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HCR 167 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HALE AT THE STATE CAPITOL
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

April 1, 2009

9:30 a.m.

Room: 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) supports the intent of HCR 166, which requests OHA, with assistance from Bishop Museum, to develop a plan to implement replicas of Hawaiian hale surrounded by appropriate tropical foliage to serve as rest areas on the State Capitol lawn.

Traditional Hawaiian architecture is experiencing a rapid resurgence, with a number of organizations constructing hale pili on their sites to serve various functions. Moreover, the state Legislature has over the years passed several laws to encourage the use of traditional Hawaiian architecture.

The State Capitol lawn would be greatly enhanced culturally and aesthetically by the construction of Hawaiian hale.

OHA requests that the Committee pass HCR 167. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

in opposition to HCR 166/HR 133
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Na Kou Ikaika, an ohana that upholds Hawaiian Rights and Human Rights, opposes these measures which should be the kuleana of the State and DLNR.

With the current financial crunch, there is no money for "nice ideas." If the State is willing to pay cultural experts to devise a typical tale, I'm sure a number of cultural Hawaiian non-profits would be interested.

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