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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 Koa 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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