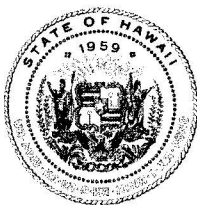


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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
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**Before the House Committee on
TOURISM, CULTURE & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Monday April 6, 2009
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 225, HOUSE DRAFT 1/
HOUSE RESOLUTION 193, HOUSE DRAFT 1 -
URGING THE UNITED STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO PLACE
IOLANI PALACE ON THE NOMINATION LIST TO THE UNITED NATIONS
EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION FOR WORLD
HERITAGE SITE DESIGNATION**

House Concurrent Resolution 225, House Draft 1/House Resolution 193, House Draft 1 urges the Department of the Interior to take the procedural steps needed to place 'Iolani Palace on the World Heritage List which is sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. This list recognizes cultural and natural sites that are of such global importance that they should rightfully be considered a part of the World's heritage and not just that of a particular nation or region. It is the most prestigious world-wide designation a cultural, historic, or natural site can receive. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of these resolutions, but suggests that they be reworded to more clearly acknowledge the process by which sites are considered and nominated for World Heritage listing.

The Department has no objections to 'Iolani Palace being listed as a World Heritage site. This recognition does not impose any legal obligations or regulatory requirements. The palace is already afforded greater protection by being a National Historic Landmark and being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. There would, however, be annual reporting requirements on the integrity and condition of the site and the effectiveness of any conservation efforts. World Heritage recognition may help secure funding for restoration and conservation

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work on the palace and provide access to important technical assistance for these efforts. It also raises international awareness of the site which can, in turn, attract a greater number of international visitors to the palace and its educational programs.

These resolutions may be incorrect in suggesting that the nomination process is closed and needs to be opened. The Department believes the Office of International Affairs, Department of the Interior, will assist those wanting a particular site to be considered for listing as a World Heritage site. In January 2008, 14 sites were selected to be on the United States World Heritage Tentative List, a prerequisite to being nominated as a World Heritage site. Only 20 sites from the United States are currently on this list. In January 2009, two sites, President George Washington's Mount Vernon and Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, were nominated to the World Heritage List. This was the first time in 15 years that the United States chose to nominate sites to the World Heritage List. Each nation can only nominate two sites per year. Instead of asking the Department of Interior to place 'Iolani Palace on the Tentative List and to nominate it to the World Heritage List, it might be more realistic to have the resolutions urge the Department of Interior to assist the Friends of 'Iolani Palace in preparing a nomination and to give this nomination its full consideration when selecting sites for the Tentative List.

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April 6, 2009

Representative Joey Manahan, Chair
Representative James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair
And Committee Members On Tourism, Culture & International Affairs
House of Representatives, 2009 Legislature Session
State of Hawaii

Subject: HCR 225, HD1/ HR 193, HD1, Urging The United States
Department Of the Interior To Place Iolani Palace On the Nomination
List To The United Nations Educational Scientific And Cultural
Organization For World Heritage Site Designation, OPPOSE

ALOHA Kakou,

My name is Richard Pomaikaiokalani Kinney. On January 17, 1993 after reading Public Law 103-150 I renounced my citizenship to the United States. I come here today as a Hawaiian National of the Hawaiian Kingdom. I strongly support the restoration of the Hawaiian Kingdom government that was invaded and occupied thru an Act of War on January 16, 1893 with the involvement of the diplomatic and military forces of the United States.

As Sovereign of the Hawaiian Political Action Council of Hawaii, I OPPOSE the intent and passage of HCR 225, HD1 and HR 193, HD1.

Presently the Friends of Iolani Palace has enacted rules that violate the access to the ground of Iolani Palace by I and many Kanaka Maoli Hawaii, the Indigenous Hawaiian people of Hawaii. These rules were signed by Governor Lingle.

On January 18, 2009 I and my fellow Kanaka Maoli Hawaii and guest from the general public gathered at the Ahu on the ground of Iolani Palace. I like many of my Kanaka Maoli Hawaii have gathered on the grounds of Iolani Palace for the past 20 more years.

We gathered on the grounds of Iolani Palace on January 18, as in the past unarmed of any type of military or other types of armed weapons. As I and my fellow Kanaka Maoli Hawaii believe and support the peaceful restoration of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

On January 18 the Friends of Iolani Palace had informed the DLNR Security that Kanaka Maoli Hawaii were going to hold a demonstration at

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Iolani Palace. This was reported in the news papers.

When I and my fellow Kanaka Maoli Hawaii arrived at the Ahu at Iolani Palace already there were many DLNR Security guards armed with weapons there in place.

We were informed that we were in violation of the rules of Iolani Palace. After setting up three canopies my civil rights and those of my fellow Kanaka Maoli Hawaii were violated. As three canopies were confiscated by the DLNR Security guards. One of the three canopies that was confiscated was used as a coverage over the food tables. Food, Na Mae 'Ai that has been always provided to be enjoyed by my self, my fellow Kanaka Maoli Hawaii and the guest from the general public that always joined us on Sovereign Sundays. It is the culture my ancestors to share Na Mae 'Ai always as a blessing.


The actions of the Friends of Iolani Palace that lead to the confiscating of the canopies and the disrupting of our gathering on Sunday January 18, 2009 at the Ahu at Iolani Palace has caused a lot of pain. Pain for me that has not gone away. Pain that has grown deep into the sole of I being a Hawaiian National of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

King Kalakaua built Iolani Palace for his Kanaka Maoli Hawaii people as the residence of their Sovereigns of their nation, the Hawaiian Kingdom. A Royal residence for the Kanaka Maoli Hawaii people to uplift their Kingdom into the new world.

It is for these reasons, I Strongly OPPOSE the passage of HCR 225, HD1 and HR 193, HD1.

Attachments: Renouncement Documents

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AUGUST 6, 1993

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, THE ADVERTISER, HONOLULU STAR BULLETIN

DEAR SIR,

ON JANUARY 17, I RENOUNCED MY CITIZENSHIP TO THE UNITED STATES (LETTER ENCLOSED). ALL THE RECENT EVENTS SURROUNDING THE MOVEMENT FOR HAWAIIAN SOVEREIGNTY, TELLS ME THAT I MADE THE RIGHT DECISION.

THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM WAS CREATED BY HAWAIIANS. HAWAIIANS FIGHTING HAWAIIANS AND SPILLING THEIR BLOOD TO BE AN INDEPENDANT NATION OF THEIR OWN AND THE FREE WORLD.

AFTER THE WARS WERE OVER, THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM ORGANIZED ITSELF AS A NATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAWS.

EVERYTHING, FROM A NATIONAL CONSTITUTION, TREATIES WITH FOREIGN NATIONS INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES TO BUILDING A NEW PALACE WERE ALL PARTS OF THE NEW NATION.

THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM WAS CREATED FOR THE PERPETUATION OF HAWAIIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER HAWAII.

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF HAWAII, THE REPUBLIC OF HAWAII, THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII AND THE STATE OF HAWAII GOVERNMENTS WERE ALL CREATED BY NON-HAWAIIANS TO HAVE AMERICAN SOVEREIGNTY RULE OVER HAWAII.

AFTER ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF BEING UNDER AMERICAN SOVEREIGNTY, HAWAIIANS TODAY SHOULD REALIZE THAT IT IS TIME FOR HAWAIIANS TO REUNITE OURSELVES AS A FREE AND INDEPENDANT NATION ONCE MORE.

HAWAIIANS TODAY MUST STAND UP FOR COMPLETE INDEPENDANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES. HAWAIIANS MUST SECURE HAWAII AS A NATIONAL HOMETLAND FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN TO COME.

HAWAIIAN SOVEREIGNTY MUST BE THE SUPREME LAW OF HAWAII.

UA MAU KE EA O KA AINA I KA PONO!

"HANA LIKE KAKOU NO HAWAII"

R. Pomaikaoikalani Kinney
RICHARD POMAIKAOIKALANI KINNEY

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I, RICHARD POMAIKAI KINNEY
(NAME)

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(ADDRESS)

a NATIVE HAWAIIAN descendant, do hereby declare myself
SOVEREIGN unto GOD the CREATOR.

I, further declare my autonomous right, as a NATIVE
HAWAIIAN descendant, to uphold with body and soul, the
autonomous right of all NATIVE HAWAIIAN descendants and
their OHANA.

"HANA LIKE KAKOU"

July 16, 1984
(DATE OF NOTARY)

Richard Pomaiikai Kinney
(NAME)
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STATE OF HAWAII)
) ss
City and County of Honolulu)

On this 16th day of July, 1984 , before me personally
appeared Richard Pomaiikai Kinney, to me known to be the person described
in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he
executed the same as his free act and deed.

My Commission expires: July 31, 1986

Richard Kinney
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Hawaii

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STATE OF HAWAII
City and County of Honolulu) ss.

I, Henry Richard Kinney, Jr., a Native Hawaiian descendant and Sovereign, born on December 26, 1938 at Queen's Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii, do hereby renounce my citizenship to the United States of America as of 6 P.M. Hawaiian Standard Time on January 17, 1993.

I protest against any and all acts done against my native country, the Hawaiian Kingdom and its constitutional sovereign, Queen Liliuokalani by United States troops on January 17, 1893. *She*

Now, to avoid any collision of arrest from agents of the United States, and perhaps the loss of my life and freedom, I seek the full independence of the Hawaiian Islands as an independant nation of the Free World. *She*

Henry R. Kinney

Henry R. Kinney, Jr.
731 McCully Street
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this
15th day of January, 1993

Sam H. O'Brien

Notary Public, First Judicial Circuit
State of Hawaii

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 6-1-96

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