

SCR208

Measure Title:

RECOGNIZING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE PEOPLE OF KALAUPAPA AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THEIR SACRIFICES, AND APOLOGIZING TO THE PEOPLE OF KALAUPAPA AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR ANY HARSH RESTRICTIONS THAT CAUSED THEM UNDUE PAIN AS THE RESULT OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES SURROUNDING LEPROSY.

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SCR 208/SR122, Recognizing and Acknowledging the People of Kalaupapa and Their Families For Their Sacrifices, and Apologizing to the People of Kalaupapa and Their Families For Any Harsh Restrictions That Caused Them Undue Pain as the Result of Government Policies Surrounding Leprosy

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

March 28, 2008, 1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health must oppose this resolution as written because of
2 the potential litigation against the State and because of future limitations this resolution could place on
3 the Department's ability to respond to public health crises.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** Unknown but significant potential litigation.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** There is no doubt that the residents of Kalaupapa and their families made
6 great sacrifices to protect the public's health. Recognizing and expressing our gratitude for their
7 sacrifices honors those who have given so much.

8 The Department proposes the attached amendments which lessen the potential unintended
9 consequences resulting from this resolution.

10 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 208

RECOGNIZING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE PEOPLE OF KALAUPAPA AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THEIR GREAT SACRIFICES AS A RESULT OF THEIR FORCED ISOLATION TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, ~~AND APOLOGIZING TO THE PEOPLE OF KALAUPAPA AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR ANY HARSH RESTRICTIONS THAT CAUSED THEM UNDUE PAIN AS THE RESULT OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES SURROUNDING LEPROSY].~~

WHEREAS, ~~[from 1866 to 1969, an estimated 8,000 citizens of Hawai'i were forced to leave their families and to be isolated, most often on the Kalaupapa peninsula, because of society's fear of leprosy (also known as Hansen's disease)]~~ in 1866, the only known means to prevent the spread of Hansen's Disease (also known as leprosy) was isolation, this resulted in a policy of forced relocation of an estimated 8,000 citizens of Hawaii, most often to the Kalaupapa peninsula, between 1886 and 1969.

WHEREAS, these individuals were mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters who were separated at all ages, from very young to very old; and

WHEREAS, for many of these residents, the separation was permanent, yet because they felt they were protecting the general public from a disease that was not curable until the 1940s, most people diagnosed with leprosy willingly made this greatest of sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, these sacrifices were made because these heroic individuals did not want anyone else to experience this disease, which was not only physically painful, but also emotionally difficult to bear; and

WHEREAS, despite being exiled by their own government and suffering great deprivations ~~[and injustices]~~ throughout much of their lives, the people of Kalaupapa have been remarkably resilient and have responded to their situations with kindness, generosity, and forgiveness rather than anger, bitterness, and despair; and

WHEREAS, the families of those sent to Kalaupapa also suffered unimaginable pain; and

WHEREAS, fathers and mothers were forced to take their unsuspecting children diagnosed with leprosy to a designated facility and leave them there, resulting in farewells of agony and sorrow; and

WHEREAS, those same parents would later watch from the docks as their children were loaded onto the ships destined for Kalaupapa, possibly the last time they would see one another; and

WHEREAS, children born to the people of Kalaupapa were immediately taken away at birth and grew up with other relatives or in orphanages, and, if they were fortunate, would eventually get to know their parents, but not until they were nearly adults or older; and

WHEREAS, relationships between parents and children could be difficult to establish and maintain because of the forced separation; and

WHEREAS, the Kalaupapa residents and their families have mostly accepted their circumstances throughout the years and put their lives back together as best they could; and

~~[WHEREAS, even after the medicine to control leprosy was introduced in 1946, the government was still slow to end the isolation laws which were not abolished until 1969, allowing anyone diagnosed with leprosy to be treated at home with no fear of separation; and]~~

WHEREAS, the government has maintained Kalaupapa for the last remaining residents as long as they choose to remain there, and provides for their medical, food and housing needs; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not confer any cause of action or any legal rights, remedies, relief, restitution, or reparations on any person.

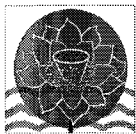
WHEREAS, there has never been an official acknowledgement to the people of Kalaupapa for all that they did and the exemplary manner in how they have lived their lives now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature recognizes and acknowledges the people of Kalaupapa and their families for their great sacrifices, for thinking more of the public than of themselves, for giving up freedoms and opportunities the rest of society takes for granted, for rebuilding their lives with pride and dignity, for overcoming prejudice and discrimination, and for consistently reaching out to others in need; and

~~[BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature, on behalf of past governments of Hawaii, apologizes to the people of Kalaupapa and their families for any harsh restrictions that caused them undue pain as the result of government policies surrounding leprosy; and]~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this overdue action be issued with the utmost respect and admiration for those remaining Kalaupapa residents, the descendents of those who have died and family members who all have endured separation from loved ones and the anguish that came with it; and ~~[with the hope that such severe measures of separation and injustice are never imposed upon people with a disease ever again; and]~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to all the residents of Kalaupapa, Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, the Governor, the Director of Health, and the Superintendent of Kalaupapa National Historical Park.



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March 27, 2008

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DATE: Friday, March 28, 2008

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: Testimony Regarding SCR 208, SR 122

As you deliberate on this most important resolution before you, we think it is important to add some thoughts on how the people of Kalaupapa have not only inspired the people of Hawaii, but so many people throughout the world.

Today we just had 100 eleventh grade students from Watkins Glen, New York, visit the IDEA Center for the Voices of Humanity, which is located in Seneca Falls, New York, the birthplace of women's rights. Throughout this center are many words of people from Kalaupapa alongside quotes from people like Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Elie Wiesel and Eleanor Roosevelt. In choosing one quote that meant a lot to them, several students chose the words of Bernard Punikai'a: "Out of the darkness into the light, the shadows of ignorance will disappear." Others chose the words of Rose Marks, who lost so many family members to Kalaupapa, and still others chose the words of Makia Malo. Others gazed upon the faces of David O. Kupele and Ben Pea, who were sent to Kalaupapa in 1915 and 1914, respectively. So, today, a number of students' lives have been enriched in upstate New York by the people of Kalaupapa.

Quotations of people from Kalaupapa have been translated into many different languages and displayed around the world as part of the *Quest for Dignity* Exhibit. This Exhibit was launched at the United Nations in 1997 and has been displayed in various formats in South Africa, the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Brazil, China, Japan, Philippines, India and in Hawaii at Honolulu Hale and the Maui Arts and Cultural Center.

The people of Kalaupapa have always reached out to others. In 1906, Lucius Pinkham, President of the Board of Health, noted that the residents of Kalaupapa had made a large donation to help people trying to recover from the San Francisco earthquake. During World War I, the people of Kalaupapa raised significant amounts of money for the Red Cross to help relief efforts in Europe. In 1929, it was the people of Kalaupapa who gave the initial donation -- \$1,284.33, raised through collections and the earnings of a Charity Fair and Concert -- that launched the building of a convent for the Sisters of St. Francis in Honolulu. These are only a few of the countless examples of the generosity of spirit that has always prevailed at Kalaupapa.

As you ponder over whether or not you will acknowledge and thank the people of Kalaupapa for their lives and their example, it is important to understand that, although taken away from all they held dear, these 8,000 individuals did not react with bitterness or a sense of revenge for what had been taken from them. Instead, the Kalaupapa band was always at the wharf to greet visitors, including Queen Lili'uokalani. Jack and Charmian London were deeply touched in the evenings when the residents of Kalaupapa would come and serenade them from outside the fence that separated them. Years after visiting Kalaupapa, Maria Von Trapp of "The Sound of Music" fame, remembered how her family was deeply touched by the people of Kalaupapa who even assembled an orchestra to serenade them in the evening.

Kalaupapa's history is filled with examples like these of people reaching out to others. In more recent years, visitors would always be given papayas, fish and beef jerky by Paul Harada, for whom this resolution meant so much. David Kupele would send bananas to friends in Honolulu and John Kaona would give people dolphin jewelry he made. Many Christmas trees are adorned with angels made by Cathrine Puahala from Vienna Sausage tins. Coconut vases made by Kenso Seki can be found all over the world. Ed Kato would always have a Lions Club pen in his pocket to give to new visitors and Mariano Rea would send everyone home with gardenias. Olivia Breitha would bid visitors farewell with her great sense of humor by saying: "Put an egg in your shoe and beat it."

This resolution is a small thing in comparison to what the people of Kalaupapa have given to the people of Hawaii and people throughout the world.

We who have been personally touched for decades by the people of Kalaupapa send our support for this resolution, along with the support of some 20,000 IDEA members from around the world from countries as diverse as Sudan, Norway and India. We will simply end with the words of Bernard K. Punikai'a, who was IDEA's President for International Advocacy for seven years:

"It makes your spirit richer by getting to share and that, to me, is the essence of life."

We sincerely hope that you will acknowledge and honor the generous spirit of the people of Kalaupapa by unanimously passing this resolution.

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Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa

"E Ho`ohanohano a E Ho`omau...

...To Honor and To Perpetuate"

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RE: SCR 208, SR 122

Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, a nonprofit organization made up of Kalaupapa residents, family members, friends and others who support the community, strongly supports the adoption of SCR 208 and SR 122, which acknowledges the sacrifices and contributions of the people of Kalaupapa and their families.

One of the primary goals of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa is to bring families together to honor and remember the people of Kalaupapa. It should be stressed that the 'Ohana has no interest in, nor would we support, any actions or efforts that might lead to lawsuits or any suggestion of reparations.

The 'Ohana proposed this resolution after the idea was suggested by Paul Harada, one of Kalaupapa's most respected leaders. For nearly 30 years, Mr. Harada felt the people of Kalaupapa deserved an expression of gratitude and acknowledgement from the State of Hawaii and the people of Hawaii for the many sacrifices they had made by willingly leaving their families to be isolated at Kalaupapa because of society's fear of leprosy. Mr. Harada felt the people of Kalaupapa had often expressed their gratitude to the State for providing for their care, but that the State had failed to thank the people of Kalaupapa

for all that they had given up for what was then believed to be the sake of the public health.

The resolution envisioned by Mr. Harada would be a positive gesture by the government and the general public that would honor and respect the community.

Late last year, Mr. Harada again shared his desire for public acknowledgement to the people of Kalaupapa with his younger brother, Glenn. Glenn Harada, a member of the Board of Directors of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, asked other directors if they would support introducing a resolution to the State Legislature asking for a public expression of thanks and acknowledgement. Since this was just before Christmas, it was decided to speak to the Kalaupapa community about Mr. Harada's idea after the holidays.

Unfortunately, Mr. Harada will never hear this resolution because he died on Jan. 4.

In Mr. Harada's memory, the board of Ka 'Ohana proceeded with plans for the resolution. Senator J. Kalani English, who represents Kalaupapa, agreed to introduce the resolution on the Senate side. Senator Roz Baker, who once represented Kalaupapa when she was in the State House, asked to be a co-sponsor.

After a draft of the resolution was prepared and approved by the board of Ka 'Ohana, a community meeting was held at Kalaupapa where the resolution was read and comments accepted. There were tears from residents as they recalled painful memories of all that they and their families were forced to give up and endure when they were diagnosed with this, a most misunderstood disease. Everyone at the meeting endorsed the resolution – some thought it was overdue.

The resolution was later discussed at a Board of Directors meeting of Ka 'Ohana, which is open to the Kalaupapa community. In addition, efforts were made to share the resolution with individuals who were unable to attend either meeting.

This resolution is not about blame. No one is pointing fingers at any agency or individual. That would not be productive or even make any sense since all those involved in making the policies that required separation from one's family are no longer with us.

We, as a society, must publicly recognize the people of Kalaupapa and their families for the sacrifices they made because they were told it was necessary for the good of the public health. The estimated 8,000 people isolated at Kalaupapa between 1866 and 1969 and their families suffered unimaginable pain and suffering, they gave up freedoms and opportunities the rest of us take for granted. It is only right for us as a government and a people to thank them, acknowledge all that the challenges they faced and the admirable way they put their lives back together, and apologize for the pain of separation felt by both those sent to Kalaupapa and to the people they left behind, their families and loved ones.

Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa wants to thank the State Senate, especially Senators English and Baker, for supporting this very important resolution. The people of Kalaupapa are some of Hawaii's most outstanding citizens and we should be proud to acknowledge them and their families.

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I write in strong support of SCR 208 and SR 122 that would salute the people of Kalaupapa for all that they have given up and even more for what they have given back to their community, their state and the world.

For too many years, the people of Kalaupapa have mostly been thought of in terms of once having had a disease. There has been little recognition of the sacrifices made by them and their families or of their many contributions to society. This resolution is a wonderful opportunity to give the people of Kalaupapa a long overdue standing ovation. The Hawaii State Senate should be congratulated for supporting this important statement.

Some of you have been fortunate enough to know some of the Kalaupapa residents who still embody the true meaning of the "aloha spirit." The manner in which they have lived their lives despite the horrible circumstances they were dealt are lessons for the rest of us who probably will never face anything nearly so challenging.

Even though the people of Kalaupapa were taken from their families and shipped to Kalaupapa with the realization that they might never see their loved ones again, they refused to be bogged down in bitterness or despair. At a time when they needed their families the most, they were sent away, usually alone to make a new life for themselves. In a new place, surrounded by strangers who became 'ohana. Together, they stood tall and moved forward.

Many people have told me in interviews that they felt they had no choice but to go to Kalaupapa because they didn't want anyone else to get the disease. They realized they would have to give up everything, but they were willing to do that for the love of their fellow man.

Before he died earlier this year, Paul Harada used to tell many of us why we should be grateful to the people of Kalaupapa and their families.

"I came here so you wouldn't have to," Mr. Harada would remind me while sitting on the lanai of his home that he shared with Winnie Harada, his wife of 52 years. "Well, maybe not you – you're too young, but you know what I mean. We came here because they told us we could give the disease to other people and we didn't want others to get leprosy. So we gave up everything for everyone else. And, yet, the state has never thanked us for that.

"That's all I want to hear: thank you. Thank you from the people of Hawaii to the people of Kalaupapa for giving up your freedom for the sake of others."

Cathrine Puahala, who celebrated her 80th birthday last year, said much the same thing.

"I think we deserve to be remembered," said Mrs. Puahala. "We are part of this world. The people outside of Kalaupapa should know that we did one great thing: we were incarcerated here just for their sake because they thought we were contagious. We didn't want to be sent here. It was for the safety of other people that we were put away. Greater love hath no man than to give up his life for a friend. That's what we did."

And that's why this Resolution will fill such a void and allow the people of Hawaii and the State Government to finally salute the people of Kalaupapa for all that they endured and for the great lives they have lived – lives that are now being used to inspire younger generations around the world. It will make the people of Kalaupapa and their families proud to know that their sacrifices and contributions are finally being officially recognized.

Mahalo to the Hawaii State Senate for paying tribute to the great people of Kalaupapa.

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Senate Committee on Health
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Aloha Chair's Ige, Taniguchi & Committee Members,

I strongly support SCR 208 & SR 122. Both SCR 208 & SR 122 are long overdue. I'm writing this testimony on behalf on my beloved *Na Kupuna* who were sent there to *Kalaupapa*:

Leipapale Kakulu (1880-1904) – Great-Great Grand Aunt
Clara Napuakekau Kakulu Keao (1898-1958) – Great Grandmother
Issac Kapule Keao (1925-1996) – Grand Uncle

The main bulk of this testimony surrounds my beloved Great-Grandmother *Clara Napuakekau Kakulu Keao*. Although I didn't meet her during her lifetime, I'm very connected to her because when my Grandfather and I went to visit my Grandmother and Father, he told me to take care of "*Tutu Mama and Papa*" Grave while he tended to my Grandmother and my Father. She was a very special person since the time of her birth and was an heir of various tracts and parcels of land located within *Waialua Moku* with the main emphasis situated along the Northwest Coastline of *Waialua Moku* which are the *Ahupua'a of Kamananui, Mokulei'a, Kekahi, Auku'u, Kawaihapai, Kealia and Kaena*. This legacy starts beautiful and ends tragically like some tother *ohana*.

My Great Grandmother was **FULL BLOODED (100%) Hawaiian** and attended *Mid-Pacific Institute (Kawaihahao Seminary)*. She moved back to *Kawaihapai* where she met and married my Great Grandfather *David Maika'i Keao* who was a *Kalo Mahiai* from *Waiehu, Maui*. They had 10 children of which my Grandfather *David Peahi Keao Jr* was the oldest sibling. Both my Grandfather and Great Grandfather's *kuleana was the kalo lo'i*

along with maintaining the *auwai* for my Great-Great Grandfather *Kaaemoku Kakulu* who was the last *konohiki* of *Kawaihapai*. As with some *Ohana*, there were those very

envious and jealous of my Great Grandmother. They along with then *Territory of Hawaii (Board of Health)* sent her to *Kalaupapa* to take land away. This happened to other Hawaiian families as well. Please note that my Great Grandmother contracted leprosy while at *Kalaupapa* and it's known during that era technology was available to distinguish diabetes from leprosy. After being cured, she became a patient at *Kalihi Hospital* where only my Grandparents and their siblings (including my Mother, *Laverna Tailomi Keao Shirai*) would visit her. After leaving *Kalihi Hospital*, she was an outpatient at *Hale Mohahu*.

Communities during that era, treated patients as outcast. My Grandmother received this treatment from within her *Ohana* and also the community. This eventually led to my Great Grandparents living like outcast at *Pupukea*. My Grandparents wanted to take care of her but were not allowed. This is *hewa* and not *pona*.

Other former patients decided to live out their lives and fortify their *Pu'u Honua* at *Kalaupapa* because there was *No Aloha* for them.

Apart of this wrongful doing was the Army condemned and took many lands from *Kanaka Maoli* especially during World War II for military installations. My *Ohana* and their land was taken just like others with similar stories.

I also believe that the *Territory of Hawaii* committed a form of genocide towards *Kanaka Maoli* because when my Great Grandmother was sent to *Kalaupapa*, they sent my Grand Uncle *Issac Kapule Keao* there also. If it weren't for my beloved Grandmother (*Abigail Kalomi Akau Keao*) intervening and stopping them, the *Board of Health* would have committed the rest of my Grandfather's Brothers and Sisters. The sad part is that they didn't have leprosy. My Grand Uncle *Issac Kapule Keao* met and married *Helen Freitas* who was also a patient at *Kalaupapa*. He operated *Ike's Tours* and Grand Aunt *Helen* was a gifted song composer and some dubbed her "*The Songwriter of Kalaupapa*."

Thru my research, I've also discovered that about 80 (eighty) patients of other ethnic origins (mostly Hawaiian) were sent to *Kalaupapa* between 1879 - 1940 which adds to my supporting SCR 208 & SR 122.

Both SCR 208 & SR 122 are inclusive and honors ALL patients and former patients of *Kalaupapa*. They also are part of *hooponopono* which the *Kalaupapa Monument* was passed in *United States Congress (HR 3332 - To provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historic Park...)*

Aloha Ke Akua.

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Aloha Chair's Ige, Taniguchi & Committee Members,

The *Kawaihapai Ohana* strongly supports SCR 208 & SR 122. Included in our mission statement is honoring *Na Kupuna of Kawaihapai Ahupua'a*. Therefore this testimony is being presented in honor of the following *Kupuna* that were sent to *Kalaupapa Leprosy Settlement*:

Leipapale Kakulu -- (1880-1904)
Clara Napuakekau Kakulu Keao -- (1898-1958)
Issac Kapule Keao -- (1925-1996)

As with similar stories from others, these *Kupuna* experienced being treated like outcast by the community. Sadly some family members were jealous, greedy and along with the *Territory of Hawaii (Board of Health)* had these *Kupuna* sent to *Kalaupapa* for the sake of taking their *aina*. Please note that there was enough knowledge to distinguish *diabetes* from *leprosy* and in the case of *Clara Napuakekau Kakulu Keao*, was sent to *Kalaupapa* and contracted *leprosy* there and at *Kalihi Hospital*. Later she became an outpatient at *Kalihi Hospital and Hale Mohalu*. Potential *Genocide* was committed when the *Board of Health* tried to commit *Clara's* remaining siblings along with *Issac* to *Kalaupapa* even though they didn't have *leprosy*. If it weren't for *Ohana* interveining, this would have happened. When they were healed, they faced social discrimination from the community which resulted in being treated like outcast and living

at *Pupukea* with only a tarp while Issac remained at *Kalaupapa* because of the lack of *aloha* from communities.

Further researched uncovered that over **80 (eighty)** residents of *Waialua Moku* between 1879 – 1940 were sent to *Kalaupapa*. Although the majority were of *Hawaiian* ancestry, there were those of other ethnic origin.

Both SCR 208 & SR 122 are inclusive and honors ALL patients and former patients of *Kalaupapa*. Another part of this *hooponopono* process is the passing of Hr 3332 (*Kalaupapa Monument*) was passed in the *United States Congress*.

Aloha Ke Akua.

Thomas T Shirai Jr
Kawaihapai Ohana – Po'o

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RE: SCR 208, SR 122

I am in full support of SCR 208, SR 122.

I believe the intent of the resolution was to create a circle of healing and closure for the people of Hawaii, the State of Hawaii, the families of the 8,000 people who were exiled to Kalaupapa, the current patient residents and their family members. It was to say thank you for your sacrifices and the sacrifices of your families. And, in return the current patient residents and their families to thank the people of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii for taking care of our Kalaupapa patient residents. The resolution was never to blame anyone today or for decisions made in the past...

This resolution is about Ho'oponopono...it is about making it right with the people of Kalaupapa, Hawaii and the history of Kalaupapa.

Thank you very much,

Pauline Hess