it leads you is back to the creation of a State. One of the few and only protections a people have from being exterminated, by means of genocide, is their own state and ultimately, United Nations membership.

This is what happened to the Jews. From 1939 to 1945 they did not have a state. They did not have membership in the League of Nations. So everyone looked the other way and they were exterminated. Today, the situation is being replayed with the Bosnians. The Bosnians do have a state and they do have U.N. membership.<sup>74</sup> This is the one thing they have that is keeping them from going the same way as the Jews. The Palestinians recognize this, too. They had to proclaim a state in order to protect themselves from being annihilated. So a state, an independent sovereign nation state, is one way a people who are threatened with extermination by means of genocide, can attempt to protect themselves. According to the statistics that Kekune Blaisdell presented to the San Francisco tribunal, the Native Hawaiian people are threatened with extinction by the year 2030. This is something that has to be given very serious consideration. What is the best way to protect the existence of your people, as a people? Is it to accept the same status as Native Americans, which I guess Secretary Babbitt is considering graciously giving you? Or is it to proclaim your own state, and then ultimately seek international recognition and finally U.N. membership? Well again, this is for you to decide. You have to consider the alternatives because ultimately it is your future and that of your children and your children's children that is at stake.

In the final "whereas" clause, Congress states, "it is proper and timely for Congress to acknowledge the historic significance of the illegal overthrow." Before this, Congress talked only about an overthrow. but did not concede it was illegal, although it violated all these treaties. But now Congress says that it was illegal. In other words, in this law, Congress is agreeing with what I am saying here. It was

<sup>73.</sup> See Case Concerning Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of The Crime of Genocide (Bosnia & Herzogovina v. Yugoslavia), 1993 1.C.J. 325 (Sept. 13).

<sup>74.</sup> Status of the U.N. Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity, 33 I.L.M. 1394 (1994).

<sup>75.</sup> Overthrow of Hawaii Resolution, Pub. L. No. 103-150, 1993 U.S.C.C.A.N. (107 Stat.) 1510, 1513.

Paragraph 3 apologizes for the overthrow "with the participation of agents of the United States." The U.S. government again is responsible for the actions of its ministers, Congress now called these people "agents." So their conduct, their illegal conduct, binds the United States government. Which means the United States government, then, is under an obligation to undo the harm that was done. But even if they do not, the Native Hawaiian people have a right to act to undo that harm. And if you doubt that, the rest of the sentence reads, "the deprivation of the rights of Native Hawaiians to self-determination." \*\*

So in other words, Congress has conceded that the Native Hawaiian people have a right to self-determination. What does that right include? Well, as I have said, self-determination of peoples under the U.N. Charter provides a right to a state of your own and to membership ultimately, someday, in the United Nations organization, <sup>84</sup> just like the 188 other states that are currently members of the United Nations today.

Paragraph 4 expresses its commitment to acknowledge the ramifications. 85 What are the ramifications? Well, that is the subject of my discussion here. If you followed the analysis that I presented before, then I put forward here what I believe are the ramifications, the implications, of the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii. Now, whether that is the direction you want to go, that is for you to decide, not me.

Then finally, in the definitional section, Congress defines Native Hawaiians as "any individual who is a descendant of the aboriginal people, prior to 1778... occupied and exercised sovereignty, in the area that now constitutes the state of Hawaii." This again, affirms that the native people of Hawaii were, and by implication still are, the sovereign authority in these lands. It is not the state, not the federal government, but the Native Hawaiian people themselves.

Based then on this public law, and going through it line by line, I would express the opinion that today the *Kanaka Maoli* have the right to exercise self-determination as a people in accordance with the U.N. Charter: To proclaim an independent state, if that is your desire, to join the world community of states as an independent nation state. This also

<sup>82.</sup> *Id*.

<sup>83.</sup> Id.

<sup>84.</sup> U.N. CHARTER art. 1, ¶ 2.

<sup>85.</sup> Overthrow of Hawaii Resolution, Pub. L. No. 103-150, 1993 U.S.C.C.A.N. (107 Stat.) 1510, 1513.

<sup>86.</sup> Id.

determine who your citizens are. I take it you would reject this blood percentage that has been set up by the United States government. This is reminiscent of Nazi laws, that were applied to decide who was Aryan. Those laws, in turn, were patterned on laws in the American South, on miscegenation, who was a black and who was a white. A state is free to determine who its own citizens are. Certainly you would be free to determine that all those who could trace their ancestors back to 1778 would automatically become citizens of the new state.

Now, what about those who are living here, who are not able to trace their ancestors back? What about them? This is an issue that has confronted several states today. For example, in the Baltics, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, there are large numbers of Russian citizens who were left behind as a result of the Russian/Soviet occupation for the last fifty years. This is about half the amount of time you are dealing with here. The three Baltic states have taken different approaches. For a period of time, I advised the Republic of Lithuania under President Landsbergis, who was the hero and leader of their independence movement. He subsequently lost an election and the people voted the communists back in, so I no longer advise them. But the Lithuanians have taken a very generous approach to those Russians who remain, trying to integrate them into their society. 91

Certainly the Hawaiian state could take the position that you'll set up a procedure to provide citizenship to all people who are habitual residents of the new state of Hawaii, as of a certain date. This would mean that those who have lived here continuously five years, ten years—whatever cut off point you want—are also themselves entitled to become citizens of this state on a level of equality with everyone else. Unlike the Native Hawaiians who would automatically become citizens, the habitual residents would have to apply for citizenship.

Again, there are precedents here in the way the Palestinians are dealing with these issues. They too have a diaspora population. You have large numbers of Hawaiians all over the world who had to leave. Approaching it in this way would enable you to allow all them to claim Hawaiian citizenship, if that is the case, if that's what they want to do, and to return. The Palestinians did it that way. They set up a state, and said that they were setting up a state for all Palestinians

<sup>90.</sup> RACIAL DETERMINATION AND THE FEAR OF MISCEGENATION (John D. Smith ed., 1993).

<sup>91.</sup> See Stephen Kenyer, Soviet Turmoil: Issue of Citizenship For Ethnic Russians is Dwindling Larvians, N.Y. TIMES, Sept. 7, 1991, at A1 ("The Lithuanian . . . authorities are preparing to offer citizenship to all residents who want it").

Hawaiian state would be governed, not the current situation as you see it today.

The final requirement is the capacity to enter into international relations. Again here, if you were to declare an independent state, you would probably obtain recognition in that capacity from a fairly large number of states. I could not predict the number of states that would recognize you. I don't know. You would have the same problems encountered in the creation of the Palestinian state. We<sup>93</sup> did not know how many states would recognize the Palestinian state back in August of 1988, before it was created. But as of December 1993, 125 states recognize the state of Palestine. Someday the state of Israel will recognize the state of Palestine. The state of Palestine already recognizes the state of Israel. There can be peace and reconciliation between those two peoples as well.

I cannot predict how long this would take, what would be the consequences, or how many states will recognize you. However, I take it that the plight of the Hawaiian people is generally well known in the world, and there's a great deal of sympathy. For a variety of reasons, the Palestinians have had an uphill struggle and battle in obtaining that recognition. So, it might be that you would be able to obtain recognition quickly, especially if you pursue this process in accordance with principles of peaceful, non-violent struggle. I submit that is the most effective technique you have today. If you doubt me, you should read Gandhi's book, *Satyagraha*, about non-violent civil resistance. The book explains how Gandhi threw the mighty British Empire out of India without using force. People power is what we call it today. I submit that the Native Hawaiian people would be able to do the same thing, moving in this direction and adopting the techniques of peaceful, non-violent action, such as those called for by Gandhi.

In conclusion, I reiterate that this discussion is not presented as a solution to any problems. My assignment here, as I understood, it was to sketch, briefly, one outline, one alternative, that the Native Hawaiian people can consider among other available alternatives. Ultimately, it is your choice—not the choice of the United States Congress, not the choice of the State of Hawaii. And with all due respect to the Commissioners here, it is the choice of the Native Hawaiian people. They

<sup>93.</sup> The author served as the legal advisor to the Palestine Liberation Organization on the creation of the Palestinian State from 1987 to 1989.

<sup>94.</sup> M.K. GANDHI, NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE (SATYAGRAHA), (Schocken ed., 1971) (1951).

In the spring of 1994, following President Clinton's formal apology to native Hawaiians in November 1993, the United States Navy returned the island of Kahoolawe, which had been taken during World War II. The federal government signed quitclaim deeds (one in English and one in Hawaiian) returning the island, which will hold the island in trust for the Hawaiian Sovereign Nation. Congress has since authorized \$400 million for restoration of the island long used as a bombing and target range.<sup>98</sup>

There is much yet to be done, however. In October 1994, the Intermediate Court of Appeals of Hawaii rejected claims by Native Hawaiians that the state courts lacked jurisdiction over members of the Kingdom of Hawaii, a sovereign nation.

If Native Hawaiians wish to establish their sovereignty, then this court opinion is not determinative of the recognition at stake. This is simply another state action that would not be binding upon an independent state. The recognition of the illegal otherthrow has already been made by the United States. Because the overthrow was illegal, the present governing system could be rejected by the native Hawaiians. The law now exists, admitting the illegality of government action. It is now up to the Native Hawaiian people to decide how to proceed.

<sup>16, 1994.</sup> Hawaii's Search for Sovereigniv, CHRISTIAN SCI. MONITOR, Oct. 17, 1994, at 9. The Proclamation of Independence is reproduced here as an appendix. See infra app.

<sup>98.</sup> See Aschenbach, supra note 95; Christopher Merrill, A Little Justice in Hawaii: Kahoolawe Lives!, THE NATION, Sept. 5, 1994, at 235.

<sup>99.</sup> Hawaii v. French, 883 P.2d 644 (Haw. Ct. App. 1994); Hawaii v. Lorenzo, 883 P.2d 641 (Haw. Ct. App. 1994). The Lorenzo court cited 1993 Haw. Sess. Laws 1009, 1010, Act 359, § 1, which recognized that following the overthrow, "the indigenous people of Hawaii were denied the mechanism for expression of their inherent sovereignty through self-government and self-determination, their lands, and their ocean resources." The court further noted that the stated purpose of Act 359 is to "facilitate the efforts of native Hawaiians to be governed by an indigenous sovereign nation of their own choosing." Lorenzo, 883 P.2d at 643 (citing 1993 Haw. Sess. Laws 1009, 1010, Act 359, § 1). Notwithstanding the court's recitation of the Act, it concluded that "while the legislature has tacitly recognized the illegal overthrow, Act 359 indicates that the State of Hawaii does not recognize that the Kingdom exists at the present time. Id. The court left that burden to the the defendant, and held that he had not presented any factual basis for concluding that the Kingdom exists. Id. at 643-44.

In the Independent and Sovereign Nation State of Hawaii lives the Kanaka Maoli. We have lived here forever, since time immemorial. We are the original inhabitants and occupants of these Islands. We have always been in possession of our land and are thus entitled to re-establish our Independent and Sovereign Nation State.

The current citizens of the Independent and Sovereign Nation State of Hawaii consist of all those who are descendants of the Kanaka Maoli prior to the arrival of the first westerners in 1778, and those persons who have lived in Hawaii prior to the illegal Overthrow, invasion and occupation of January 17, 1893, in the area which now constitutes the Archipelago of Independent and Sovereign Nation State of Hawaii.

The Independent and Sovereign Nation State of Hawaii will establish procedures for according citizenship by means of naturalization to all people who are habitual residents of Hawaii as of today's date.

The Kanaka Maoli fully support and subscribe to all of the Rights of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights for all of the people living in our Independent and Sovereign Nation State of Hawaii.

The Independent and Sovereign Nation State of Hawaii adheres to the generally recognized principles of international law, including the terms of the United Nations Charter. We will apply for Membership in the United Nations Organization in due course. We will conclude other international treaties and agreements at the appropriate time. In the meantime, we call upon the foreign military occupation forces in the Independent and Sovereign Nation State of Hawaii, to withdraw from our Sovereign Territory immediately.

Since time immemorial, the Kanaka Maoli, has maintained their close relationship to the 'aina (land) and its natural surroundings, through practice wholistically spiritual in nature and in harmony with natural law. The natural belief and practice that the 'Aina was considered "sacred" for the well-being of the human sustenance of life.

Prior to the first European invasion, of 1778, Hawaii was known to have unique culture and system of government. Through customs and

The Kanaka Maoli, has continued to exercise, practice and occupy their lands, despite foreign powers, denying them their inalienable rights to self-determination and Independence, and Statehood. Thus were well recognized principles of international laws violated. Thus were the national identity, land, resources, Right to Sovereignty over their Territory violated, and a peaceful people Overthrown, by the invasion of foreign powers, who continue to occupy, exploit and destroy our way of life.

Today, the Kanaka Maoli, have united at this very historic and symbolic place, the Iolani Palace, wherein we remember the last days and the tragic moment in our history, that have affected the safety and well being of our people, to which our beloved Kupuna and Queen Liliuokalani, and her committment to restore the rights of our People, have been stolen. Her dedicated endurance against the foreign powers, who have committed such acts of aggression and force, threats of fear and imprisonment, knowingly in violation of numerous treaties, agreements and principles of international customs and law, has never faltered, for the Love of her people, and those who stood on truth and justice, shall now prevail here today, and forever.

We here today have the same committment. It is the duty and obligation of every Kanaka Maoli, young and old, to stand ready to restore and defend our natural rights, territorial integrity and independence without prejudice, and reject and resist all unlawful acts, injustice and complicity, violence and terrorism against our political independence, and also reject such use and violence against the territorial integrity against other peaceful states.

If not for those, who have continued the struggle for peace, justice and honor; who have passed in spirit, continue standing beside us here today,

If not for those who have sacrifices their families and lives; who have desired to go to prison, rather than be forced to adhere to unjust principles and acts, and have gone through the crossroads of temptation.

If not for those of us who have awaited this day; who have considered the facts and evidence of such acts of oppression, subjugation and fear, and the lost of their honor, dignity and pride. of Hawaii, free and absolved from any other political connection from any other Nation State, and whomsoever disregards the principles and Rule of the Law of Nations, Justice, Integrity and Morality of Character and Humanity, who by force and acts of aggression, illegally occupy's our Territory.

We have therefore concluded, that the facts are self-evident. That to continue under any colonial regime would cause the destruction and extinction of our culture and people. Our firm commitment for the protection of our divine heritage, We mutually pledge our Lives, Our Fortunes, our Sacred Honor, in the Spirit of Aloha.

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To Whom it May Concern.

My name is Jacqueline Ka'uionapua (Kua) Orduno and I respectfully appeal to you as a daughter of Hawai'i Ne on behalf Senate Bill 2733. I am pleased by this measure of good will by the state of Hawaii toward the Kanaka Ma'oli. I urge you to vote in favor of this bill which will begin to repay the debt owed to the Native Hawaiians.

It saddens me to think that the only opportunity my grandfather, Fritz Kalahikiola Kua, could give my mother, Mary Leilani Kua McCarthy, upon her graduation from Hilo High - Class of 1960 - was a plane ticket to California. Subsequently she met my father, marrried and raised her family on the mainland. It troubled me as to why my mother never wanted to return to live in Hawaii, and denied me the opportunity to attend Kamehameha School. I have always yearned to return to Hawai'i to raise my children in the customs and traditions I dearly treasure. Her recollections of living in Hawaii are those of extremely impoverished conditions. As I contemplated this strong point of view, held by my mother I think of my seven uncles, my aunties and my 26 cousins and the economic and debilitating health struggles they have had to endure over the years. I am proud of the accomplishments of my cousins, who have worked hard to lift themselves from the economically disadvantaged place from where they began. Some have left Hawai'i to purse economic opportunities on the mainland, but if given the promise of economic parity. I guarantee that every one of them would return to the place that we all call "home".

Here we are nearly fifty years later after my grandfather sent his only daughter in pursuit of better opportunities and three generations of Kuas are still pursuing the "Hawaiian Dream". I gratefully submit this testimony for your consideration regarding this long standing obligation to the deserving Kanaka Ma'oli.

Respectfully yours,

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From-To All Living Human Beings in word-z As if All Senators and Representatives of the Congress of the State of Hawai'i



On this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2008, I, Zenobia K. Iese, a living human being in thru word-z created by the Almighty God in Heaven to be born an aboriginal Kanaka Maoli in Hawai'i on April 12, 1950 to parents who also were aboriginal Kanaka Maoli along with all our ancestors of Kanaka Maoli descen dating back to early 1800"s and earlier hereby claim all rights to lands, monies, and other possessions that are rightly mine as a beneficiary to the Kingdom of Hawai'i as was established by the Kings and Queens of old and illegally robbed by the United States of America on January 17, 1893.

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

BEFORE THE JOINT HEARING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, WATER & LAND AND JUDICIARY & LABOR

### ON S. B 2733 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT

#### February 9, 2008

Chairs Tokuda, Hee, Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 2733, relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement. This bill would resolve longstanding claims and disputes relating to public trust land 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.

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This settlement will resolve claims and disputes that have remained unsettled for nearly thirty years and establish the minimum amount OHA shall receive annually as its entitlement under the Constitution and State law. It will provide a land base from which OHA can operate, implement programs, and generate additional revenue. And most importantly, it will provide a consistent, reliable source of income in the future with which OHA can plan, develop and deliver programs benefiting the Hawaiian people.

It is a settlement that is fair and equitable to both the OHA trust and the State of Hawaii. We, therefore, strongly urge the Legislature to support 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.



# TESTIMONY OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008

#### ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2733, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT.

#### BEFORE THE:

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Chairs Tokuda, Hee, and Taniquchi and Members of the Committees:

I submit this testimony in strong support of S.B. No. 2733, Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement. The Legislature's approval of this bill, which is a necessary step to the effectuation of an important settlement reached between the State of Hawaii and the Office of the Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), is manifestly in the best interest of the State of Hawaii, OHA, and all the people of the State of Hawaii -- Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians alike.

It is impossible to either understand or evaluate this bill, without an understanding of the history that preceded it. Crown lands and government lands of the Kingdom of Hawaii passed first to the Republic of Hawaii, and the United States-Territory of Hawaii, before they passed, through the 1959 Hawaii Admission Act, to the State of Hawaii. However, the transfer of these lands from the United States to the State was not in any sense unconditional. Section 5(f) of the Admission Act requires that these lands, together with the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of such lands, and the income from them for their use, were to be held by the State of Hawaii 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 . . . , for the

development of farm and home ownership on a widespread a basis as possible for the making of the making public improvements, and for the provision of lands for public use." Section 5(f) also provides:

"Such lands, proceeds, and income shall be managed and disposed for one or more of the foregoing purposes in such manner as the constitution and laws of said state may provide, and their use for any other object shall constitute a breach of trust for which suit may be brought by the United States."

From Statehood through 1978, proceeds from these public trust lands, also known as the Ceded Lands, were used primarily to benefit public education in the State of Hawaii. This usage did not violate the Admission Act, as the Admission Act did not mandate that the lands or their income and proceeds be used for any one of the purposes set forth in section 5(f). Thereafter, the Constitutional Convention of 1978, and the amendments to the State Constitution proposed by the Convention and ratified by the electorate in 1978, established the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, in what is now Article XII, sections 5 and 6 of the Constitution, and directed OHA's trustees, as provided by law, to manage the income and proceeds from the Ceded Lands OHA received for native Hawaiians. Although it does not specify an amount, or include a formula or methodology for making that allocation, Article XII makes clear that a portion of the income and proceeds from the Ceded Lands was to be allocated by law to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, to manage and administer for native Hawaiians.

Beginning almost immediately after 1978, the Legislature on a number of occasions tried to formulate the allocation for OHA. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, no formulation enacted by the Legislature satisfactorily fixed how much OHA was to receive, or even how the amount OHA was to receive was to be calculated. Almost since the adoption of what is now Article XII, the State and OHA have been involved in controversy and lawsuits regarding how much of

the income and proceeds from the Ceded Lands are to be allocated by the State to OHA.

Three separate times the matter has gone to the Hawaii Supreme Court. Although the Hawaii Supreme Court has never directed that a particular percentage of the income and proceeds, or a particular method of allocation of the income and proceeds be adopted, it has said that the "State's obligation to native Hawaiians is firmly established in our Constitution" and that "it is incumbent upon the Legislature to enact legislation that gives effect to the right of native Hawaiians to benefit from the Ceded Lands Trust." Office of Hawaiian Affairs v. State ("OHA I"), 96 Hawai`i 388, 401, 31 P.3d 901, 914 (2001) (in OHA I, the court also quoted from a speech by then State Senator Neil Abercrombie to the Legislature at the first of these legislative attempts to fix OHA's share of the Ceded Lands income and proceeds in 1980:

"I fear that for those who are interested in seeing [OHA] move forward that they have won a Pyrrhic victory, that this is merely a skirmish in a very large battle.... [A] Ithough I would be delighted to say otherwise, I regret to say that I expect that the moment this passes into statute, there will be a suit and that the business of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is, as a result, going to be tied up in court for God-knows how many years.".

Despite attempts by the Legislature to fulfill the State's constitutional obligation, and despite efforts by the Executive Branch to implement the laws the Legislature has enacted, differences, particularly as to whether income from the Ceded Lands underlying many of the State's airports, hospitals and housing projects, have remained unresolved.

The instant bill, thirty years in coming, finally and completely settles all past disputes between the State and OHA over the how much of the income and proceeds from the Ceded Lands OHA is to receive under Article XII, and fixes a process for the future

that, if unchanged by future legislatures, assures that there will never be litigation over the share of the income and proceeds from the Ceded Lands due to OHA again.

First, the legislation and the Settlement Agreement between the State and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (attached to this testimony without a copy of the bill as an exhibit), requires the payment to OHA of approximately \$13 million in cash, and the transfer of approximately \$187 million (tax assessed value) of real estate owned by the State, in full and complete settlement of all past amounts due or which might be due to OHA from the income and proceeds of the Ceded Lands from 1978-2008. The Settlement Agreement and the legislation make absolutely clear that this is the case. Moreover, there are no other claims that can be brought for income and proceeds from the Ceded Lands other than those that are settled by the Settlement Agreement with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and by this legislation.

Second, the Settlement Agreement and this bill provide that for the future, beginning July 1, 2008, for every year in which OHA retains the right to receive \$15.1 million in income and proceeds from the Ceded Lands, there can be no claim relating to the income and proceeds from Ceded Lands for that year. This is a workable way of settling this issue for the future. This Legislature cannot bind a future legislature with a requirement to pay money in the future. This Legislature can, however, make it clear that there is no right to sue for any year in the future in which OHA has received at least \$15.1 million, and both this bill and the Settlement Agreement explicitly provide a waiver by OHA of suit for any year in which OHA has that right.

It should be noted moreover, that even were the parties to purport to guarantee future payments in future years to OHA, or pay enough now to bar any future payments, such a settlement could not be binding on a future legislature, which could still decide to allocate future proceeds from the Ceded Lands to OHA, or reduce

future amounts, notwithstanding anything in a bill. The Agreement and the proposed legislation, on the other hand, recognize the reality that this Legislature cannot bind its successors, but nonetheless, sets in place a process which if not changed, forecloses all future disputes over the income and proceeds from the Ceded Lands.

With regard to a dispute that has lasted thirty years, and about which there has been great controversy, it is axiomatic that those on one side of the dispute or the other, with one interest or another, can claim that a different settlement, paying more, paying less, paying in a different way, would have been better for one group or another, or even the State as a whole. Such views are wholly understandable, given the complexity of the dispute, and the length it has lasted. If this were a dispute susceptible of easy resolution, it would have been settled years or decades ago. the difficulties that have made the dispute last this long.

Notwithstanding those difficulties, however, and notwithstanding all the diverging views, the fact remains that it is my belief that this a fair and reasonable settlement for all the beneficiaries of the public land trust -- native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawaii alike.

For those who say there should be no benefits for Hawaiians because providing benefits is un-American or violates the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, my response is no court has ever issued such a ruling, and Article XII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, which I and every legislator have sworn to uphold, directs that OHA receive a portion of the income and proceeds from the Ceded Lands for native Hawaiians.

For those who discuss historical grievances by the Hawaiian people against the United States, and its successor to the Ceded Lands -- the State of Hawaii -- I can say only that this bill does not and cannot address those grievances. It is my belief that such grievances can only be addressed after the passage of a bill like

the Akaka Bill, and subsequent negotiations and other political processes, not through a bill like this or in the courts. Irrespective of the validity of the historical grievances of Hawaiians (and as I have said publicly on many occasions, I believe the historical grievances have validity), the existence of those grievances should not interfere with the Legislature fulfilling its responsibilities under Article XII of the State Constitution. Nor should the possibility of a future political resolution of those grievances (and no one can predict whether or not that political resolution will or will not come) deter the Legislature from fulfilling its responsibilities under Article XII.

This bill and the settlement it effects, neither is nor can be all things to all people. What it does do, however, is make a final and complete resolution of all claims to the income and proceeds from the Ceded Lands that OHA has or may have had thus far under Article XII of the Constitution, and put a process in place for the future, so that there will not be lawsuits or disputes over OHA's Article XII share of such income and proceeds hereafter.

Again then, in closing, this bill and the Settlement Agreement represent a fair and just resolution of complex and lengthy controversies. I know the Legislature will exercise its constitutional duty to scrutinize the bill and the Agreement, and respectfully urge that after that is done, the Legislature enact the bill without material changes.

#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") dated January 17, 2008, is made by and on behalf of the following entities: (i) the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "OHA"), a body corporate existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, whose principal place of business and mailing address is 711 Kapi'olani Boulevard, Suite 500, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813, and (ii) the State of Hawai'i (hereinafter referred to as "STATE"), a state of the United States of America. OHA and STATE are referred to collectively herein as the "Parties."

THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

#### Proposed Legislation

This Agreement is contingent upon passage of legislation negotiated by the Parties and submitted or to be submitted to the Hawai'i State Legislature (hereinafter referred to as "Proposed Legislation") or upon further agreement by both of the Parties as to any changes to the Proposed Legislation. A true copy of the Proposed Legislation is attached hereto as Exhibit "A." This Agreement shall be null and void ab initio unless either:

1) The Proposed Legislation is enacted in substantially the form attached hereto, without material changes or 2) Any material changes to the Proposed Legislation are agreed to in writing by both Parties. The Proposed Legislation, including with any agreed-to changes, is also referred to as "the Act."

This Agreement and the Proposed Legislation have two primary purposes: (1) to resolve and settle, finally and completely, any and all claims and disputes relating to the portion of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust for use by OHA, including under sections 4 and 6 of Article XII of the Constitution and any relevant statute or act, between November 7, 1978 and July 1, 2008; and (2) to fix, prospectively, the minimum amount of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust that are to be paid to OHA to use under section 6 of Article XII of the Constitution at \$15,100,000 each fiscal year.

In the event any provision of this Agreement is inconsistent with any provision of the Proposed Legislation, the Proposed Legislation shall control.

#### Effective Date

This Agreement shall take effect on the date the Act becomes law or on such other date as may be agreed to in writing by the Parties.

#### Claims Against the STATE

The release, waiver and discharge of claims against the STATE are governed by the Act, and are in addition to the waiver of claims against the STATE by OHA set out below.

#### Waiver of Claims Against the STATE

OHA releases, waives, and forever discharges claims as follows:

1) For claims which arose between November 7, 1978 up to and including June 30, 2008:

OHA releases, waives, and forever discharges any and all claims of any kind concerning, relating to, or arising out of controversies at law and in equity, known or unknown, now existing or hereafter arising, established, or inchoate, arising out of or in any way related to any right OHA or any other person or entity may have to income, proceeds, or any other tangible right, item, or benefit, from the public land trust lands under sections 4 and 6 of Article XII of the Constitution or any statute or act.

Each and every claim or suit that is predicated in any way upon an act or omission that arises out of or is in any way related to any right OHA or any other person or entity may have to the income, proceeds, or any other tangible right, item, or benefit from the public land trust lands under sections 4 and 6 of Article XII of the Constitution or any statute or act, that occurred between November 7, 1978 up to and including June 30, 2008, is forever barred

and may not be brought by OHA or by any other person or entity.

OHA further agrees that this Agreement shall have the effect of res judicata as to all persons, claims, and issues which arise and defenses which have been at issue, or which could have been, or could in the future be, at issue, which arose between November 7, 1978 up to and including and June 30, 2008, whether brought against the STATE or its departments, agencies, officials, and employees, directly or indirectly, by subrogation, derivative or third party action, tender, federal action, or by any other means whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to any right OHA or any other person or entity may have to the income, proceeds, or any other tangible right, item, or benefit from the public land trust lands under sections 4 and 6 of Article XII of the Constitution or any statute or act.

#### 2) For claims on or after July 1, 2008:

For each and every fiscal year following June 30, 2008, during which OHA retained the statutory right to receive an annual payment of income and proceeds from the public land trust lands of at least \$15,100,000, OHA releases, waives, and forever discharges any and all claims of any kind concerning, relating to, or arising out of each and every claim for damages or any other relief against the STATE, or its departments, agencies, officers, or employees, by the office or any other person or entity, with respect to any controversy, claim, cause of action, or right of action arising out of, or relating to any right OHA or any other person or entity may have to income, proceeds, or any other tangible right, item, or benefit from the public land trust lands under sections 4 and 6 of Article XII of the Constitution or any statute or act. Such claims are forever barred, and to the extent any waiver of sovereign immunity for such a suit, claim, cause of action, or right of action still exists, that waiver is withdrawn by the Proposed Legislation.

#### Settlement Payment

Without admitting the validity of any claim, and in order to resolve all outstanding issues relating to income and proceeds from the public-land-trust funds that OHA alleges are due OHA between November 7, 1978 and July 1, 2008, the STATE shall deed or pay to OHA, as the case may be, real property and cash. The identification and settlement value of the real property is set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto (hereinafter referred to as "Settlement Properties"). That real property is conveyed to OHA by the Act. \$13,189,860 in cash shall be paid to OHA by the STATE, no later than June 30, 2009. The manner of conveyance of the real property and the source of funds for the payment of cash is as set forth in the Act.

#### Environmental Due Diligence

For the purpose of this Environmental Due Diligence section of the Agreement, the Kalaeloa Makai property shall be viewed as one separate and discrete property with a settlement value of \$59,607,000, all Hilo Banyan Drive properties shall be viewed as one separate and discrete property with a settlement value of \$34,483,725, and all Kaka`ako Makai properties shall be viewed as one separate and discrete property with a settlement value of \$92,719,415.

OHA shall have until September 1, 2009 to conduct environmental due diligence.

If, with regard to any of the three properties, each of these conditions is satisfied: 1) Environmental contamination on the property is discovered; 2) The environmental contamination reduces the fair market value of the property by more than 25% (i.e., the fair market value of the property taking into account the environmental contamination is more than 25% less than what the fair market value of the property would have been had the environmental contamination not been present) (the total such reduction in the fair market value is the "reduction")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fair market value shall be determined taking into account land and any structures on the property.

in value amount")<sup>2</sup>; 3) OHA has the ability to tender unencumbered title to the property back to the STATE; 4) The property is in materially the same condition it was in when conveyed to OHA; and 5) OHA provides the STATE written evidence of 1, 2, 3, and 4, no later than October 1, 2009 ("Environmental Contamination Rights Notice")—then OHA shall have the "Environmental Contamination Rights" with regard to that property, as set forth below.

If the STATE does not accept that OHA has met each of the five conditions listed above with regard to one (or more) of the three properties, it may demand Binding Arbitration within 90 days from receipt of OHA's written "Environmental Contamination Rights Notice." Failure by the STATE to inform OHA of a decision within 90 days shall be deemed a demand for Binding Arbitration. Such Binding Arbitration shall be conducted by Keith Hunter pursuant to the rules of DPR. The arbitration shall decide a single issue: "Has OHA proven by a preponderance of the evidence that it has separately satisfied each of conditions 1-5 above?" If the answer is "No," OHA has no further rights.

If the STATE does accept that OHA has separately satisfied each of conditions 1-5 above, or if the arbitrator determines that OHA has separately satisfied each of conditions 1-5 above by answering the single issue arbitration question "Yes," thus giving rise to "Environmental Contamination Rights" with regard to the property at issue, then the STATE shall have two options:

Option 1—The STATE shall accept a re-conveyance of the property from OHA, which re-conveyance must

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For example, if the fair market value of a property, assuming there was no environmental contamination present, is \$1000, and the fair market value of the property taking into account the environmental contamination is \$600, the "reduction in value amount" is \$400.

<sup>3</sup> If Keith Hunter is unable or unwilling to serve, the Parties shall

either agree in writing on an arbitrator and the rules of arbitration, or submit the matter to a court of competent jurisdiction for the selection of a single arbitrator.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> During the Binding Arbitration the Parties may mutually agree, but are not obligated to agree, to allow the arbitrator to also decide the "Option 2 Amount" described below, in the same arbitration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> If there is such an arbitration, or an arbitration concerning "the Option 2 Amount," the fair market value shall be as of either July 1, 2009, or the date of the arbitration, whichever is earlier.

satisfy conditions 3 and 4 above, and shall pay OHA within two years, subject to legislative appropriation (that the Parties agree to support and submit to the 2010 Legislature), 75% of the settlement value of each property as set forth herein: Kaka`ako Makai \$69,539,561 (75% of \$92,719,415); Hilo Banyan Drive \$25,862,794 (75% of \$34,483,725); Kalaeloa Makai \$44,705,250 (75% of \$59,607,000). In the event the Legislature declines to appropriate the money, OHA shall have no further remedy, except to retain or return the property.

Option 2--The STATE shall, within two years, pay OHA, subject to legislative appropriation (that the Parties agree to support and submit to the 2010 Legislature), the amount by which the "reduction in value amount" exceeds 25% of the settlement value of each property as set forth herein: Kaka`ako Makai \$23,179,854 (25% of \$92,719,415); Hilo Banyan Drive \$8,620,931 (25% of \$34,483,725); Kalaeloa Makai \$14,901,750 (25% of \$59,607,000) ("the Option 2 Amount"). If the STATE selects Option 2, it shall inform OHA of the amount it believes is the appropriate "Option 2 Amount." In the event the Legislature declines to appropriate the money, OHA shall have no further remedy, except to retain the property.

OHA may accept the "Option 2 Amount" offered by the STATE, negotiate with the STATE for a different "Option 2 Amount," or seek "Binding Arbitration" as to the "Option 2 Amount." If the STATE exercises Option 2, OHA shall have 30 days, or such other time as agreed to in writing by the

For example, if the STATE were to elect Option 2 with regard to the Hilo Banyan Drive property, OHA would be entitled to the amount, if any, by which the "Reduction in Value Amount" exceeded \$8,620,931. The Parties understand that it is possible that even if environmental contamination is discovered, it may only affect the value of a part of each property. For example, if environmental contamination were discovered on the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel property (part of the Hilo Banyan Drive property), that might not affect the value of the Reed's Bay Resort Hotel property (another part of the Hilo Banyan Drive property). Thus, even if the fair market value of the affected lot itself were reduced by more than 25%, Condition 2 above might not be met, because the fair market value of the property as a whole must be reduced by 25% or more because of environmental contamination, before Condition 2 above is met.

Parties, in which to accept the "Option 2 Amount" offered by the STATE. If OHA does not timely accept the "Option 2 Amount" offered by the STATE, it will be deemed to have demanded Binding Arbitration as to the "Option 2 Amount." Such Binding Arbitration shall be conducted by Keith Hunter pursuant to the rules of DPR.<sup>7</sup>

The STATE shall make reasonably available to OHA and to OHA's authorized representatives during regular business hours, the STATE's files that contain, with regard to the three properties: (i) copies of soil reports, site plans, engineering reports, archaeological and historical studies, plans and surveys; (ii) zoning entitlement and other land use documents and records, including, without limitation, all current governmental permits, approvals and authorizations; (iii) copies of notices from governmental agencies regarding any violations of laws or ordinances; (iv) copies of all leases and correspondence with any lessees under any of the leases; (v) copies of licenses and concession agreements and all correspondence with any of the parties to such licenses and concession agreements; (vi) copies of any other agreements affecting or relating to any of the properties, and correspondence with any of the parties to such other agreements; (vii) copies of any existing surveys, and aerial photos; and (viii) copies of all plans and other documents relating to any improvements on any of the properties (the material described in clause (i) through clause (viii) above are, collectively, the "Due Diligence Documents").

#### Mediation

If the Parties have any dispute concerning enforcement of this Agreement, the Parties hereby agree to submit the dispute to Keith Hunter for mediation.

#### No Arbitration

The Parties have not agreed to arbitrate any dispute other than as specifically set forth herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> If Keith Hunter is unable or unwilling to serve, the Parties shall either agree on an arbitrator and the rules of arbitration, or submit the matter to a court of competent jurisdiction for the selection of a single arbitrator.

#### Title Insurance

OHA may, if it chooses, procure title insurance to any of the properties at its own expense.

#### Proration

If the STATE receives rent from the properties conveyed to OHA attributable to periods after July 1, 2008, it shall pay to OHA the amounts attributable to any periods after that date. If the State incurs expenses for the properties like taxes, maintenance fees, assessments, association dues, utility charges, for periods after July 1, 2008, OHA shall pay the STATE the amounts attributable to any periods after that date.

In the event that the amount of any rent or expense is not known July 1, 2008, the Parties agree that such items shall be prorated at that date upon the basis of the best information available, and shall be adjusted when the actual amount(s) of such items are known, with appropriate charges and credits to be made.

#### Other Terms

This Agreement and its terms shall survive the transfer of the parcels to OHA.

This Agreement neither represents nor is to be construed as an acknowledgement or admission of any negligence, misconduct, liability, or fault of any kind whatsoever by any party.

The STATE does not admit to or concede the validity of any claim, but has entered into this Agreement in order to resolve and satisfy all controversies and claims described in the Proposed Legislation.

The Parties agree that no statement of fact or opinion has been made by either to the other, or by anyone acting on behalf of either to the other, to induce the execution of this Agreement, other than as expressly set forth in this Agreement and that this Agreement is executed freely

on the part of each party hereto. The Parties also represent and agree: (1) that they may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of these releases; and (2) that this Agreement and the releases given in this Agreement shall fully remain in effect, notwithstanding the subsequent discovery or existence of any such additional or different facts.

The terms of this Agreement have been negotiated at arm's length among the Parties represented by experienced counsel. As a result, the rule of "interpretation against the draftsman" shall not apply in any dispute over interpretation of the terms of this Agreement.

Linda Lingle, Governor State of Hawai'i

Approved:

Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General

S. Haunani Apoliona, Chairperson

Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Approved:

Robert G. Klein, Counsel to the Board of Trustees

#### EXHIBIT B - SETTLEMENT PROPERTIES

Property Description	Tax Map Key & Kaka`ako Subdivision Lot Number	Address	Approm. Parcel Size	Settlement Value (\$)
Kaka`ako Makai	2	1011 Ala Moana Blvd.	4.915	
Kaka`ako Makai	3	Ahui St.	5.066	
Kaka`ako Makai	4	45 Ahui St.	0.083	
Kaka`ako Makai	5	53 Ahui St.	0.856	
Kaka`ako Makai	9	160 Ahui St.	7.531	
Kaka ako Makai			18.451	92,719,415
Kalaeloa Makai	1910310010000	91-319 Olai St.	110.100	
Kalaeloa Makai			110.100	59,607,000
Bayview Banyan Corp.	3210050210000	161 Banyan Dr.	1.091	
Country Club Condo Hotel	3210050200000	121 Banyan Dr.	1.166	
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel	3210030050000	Banyan Dr.	5.000	
Naniloa Hotel & Golf Course	3210010120000	1713 Kamehameha Ave.	63.248	
Naniloa Hotel & Golf Course	3210050130000	Banyan Dr.	0.720	
Naniloa Hotel & Golf Course	3210050140000	Banyan Dr.	0.232	
Naniloa Hotel & Golf Course	3210050160000	Banyan Dr.	2.950	
Naniloa Hotel & Golf Course	3210050170000	Banyan Dr.	0.750	
Naniloa Hotel & Golf Course	3210050270000	Banyan Dr.	0.121	
Naniloa Hotel & Golf Course	3210050320000	Banyan Dr.	0.749	
Naniloa Hotel & Golf Course	3210050390000	Banyan Dr.	0.012	
Naniloa Hotel & Golf Course	3210050410000	Banyan Dr.	0.015	
Naniloa Hotel & Golf Course	3210050420000	Banyan Dr.	0.025	
Naniloa Hotel & Golf Course	3210050460000	Banyan Dr.	1.054	
Reed's Bay Resort Hotel	3210050220000	175 Banyan Dr.	1.190	
Uncle Billy's Hilo Bay Hotel Inc.	3210050090000	Banyan Dr.	0.118	
Uncle Billy's Hilo Bay Hotel Inc.	3210050120000	Banyan Dr.	0.115	
Uncle Billy's Hilo Bay Hotel Inc.	3210050330000	Banyan Dr.	0.586	
Uncle Billy's Hilo Bay Hotel Inc.	3210050340000	87 Banyan Dr.	0.531	
Uncle Billy's Hilo Bay Hotel Inc.	3210050350000	Banyan Dr.	0.495	
Uncle Billy's Hilo Bay Hotel Inc.	3210050450000	Banyan Dr.	0.215	
Uncle Billy's Hilo Bay Hotel Inc.	3210050470000	Banyan Dr.	0.013	
Hilo Banyan Drive			80.397	34,483,725
LAND SETTLEMENT VALUE			208.948	186,810,140

#### testimony

From: Naomi Digitaki [ndigitaki@hti.edu]

Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 4:04 PM

To: testimony **Subject:** SB 2733

February 8, 2008

Re: SB2733 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT.

February 9, 2008 10:00AM State Capitol Auditorium

415 South Beretania Street

Dear Joint Committees on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, Water & Land, and Judiciary and Labor Members:

- Senator Jill N. Tokuda
- Senator J. Kalani English
- Senator Clayton Hee
- Senator Russell S. Kokubun
- Senator Brian T. Taniguchi

This is written in total support of the settlement negotiated by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) with the State of Hawaii relating to the PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT and fully endorse the payment of \$15,100,000 to OHA each fiscal year, effective 7/01/08.

Indeed, the adoption of SB 2733 will be a testament to the 2008 State Senate's commitment to honor and dignify individuals of Native

Hawaiian ancestry and further promote OHA's ability to improve and enhance the many multi-faceted programs and services it offers the community -

services that have unequivocally made a difference in the lives of our students, their families and communities, directly and indirectly

postively influencing the lives of Native Hawaiians and non-Native Hawaiians alike throughout Hawaii.

I absolutely support SB 2733 and look forward to witnessing and participating in the the positive outcomes/changes that the adoption of SB 2733 will bring to communities throughout Hawaii.

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Mahalo piha, Naomi Digitaki

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"Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, the mind can achieve." Napolean Hill

#### TESTIMONY

In favor of



**Public Trust Settlement** 

HB2701-- SB2733

Saturday, 2/9 at 10am

By: Sherlyn Franklin Goo, Native Hawaiian Educator

Before

Senator Jill Tokuda; Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs Committee.

Senator Brian Taniguchi; Judiciary Committee.

Senator Clayton Hee; Water and Land Committee.

Aloha kakou. My name is Sherlyn Franklin Goo. I am a Native Hawaiian who has worked on behalf of young children for over thirty-five years. During the past ten years, I have vehemently spoken and written about quality early care and education as the foremost predictor of success in life for every child. Over one-third of our state's population in the age group of 0 - 5 are Native Hawaiian, according to the 2000 Census. These children will be adults within the next 15 or so years. If past statistics on Native Hawaiian children predict to future statistics, a large percentage will end up scoring poorly in standardized achievement tests, will be in poor health, will be incarcerated, will be receiving food stamps and will be dependent upon virtually every social welfare program of our state. Our entire state will feel the impact of this large group of our population.

This settlement is critical to educational intervention of our youngest population of Native Hawaiian children. They are the future of our state. Too long has this settlement been on hold. In the meantime, thousands of our future citizens are not being properly attended to. I work with an agency that provides early childhood education, but we do not have sufficient funds to serve all the children and families that need our services. Every week there are schools and families that ask for our services. And we are not alone. There are many other Native Hawaiian agencies striving to make a difference in the Native Hawaiian communities throughout our state.

Please pass these bills so that more funding is available to our people.



#### HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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The Twenty-Fourth Legislature, State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Committee on Water and Land
Committee on Judiciary and Labor



Testimony by Hawaii Government Employees Association February 9, 2008

> S.B. 2773 – RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LANDS TRUST SETTLEMENT

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 2773, which settles a long standing dispute concerning revenues due to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) from income and proceeds of the public land trust from November 7, 1978 to July 1, 2008. This recent settlement between the state and OHA includes a mix of land and cash totaling \$200 million.

The land parcels include commercial and industrial properties on Oahu and the Big Island worth approximately \$187 million along with of \$13 million in cash. Additionally, the state agreed to pay OHA \$15.1 million annually. No claims are made with respect to ownership of ceded lands under this settlement agreement.

We believe the settlement is both fair and reasonable and protects the rights of the Hawaiian people to ceded lands. We agree with the results of the recently commissioned poll on the backdue payment owed to OHA over ceded land revenues. OHA and the State have been negotiating for years on a fair settlement on back due payments. The State should pay what is legally owed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 2773.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora A. Nomura

Deputy Executive Director





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February 8, 2008

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Mahalo, Karen



#### testimony

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Written Testimony to: Joint Committee's on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, Judiciary and Finance

SB 2733 Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement

February 2, 2008 9:00 a.m. State Capitol Auditorium

Aloha, my name is Richard Miller. I am a beneficiary of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I am a residing in San Jose, California, but, a true kama'iana.

The Hawaiian people deserve justice and this is a step towards the healing process needed for the people of Hawaii to SUSTAIN our Hawaiian people in their land and in our communities.

Please move forward with the necessary approvals as OHA needs to implement the programs and initiatives that is long over due to the Hawaiian people and its a'ina.

It saddens me that my Tuta Wahine and Kane could not see this day coming and enjoy in the benefits that will bestow upon the Hawaiian people.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has been progress in organizing, developing, and implementing programs for the Hawaiian people. This settlement is long overdue to assist further all the programs needed for the Hawaiian people. Do the right thing and approve this settlement.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this written testimony. Aloha.



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George R. Ariyoshi 999 Bishop Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor Honolulu, HI 96813

February 7, 2008

Aloha,

I left the office of Governor of the State of Hawaii over 20 years ago and have not participated in negotiations involving ceded land payments that resulted in the agreement incorporated in HB2701. I do not intend to comment on the specifics of the settlement, but urge you to continue the work that began 30 years ago to fulfill our obligations to the Hawaiian people.

First, it is a legal obligation. We accepted that obligation from the day Hawaii became a State. The Admission Act gave the state title to 1.4 million acres of land that once belonged to the Kingdom of Hawaii. The land was to be held in a public land trust and used for five public purposes: public schools, farm and home ownership, public improvements, and the betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians.

But the federal law said nothing about how much to provide for these purposes. The Speaker of the House, James Wakatsuki, believed strongly that 20-percent should go for the betterment of native Hawaiians. But there was no entity to receive this revenue. So the 1978 Constitutional Convention proposed, and the voters ratified, an amendment to create the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. With OHA in place, the Legislature passed a law that committed the State to pay 20-percent of revenues from the public land trust.

These are facts of law. During my administration, we canceled leases of schools and parks on Hawaiian Homes ceded lands if they did not provide some sort of payment for use of the lands.

Second, we have a moral obligation to correct a past injustice. In 1993, Congress acknowledged that representatives of the U.S. Government participated in the illegal overthrow of a sovereign native Hawaiian government, and lands were taken "without consent of or compensation to the Kingdom of Hawaii or the Hawaiian people." The Public Apology Bill – in which Congress apologized to the Hawaiian people – called for a process of reconciliation.

We need to do what is right. In our lifetime, we have the opportunity to do what was not done for over 100 years. I urge you to continue the process of reconciliation so Native Hawaiians receive what is owed for the injustices of the past.

George R. Ariyoshi

Governor, State of Hawaii (1973 - 1986)

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SB2733 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT.

February 9, 2008 10:00am State Capitol Auditorium

Joint Committee's on Water, Land, Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs, Judiciary and

Labor

#### Aloha Kakou-

I am writing in support of SB 2733. The funds received from this settlement will support numerous programs benefitting Native Hawaiians in the areas of health, education, governance, and other vital components of our success as a people. The passing of this bill will allow the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to continue its mission and enable the organizations it supports to do the same.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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**Excellent testimony** 

I agree and I also would like to voice my opinion against SB 2733

Best regards

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Aloha Public Access Room, Hawaii Legislature:

Attached is my testimony for the Senate Committees on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, Water and Land and Judiciary and Labor for the hearing on:

#### SB 2733 Relating to the Public Lands Trust Settlement.

Hearing:

Saturday, February 9, 2008

10:00 am

Auditorium, State Capitol

Mahalo,

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Legislature State of Hawaii
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

#### Committee on Water and Lands Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Hearing scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. On SB 2733 relating to the Public Lands Settlement

Testimony by H. William Burgess on his own behalf and on behalf of Aloha for All<sup>[1]</sup>

Aloha and good morning Chairs Tokuda, Hee, and Taniguchi and members of these important Senate committees.

I am an attorney who practiced law in Hawaii for 35 years until I retired in 1994. For the last ten years my wife and I and our friends and supporters have been advocating and litigating for the basic principle that Aloha is for everyone --- that every citizen of Hawaii, whatever his or her ancestry, is entitled to the equal protection of the laws. A major part of our efforts has been to preserve and support the Ceded Lands Trust for the benefit of **all** the people of Hawaii, not just for a favored few.

I speak against SB 2733. It deals with the 1.2 million acres of the ceded lands separate from the 200,000 acres set aside under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. It would allow the Governor to violate this portion of the Ceded Lands Trust and breach the fiduciary duty the State of Hawaii, as Trustee, owes to all its citizens.

Decades of advertising by OHA seem to have created the impression in many peoples' minds that the ceded lands are held only or especially for native Hawaiians. That is incorrect. The ceded lands trust is for the benefit of all the people of Hawaii. The U.S. Supreme Court has confirmed that. So has the Ninth Circuit. So has the Hawaii Supreme Court.

In footnote 9 to the Ninth Circuit Court's decision filed August 7, 2007, the Court noted that "the lands ceded in the Admission Act are to benefit 'all the people of Hawaii,' not simply Native Hawaiians." Day v. Apoliona, 496 F.3d 1027, 1034 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2007) (emphasis in original), citing Justice Breyer's concurring opinion with whom Justice Souter joined in Rice v. Cayetano, 528 U.S. 495, 525 (2000), "But the Admission Act itself makes clear that the 1.2 million acres is to benefit all the people of Hawaii." (The 1.2 million acres consists of the 1.4 million acres returned to Hawaii upon statehood under Admission Act §5(b), less the about 200,000 acres Congress had set aside in 1921 as "available lands" under the Hawaiian

Homes Commission Act. See also, Admission Act §5(g). It is this same about 1.2 million acres which is the corpus of the Ceded Lands Trust which is the source of the moneys claimed by OHA and proposed to be "settled" by SB 2733.).

"The federal government has always recognized the people of Hawaii as the equitable owners of all public lands; and while Hawaii was a territory, the federal government held such lands in 'special trust' for the benefit of the people of Hawaii." *State v. Zimring*, 58 Hawaii 106, 124, 566 P.2d 725 (1977).

"Excepting lands set aside for federal purposes, the equitable ownership of the subject parcel and other public land in Hawaii has always been in its people. Upon admission, trusteeship to such lands was transferred to the State, and the subject land has remained in the public trust since that time." Id at 125.

#### The claim by OHA proposed to be settled is invalid.

The State has already distributed hundreds of millions of dollars of ceded lands revenues to OHA exclusively for the native Hawaiian beneficiaries, but has made *no* distributions of revenues exclusively for non-native Hawaiian beneficiaries. That violates the Trustee-State's fiduciary duty of impartiality<sup>[2]</sup> and the duty not to comply with illegal trust terms.<sup>[3]</sup>

Since "native Hawaiians" (defined as descendants of not less than one-half part of the blood of the races inhabiting the Hawaiian Islands previous to 1778) make up less than 5% of the population of Hawaii, to comply with its duty of impartiality, the State should distribute at least 19 dollars exclusively for non-native Hawaiian beneficiaries for every dollar going to the native Hawaiian beneficiaries. Any settlement for back distributions should therefore first include several \$ Billion to make up for the past shortchanging the non-Hawaiian beneficiaries.

If the State is not prepared to make that distribution promptly, it should require OHA to refund the over \$400M ceded lands revenues it still holds.

The past distributions to OHA have been at the expense of the other beneficiaries.

In the said footnote 9, the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court notes,

"this case is not based on any implicit assumption that Native Hawaiians and Hawaiians are the only intended beneficiaries of the § 5(f) trust.... Neither our prior case law nor our discussion today suggests that as a matter of federal law § 5(f) funds must be used for the benefit of Native Hawaiians or Hawaiians, at the expense of other beneficiaries."

Since the past distributions to OHA from the Ceded Lands Trust have been based on 20% of gross revenues before expenses, the share of the other beneficiaries have thus been left with the burden of all those expenses. This is yet another illustration of the State's improper partiality.

#### The fiduciary duty of the State and its officials.

When it comes to Hawaii's public lands and revenues from them, the State and its officials have a fiduciary responsibility to all the citizens of Hawaii. Article XI, Sec. 1 of the Hawaii Constitution requires the State to conserve and protect "all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources" and, "All public natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people."

Also, Article XII, Sec. 4 provides that the lands granted to the State of Hawaii by Sec. 5(f) of the Admission Act ... shall be held as a public trust for native Hawaiians and the general public."

The Hawaii Supreme Court in *Pele Defense Fund v. Paty*, 73 H. 578, 837 P.2d 1247 (1992) said this section imposes a fiduciary duty on Hawaii's officials to hold ceded lands in accordance with the provisions of Section 5(f) of the Admission Act and citizens must have a means to mandate compliance.

Under §708-874 Misapplication of entrusted property. (1) A person commits the offense of misapplication of entrusted property if he misapplies or disposes of property that has been entrusted to him as a fiduciary or that is **property of the government** or a financial institution. (Emphasis added.)

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<sup>[1]</sup> Aloha for All, is a multi-ethnic group of men and women, all residents, taxpayers and property owners in Hawaii who believe that Aloha is for everyone and every citizen is entitled to the equal protection of the laws without regard to her or his ancestry.

<sup>[2]</sup> The Restatement of the Law, Trusts 3d §183 entitled "Duty to Deal Impartially With Beneficiaries": When there are two or more beneficiaries of a trust, the trustee is under a duty to deal impartially with them.

<sup>[3]</sup> The Restatement of Trusts 2d §166 (1959) entitled "Illegality" provides the trustee is under a duty not to comply with a term of the trust which is illegal and cites as an example of illegality a provision which would be contrary to public policy. In *Rice v. Cayetano*, 528 U.S. 495, 516 & 517, (2000) the Supreme Court held that the definitions of "Hawaiian" and "native Hawaiian," as used in the Office of Hawaiian Affairs laws are racial classifications.

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February 7, 2008

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator J. Kalani English, Vice-Chair

Faxed to: Senate Sergeant -At-Arms Office @ -586-6659 - One Page

Re: SB 2733 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

#### SUPPORT

I am writing as a resident of this great State of Hawai'i whose ancestors came to this land as voyagers. As a kanaka maoli I am providing my support to SB 2733 because I believe it represents the best possible solution to a long standing issue that has been left unresolved for many years for kanaka maoli. This attempt to resolve claims and disputes relating to income and proceeds from the lands of the public trust for use by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs provides a fair and just resolution to an act of wrong to the Hawaiian people.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs represents a legal entity that is supported by many Hawaiians to receive and act in regards to this claim. As a kanaka maoli, I support their efforts thru this process to enable Hawaiians to benefit from income and proceeds as a result of this settlement.



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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY RE: SB 2733—RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT

TO:

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs Committee;

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, Judiciary Committee; Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, Water and Land Committee,

And Members

FROM:

Betty Lou Larson, Housing Programs Director

Catholic Charities Hawai'i

HEARING: Saturday, February 9, 2008; 10:00 am; Capitol Auditorium

Chairs Tokuda, Taniguchi, and Hee, and Members of the Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs Committee, Judiciary Committee, and Water and Land Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this housing bill. I am Betty Lou Larson, from Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

I support the intent of this bill since this would stabilize funding that supports the needs of the Hawaiian people. The current housing crisis and the rapid increases in rents across the State have impacted severely on Hawaiian families. Hawaiians make up a disproportionate share of the homeless population, and especially the homeless along the Waianae Coast area. While homelessness hits many in our State, it strikes many young Hawaiian families. This puts their young children at risk for education and many other social needs, as well as the disruption that homelessness itself creates.

The housing needs, educational needs and many other necessities of Hawaiians could be addressed by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs with stable and expanded funding. This bill can have a positive impact on assisting programs that benefit Hawaiians and help them to become integrated into society, yet retain their important cultural identify.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this bill and your efforts to support the Hawaiian community to achieve more housing, better educational opportunities and a wide range of other opportunities via the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.





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# THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND'S TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SR 2733 Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement.

SB 2733 Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs Senate Committee on Water and Land Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor Saturday, February 9, 2008, 10:00 a.m. State Capitol Auditorium, 415 South Beretania testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Chairperson Tokuda, Hee, Taniguchi and Committee Members:

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) supports SB 2733 Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement.

TPL conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. Nationwide, TPL has five program initiatives: (1) providing parks for people, (2) protecting working lands (farms, ranches, and forests), (3) conserving natural lands (wilderness, wildlife habitat), (4) safeguarding heritage lands (cultural and historical resources), and (5) preserving land to ensure clean drinking water and the natural beauty of our coasts and waterways. In Hawai'i, TPL has worked with public and private partners to conserve over 36,000 acres of land in the State, with a focus on coastal lands and lands important to Hawaiian communities.

Over the past several years, TPL has worked with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) to acquire and conserve 1,875 acres at Waimea Valley on O'ahu, 24,856 acres at Wao Kele o Puna on Hawai'i Island, and 73 acres at Mū'olea Point on Maui. Throughout our dealings with OHA, the Board of Trustees and Land Management Hale Director Jonathan Scheuer and his staff have been very professional and supportive as conservation partners. OHA is well aware of the responsibilites (and liabilities) that come with ownership and management of land. OHA has prepared a strategic plan for its land acquisition priorities, and has hired additional land hale staff. OHA continually balances the need to continue the living Hawaiian culture, while at the same time, create a sound economic foundation for a future nation.

A settlement that would put to rest some 30+ years of ongoing negotiations, court battles and community disenchantment over the Admission Act's Section 5(f) purpose of "bettering the conditions of native Hawaiians" would allow OHA and the State to focus on other extremely pressing issues of education, economy, environment, and cultural preservation.



TPL further supports SB 2733 with the understanding that:

- It does not settle claims stemming from the illegal overthrow of the 1) Hawaiian Kingdom;
- 2) It sets a permanent but minimum amount of funding for OHA per year; and
- OHA and the State after 4 years of negotiations have agreed that the 3) settlement is fair, just and reasonable for both parties.

Though this settlement will not quell all fears and mistrust, it is a good start towards reconciliation. We believe OHA is transitioning to a place of new confidence, experience and vigor and is fully up to the challenge. Therefore, TPL supports SB 2733.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Hawaiian Islands Program Director



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# TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, WATER AND LAND, AND JUDICIARY & LABOR

RE: SB 2733 - RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT.

February 9, 2008

MIKE McCARTNEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chairs Tokuda, Hee, Taniguchi, and Members of the Committees:

We support SB 2733 that resolves claims and disputes relating to the portion of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust for use by the Office Hawaiian Affairs and fixes prospectively the minimum amount of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust that are to be paid to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs at \$15,100,000 each fiscal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

#### INPEACE- Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture

#### **TESTIMONY**

#### SB2733

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT
Testimony Presented Before
The Joint Committee's on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs,
Judiciary, & Water and Land.
February 9, 2008 @ 10:00am in the State Capitol Auditorium
by
Kanoe 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 Hawaii. 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.

### Testimony of Daniel Paul de Gracia, II, MA Concerned Citizen



Offering Comments Only

#### S.B. No. 2733 Relating To The Public Trust Lands Settlement

Senate Joint Committees on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, Water and Land, Judiciary and Labor Saturday, February 9, 2008, 10:00 AM Hawaii State Capitol Auditorium

#### Chairs Tokuda, Hee, Taniguchi, Honorable Members et al:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments on the measure of Senate Bill No. 2733, Relating To The Public Trust Lands Settlement. The purpose of this Act is to:

- (1) Finally and completely resolve any and all claims and disputes relating to the portion of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust for use by the office of Hawaiian affairs, including under sections 4 and 6 of article XII of the State Constitution and any relevant statute or act, between November 7, 1978 and July 1, 2008; and
- (2) Fix, prospectively, the minimum amount of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust that are to be paid to the office of Hawaiian affairs to use under section 6 of article XII of the Constitution at \$15,100,000 each fiscal year.

I take no position on Senate Bill No. 2733 however I would like to address the deeper issue of the widening rift which has occurred between the peoples of Hawaii as a result of the formation of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and its Board of Trustees.

I would like to direct the Joint Committees to a historical Covenant several thousand years old, preceding both the U.S. Constitution and the Hawaii State Constitution, found in the Bible verses of Mark, chapter 3, verses 24 through 25:

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (New International Version).

Hawaii cannot continue to exist part native and part American. We are either the Fiftieth State of these United States of America, or we are not a State. We are either all American or all Hawaiian, but we

cannot be both at the same time. A Hawaii divided will fall, and all around us, we see signs that Hawaii is stumbling and slipping. More and more people are becoming increasingly belligerent towards one another and it isn't because of racism or generational frustration, it is because our current system of governance in Hawaii pits people against one another, people who should otherwise be united as brother and sister citizens of the United States of America, a Republic whose legitimacy comes not from bloodline or birth order but from personal choice and voluntary allegiance. This concept is rooted once more in the teaching that comes from our Bible which says in the book of John, chapter 6, verse 63,

"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life" (New International Version)

and likewise in the book of 1 Samuel, chapter 16, verse 7:

"The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart" (New International Version).

Jesus of Nazareth preached about "The Kingdom of Heaven" and stipulated through His statement in John 6:63 and the Scriptural precedent of 1 Samuel 16:7 that citizenship in His Kingdom was based on the inward man ("the Spirit") by voluntary allegiance and submission to a Covenant ("The words"), rather than one's natural bloodline or birth order ("the flesh"). In similar fashion, the United States of America was built on the principle that voluntary allegiance to the covenant of our Constitution makes us citizens, not our bloodline or birth order.

Yet in Hawaii, we have created a perverse system of governance which holds lands in trust and extends benefits to individuals based on their flesh rather than their spirit. Rather than seeing themselves as American citizens, the people of this State see themselves as "Hawaiians," "Native Hawaiians," and "tolerated American occupiers." Members of the Joint Committees, this is Hawaii, not Iraq: we are the people of the United States of America, and we ought to start living as Americans and Americans only.

Former President Ronald Reagan while speaking to the faculty and students of Fallston High School, Maryland on December 4, 1985 gave these remarks:

"When you stop to think that we're all God's children, wherever we may live in the world, I couldn't help but say to [General Secretary Gorbachev] just think how easy his task and mine might be in these meetings that we held if suddenly there was a threat to this world from some other species from another planet outside in the Universe. We'd forget all the little local differences that we have between our countries and we would find out once and for all that we really are all human beings here on this Earth together."

Members of the Joint Committees, what makes us different is so petty and minor compared to what makes us one, and that is the fact that we are all God's children and we are all human beings. The United States of America was founded not on racial division but on covenant and conscience. And though the citizens of this Nation are not citizens by blood, their freedom and liberty was purchased by the spilled blood of millions of soldiers, sailors, and airmen across our three centuries who fought not for a divided America but a United States of America. What shall we say to men like Colonel Robert Gould Shaw of the Massachusetts 54th who died alongside white and black skinned Americans to break the grip of slavery, or to U.S. Army Corporal Pat Tillman who left his sports career to defend America against terror? How shall we explain our actions in creating separate treatment under the law based on one's blood lineage?

I don't know about you, but I would prefer in the judgment to say that I lived not by the mandate of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs or its Board of Trustees, but by the compelling call to action found in our Battle Hymn of the Republic which proudly declared, "Since He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free."

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

#### testimony

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Subject: Re: SB 2733 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT - IN SUPPORT

Re: SB 2733 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT - IN SUPPORT

February 9, 2008

10:00am

State Capitol Auditorium

Dear Joint Committees on Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs, Water and Land, and Judiciary and Labor Members:

- Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
- Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
- Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair

I am writing to voice my full support in both SB 2733, and the Senate companion to HB 2701, to the Committees on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs. This settlement is fair and long overdue, so many seem to focus on the dollar amount or interest calculations rather than the state of our host culture and the dignity of the greater community and its ability to keep its word. The Hawaiian community is in desperate need, and this settlement is desperately needed now to capitalize the fiduciary demands of O.H.A. to fund its beneficiaries programs now and into the future.

Mahalo.

Aloha Douglas (McD) Philpotts

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THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008
STATE OF HAWAII

February 7, 2008

Senate Committees on: Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, Water and Land, AND Judiciary and Labor.

Hearing Date & Time: Saturday, February 9, 2008,

10:00 a.m. (HST)

Attention: Chairs: Jill N. Tokuda , Clayton Hee, AND Brian T. Taniguchi.

Testimony Opposing SB 2733: Public Trust Lands Settlement.

Aloha Chairs Tokuda, Hee and Taniguchi and Members of the Committees:

My name is Pono Kealoha McNeil and I am testifying in very strong opposition to SB 2733.

OHA with its smoke and mirrors tactics, is a part of the ipso facto STATE OF HAWAII (Hawaii State Constitution 1978) which cannot be viewed as a legal representative of the Hawaiian Nation and/or implied to be the 'governing entity' of the native Hawaiians and their national lands; at the very least, it would be a serious perversion of justice and only exasperate the injury.

To date, the U.S.A. and its governing entities, ipso facto, have grossly violated the laws of occupation, betraying its self-incurred trust of the Hawaiian Kingdom's crown, government, and public lands of which the bona fide Hawaii Nationals have not relinquished their rights nor have been justly compensated as proven by the Ku's Petitions of 1897.

Queen Liliuokalani placed her trust in the Unites States of America to right the wrong its representatives have committed against the Hawaii Nationals, the Queen and her government, and our nation-state in general. Various journals, many archived in the Library of Congress and elsewhere, confirm covert and overt actions of the U.S. against the Hawaiian Kingdom. This is no surprise that the U.S.A. unlawfully, illegally invaded and belligerently occupied our friendly neutral nation.

The Hawaii Supreme Court's actions in restricting the ipso facto State of Hawaii from disposing the corpus of the alleged 'ceded' lands without regarding the lawful claimants of those lands, is a legally just and honrable decision. To ignore such a decision is to commit a seroius act. By not defeating SB 2733, it will further be complicit in aiding and abetting to commit crimes which subjects you and your ipso facto government and its agency, 'O.H.A.' to be prosecuted under the International Laws and that of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

The alleged 'ceded' lands belong to the Hawaii Nationals, and not to be handled or traded by an ipso facto circus side-show of the U.S.A. known as O.H.A.

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#### February 9, 2008

To:

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Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair

Committee on Water & Land

Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Chair

Committee on Judiciary & Labor

From:

Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa

Vice-President

Subject:

S.B. 2733, Relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement

The Ko'olau Foundation supports settlement of all claims for lands and other resources taken from native Hawaiians since the illegal overthrow in 1893.

Our organization is dedicated to the preservation, protection and perpetuation of Hawaiian culture, heritage and history. Many of the lands lost as a result of the overthrow were places that were of great historical significance to the Hawaiian people, the host culture of these islands.

We believe this bill offers restitution for at least the past 30 years of use by the State of Hawai'i for resources and lands taken. We urge a continuing dialogue to work toward settlement of remaining claims, particularly addressing resources and lands that have historic or cultural value.

We ask your kokua to support passage of this bill.

Mahalo.

#### testimony

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Kalai Gamundoy (Eric) [gamundoyeric@yahoo.com]

Sent:

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Subject:

Re: HB2701 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT - IN SUPPORT

February 9, 2008 10:00am State Capitol Auditorium

Dear Joint Committees on Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs, Water and Land, and Judiciary and Labor Members:

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I strongly support the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' settlement with the State of Hawaii on disputed ceded land revenues due the Hawaiian community. First Hawaiian Bank believes in OHA's mission and purpose — and this settlement provides necessary financial continuity and support to help OHA better achieve its mission.

Being Hawaiian and having the privilege of living in this beautiful place, I believe that there are Hawaiian values that we should follow, such as being "Pono". We must make things right no matter what the cost. I practice Lomilomi, an ancient Hawaiian philosophy on Health and Healing. We as Hawaiians have an understanding that what you create will eventually come back to you, wether it is good or evil, it will complete its circle. There must be just compensation for what has been done. Let us not forget the great characteristics that our ancestors were known for, like Hoʻ okipa and Aloha. With the award of this money, (which is nothing more than the representation of energy) let us raise up the Hawaiian people. Let us break the stereotypes of down trodden Hawaiians through education and re-instilling of pride in our Hawaiian culture and customary practices. If we fail in guiding the minds of our young Hawaiians, we may forever forget who we are.

Please understand that this is bigger than monetary treasures (no matter how much there is), it represents the possibility, and opportunity for we as Hawaiians to better ourselves as people and once again claim those great traits of our ancestors as well as make them proud. A people who are rooted in their culture, knowing who they are, where they came from, are not stingy or controlled by fear, they are welcoming to others with open arms not because of ignorance but rather with the knowledge that Aloha is their wealth and it is a spring that is always replenished (abundant because it is created within). To get to that point of understanding we must educate.

I encourage you to adopt HB 2733 relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement.

Sincerely,
Eric Alexander Keli'i Kahiapo Kalai Gamundoy LMT
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Member of Hui Mauli Ola

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So many times we look back to history and use it as blame for current problems. Let this be a mark of positive change for our children. Although monetary settlements donʻt bring happiness, it can encourage change, and give strength to those less fortunate. We are a small island in the Pacific, we need to stand strong, Onipaʻa, for our land and our people.

I encourage you to adopt HB 2733 relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement.

Sincerely,

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Sen. Sam Slom; Rep. Lyla B. Berg; Rep. Barbara Marumoto; Rep. Gene Ward; Sen. Fred

Hemmings

Subject:

Testimony in strong support of SB2733 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS

**SETTLEMENT** 

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February 8, 2008

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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re:

SB 2733 - RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT

Hearing:

Saturday, February 9, 2008, at 10 am in Auditorium

#### Aloha kākou,

I strongly support SB2733 which resolves claims and disputes relating to the portion of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust for use by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) between 11/7/1978 and 7/1/2008 and fixes prospectively the minimum amount of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust that are to be paid to the office of Hawaii affairs at \$15,100,000 each fiscal year.

At an informational meeting today by OHA, Trustee Haunani Apoliona, Administrator Clyde Nāmu'o and Land Management Division Director Jonathan Likeke Schuerer fully explained the settlement as well as the history surrounding the claims and disputes. I was shocked to learn that what I had heard from certain knowledgeable people and Hawaiian groups were totally untrue. The lands in the Settlement were never part of the Hawaiian Kingdom, OHA was not giving up all claims for our eventual sovereign government and the State was not trying to pull the wool over our eyes by offering us contaminated lands in Kaka'ako. The Settlement even includes an Environmental Contamination Rights clause for the Kaka'ako property which will bring in \$150,000 additional revenue a month.

As a Hawaiian, I'm pleased that OHA has stepped up to the plate to finally resolve this 30 year old dispute. Your support of this bill is respectfully requested.

Mahalo,

Jeannine Johnson

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#### testimony

From: Natalie Hanson [kaiulani1950@hotmail.com]

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Subject: SB 2733

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Hearing on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 at 10:00AM

I support SB 2733. Please approve the bill and settlement.

Thank you Natalie Hanson

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Re: SB 2733 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT – IN SUPPORT

February 9, 2008

10:00am

State Capitol Auditorium

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- Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair

I strongly support the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' settlement with the State of Hawaii on disputed ceded land revenues due the Hawaiian community. I believe in OHA's mission and purpose. I believe that this settlement will provide necessary financial continuity and support to help OHA better achieve its mission.

Please adopt HB 2733 relating to the Public Trust Lands Settlement.

I am a freelance writer, editor and life-long resident of Honolulu.

Mahalo for considering my testimony, Malama pono,

Lynn Cook, 808-782-3535

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TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

HEARING: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2008 @ 10:00 AM

February 8, 2008

Dear Legislators,

I write to inform you of my support to SB 2733, relating to the public trust lands settlement agreement assigning OHA (Office of Hawaiian Affairs) as beneficiaries to receiving payments totaling the sum of \$200,000,000, for income and proceeds from the lands public land trust for the period 11/7/78 to 6/30/08. As an entity truly dedicated towards improving the lives of our Native Hawaiian people, OHA continues to exceed their commitment of proving support and aid to Native Hawaiian people throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorianne Ortiz

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#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, WATER AND LAND, AND JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Ву

J. Douglas Ing, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Kamehameha Schools

Dee Jay Mailer, CEO, Kamehameha Schools

Hearing Date: Saturday, February 9, 2008 10:00 a.m., Auditorium – State Capitol

February 8, 2008

To:

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Brian T. Taniguchi Members of the Committees

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 2733 - Relating to the Public Trust Land Settlement.

Native Hawaiian people are owed compensation for the Crown and Government lands that were taken from the Kingdom of Hawaii after the illegal overthrow of Queen Lili`uokalani in 1893. This bill begins to satisfy an obligation to the Indigenous people of these islands that is set forth in the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, but has yet to be fulfilled. It also allows Native Hawaiians to seek redress for wrongs not covered under the Public Trust Lands Settlement.

The revenue from this bill is directed specifically to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians, who have yet to fully rebound from the dispossession and marginalization that occurred as outside powers and influences overwhelmed our society and our people.

For these reasons, Kamehameha Schools supports passage of this measure.

Mahalo hou for the opportunity to testify.

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# SCHHA Testimony and Current Position on SB 2733 Public Trust Lands Settlement

Submitted by: Mike Kahikina, SCHHA Government Affairs

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At the very heart of the settlement proposed, are native Hawaiian beneficiaries, as defined under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and the 5(f) section of the Hawaii Constitution wherein ceded land revenues are referenced and were intended to be served. While the SCHHA supports the mission of OHA, and we support both beneficiary classes, native Hawaiians (50% or more blood quantum) and Hawaiians (less than 50%), we offer the following considerations to lawmakers in the deliberation of SB 2733.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is a state agency mandated to carry out the purpose of the HHCA and to support the rehabilitation of native Hawaiians. It serves the identical beneficiary class defined under section 5(f), which is the same as the beneficiaries of the HHCA. Its ability to fulfill its mission is directly tied to access to adequate resources.

It is in the best interest of the state of Hawaii, and the state agencies of OHA and DHHL, to recognize in any agreement, the opportunity to fulfill the obligation to the beneficiaries defined under 5(f) and the HHCA.

Therefore, the SCHHA believes that any settlement must be subject to a state-to-state (OHA to DHHL) agreement that directs a portion of the settlement and annual revenues from OHA to DHHL specifically for HHCA beneficiaries and homestead communities in the following three areas:

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Our deliberations under a short time line, have led us to believe that an outstanding way for the above mentioned three priorities to be implemented, is to ensure that a portion of any annual revenue, is directly stipulated and/or directed to DHHL for these priorities through a memorandum of understanding with OHA. It is time for the two state agencies to work together to serve the beneficiaries defined under 5(f) and the HHCA.

#### Leon Siu

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8 February 2008

SENATE COMMITTEES:

AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, WATER AND LAND, AND JUDICIARY AND LABOR.

HEARING: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2008, 10:00 A.M.

REGARDING: Testimony in OPPOSITION to SB 2733: Public Trust Lands Settlement.

Aloha Chairs Jill N. Tokuda, Clayton Hee, Brian T. Taniguchi and Members of the Committees:

Aloha ia mai oukou a e maluhia hoi I ke Akua e ko kakou Makua. Leon Siu kou inoa, na ohana Kawaauhau a me Kaulahao, mai Milolii, Kona, Moku o Keawe.

I thank you for allowing me to testify today. In addition to being kanaka maoli, I am a Citizen of the Hawaiian Kingdom (a Hawaiian National) living in the country of my birth, *Ko Hawaii Pae Aina*, The Hawaiian Islands.

I come today to testify in OPPOSITION to SB 2733 that seeks to settle certain land claims stemming from the illegal takeover of the lands and political jurisdiction on the Hawaiian Kingdom.

The initial offense of the theft has compounded for 115 years, as the "spoils" of the theft (the crown and government lands), were passed down to ensuing puppet governments; both as prize and obfuscation; a smokescreen to justify the fact that this was ill-gotten (stolen) property.

In recent years, as the truth of the illegalities came to light, the "ceded lands" have become much more of a hot potato. The illegal Republic of Hawaii had "fenced" the lands to the United States, who passed it on to the "State of Hawaii." Thus, the State of Hawaii came to be "left holding the bag" filled with stolen goods. Which brings us to the predicament you lawmakers are facing today. What to do with the crown and government lands stolen from the Hawaiian Kingdom?

This inconvenient truth was ignored for a hundred years, until 1993 when the Congress and the President of the United States issued Public Law 103-150, apologizing for the theft of Hawaii! Hawaiians immediately assumed: *Now that the thief has confessed to this crime, then surely he will give back what he stole*. But the United States and the State of Hawaii apparently felt no compunction to take the Apology Law seriously. Then just last week, the Hawaii Supreme Court finally took the position that USPL 103-150 indeed has the force of law, halting the State from selling "ceded lands" and casting a pall on the very legitimacy of the State of Hawaii.

Everyone knows that to make things right — to bring about reconciliation — restitution must be made to the injured party. But the restitution solution that the State of Hawaii and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is proposing is a con; a shell game where the con man maintains complete control of the game through fancy sleight of hand. The proposed settlement keeps the status quo of State control of the "ceded lands" (through the state agency, OHA), while pretending to have made compensation for the stolen lands. The State's solution for stealing a Kingdom is to generously give it to itself!

Of course, the con man with the shell game has a lot more finesse and is much more entertaining. This State/OHA "settlement" is so amateurishly clumsy that the general public, and even Hawaii's courts can see right through it! Hopefully, you legislators can see through it too.

In pondering whether you should approve this "settlement," ask yourselves: How would this "settlement" scheme be any different than the "ceded-lands-for-sale" scheme that the State Supreme Court shot down just last week?

The U.S. became the prime recipient of the spoils from the unlawful usurpation of the government and the assets of the Hawaiian Kingdom (a sovereign nation). The only moral and righteous action to make this right is for the U.S. and the State of Hawaii to be honest; address the offense squarely; willingly vacate their claims to the Hawaiian Islands; and participate in the peaceful, orderly changeover to the Hawaiian Kingdom.

To this end I ask you to reject SB 2733, this shell game the Governor and OHA are playing with our lands, our lives, and the lives of our children. Start today to put Hawaii on the path of restoration and healing from this 115-year-long offense. To do anything less, will only prolong this glaring injustice and prolong the suffering of the people of this land.

Mahalo nui loa,

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# Senate Committee Water and Hawaiian Affairs Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 3224 Relating to Molokai Irrigation System Users Advisory

Aloha Senators,

My name is Glenn Ioane Teves and I'm a Hawaiian Homestead farmer. Along with my wife Jane, who is a fifth generation Hoolehua homestead farmer, we have grown apple bananas for 20 years in Hoolehua. We depend on the Molokai Irrigation System as the lifeline of the homestead farming community. Hawaiian Homesteaders gave up some of their rights to the water on Molokai in exchange for the construction of the Molokai Irrigation System. The original Hawaiian Homes Act stated that homesteaders had prior right to all the government owned water on the island of Molokai. The Act was amended in order as a condition to constructing the Molokai Irrigation System. Today, the homesteaders have only 2/3's right to the water, with the remaining 1/3's set aside for non-homestead farmers. I have been actively involved in the MIS for over 25 years.

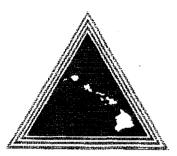
The MIS Users Advisory was created to give farmers a say in the operations of the system since there were major problems in the mismanagement of the MIS, first by DLNR and more recently by DOA. Although DOA has recognized the homesteaders 2/3's right, they have failed to take the next step. If homesteaders have 2/3's right to this water, shouldn't they have 2/3's of the seats on the users advisory?

Recently, things have gone from bad to worse. Up to recently, homesteaders had a say on the selection of their one representative. Like the other seats, the respective organizations would nominate their representative. Instead of allowing input from the homesteaders, the Governor has put a friend of hers in the homesteaders. Unfortunately, Mr. Adolph Helm has not been involved in homestead farming nor is he in open communication with the homestead farmers. Instead, he's the president of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, the lobbying group for the corn seed companies and a major supporter of GMO technology. He's also an employee of Mycogen Seed company, a subsidiary of Dow Chemical. Mr. Helm is in conflict since the seed companies are the largest users of water from the MIS. Last year, Mr Helm even asked one of the Molokai legislative representatives to kill the DOA audit bill that was introduced by the homestead farmers. Mr. Helm has been working in opposition to the homesteaders and will probably do the same with this bill. In the meantime, there are three members of the MIS advisory working for the seed companies. This is wrong.

If homesteaders have 2/3's right to this water, they should have 2/3's of the seats on the MIS Users Advisory, clear and simple.

Recently, even with a moratorium on water meter due to a decreasing water supply due to long-term drought the MIS advisory allowed Monsanto, another corn seed company open over 1200 acres of additional crop land. The present total use of water from the MIS covers over 2200 acres, and it's believed it can grow very little. The question remains, although homesteaders use only 20% of the water from the MIS, when the homesteaders need the water, who has to cutback on this water? There will be a battle, and it will be political, and it will question the jobs being created by the non-homestead farmers. It won't be about who has first rights to the water. The only way we can prevent this from happening is to assure that homesteaders have a say in the operation of the system, and not by someone who talks from two corners of his mouth, but by 2/3's of the users who are Hawaiian homesteaders deciding the future of their water. Mahalo.

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Mahalo for you consideration.

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#### Teb. 8, 2008 TESTIMONY

# IN SUPPORT OF HB2701 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT

To the Joint Committees on Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs, Water and Land, and Judiciary and Labor Members

Atm: Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Atm: Senator Clayton Hee

Attn: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi

#### Aloha mai.

I would like to express my acrong support for HB 27(1) which relates to the public trust lands (known as "Ceded Lands") settlement. As an active member of the Hawaiian community, a member of the Prince Kuhio Hawaiian Civic Club, and former Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Queen Lilil'uokalani Trust, I have followed these discussions over the years.

It is clear that there was no form of compensation given to Hawaiians after the lands were taken from the Kingdom of Hawaii, Now is the time for that injustice to be corrected through HB 2701.

The agreement that the government and people of Hawaii made when becoming a part of the United States was the obligation to use the public land trust "for the betterment of coaditions of native Hawaiians."

This bill represents an opportunity for the state to make 1500d on its promise and an opportunity for OHA and the beneficiaries to move forward.

By fixing the minimum amount of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust that are to be paid to the office of Hawaii affairs at \$15,100,000 each fiscal year, I would also orge the Legislature to conduct a period review of this amount. If the revenues that the state is receiving from the ceded lands increases, so should the amount of compensation paid to OHA. This revenue is an important source of funding for OHA, without which it cannot continue to support educational, economic development and social services programs for Hawaiians.

Thank you for considering this bill and its implications; I urge you to strongly support HB 2701.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Percers

#### February 6, 2008

TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

My name is William Favano, and I support SB 2733.

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My address is: P.O. Box 275 Kaurakakon Hauri 96748

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I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kako		Yaai		
Aloha mai kakou!  My name is Donald Kaai		, and I support SB 2733.		
My address is:	RO Box	74.	Kaunakakai	94748
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I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo, Sonald Kaai

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ilai Kaa

RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Wailani Kaai, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: PO BOX 374 Hoolung 96729

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo

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Aloha mai kakou!	•
My name is David Kaai	, and I support SB 2733.
My address is: Po Box 13 K'Kai	th 96748
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

David Kaai

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I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo, Jaren Kaalau

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Khard Kallwar, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: HCOL BOX 354 KAUNAKAKAN 96148

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZD

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo, Reduk a. Kaavae

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Aloha!

My name is Malia Lakaluse, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalq

address:

city, state, zip:

Lounakaker 96748

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Aloha!

My name is Mark W. NAGAMIN and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address: P.O. 1004

city, state, zip: Kaunakaka, H1 96748

Mark-M. No

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My name is Hung Dela (ru), and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am a Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

Mahal

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Aloha!

My name is Royald Salsada, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

RMALA DABAKA address: P.O. Box 195

city, state, zip: Kaunakaku, Hi, 96748

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Aloha!

My name is ANONO LLA CHU, and I support SB 2733

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address: P.O. Box (60) Kannakai

city, state, zip:

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Allani Hiro, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am a Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo, Chari Lama

address: POBOK 159

city, state, zip: Mannalca Ht. 96770

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Aloha!

My name is Anula Nacole, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address: POBOX 102

city, state, zip: KKai H1 96748

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Aloha!

My name is CHAD NAEHU, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address: 88B Puh Kapele

city, state, zip: Hoolchua HJ 96729

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is William Nak, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: HCO/ Box 1000 KKai Hz 967 48

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZI

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

William Make

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#### Aloha!

My name is KOWKEA SOLATORIO, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

publication Solutions

address: Do Box Sb3 KAUNAKAKAL HI 96748

city, state, zip: KAUNDLAKAT HE 96748

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Aloha!  My name is Haybert Rodilland I support SB 2733.
My name is $\frac{191027}{100111}$ , and I support SB 2733.
I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I votc.
Mahalo, Herbert Rodulia
address: PO, Box 143

Kualapun, Hi. 96757

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Aloha!

My name is Keith Suafoa, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

Mills Surfan
address: P.O. Box 1834

city, state, zip: Kauna Kai H1, 96748

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is CVY CQW1 that I support SB 2733.

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My address is: Po. BOX Z38 Kualapuv HI 9675/

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

Aloha!

#### February 06, 2008

TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha!	
My name is Charles	Mahanui,
	PLEASE PRINT
I support Senate Bill 2733. I would lik	e to ask for your support in favor of this bill also.
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Mahalo,	
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Charles Barbanui	02-05-08
SIGN HERE	DATE
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P.O. Box 8-75	Knalapin Hi. 96757
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP

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Aloha , and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address: P.O. Dox 145
city, state, zip: Houlehua, Hi. 96729

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is wan a Tamar, and I support SB 2733

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am a Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address:

city, state, zip:

1611

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I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

Shuri Karlinli

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Margaret Kalawe, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am a Hawaiian, and I vote.

Margait L. Kalaune

address: PD Box 1705

city, state, zip: Kannakakai Hi 96748

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Aloha mai kakou!	110 10	SPER-ICEANINI	
My name is	メレーノー	, and I support SB 27	33.
My address is : $\frac{1}{k}$	· O Parx 73	Hooletus, He	96729
	MAILING ADDRESS		

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

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Aloha!

My name is Chaney Deluna - Greenland I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo. Chances Delvine- Grenluf.

address: PO Box 99 Hoolehua 96729

city, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Edwina H. Caeoul, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am a Hawaiian, and I vote.

Address: BOBOX 728
city, state, zip: Kaunstoles, 14, 96748

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city, state, zip:

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Aloha!
My name is TERAN AUGENFELD, and I support SB 2733.
I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.
Mahalo,
Mahalo, Myenfeld
address: P.O. Box 482268 KAUNAKAKAN HE, 96747

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Research, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: HGE 3 Box 13522 Kalau, HI 96748

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Frust Rs Faces, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: Po. Box 50, Hodehua, H. 9672

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Conley Ruole, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am a Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo, Hauley (7) aud

address: TO Bo 112

city, state, zip: Moole Ne

ii 9672

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Aloha mai ka My name is _	kou! Jonathan	Kaahany, and	I support SB 2733.
I am requesti	ng your support in fav	or of this bill.	I am a Hawaiian, and I vote.
Mahalo,	nathan Ka	a hancis	

address: P. D. BOX 275
city, state, zip: Kuula puu Hi 94757

Mahalo,

#### February 6, 2008

TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
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COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Mary Ann C. Ayau, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am a Hawaiian, and I vote.

address: P.O. Box 183
city, state, zip: Hoolehua, HI. 916729

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Aloha!

My name is Ronald Rapanot, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address:

P.O. Box

100

city, state, zip: Mauna

fi 96770

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Kacharum, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: 8-0. Con 776, Kpun,

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Chad Punhanui, and I support SB 2733

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am a Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

Address: P.O. BOX 245

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Aloha!

My name is Report SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address: HO BOX 1492

KONDOKAKAI Hi 9127

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is what we bould and I support SB 2733

My address is:

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIF

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo, Sellual Agelice

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Aloha mai kako	ou!		
My name is	Danelle Horner	, and I support	SB 2733.
My address is:	Box 830	Kaunakakai	Hi 96748
<b>,</b>	MAILING ADDRE	ESS CITY, STA	ATE, ZIP
I am a native H	awaiian and I would ap	preciate your support	t in favor of this bill.
Mahalo,			

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Saso Mandor, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am a Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is 1 CHC N. Helm, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: BY Gel H'hya HT 96TP9

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

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Aloha!

My name is Bernice Kalilillane, and I support SB 2733.

Bunn K. Lalobkan

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address: P.O. Box 874

city, state, zip: Kannekski Hi Gle748

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Aloha! ONATHAN KAHOALI, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote. Mahalo. Johnster Cahalin address: P. D. 1304 845

city, state, zip: K'Kai H 96748

Aloha!

#### February 6, 2008

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My name is Crisann Alavaz, and I support SB 2733.
I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.
Mahalo, Crisaru alarays
address: PO BOX 364 N'loq A 96770  city, state, zip:

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Aloha! My name is Chevorle Akana, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote. Mahalo. Church K. Akana
address: Po Box 521 Kannakakai
city, state, zip: Hawaii 96748

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Godfrey Akaku, and I support SB 2733

My address is: PO Box 59 Hookhua Hi 96729

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZII

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

Godshow the Water

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Aloha!
My name is Cert A Dolpho, and I support SB 2733.
I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.
Mahalo,  Mahalo,  Mahalo,
address: PO box 43 Hookhum Ho
city, state, zip: 96729

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Aloha!

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address: Box 1955

city, state, zip: Kilcai 96748

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Aloha!

My name is 450n Lalawe - and I support SB 2733

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo.

address: Do. Pox 524

city, state, zip: Kai Hi 96748

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Aloha!

My name is Clayton Englished I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

clayto K. Cyf

address: Box 885 K Kad

city, state, zip: Hawaii 76728

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Aloha!

My name is Royce Faraon, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo.

Boyce Fearsar.

address: 80 Box 1566

city, state, zip: Kannakakai 96748

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My name is Tawn Ey Fernance EZ

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And I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

Kaunney R. Reusandey

address: Po Box 234

Alana Hi 96757

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Aloha!

My name is 1000 Fig., and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address: **M box** 2727

city, state, zip: KAMMAKAKAi 96798

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is MISTY fara on, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: 1.0. Box 480 Nahu/iii H1 /6/5/

WAILING ADDRESS CITT, STATE, ZII

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo.

Mitek-faram

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My name is Jova h Kaina, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: PO Box 4822/2 K'Kai H, 96748

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Johansen Karu, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: Po Box 21 Hoolehua 96729

AILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo.

I hansan kano

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Carolice Otmoto, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: P.O. Box 1030710 Lanci City, H5 96763

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Baron Okimsto, and I support SB 2733.

DO RAY (2207/2) Lanai City 15 9676

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, Z

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

Barmolinot

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Andrew L. Gomes, and I support SB 2733.

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I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo, Andrud Johnes

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Franifis Kahle, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: PO Box 81 Kaunalcaka: 96

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZI

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

Joseph LK. Kahen

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Alona mai kakou!

My name is Skylar Kuahuwa and I support SB 2733

My address is: The box 38 Kullague Ht 9015/

Hoyan Hahwa

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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Aloha!

My name is DAVID AVAID, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

oddress: 70 DUX

city, state, zip: KMNAKAKAI 96748

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Aloha!

My name is Galorial Keletand I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Kelekulio

Mahalo,

address: 10 hon 861

city, state, zip: Kai H 91448

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Jordan Kupaw, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: PU DOX 520 Ho olen 496129

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZI

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is William Muline, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: P.O. Poex 573 | Kalinakakai, HI 96748

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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Aloha!

My name is Dorathey Kong and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address: 40.6 X/23

city, state, zip: Krai left 16748

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is SHEALYNN , and I support SB 2733.

My address is: PO BOX 827

MAILING ADDRESS KAUNAKAKMI HI 96748

CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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Aloha!

My name is AShlee Ke OHD, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address: P.D Box 522 Hoolehua city, state, zip: 96729

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Aloha!	
My name is Weah Keuho, and	I I support SB 2733.
I am requesting your support in favor of this bill.	I am Hawaiian, and I vote
Mahalo,	

address: Po Box 522 Holchur

city, state, zip: Hawaii 96729

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is <u>Nicholas Keoho</u>, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: 2.0.60x 62d H'HVA 96 189

AILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZI

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo, Minholan Kerto

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My name is Pexame Keoho, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: P. O. Box 522 Hoolchua 94749

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Sherry U Sasado, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: PO Box 185 Kaunakaka H1 96748

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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Aloha mai kakou!

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

c/a, fa K. long

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is MEUNDA TALON, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: W. C. BOX 167 / KAI H. 96746

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is ANCHETTE ENGL, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: FOBOX FOT KILLY HE 96740

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo, Quarte Deglish

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The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou

My name is fisher & Burson R, and I support SB 27

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am a Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address:

P.O. BOX 13

Hi 96729

city, state, zip:

TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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My name is The Larrow, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Lestic to Burred Is, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: 1.0.00x 127, there Hoolehua, th. 16/29

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, 211

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

My name is <u>Regree Libbers</u>, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: PO.Box 272 Kunnya (a. H. 91748)

MARLING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, 219

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

My name is Wallow and I support SB 2733.

My address is: POISX 130 Kulany H 96757

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE-ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Meiling L. Hekkal, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: 90. Box 120 Hhua Hi 96729

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo.

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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Cheyne Nacole, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: PO BOX 082 Kaunakakai Hawaii 91748

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo.

Cheque Nacole

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SEITLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

My name is **EXE PALLYPS**, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: P-0-139 Molehua 11 96779

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, 219

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

Aloha mai kakou!

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Stayrah Dela Corporand I support SB 2733.

My address is: Po-Box 1576 Hi GG748

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

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I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Melorine Valdez Place, and I support SB 2733.

My address is : PO Box 282 KAU
MAILING ADDRESS

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo.

Melorie Plan

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!	
My name is Mathy	_, and I support SB 2733.
My address is: P.O. Box 91/ MAILING ADDRESS	Maurakaka, 96768
I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreci	

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT
The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

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My name is Whitnollo Hoppor, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: PO-BOX 402138 KIKO'I HI 96748

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo. Chihlle Hopew

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

My name is

, and I support SB 2733.

My address is:

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo.

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

My name is HOLIDAYN. TELEKH and I support SB 2733.

My address is: P.O. Box 120, HOOLE HUA, XD 96126

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo, h

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT
The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Awch: HSW, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: P.D. Box 850 Kawakakai Hawaii 96748

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, 21P

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

My name is (20) 1. Cappuland I support SB 2733.

My address is: 1.0 box 350 Hoden un H1 90120

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo.

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha!
My name is, and I support SB 2733.
I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.
Stanly Kong
address: Po. Box 829  city state zin: KANNAKALHI, 96748

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Napana Hadio and I support SB 2733

My address is: P.O BOK 522 I foolehaa 96729

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

My name is a copie Felix, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: PO. Box 487273 x Kaith 9674r

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZI

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

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· Aloha mai kakou!

My name is ROLLANDAFARAO, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: PO BOK 11 to Ky alapun 9675.

MAII ING ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Freddy Argu, and I support SB 2733.

My address is: DU-BY 59 Vualapus its 96747

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha!

My name is Hili heme Doming and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

address: P.U. By 153
city, state, zip: MKNU H 96748

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

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Aloha mai kakou!

My name is Landolph Kelielald I support SB 2733

My address is: P.O. Box 224 Hollihum 96729

MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIF

I am a native Hawaiian and I would appreciate your support in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

Andren Kelukuli

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT
The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

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My name is $\underline{\underline{\mathcal{D}}}$	lla	Auwae	, and	I support SB 2733.
I am requesting	your su	pport in favor of t	his bill.	I am Hawaijan, and I vote.
Mahalo,	Jell (	Jum		
address: Pe	BOX 41			
city, state, zip:	Mau	nota Hi 96	120	·

To: Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733 – Public Trust Land Settlement

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

#### Aloha!

My Name is Leah Nihipali, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian and I vote.

Leah Nihipali

410A Bates Street

Honolulu, HI 96817

February 8, 2008

TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

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Session of 2008

Aloha!

My name is Phyllis ann kupino lowson Ryan, and I support
SB 2733.

Mahalo,

Signature

2055 Nucanu Ave #804

Address

Honolulu, HI
City/state/kip

FAXED DO Sen. Sqt-At-ARMS 586-6659

Statement by Richard Pezzulo

Re: SB 2733 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT - IN

**SUPPORT** 

February 9, 2008

10:00am

State Capitol Auditorium

SB2733

Resolves claims and disputes relating to the portion of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust for use by the office of Hawaiian affairs between 11/7/1978 and 7/1/2008; fixes prospectively the minimum amount of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust that are to be paid to the office of Hawaii affairs at \$15,100,000 cach fiscal year.

### Submitted to:

Joint Committees on Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs, Water and Land, and Judiciary and Labor Members:

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair

### Testimony:

I am a non-Hawaiian and my family and I strongly support Bill SB2733 which resolves claims and disputes relating to the portion of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust for use by the office of Hawaiian affairs between 11/7/1978 and 7/1/2008 and sets the annual ceded lands payments at \$15,100,000.

This settlement covers a 30 year period and is extremely overdue. There is no reason for the settlement to have taken this long and I urge you to resolve this long standing issue through immediate passage of SB2733, which provides fair compensation in the form of land and cash.

By adopting SB2733, the 2008 State Legislature will demonstrate fairness, justice, and a continued commitment to the native people of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Richard Pezzulo

94-462 Haiwale Loop

Mililani, Hawaii 96789

TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

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RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

### Aloha!

My name is Kathryn Kahiwa Chung, and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian and I vote.

Mahalo.

Kathryn Kahiwa Chung 1321 Lunalilo Home Road

Honolulu, HI 96825

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is Kuuipo Johnson, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Kuuipo Johnson

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

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Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is Wallace Akuna Jr., and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Wallace Akuna Jr.

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> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is Nora Nihipali, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo, Mara Pehipali

Nora Nihipali

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

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Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Ahfol.

#### Aloha!

My name is Lawrence Nihipali, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Lawrence Nihipali

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Leila Nihipali, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Leila Nihipali

Leite Rilipoli.

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

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Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Cheryl Nihipali, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Cheryl Nihipali

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

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Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

#### Aloha!

My name is Terri Kitamori, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Terri Kitamori

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is Elston Kitamori, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Elston Kitamori

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is Verna Kitamori, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Verha Kitamori

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is Joy Carpenter, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Joy Carpenter

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

#### Aloha!

My name is Larry Carpenter, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

L. Cary Larry Carpenter

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

#### Aloha!

My name is Gladys Gilding, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Gladys Gilding

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

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Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is William Martin Sr., and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

William Martin Sr.

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

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Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is William Martin Jr., and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

William Martin Jr.

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is Mele Martin Jr., and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Mele Martin Jr.

Mele Martin Jr.

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is James Torres, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

James Torres

To: Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

# Aloha!

My name is Sam Torres Jr., and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Sam Torres Jr.

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

# Aloha!

My name is Sam Torres Sr., and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Sam Torrac Sr

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is Shari Nihipali, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Shari Nihipali/

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is John Nihipali, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

ohn Nihipali

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Miulan Nihipali, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Miulan Nihipali

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

## Aloha!

My name is Lyman Panui, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

∦man Panuï

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Danyel Panui, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Danyel Panui

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

## Aloha!

My name is Leilani Nihipali, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Leilani Nihipali

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

## Aloha!

My name is Tracy Sanchez-Garcia, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Sanchez-Garcia

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is Sam Kea, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Sam Kea

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

## Aloha!

My name is Lacy Nihipali-Kea, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

hipali Kea

Mahalo,

Lacy Whinali-Kea

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

## Aloha!

My name is Charles Nihipali Jr., and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Charles K. Nihipali Jr.

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

## Aloha!

My name is Georgina Nihipali, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Georgina Nihipali

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

## Aloha!

My name is Blanche Torres, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Blanche Torres

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

## Aloha!

My name is Amare Belay, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Amare Belay

# TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

### **COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

RE:

SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LANDS SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

2/8/08

#### Aloha!

My name is Brigitte Abbot, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Brigitte Abbot

45-161 Kumakua Place #76

Kaneohe, HI 96744

### February 6, 2008

TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

**COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND** 

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR** 

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair

Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

Aloha!

My name is Liber June, and I support SB 2733

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

106 Pinana Street Kailua, HI 96734

## February 6, 2008

# TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

# **COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

# COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

## Aloha!

My name is Scott Junk and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. I am Hawaiian, and I vote.

Mahalo,

711 Wailepo Place #104

Kailua, Hi 96734

## February 6, 2008

## TO: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

# **COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

# **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

RE: SB 2733 - PUBLIC TRUST LAND SETTLEMENT

The Senate: The Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2008

## Aloha!

My name is David R. Junk and I support SB 2733.

I am requesting your support in favor of this bill. My children are of Hawaiian heritage, and I am a registered voter.

Mahalo,

196-5 Noke St. Kailua, Hi 96734

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Eleanor Nihipali, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Eleanor Nihipali
Eleanor Nihipali

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is Clyde Soto Jr., and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Clyde Soto Jr.

234 Pakauwili Drive

Wahiawa, HI 96786

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

## Aloha!

My name is Clyde Soto, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Clyde Soto

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

# Aloha!

My name is Henry Lopes, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

Henry Lopes

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

Aloha!

My name is Chasity Lopes, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo

Chasity Lopes

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is Sharlene Rodrigues, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahale

Sharlene Rodrigues 234 Pakauwili Drive Wahiawa, HI 96786

> Committee on Water and Land Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2733- Public Trust Lands Settlement

### Aloha!

My name is David Rodrigues, and I support SB 2733. I am requesting your support in favor of the bill. I am a supporter and I vote!

Mahalo,

David Rodrigues 234 Pakauwili Drive Wahiawa, HI 96786