



LATE TESTIMONY

HB 1660, RELATING TO HAWAIIANS
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 4, 2009
Room 329

9:00 a.m.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs supports HB 1660. If passed, this legislation would designate the Hawaiian people as the indigenous people of the State.

This measure, part of the Hawaiian Caucus' 2009 legislative package, reaffirms language in HRS §10-2 that concerns the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and defines Hawaiians and Native Hawaiians. It then strengthens that language by including this indigenous people designation in the chapter that includes provisions for state emblems. This chapter includes other items representative of the State, including our tree, motto, song, flower, and flag.

We strongly support this measure because it will reemphasize the State's commitment to Native Hawaiians as its indigenous people and will codify what has long been known, condoned, and encouraged at the State and Federal levels. Such a designation may be helpful, if not necessary, to facilitate laws governing Hawaiian programs.

We strongly urge passage of HB 1660.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to present testimony.

LATE TESTIMONY



RE: HB 1660 RELATING TO HAWAIIANS
HB 1667 RELATING TO CEDED LANDS
HB 1805 RELATING TO LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE
HB 1841 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LANDS TRUST

To: Committee On Hawaiian Affairs: Rep. Mele Carroll, Chair, and Rep. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, Committee Members

From: Mālama Kaua'i

DATE: February 4, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Testimony to support HB1660, HB1667, HB1805, HB1841

Dear Honorable Representatives,

The 1.8 million acres comprised of the Crown, Government and Public Lands, should continue to be held in trust and that the State of Hawai'i can not sell Hawai'i's ceded lands until the unrelinquished rights of Native Hawaiians are resolved. Details of the rights of the Kanaka Maoli can be found in part or in whole in the 1898 Newlands Resolution, 1900 Organic Act, 1921 Hawaiian Homelands Act, 1959 Admissions Act and 1993 Apology Resolution.

Malama Kaua'i would like to state our support for House Bills 1660, 1667, 1805 and 1841. Each of these bills addresses an aspect of the Ceded Lands issue and we support the intent of each in order; HB1660, which recognizes Hawaiians as the indigenous people of Hawaii, HB 1667, which prohibits the board of land and natural resources from selling, exchanging, or otherwise alienating ceded lands in the public land trust, HB 1805, which prohibits the disposition in fee simple of ceded lands, HB 1841 prohibits the sale, exchange or other permanent transfer of lands in the public lands trust to a private entity; requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to make an inventory of lands in the public lands trust; appropriates funds for the inventory, to be matched by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

We thank you for your support of these bills.

Mahalo nui loa,

Andrea Brower
Project Manager

Keone Kealoha
Executive Director

February 4 2009

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To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair
Representative Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
House Hawaiian Affairs Committee

From: Malia Kaci Barrett

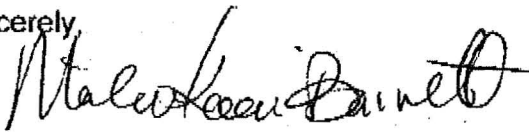
Re: **Testimony in support of HB 1660 Relating to Hawaiians**

Dear Chair Carroll, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the House Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

I write you to ask for your support of HB 1660 Relating to Hawaiians. This bill recognizes Hawaiians as the indigenous people of Hawaii.

I thank you in advance for your consideration. I urge you to please vote in support of HB 1660.

Sincerely,



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Rep. Maile Shimabukuro

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testimony for HAW 2/4/2009 9:00:00 AM HB1660

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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LATE TESTIMONY

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RE: Bills to be heard in:
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Date: Wed., Feb. 4, 2009
Time: 9:00 AM

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the following bills to be introduced tomorrow in the Honorable Representative Carroll's committee.

Mahalo,

Amber Rohner, M.D.

<u>HB 1660</u>	RELATING TO HAWAIIANS.	HAW, JUD
<u>Status</u>	Recognizes Hawaiians as the indigenous people of Hawaii.	
<u>HB 1667</u>	RELATING TO CEDED LANDS.	HAW, WLO/JUD, FIN
<u>Status</u>	Prohibits the board of land and natural resources from selling, exchanging, or otherwise alienating ceded lands in the public land trust.	
<u>HB 1805</u>	RELATING TO LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE.	HAW, WLO/JUD, FIN
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KO'OLAU FOUNDATION

February 4, 2009

LIVE TESTIMONY

To: Rep. Mele Carroll, Chair
And Members
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa

Subject: **Support for H.B. 1660, Relating to Hawaiians**

Aloha kakahiaka kakou!

My name is Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa, and I am a life-long resident and kupa`aina of the ahupua`a of He`eia, moku Ko`olaupoko, O`ahu. I wish to offer this testimony on behalf of myself, my family, and the Ko`olau Foundation.

We strongly support passage of this bill, and urge all members of the Legislature to pass it into law. We call upon Governor Lingle to sign it into law.

The original people of these islands are native Hawaiians, who were here long before others came and settled. There is no question that they are the indigenous people of these islands and, therefore, this legislation is long overdue.

We commend the sponsors of this bill for taking a stand to recognize and honor our Hawaiian people.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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W A T E T E S T I M O N Y

Testimony on H.B. 1660

To Chair Mele Carroll and the members of the House Hawaiian Affairs Committee,
Aloha from Kako`o O`iwi and the kupa`aina of Ko`olaupoko.

Kako`o O`iwi supports the passage of House Bill 1660 to recognize the Hawaiian people as the original people of these islands. Our kupuna were very skilled in navigation, fishing, and growing the foods they needed to survive here. Because of their skills, they were able to thrive and grow into a large population before the first westerners came in the 1700s.

This bill simply recognizes that fact, that our Hawaiian people were the original occupants of the Hawaiian islands.

Mahalo for this bill, and for allowing me to offer my testimony.

LATE TESTIMONY



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 4, 2009

TO: REP. MELE CARROLL, Chair
& Members
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: MAHEALANI CYPHER, President
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF H.B. 1660,
RELATING TO HAWAIIANS

Aloha mai kakou. The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club works with the people of nine ahupua'a surrounding Kane'ohu Bay. Among our primary objectives is the perpetuation and preservation of the history, culture and heritage of our native Hawaiian people.

We strongly support House Bill 1660, and ask all of you in the House and Senate to pass this measure out of committee and into law.

This is a measure long overdue. Our islands today are filled with a beautiful mixture of people from all ethnicities, from a broad diversity of cultures, from all walks of life. We celebrate this diversity but, in celebrating, we all must recognize and honor our native people who first settled here and survived in this isolated place for many centuries before the arrival of western visitors.

Representatives, your legislation is commendable, and we say mahalo to you for your efforts.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana'o.

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TESTIMONY RELATING TO:

1. HB 1600 Relating to HAWAIIANS (SUPPORT) “with amendment”
2. HB 1667 relating to CEDED LANDS (OPPOSE)
3. HB 1805 relating to LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE (OPPOSE)
4. HB 1841 relating to THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST (SUPPORT)

Hearing: Wednesday, Feb. 4th 2009

Time: 9:00am

Place: C.R. #329

#1. HB 1600 Re: Hawaiians: IN SUPPORT

This measure is a simple bill that makes clear that the aboriginal people “kanaka maoli” of the Hawaiian Islands are Hawaiians. I support this measure because it states what many people take for granted. In addition there are those who believe that a Hawaiian is anyone born or living in the islands. This is not the case. We need this clarification because it will ensure that legislation intended to impact issues and needs of Hawaii’s aboriginal peoples would be understood.

#2 & #3 HB 1667 & HB 1805: IN OPPOSITION

These measures are intended to place a moratorium on the sale of ceded lands but fail to do so because they are too narrow. The ceded lands are held by several State agencies, including the Dept. of Transportation, and the DOE as well as OHA. Also, these bills do not get to the heart of the problem, there is no accurate inventory of the trust lands and this has led to confusion and bickering between and among Agencies and the State Executive.

#4 HB 1841:

I strongly support this measure because it imposes a moratorium for a reason and gets to the heart of the problem. The Ceded Lands Trust, by law (the Admissions Act) was created for two beneficiaries, the public and the native Hawaiian. The fighting that the State has endured stems from the simple fact that the State has no ceded land trust inventory, consequently it has not been able to “segregate” or divide the trust so that native Hawaiians can have some land and the public can have some land. This measure achieves that goal.

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LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY OF LEIMOMI KHAN, PRESIDENT
IN SUPPORT OF

HB 1660 - Relating to Hawaiians

**Hearing Committee, Date and Time: House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,
February 04, 2009, 9:00 a.m.**

Aloha Chairperson Carroll, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1660, which recognizes Hawaiians as the indigenous people of Hawai`i.

On October 28, 2006, at its annual convention held on O`ahu, the Association passed a resolution, titled, "Reaffirming that the Descendants of the Races Inhabiting the islands of Hawai`i, Maui, Moloka`i, Lāna`i, Kaho`olawe, O`ahu, Kaua`i, Ni`ihau and Nihoa to Kanemiloha`i (Kure Atoll) prior to Western Contact in 1778 Comprise the Indigenous, Aboriginal, Maoli Peoples of Hawai`i".

The resolution further stated that, "Hawai`i is the only place on Earth that is the ancient, original home to the indigenous, aboriginal, Maoli Hawaiian population", and that, "...neither the United States nor State of Hawai`i have explicitly acknowledged that Native Hawaiians are the indigenous, aboriginal, Maoli people of Hawai`i.", and therefore, the AHCC further "...strongly urges the Hawai`i state legislature to adopt language that affirms that Native Hawaiians are the indigenous, aboriginal people of Hawai`i."

The Association feels it is very important that the state and federal governments acknowledge this unique status in solidarity with other indigenous peoples throughout the world, and is in strong support of House Bill 1660.

As a point of information, the Association is a growing national confederation of fifty-five Hawaiian Civic Clubs, located throughout the State of Hawai`i and the States of Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois, Nevada, Utah, Virginia, Washington State, and Tennessee. It initiates and works to support actions that enhance the civic, economic, educational, health and social welfare of our communities, and in particular, the culture and welfare of the Native Hawaiian community.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1660.

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Comments:

We support the passage of HB 1660 as it clarifies that Native Hawaiians are the indigenous people of Hawaii