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**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2010 11:37 AM  
**To:** JUDtestimony; Rep. Della Belatti; Rep. Mele Carroll; Rep. Robert Herkes; Rep. Joseph Souki; Rep. Hermina Morita  
**Cc:** kupuaina@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Request Support: SB 2378

House Committee on Judiciary

Thursday, March, 18 2010 at 2:45pm

**SB 2378**

Dear Committee Chair Karamatsu, Vice-Chair Ito and members of the Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

I am submitting testimony in support of Senate Bill 2378. This bill will reform the Office of Hawaiian Affairs board of trustees election process so that candidates will be nominated via a primary election and subsequently elected at the general election. Currently, all candidates that run for office of trustee are listed on the ballot for the general election. Under this bill, candidates listed on the primary election ballot will be narrowed down to the two candidates receiving the most votes for each available seat. Those two candidates will be nominated and listed on the ballot at the general election.

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This is a small adjustment that the legislature can make that would have a significant impact on allowing OHA to better carry out its constitutional mandate to serve the Native Hawaiian community. Please pass this bill out of committee so that the discussion can continue take place regarding this matter.

Thank You,

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**Subject:** SB2378 Testimony

Davis Price  
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