

Testimony in Support of HCR 229/HR 198
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Wed., April 1, 2009; 9:30 AM, RM 329

Aloha, Chair Carol and Vice Chair Shirabukoo

LATE TESTIMONY
Na Koa Kaika, an ohana that supports
Hawaiian and Human Rights,
supports tax relief for kuleana
owners who are in danger of losing
their lands which have increased
in value beyond their ability to
pay.

We are appalled that OHA, our
advocacy organization, has failed
to submit testimony in support.

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