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

**HB 1227, RELATING TO GAMING**

February 9, 2011

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

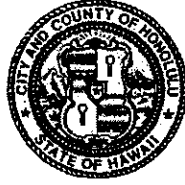
Similar to HB 1225, HB 1227 amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to allow for gaming as an authorized commercial activity on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands non-homestead lands.

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 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 Faye 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. 1227, Relating to Gaming

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

The Honolulu Police Department opposes House Bill No. 1227, Relating to Gaming.

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.

An excellent long-term study conducted by Professors Earl Grinols and David Mustard, entitled, "Measuring Industry Externalities: The Curious Case of Casinos and Crime," showed that having casinos increased crime after a lag of three to four years. This study further indicated that 8 percent of property crime and 10 percent of violent crime were due to the presence of a casino.

We are convinced that gambling exploits those who can least afford it and undermines community values. Socioeconomic costs include paying more people unemployment benefits, more people receiving welfare benefits, embezzlement, suicide, work absences, homelessness, divorce, and bankruptcy.

*Serving and Protecting With Aloha*

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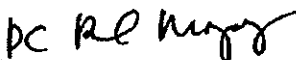
In keeping with our vision of making Honolulu the safest city in the nation in which to live, work, and play, we are strongly opposed to all forms of gambling. We are convinced that gambling undermines community values and strongly urge you to oppose House Bill No. 1227.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
JERRY INOUE, Captain  
Narcotics/Vice Division

APPROVED:

  
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February 9, 2011

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 1227, Relating To Gaming, "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 1227.

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 1227 will allow the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to be self-supporting from the usage of their Promised Trust Lands.

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 1227.

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

  
Richard Pomaikaiokalani Kinney, Hawaiian National Royalist 1993

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COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair

Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 09, 2011

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 329

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Testimony Submitted by Poka Laenui

HB 1227 RELATING TO GAMING.

Aloha:

I oppose this proposal.

While I would generally support the empowerment of the Hawaiian Homestead Commission to activities occurring on its lands, I believe that the matter of gaming will have such a negative impact upon the surrounding communities, that this is an area the Legislature can not assign its legislative responsibility over to the commission.

Gaming is a subtractive rather than an additive attribute to any economy. Gaming does not create new products. It does not add new wealth. It does not inspire the spirit to new heights. All it does is redistribute limited resources based on the outcome of chance, a portion going to a governmental entity or a "house" and a second portion to the winning player. But in terms of overall economics, it gains nothing for the society. Those who are especially hit by this negative influence are those already under limitations or disabilities, i.e., the dependents of the gambler, the children or spouse waiting at home for the long-awaited resources for rent, groceries, electricity, clothing, school materials, etc.

The legislature should not allow this form of addiction to become legitimate within our society.

Mahalo.

## Hawai'i Coalition Against Legalized Gambling

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### Member Organizations

Advocates for Consumer Rights  
Animal Rights Hawaii  
Buddhist Peace Fellowship  
Christian Voice of Hawaii  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Church of Perfect Liberty  
Common Cause  
Disciples of Christ  
Honolulu  
Hale Kipa  
Hawaii Assemblies of God  
Hawaii Association of International Buddhists  
Hawaii Christian Coalition  
Hawaii Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC)  
Hawaii District United Methodist Church  
Hawaii Family Forum  
Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention  
Hawaii Rainbow Coalition  
Hawaii Religions for Peace  
Hawaii Youth Services Network  
Honolulu Friends Meeting (Quakers)  
Honolulu Police Department  
Institute for Religion and Social Change  
Interfaith Alliance Hawaii  
Kokua Council  
League of Women Voters of Hawaii  
Life of the Land (Hawaii)  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition Hawaii  
Mestizo Association  
Muslim Association & Islamic Center of Hawaii  
Pacific Gateway Center  
Presbytery of the Pacific  
Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church  
Small Business Hawaii  
Soto Zen Mission of Hawaii  
Temple Emanu-El  
Windward Coalition of Churches  
The Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands (UCC)

### Cooperating Organizations

Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii  
Catholic Diocese of Honolulu  
Hawaii Bankers Association  
Hawaii Business Roundtable  
Hawaii State PTSA  
Hawaiian Humane Society

### COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair

Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

8:30 a.m., Conference Room 329

### OPPOSED TO HB1227 RELATING TO GAMING

My name is Dianne Kay and I am President of the Hawaii Coalition Against Legalized Gambling. Our coalition represents extremely diverse groups in the community including civic, religious, political, public health, law enforcement, education, business, senior citizen, youth, animal rights, environment, and other community organizations, but we are united in our commitment to educate the public about the negative social and economic effects of legalized gambling and to prevent the introduction of legalized gambling into the state of Hawaii. We believe the detrimental effects of introducing gambling would include social and economic costs that would be borne by our community such as addiction, abuse, divorce, suicide, work absences, welfare, homelessness, incarceration, and bankruptcy, that would far exceed any monetary benefits. Crime would increase and local businesses and entertainment venues would shut down as the mainland gambling industry drained resources from these islands.

To amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act by allowing gambling on Hawaiian home lands would seem to violate the Purpose of the Act as found in Section 101 (b) (5) which states that financial support will be provided "to native Hawaiian beneficiaries of this Act so that by pursuing strategies to enhance economic self-sufficiency . . . the traditions, culture and quality of life of native Hawaiians shall be forever self-sustaining." Further, in Section 101 (c) the Kingdom of Hawaii, the United States, and the State of Hawaii "affirm their fiduciary duty to administer the provisions of this Act on behalf of the native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Act."

We believe the state would be abrogating its fiduciary responsibility by allowing gambling to be introduced on Hawaiian home lands. This action would exploit native Hawaiians for the benefit of mainland gambling interests, and the culture and quality of life of native Hawaiians would diminish.

The Hawaii Coalition Against Legalized Gambling has a motto—"Don't Gamble with Aloha." We respectfully ask the members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee to vote against HB1227.

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 HB1227.

Nothing good comes from gambling. The casino's positive expectation is derived from the negative expectation for the players. The players will always lose in the long run.

Casinos produce nothing. All the capital (people's money and time) ingested by the Casino is retained by a single entity minus what is set aside as tax. This is an unfair redistribution of wealth with no public benefit.

This Casino will be built on Hawaiian Homelands and will bring the negative element of gambling into the Hawaiian community. With it comes the mentality that Hawaiians have nothing industrious to offer society and that we can only offer hospitality in the service sector.

If you want to use the resources of the Hawaiian Homelands you should help Hawaiians to build new industries for themselves to make themselves self-sufficient and not reliant on outside sources (like gambling does). Invest in free alternative energy, and new methods of food production. Build a science center for Hawaiians to educate themselves or a community tool library so Hawaiians can produce useful things.

Enable Hawaiians and in doing so, you will enable Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 1227.

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**Comments:**

I strongly oppose gambling in Hawaii. While it may appear that there is a financial gain to the state, which I question I believe it will cost more than it ever brings in. It will have a negative impact on life in the state on so many levels, everything from the increase in the sex industry that is a major concern to me as a women's advocate, to gambling addictions for those at risk and on tourism since it doesn't align with the paradise experience most people come to the state for. As for the support to the Hawaiian community, you can look at the Native American population and see that casino gambling has not helped them greatly. While a great deal of money is being made it appears the impact to the people is not positive, as it they still show some of the worst statistics in health, education and economic situation in the nation.

# hawaii family forum

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Hearing on: Wednesday, February 9, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m.  
Conference Room #329

**DATE:** February 5, 2011

**TO:** **House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**  
Representative Faye Hanohano, Chair  
Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chair

**FROM:** Allen Cardines, Jr., Executive Director

**RE:** Strong Opposition to: HB 1227 | Relating to Gaming

Honorable Chairs and members of the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, I am Allen Cardines, **representing the Hawaii Family Forum**. Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii, representing a network of various Christian Churches and denominations. We strongly oppose this bill that would authorize the Hawaiian homes commission to allow gaming on Hawaiian home lands.

Hawaii is among only two States (Utah and Hawaii) in the nation where all forms of gambling remain illegal. Proponents of legalized gambling in Hawaii boast of its promise of economic revitalization and prosperity. There may well be an element of truth to their claims; however, greater scrutiny reveals a far different story. While it may be true that legalized gambling could potentially yield new jobs, the potential greater negative economic impact must also be considered. Not unlike the social costs associated with other addictive behaviors, compulsive gambling wreaks havoc on individuals, families, and communities.

The widespread proliferation of gambling on the mainland has produced very troubling consequences for the people and communities most closely associated with it. Those consequences include: increased violent crime, property crime, and drug-related crime; an increased influence of organized crime; increased addiction and family deterioration; a disproportionately adverse impact on youth and the poor; and, a net negative economic impact.

Gambling is often associated with crime. The relationship is easy to understand. Many types of gambling have been, indeed still are, illegal. Hence, by definition, criminals are the only operators of games. When gambling restrictions are relaxed, criminals are the first to open up legal gambling establishments.

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We should also point out the obvious. Lots of people in Hawaii travel to Las Vegas for fun and recreation. Those visits are 100% irrelevant to the simple issue at hand - should Hawaii become more like Las Vegas by legalizing gambling? To answer that question, we really should examine the data about what it is like to live in a place like Vegas.

This data should serve as a clarion call for all of us - a reminder of the compelling reasons the people of Hawaii and our elected representatives have consistently and steadfastly resisted the siren song of the big money gambling interests. It reminds us why "the Las Vegas effect" upon our islands would wreak havoc on our ohana based community and our aloha spirit.

How does Nevada rate in the nation? Nevada is number three in bankruptcies and abortions. Number four in rape, out of wedlock births and alcohol related death. Number five in crime, number six in prisoners locked up and number 50 in voter participation. This and other well-documented information is available through the Hawaii Coalition Against Legalized Gambling.

In response to this data, the Coalition's response seems appropriate: "Not in my Backyard." Shouldn't that be our collective community response?

It seems to me Hawaii is rather akamai for its continued rejection of legalized gambling. As we all know, Hawaii is special. This issue is no different - we are one of only three states in the nation that can boast of no legalized gambling. Let's work hard to keep it that way!

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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**DATE:** February 8, 2011

**TO:** House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Representative Faye Hanohano, Chair  
Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chair

**FROM:** Walter Yoshimitsu, Executive Director

**RE:** Strong Opposition to HB 1227 RELATING TO GAMING

Honorable Chairs and members of the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, I am Walter Yoshimitsu, **representing the Hawaii Catholic Conference**. The Hawaii Catholic Conference is the public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii, which under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, represents over 200,000 Catholics in Hawaii.

We strongly **oppose gambling in any form**. The Catholic Church holds that gambling becomes morally problematic when it interferes with an individual's other duties or responsibilities. Observing that "the passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement," the Catechism of the Catholic Church highlights the need for moderation to avoid addictions and unhealthy behaviors.

In sharing the Catholic theological perspective on gambling, we are also aware of and very concerned about other important and related aspects of the issue that would serve to make specific pieces of gambling legislation morally unacceptable. We believe that the promotion of the common good of society and the protection of individual rights is always to be the primary goal of public policy. Accordingly, the potential negative consequences of an expanded "culture of gambling" needs to be carefully evaluated.

Please **OPPOSE** any legislation that would bring any form of gambling to Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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## COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair  
Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 09, 2011  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 329  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

### **TESTIMONY ON HB 1227 Relating to Gaming on DHHL**

My name is Kale Gumapac, Alaka'i for Kanaka Council Moku O Keawe and we strongly support HB 1227. I am a beneficiary on DHHL's waiting list since 1982 and born and raised on DHHL Lands in Waimanalo since 1951. I live in Puna on the Island of Hawai'i and I believe that I have life long experience to speak on this matter.

Our first home in Waimanalo was a 2 bedroom 600 sq ft Hicks Homes that housed 7 of us along with the various members of the Hopeau ohana. We were poor but nobody ever told me because I was a happy keiki and my ohana just rolled with the punches. My bedroom was the parlor floor until my parents got a used pune'e. I was lucky enough to get accepted at Kamehameha School and boarded. That's when I experienced my first bed, closet, clothes drawers and desk to study at the age of 12.

My dad worked hard at Pearl Harbor starting out as a machinist helper working his way up to Ship's Estimator on a 7<sup>th</sup> grade education to support a family of 7. My dad owned a Chevy Woody that he used to pickup other Navy Yard workers that lived in Waimanalo to earn a little extra money. He was given a choice to either take early retirement or be relegated back to a machinist because they needed to make room for the college educated kids that were being hired to replace him. My dad opted for retirement after 35 yrs at Pearl Harbor.

Tourist were warned to stay out of Waimanalo because robbery, car break ins, Sherwood Forest and Waimanalo's reputation of gangs and drugs with Maka and his Merryman (our next door neighbors). We all knew the crooks on the reservation but no one said anything for fear of retaliation. But that was commonplace in almost every Hawaiian Homes community, Waianae, Papakolea, Panaewa and Keaukaha.

After almost 90 yrs there are still 25,000 beneficiaries and counting on the waiting list and the light is getting dimmer and dimmer for them to get onto the Reservation!

A few months ago I had the opportunity to tour Indian Country on 6 reservations in Washington State with 18 Na Kanaka Kane and Rep. Mele Carroll. It was an eye opener...We met with 6 tribal leaders and councils. We asked a lot of questions and saw many things. My primary purpose was to find out what federal recognition meant to these tribes. The answer: **GAMING**. Although the tribe gets some federal dollars, 80-90% of their programs are covered by gaming.

The Health, Dental and Substance Abuse facilities are free and second to none. They bought back 90% of their lands that were lost and have only 2 more large parcels to buy back. We always knew we were in Indian Country. Their artwork and carvings were on the roads, buildings and in every facility. Housing projects were providing homes for their tribal members. Their unemployment rate went from 50% down to 2%. They are presently restoring salmon runs in rivers and streams throughout the reservation with a high tech hatchery facility.

Their casino entrance looks like a tribal art center that is beautiful until you get in the gaming facility. They are partnering with the local dairyman's association in financing and owning a renewal energy methane power plant generating 4-6 mega watts of power and selling it to the utility company. Their waste treatment plant has the latest technology that will convert the waste to drinkable water. I never saw a tribal member in the casino but I did see haole, filipino, japanese and chinese people always gambling. All these benefits and more were made possible due to gaming.

Why should the legislature support this bill? The Akaka Bill has gutted gaming from the bill. This DHHL Gaming Bill is being proposed to provide the economic engine for our people with 80% of the gaming revenues going into the DHHL Trust and 20% to the State of Hawaii. We are located in the best place to have gaming.....people from East and West will come. Gaming will provide the economic thrust for the Kanaka without ever having federal recognition or the Akaka Bill. Those who are pushing for the Akaka Bill know that if gaming succeeds the need for the Akaka Bill. Most importantly, the financial burden placed upon the State of Hawaii will not be necessary.

I support this legislation because it will help everyone in Hawaii but most importantly the po'e kanaka. We have the worst health, highest numbers in prisons, homelessness, welfare, housing, education and social issues. I believe this bill will help to fix these problems as well as reduce the financial responsibility of the State. Pass HB 1227.

Malama o ke kai,  
Kale Gumapac, Alaka'i