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LATE TESTIMONY

Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs
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HB 1965

Aloha Kakou,

The Kanaka Council Moku O Keawe strongly supports HB 1969. It is necessary that we make it a requirement to an archaeological and cultural assessment done on all vacant property regardless of size.

Kupuna Iwi as well as historical sites were found on properties with less than 10000 sq ft. In Paradise Park, Puna a significant burial site was found on a 1 acre parcel and the Kanaka Council was called in to stop the owner from bulldozing the site because there was no grubbing permit require on parcels under 1 acre. A Heiau was destroyed via bulldozer in Hawaiian Beaches, Puna on 10,000 sq ft parcel and the operator was told there was a Heiau there.

The responsibility must be place on those who are selling land and to protect the unsuspecting buyer from being saddled with land that can no longer be developed. Realtors must take responsibility when selling property that all disclosures have been made to the buyer regarding existing burials or significant cultural sites. It can no longer be a buyer beware attitude.

Pass this bill because it is the right thing to do.

Mahalo nui loa,
Kale Gumapac
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