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TESTIMONY OF
PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

**IN SUPPORT OF House Bill 397, House Draft 2
RELATING TO LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE**

Before the Committee on Finance
Thursday; March 3, 2011; 3:15 pm; Conference Rm. 308

Aloha Chairman Marcus Oshiro, vice chair Marilyn Lee and members of the Finance Committee. I am Soulee Stroud, President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs here to support HB 397, HD2, HSCR588.

First, a bit of housekeeping. HSCR588, the committee report from the Judiciary Committee, was a bit confusing when relating to the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. It states that we supported this bill and in the next sentence states that we opposed it. I am here to tell you that we have supported this bill from the moment we were told of it with no deviations.

We appreciate the specificity required in the original bill and request that those kinds of details be kept intact in this and future iterations. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has the difficult role of overseeing trust land revenues set aside for the Native Hawaiian people as defined in Chapter 10, Hawaii Revised Statute. This bill would allow closer scrutiny in that regard.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB397.

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