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DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

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COMMENTS OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS ON

HB 1225, RELATING TO BINGO

February 9, 2011

Chair Hanohano, Vice-Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

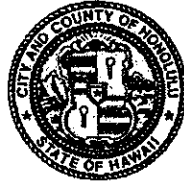
HB 1225 amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to allow for gaming as an authorized commercial activity on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands non-homestead lands.

DHHL is eager to establish a consistent and sustainable cash flow to financially support our programs, and we are open to all possibilities, including gaming. However, we are concerned about the potential disadvantages associated with bingo, and other gaming, like negative impacts to local businesses, difficulties with and cost of regulation, and social costs which may unintentionally cause a negative impact to our beneficiaries and the state. Additionally, the concept of gaming on Hawaiian home lands elicits mixed, yet strong reactions from our beneficiaries. And finally, this proposed amendment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act requires Congressional consent. These factors will delay implementation of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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February 9, 2011

The Honorable Fay P. Hanohano, Chair
and Members
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hanohano and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1225, Relating to Bingo

I am Jerry Inouye, Captain of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police Department.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes House Bill No. 1225, Relating to Bingo.

The Honolulu Police Department recognizes the need for Hawaii and the Hawaiian Home Lands to seek out additional means of funding. However, even in these lean economic times, we believe that legalizing any form of gambling would have harmful long-term effects.

Hawaii should not see gaming as a solution to its economic issues as it causes more problems such as bankruptcy, theft, embezzlement, suicide, child abuse and neglect, domestic abuse, divorce, incarceration, work absences, and homelessness. Studies have also demonstrated that gambling schemes such as bingo are essentially a regressive tax on lower income people, those who can least afford to participate.

Furthermore, legalizing even one gambling scheme at one location would open the floodgates for additional gambling operations and the multitude of criminal and social problems that accompany them.

Serving and Protecting With Aloha

The Honorable Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
and Members

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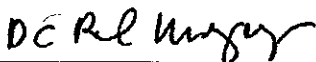
In keeping with our vision of making Honolulu the safest city in the nation in which to live, work, and play, we are strongly opposed to all forms of gambling. We are convinced that gambling undermines community values and strongly urge you to oppose House Bill No. 1225, Relating to Bingo.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


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Narcotics/Vice Division

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Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
 Rep. Chris. Lee, Vice Chair
 And Committee Members On Hawaiian Affairs
 House of Representatives
 The Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 Regular Session of 2011

Subject: HB 1225, Relating To Bingo, "SUPPORT"

ALOHA Kakou,

My name is Richard Pomaikaiokalani Kinney. I am here today to testify as a Hawaiian National. I "SUPPORT" the passage of HB 1225.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921 is federal recognition of native Hawaiians. The Admission Act of 1959 is the State's recognition of native Hawaiians. Making native Hawaiians the wealthiest beneficiaries under the occupation of the United States.

The Sky is Falling on the United States. HB 1225 will allow the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to be self-supporting from the usage of their Promised Trust Lands.

Bingo should be conducted in all Hawaiian Homes Communities on all islands! In all Hawaiian Homes Communities that supports Bingo in their communities! Let native Hawaiians in their own communities decide their own destiny on Bingo!

No longer will native Hawaiians be looked upon as Wards of the State. As native Hawaiians will have the Golden Opportunity to develop their Trust Lands! Native Hawaiians will be in control of their destiny!

Once more I "SUPPORT" the intent and passage of HB 1225.

Mahalo Nui for the opportunity to present testimony on this Bill.

FREE HAWAII



Richard Pomaikaiokalani Kinney, Hawaiian National Royalist 1993

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February 9, 2011 at 8:30am Room 329 HAW

HB1225: Relating to Bingo and HB1227 Relating to Gaming

Aloha Rep. Hano Hano, chair, Rep. Lee, vice chair and Committee Members:

I support the intent of HB1225 and HB1227, provided current monetary funding allocations from the U.S. Federal, Hawaii State and County of Honolulu government to the Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands, if any, will not decrease.

Please pass HB1225 and HB1227 only on the conditions specified above.

Paulette Tam, Concerned Kaneohe Resident

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Comments:
Honorable Representative Faye Hanohano and Members of the Committee

I am in opposition to HB1225.

Allowing Bingo is an inefficient use of resources. This bill proposes to create an entity to shuffle financial capital at the expense of society's voluntary labor. The bill also proposes to create an entity to deal with gambling addiction. Why create unnecessary bureaucratic overhead for both the problem and solution to a problem at the expense of the people?

Save our money.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 1225.

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