



LATE TESTIMONY

HB 674 HD 1
RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 24, 2010

11:00 a.m.

Room: 329

While the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS the intent** of HB 674 HD 1, we have serious reservations with the bill. Our concerns center on three issues: 1) the Legislature's direction of the expenditure of trust fund resources to fund specific programs; 2) the reallocation of trust funds and general funds to the set asides identified in the bill; and 3) the method of disbursement of funds to Ho'okulāiwi, Achieving the Dream and the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology.

Pursuant to an Attorney General's opinion, the authority to direct the expenditure of trust fund resources vests solely with the OHA Board of Trustees. By appropriating trust fund resources to fund specific programs through budget provisos, the Legislature may be overstepping its bounds. This is a grave concern.

Additionally, the reallocation of OHA's general and trust fund resources to fund the three programs specifically identified in the bill will mean a reduction in resources to fund existing programs and services at OHA. This will have a direct negative impact on Native Hawaiian beneficiaries who benefit from these services.

OHA recognizes that Ho'okulāiwi, Achieving the Dream and the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology are successful programs that provide positive benefits to the Native Hawaiian community. In fact, between FY 2008 and FY 2010 a total of \$815,000 in OHA's trust fund resources were allocated to the Ho'okulāiwi program. Approval of the allocation of resources to this program occurred after a thorough review of the funding request in light of all of OHA's priorities and other competing applications for funds.

By funding these programs through specific budget provisos, this vetting process is circumvented. The preferential treatment afforded to these three programs (Ho'okulāiwi, Achieving the Dream and the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology) creates a negative perception that there is not a level playing field for programs seeking OHA funding and diminishes the public's confidence in government's ability to allocate resources in a fair, prudent and effective way.

Generally, programs seeking funding from OHA go through our rigorous grants review process. Moreover, our grants process ensures that our Board of Trustees retains final approval authority on the expenditure of trust funds.

While we continue to support the intent of the bill at this time, the concerns we have raised in this testimony are serious enough that if not addressed, we may have no option but to oppose this measure.

We humbly ask the committee members to thoroughly consider our above-mentioned concerns as they deliberate on this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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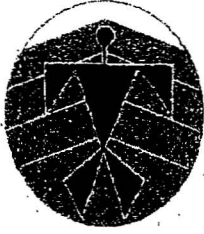
Testimony Presented Before
The House
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
on
Wednesday, February 24, 2010
By
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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HB 674 HD1 – RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Aloha Chairperson Carroll and Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee. We thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill 674 House Draft 1 relating to Hawaiian affairs. The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of House Bill 674 House Draft 1 and welcomes the opportunity to discuss this measure further relating to the financial support for initiatives impacting the University of Hawai'i.

The initiatives impacted by this measure are the Aha Ho'ona'auo 'Oiwī (Center for Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Education) supported by the College of Education, and a research and training program for native Hawaiian students at the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology, both at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. The third is the Achieving the Dream Initiative for Native Hawaiian students at the Hawaii Community College.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this measure.



HUI KAKOO'AINA HO'OPULAPULA

"Let the people flourish on the land."

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TESTIMONY OF HUI KAKOO'AINA HO'OPULAPULA BEFORE

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

HB 674, HD1 - Relating to Hawaiian Affairs

DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2010

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: State Capitol Room 329

Aloha Chair Carroll and members of the Committee. I am Kaipo Kincaid, Executive Director of Hui Kakoo'aina Ho'opulapula (Hui Kakoo'o), a non-profit organization serving the interests of Applicants for Hawaiian home lands leases. Hui Kakoo'o opposes, in part, HB 674, HD1.

This measure amends the operating budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for fiscal years 2009 - 2010 and 2010 - 2011, by amending Act 140 (SLH 2009).

Hui Kakoo'o opposes the matching provision of Section 1 of this bill which would require the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands ("Department") to match on a 1:1 basis the sum of \$1,010,000 appropriated from OHA trust funds for beneficiary advocacy (OHA 175) for the purpose of "supporting the building, operating, and personnel expenses of seven positions of Ho'okulaiwi: Aha Ho'onaauao Oihi".

We want to say at the start that the objectives and the work of Ho'okulaiwi: Aha Ho'onaauao Oihi program in preparing teachers for Native Hawaiian communities is a much needed effort and one that Hui Kakoo'o supports. We are especially gratified that the Nanakuli/Waianae communities, with a large population of Hawaiians, will benefit from the placement of this program in the planned Nanakuli Village Center, to be located on Hawaiian Home Lands.

This bill would divert over a million dollars from Department priorities that place native Hawaiians in homes on the trust land. This is its principal goal. Furthermore, the Department grants program, *Kulia I Ka Nu'u*, is designed to provide large grants for community-based initiatives, programs such as Ho'okulaiwi, that are supported by homestead communities, like Nanakuli and Waianae, to get funds to the community projects. All homestead organizations and applicant beneficiary organization seeking grants from the Department are required to go through this grants process. This is the process that Ho'okulaiwi: Aha Ho'onaauao Oihi should use to obtain Department funds for their project.

We urge you to amend this measure by deleting the provision requiring the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to match on a 1:1 basis the sum of \$1,010,000 appropriated to OHA for the purposes this bill proposes. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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

From: Dr Joseph Selwyn Te Rito, Knowledge Exchange Programme Leader,
Nga Pae o te Maramatanga (New Zealand's Maori Centre of Research Excellence),
The University of Auckland, New Zealand

Date: February 24, 2010

Subject: Testimony in Support of House Bill 674 HD1: Relating to Hawaiian Affairs
Hearing on Wednesday, February 24, 2010; 11:00 a.m.

Kia ora and thank you for this opportunity to present testimony.

My name is Joseph Te Rito. Our institution is one of 8 centres of research excellence (CoREs) set up by the NZ government 5-6 years ago. Ours is the only Maori, or indigenous CoRE. It is an interdisciplinary CoRE. Each of the other CoREs tends to be dedicated to one discipline only e.g. Maths. We are based at The University of Auckland and our activities operate under three programmes: Research, Capability Building and Knowledge Exchange. I lead the latter programme. For more information on us please visit our website: www.maramatanga.ac.nz

Our association with Hookulaiwi operates on a number of fronts and levels. Professor Margie Maaka is of Maori descent herself – therefore there are strong synergies and relationships between our two organizations. In terms of the relationship with the Knowledge Exchange Programme, I run a biennial international conference on traditional knowledge. For the last two conferences we have had contingents from Hookulaiwi whereby the visiting delegates have presented papers. There have been other visits by Maori people to Hookulaiwi too. The most recent was in December 2009 where our (now former) Director, Professor Michael Walker and our Research Programme Leader attended a 'Hui' (symposium) there hosted by Hookulaiwi, on research. The other important connection with my programme has been with 'AlterNative', our International Journal of Indigenous Peoples. At that December gathering noted above, the launch of a special Hawaiian edition of the journal was held. The writings were all by staff and students of Hookulaiwi. And separately, under our Research Programme, we have annual writing retreats for middle and senior researchers. Again we have had participation at these research retreats by members of Hookulaiwi. On another level again, I have strong connections with Dr Laiana Wong as we are both language revivalists who are keenly interested in revitalizing our respective indigenous languages – Hawaiian and Maori (both being very closely linked as Polynesian languages).

There are great benefits in the two institutions working together. The obvious one is that of increasing the research capabilities and outputs of the staff and students of both entities.



NGĀ PAE O TE MĀRAMATANGA

I stand in strong support of House Bill 674 HD1 which includes the provision of funds to support the building, operating, and personnel expenses of the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly/Hookulaiwi Partnership.

In keeping with legislative findings, I believe that there is a critical need for excellent teachers, curriculum developers, researchers, teacher educators, and educational leaders, especially to work with Native Hawaiian communities. Now, more than ever, a concerted effort is needed to raise educational opportunities for Native Hawaiians. This type of concerted effort is reflected in the goals of Hookulaiwi:

- To prepare teachers for the Department of Education Hawaiian Language Immersion Program;
- To prepare teachers for Title I schools with large numbers of Hawaiian children (especially those schools in Hawaiian Homestead communities);
- To prepare teachers for Hawaiian charter schools; and
- To prepare Native Hawaiian educational leaders in areas such as curriculum research, school administration, and teacher education through study at the master's and doctoral levels

The SCHHA/Hookulaiwi Partnership has a proven history of preparing excellent educators who are well grounded in both the Hawaiian and Western languages and cultures and who are committed to ensuring the educational well-being of Hawaii's diverse population of children, especially Native Hawaiian children. This effort will grow exponentially if the SCHHA/Hookulaiwi Partnership is established as a permanent part of the University of Hawaii system. Lasting systemic changes in the quality of education and in the academic outcomes for Hawaii's children in Hawaii's public schools must be given the highest priority by Hawaii's lawmakers.

In conclusion, I stand in strong support of House Bill 674 HD1 and send my sincere aloha to the legislators who introduced this bill. Their unwavering advocacy for public education in Hawaii marks them as outstanding lawmakers.

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THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS' TESTIMONY WAS SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL FROM A MR. KAMUELA KIMOKEO.

MR. KIMOKEO HAD ALREADY SUBMITTED HIS TESTIMONY VIA FAX.

THE TESTIMONIES WERE SUBMITTED IN A FORMAT THAT WAS DIFFICULT TO PRINT. ALL THE TESTIMONIES UTILIZED THE SAME FORM LETTER AS MR. KIMOKEO. AS WE WERE UNABLE TO PRINT THEIR TESTIMONIES, THEIR NAMES ARE LISTED BELOW:

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Aloha mai kākou:

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TESTIMONY OF KAULANA H. R. PARK, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

ON **HB 674 HD 1 - RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

February 24, 2010

Chair Carroll, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands supports the intent of HB 674 HD 1, which provides financial support to Ho'okulāiwi: 'Aha Ho'ona'auao 'Ōiwi, a program that prepares teachers for Native Hawaiian communities.

Ho'okulāiwi: 'Aha Ho'ona'auao 'Ōiwi is planned to be housed in the Nānākuli Village Center which has been identified as a Priority Project in our Nānākuli Regional Plan. The Department has previously provided support for the Nānākuli Village Center by issuing a license for a 13.57-acre parcel and awarding a \$48,450 grant for the development of the center to the Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association in West O'ahu.

The proposed bill requires an expenditure of approximately \$1,101,000 by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and conditions a 1:1 match by a trust fund expenditure by the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands. While this program is consistent with the Department's mission of providing services for native Hawaiians, our expressed concern is that further passage of this bill may impact priorities set forth in the Executive Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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My name is Arvid Youngquist, and we provide testimony in support of HB 428 HD1 Standing Committee Report No. 428-10 relating to Hawaiian Affairs

If there is any appropriation funds unexpended upon the creation of a sovereign entity proposed by a possible Akaka Bill approval this year, would the funds remain in OHA account or revert back to the General Funds for the State of Hawaii?

This is my only concern at this moment.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide this written late testimony.


Arvid T. Youngquist

Chair, Steering Committee

The Mestizo Association (est. 1982)