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Testimony: In Opposition

Re: HB 905 OHA

Hearing February 11, 2009; 9:00 am in Room # 329

Aloha Chair Carroll and Committee members,
Mahalo for your service and this opportunity to testify on this bill before you.

As beneficiaries of the assets managed by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, my husband and I strongly oppose this legislation and ask you to hold this bill.

At a time when all our resources, natural and economic, are in such a state of tension, adding another costly layer of bureaucracy is not fiscally or culturally responsible.

OHA is charged with the kuleana of providing cultural guidance and fiduciary responsibility in the stewardship of resource management.

It's mission, "To mālama (protect) Hawai'i's people and environmental resources and OHA's assets, toward ensuring the perpetuation of the culture, the enhancement of lifestyle and the protection of entitlements of Native Hawaiians, while enabling the building of a strong and healthy Hawaiian people and nation, recognized nationally and internationally" already addresses the issues of this legislation.

There is NO NEED to add another expensive system (in time and money) to the existing means of including traditional mana'o to resource management in Hawai'i. We need to use the one we have, OHA.

This bill seeks to implant conflicting interests in our communities by hiding behind the Hawaiians.

For our family, we do not need the aha ahupua'a, aha moku or aha kiole to do what needs to be done. The systems are in place and the laws are clear. We just have to use them.

Me ka pono,



Makaala Kaaumoana

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