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PROTECTING HAWAII'S OHANA, CHILDREN, UNDER SERVED, ELDERLY AND DISABLED

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TO: Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Chair

FROM: Alex Santiago
PHOCUSED (Protecting Hawai'i's Ohana, Children, UnderServed,
Elderly and Disabled)

RE: HB 146, Proposing an amendment to the Hawaii Constitution to permit
gambling in the state of Hawaii.

Chair Karamatsu and members of the House Judiciary Committee. I am Alex Santiago, the Executive Director of PHOCUSED, a coalition of health, housing, human service agencies and individual advocates voicing the needs of the marginalized and underserved in Hawaii. PHOCUSED is opposed to this measure.

As advocates for the Health and Human Services sector we believe that gaming is not the solution to our budget problems. We are concerned about the long-term negative social impacts gaming will have on our state and the people for whom we advocate. While we recognize the need to raise revenues, we feel strongly that this is not the best way to go about doing that.

PHOCUSED respectfully requests that this measure be held in committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Subject: Testimony for HB146 on 2/9/2010 2:30:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 2/9/2010 2:30:00 PM HB146

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/9/2010

Comments:
Aloha,

As Po'o for the Hewahewanui 'Ohana Council we are protected persons as defined under Article 4, 1949, Geneva Convention, IV, oppose this bill and found that if there is such proposals to amend the State Constitution through legislative means, that the Legislature fund a full Con-con to settle many more issues and get the whole resolved one time and stop spending money you don't have, which we the Hawaiians will be used to pay for these kinds of issues.

In summation, the State of Hawai'i as part of the occupying force must follow Hawaiian Law as defined in Article 43, 1907 Hague Convention, IV, whereby states; "occupant must administer the laws of the occupied State" as well as to understand the Cleveland-Liliuokalani Executive Agreement and to restore the Hawaiian government for the good of all Hawai'i, as our option of Independence has never been funded or discussed while the Akaka Bill has had media, political and rhetorical attention. We suggest everyone GOOGLE: "hawaiiankingdom.org," "Cleveland-Liliuokalani Executive Agreement and the laws mentioned above to educate yourselves as we, continue to discuss and plan for an independent country, without OHA, the State or Federal Government who are belligerent forces denying our rights to fully discuss and fund such gathers for the good of all Hawai'i. Instead, they have pitted the people of Hawai'i against us using tactics of; lies, fear, threats and violence against us, na kanaka maoli who have the vested rights to all the lands, assets, money and water rights. No matter what all these entities do they cannot move forward with being belligerent in their approach is breaking the very laws the State Constitution has sworn to uphold.

Therefore and for those reasons we as protected persons oppose this bill and every bill that has to do with lands, assets, money and water rights as it also relates to amending the constitution.

Mahalo For Your Time.

Onipa'a,
Rita Kawehi Kanui, Po'o
Hewahewanui 'Ohana Council

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February 9, 2010

The Honorable Jon Riki Karamatsu, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Karamatsu and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 146, Proposing an Amendment to the Hawaii Constitution to Permit
Gambling in the State

I am Susan Dowsett, Major of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police
Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes House Bill No. 146, Proposing an Amendment
to the Hawaii Constitution to Permit Gambling in the State. In keeping with our conviction of
sustaining and enriching communities, we strongly oppose to all forms of gambling.

We are convinced that gambling exploits those who can least afford it and undermines
community values. Socioeconomic costs include unemployment benefits, welfare benefits,
physical and mental health problems, theft, embezzlement, bankruptcy, suicide, child abuse and
neglect, domestic abuse, divorce, incarceration, work absences, and homelessness.

By holding steadfast against legalized gambling, the Honolulu Police Department
continues in keeping its pledge to work in partnership to enhance and strengthen our
communities through the enforcement of state and county statutes and newly enacted laws.

The Honolulu Police Department urges you to oppose House Bill No. 146, Proposing an
Amendment to the Hawaii Constitution to Permit Gambling in the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

for DC RL Wynn
LOUIS M. KEALOHA
Chief of Police


SUSAN DOWSETT, Major
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