

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

Testimony of President Soulee Stroud

HCR107

ESTABLISHING A JOINT LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE STATUS OF TWO EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO IN 1893 BETWEEN UNITED STATES' PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND AND QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI OF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM, CALLED THE LILI'UOKALANI ASSIGNMENT AND THE AGREEMENT OF RESTORATION

Before the
HOUSE JOINT COMMITTEES ON
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Wednesday; March 23, 2011;8:30a.;Rm. 329

Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee and Madam Chair Wooley of the Culture and Arts Committee. I am Soulee Stroud here to speak in support of House Concurrent Resolution 107 **Establishing a joint legislative investigating committee to investigate the status of two executive agreements entered into in 1893 between United States' President Grover Cleveland and Queen Lili`uokalani of the Hawaiian Kingdom, called the Lili`uokalani Assignment and Agreement of Restoration.**

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is comprised of sixty component clubs in Hawaii and eleven states and the District of Columbia on the continent. Each year we hold an annual convention and conduct several days of business where submitted resolutions are discussed and debated in committees. If they pass out of our committees they are voted upon in plenary session by the House of Delegates.

In 2010 our convention was held in Keauhou, Hawaii and more than fifty resolutions were adopted. Resolution #10-15 was entitled: **Acknowledging Queen Lili`uokalani's Agreements with President Grover Cleveland to Execute Hawaiian Law and to Restore the Hawaiian Government.**

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Years of research and study have brought forth information on the issues of self-determination and sovereignty that was previously not well-known. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supports additional historic research and study in the form of a Legislative Investigation into the executive agreements outlined in HCR107.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and urge passage of HCR 107.

For further information please contact our Government Relations Chair, Jalna Keala at jalna.keala2@hawaiiantel.net

Fr: Dr. Peter Kalawaia Moore

My doctorate was completed in May 2010 in Political Science with an emphasis in Hawaiian and American government and politics. Currently, I teach and coordinate the Hawaiian Studies program at Windward Community College. In my classes, my students learn about the both American and Hawaiian politics and government through examining these specific executive agreements. My students are dumbfounded to learn the role that these type of agreements play in American government and politics, and to then find out that as of yet these agreements have never brought to light, and that they have never been taught in any school as part of Hawai'i's history. In fact, it has been through Dr. Keanu Sai's federal lawsuit in Washington, D.C., *Sai v. Clinton, et al.*, that these agreements have been brought forward to our community, and to the attention of the entire nation and the international community. I and my students look forward to the creation of an investigative committee that would ask questions from experts and professionals in the fields of law, history and governance, who would have to testify under oath. Since no one knew about these executive agreements, very few today can have a qualified opinion on these executive agreements, which is why this investigative committee's subpoena powers would be important.

This joint investigative committee not only has the opportunity, but the responsibility and duty to inquire into these

executive agreements as is your fiduciary duty and obligation as legislators for the State of Hawai'i. I look forward to your committee moving this issue forward, and being honest about examining issues pertinent to your position, and the lives of our State's people.

Mahalo,

Peter Kalawaia Moore, Ph.D.

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Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

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Aloha my name is Alicia K. Leopoldino,

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Enough games have been played throughout our history that have diverted and/or twisted Hawai'i's history to suit political agendas. This joint investigative committee not only has the opportunity, but the responsibility and duty to inquire into these executive agreements for all of Hawai'i's people who call these Islands their home. Because the members of the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs have taken an oath to support not just the State of Hawai'i Constitution, but also the Constitution of the United States, it would be your duty to pass this resolution out of your committee, because as Representative Mele Carroll stated, the purpose of House Concurrent Resolution 107 is to "ensure that we, as Legislators, who took an oath to support and defend not only the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, but also the Constitution of the United States, must be mindful of our fiduciary duty and obligation to conform to the *Supremacy Clause* of the United States Constitution. As Majority Whip for the House of Representatives of the State of Hawai'i, it is my duty to bring the executive agreements to the attention of the Hawai'i State Legislature and that the joint investigating committee have the powers necessary to receive all information for its final report to the Legislature."

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Aloha,

My name is Amy Perruso. I teach A.P. U.S. History, A.P. Government and Pre-AP Modern Hawaiian History/ Participation in democracy at Mililani High School. I am expressing my support for HCR 107 in the hopes that historical research into Hawaii's history, specifically on the Cleveland-Liliuokalani Executive Agreements, will be treated as seriously by our representatives in this state as it is being treated by educators and students in both public and private schools. This is difficult and challenging material, but it is important.

This and related scholarship have changed the landscape of modern Hawaiian historiography. This material is used routinely in the ninth and eleventh grade social studies classes (Modern Hawaiian History) to correct the inaccurate accounts that still dominate textbooks. I think that all of our students in Hawaii need to see confirmation that our representatives can engage with politically challenging new information with at least as much intellectual curiosity, fair-mindedness and understanding of constitutional principles as students develop in the high school classroom. And it would be amazing to have the legislature discuss something of this magnitude!

Thank you,

Amy Perruso

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I warmly and whole heartedly endorse HCR 107. It is a source of great shame to me and many others that the United States has so blatantly overlooked, ignored and overridden the rights and wishes of the Hawaiian people with regard to the status of the Hawaiian Nation. It is only right, fair and just that this situation should be addressed, particularly in the light of the executive agreements that have come to light. At the very least, this situation requires a joint investigative committee to examine this situation. Representative Mele Carroll's resolution is certainly worthy of support.

With kind regards,

Anne Thurston
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LATE TESTIMONY

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Aloha mai e Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee, and the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am submitting this testimony in support of HCR 107. I am a mother of five children. All my children have been educated through the medium of Hawaiian language. This year, two, my eldest and youngest daughters will be graduating. My oldest, Nalani, will puka from Kula Kaiapuni ma Kekaulike and my youngest from Pūnana Leo O Maui. We stand on the shoulders of my kupuna. My tutu, Josephine Kumukahi, who raised me, was a manaleo, a native speaker. She was born in 1900 and passed in 1994. The 'ōlelo I am having my children raised with skipped two generations, my mother and I. Why is this? I wish I knew her reasons however, as the director of one of two higher education scholarship programs that fund Hawaiian students throughout the country and lecturer of political science at our university, I can give you well documented socio-political reasons that I will spare from giving you at this time.

I share this story of my 'ohana and our 'ōlelo because it has taken generations to reach this point of revitalizing our language, the very essence of a people. The manipulation of Hawai'i's lands, water, natural resources, and people have created the negative impacts of what we see today. These impacts include highest rates of incarcerated, highest in heart disease and diabetes, highest in domestic violence, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, and low completion rates in education. The list is not uncommon to those who work in these fields and I'm sure not to you. These lists keep haunting our Hawaiian population. So what does this have to do with this legislation? Everything. With a growing number of Hawaiian scholars, in this case, Dr. Keanu Sai, the truth has found its way to the surface. In 1995, Dr. Noenoe Silva found 38,000 signatures of native Hawaiians against the annexation of Hawai'i. Dr. Sai's research, international recognition of Hawai'i's status as part of the international nation of families, lawsuit on the national side *Sai v. Clinton, et al.*, and the growing attention through the country drawn from these pieces of research and action is a call for Hawai'i to follow suit and investigate.

The lies need to stop along with the political jockeying of power. Rep. Mele Carroll is brave for her introduction of this bill and I am in full support of this bill without changes. This call to action means we must all show wisdom and have a collective awareness similar to that of the fall of the Berlin wall, the fall of apartheid in South Africa, or the British return of Hong Kong to China. We are all standing on the shoulders of our kupuna. It is time for justice to prevail, for the truth to be set free, and for Hawai'i to heal from the years of trauma. We are all in this together regardless of ethnicity. Let's act accordingly and support HCR 107.

O wau no,
'o Malia Davidson
Kula, Hawai'i

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Comments:

I support HCR 107 for establishing a joint legislative investigating committee to investigate the status of two executive agreements entered into in 1893 between the United States President Grover Cleveland and Queen Lili`uokalani of the Kingdom of Hawaii, called the Lili`uokalani Assignment and the Agreement of Restoration.

Dr. Sai's research revealed two executive agreements. His federal lawsuit in Washington, D.C., *Sai v. Clinton, et al.*, has contributed to public awareness of this important issue. As a teacher, I believe it is my responsibility, indeed the responsibility of all teachers, to provide students with information that is both factual and current. Even more, I believe to deny students crucial information about the situation in Hawaii and the world constitutes a failure on our part to prepare them for the realities of life.

In my non-academic life I am the president of Ka Lei Maile Alii Hawaiian Civic Club, a member club of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, whose membership extends to 58 clubs throughout Hawaii and the United States. At the 2010 Hawaiian Civic Club Convention on Hawaii Island, our club submitted a resolution titled, "Acknowledging Queen Liliuokalani's Agreements with President Grover Cleveland to Execute Hawaiian Law and to Restore the Hawaiian Government." The resolution spurred debate and concerns in committee, but ultimately passed out of committee and to the floor. Approximately 500 delegates at convention voted unanimously to support this resolution, which in essence sought consensus by the body of delegates that such agreements were, in fact, part of our history. What HCR 107 brings to the table is the opportunity for fact-finding that may lay to rest all the conjecture, misinformation, and inaccurate renderings of Hawaii's history that have contributed to contention and division within the larger Hawaii community.

I support the creation of an investigative committee to pose hard questions from experts and professionals in the fields of law, history, and governance. While many of us have opinions about what actually happened in Hawaii's history, depending on how much we have read or how well we understand law, I believe students should be exposed to those who have the expertise and credibility to shine a light on these issues. Given all information on any issue, my hope is that students will be able to make their own reasoned judgment and to support their assessment with documented facts. That is what critical thinking is all about.

As I understand it, Rep. Carroll's intent in proposing this resolution was to honor the constitution of the United States by raising consciousness of all of us in the State of Hawaii about our duties and obligations to conform to the Supremacy Clause. I look forward, along with my students and the broader Hawaiian community, to an informed and reasoned discussion about both the historic record its impacts for today.

Mahalo me ka pono,

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Aloha Rep. Hanohano and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HCR 107.

My name is Lynette Cruz. I am an assistant professor of anthropology at Hawaii Pacific University. One of the courses that I regularly teach is Anth 3980, Hawaiian Sovereignty, Process, and the "Sacred Community". I include in the course an examination of broad sources of Hawaiian political history, including contemporary sources such as Noenoe Silva's book *Aloha Betrayed*, Kehaulani Kauanui's book, *Hawaiian Blood: Colonialism and the Politics of Sovereignty*, and Jon Osorio's, *Dismembering Lahui*. I mention these texts as a way to acquaint you with the tremendous resource materials that are available for young scholars to learn about history in a way that it has not been taught before, as much of the information is so new. Those of us who are over 60 never learned any of this in high school, or even in college. I certainly didn't.

For the last few years, I have integrated into my course the ideas brought to the table by historian and scholar Dr. Keanu Sai. Luckily, his publications in various law journals are available via *internet* and students are able to download and review what his research has revealed. I would like to share with you what we have all learned, myself included, via reasoned review of the materials available and by following various court cases at both the international and local levels.

U.S. President Grover Cleveland stated in his address to Congress on Dec. 18, 1893: *By an act of war, committed with the participation of a diplomatic representative of the United States and without authority of Congress, the Government of a feeble but friendly and confiding people has been overthrown. A substantial wrong has thus been done which a due regard for our national character as well as the rights of the injured people requires we should endeavor to repair.* After negotiating with Queen Liliuokalani to provide clemency to American insurgents, President Cleveland entered into agreements with the Queen. President Cleveland and the Queen found a way to resolve the problem of the U.S. invasion. As I understand it, these agreements constituted treaties because they were entered into by two heads of state. But somehow they were left out of the historic rendering and only now, via various lawsuits, have they surfaced.

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Aloha my name is Leihua Lu'uwai. I am a Teacher Assistant at Kula Elementary School. It should not matter that I am Hawaiian, non-Hawaiian, or Kanka Maoli. What does matter is that I care for the future of Hawai'i nei and believe in the solidarity of the powers that be. I also believe, as well as I am in support of HCR 107.

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In closing, may I please leave you with this simple thought: We can not take back in history, what mankind has done to each other.....and for that matter, what has already been done. And nothing will ever be able to compensate any or all the damages that have been done for the past 113 years to the people of Hawai'i

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(Hawaiian, non-Hawaiian or Kanaka Maoli alike). However, what we as informed and worldly people can do, is to do what is "pono". To heal the wounds of a people, not only the people of Hawai'i, but people from around the world. For if you take a good look at the Hawaiian people, we no longer live only in Hawai'i. We live in every corner of the globe.....from China to the United States and from Greenland to Antartica.....I encourage each and every one of you to dig deep wihin yourselves today. To be the first in Hawai'i's history to take a look at the facts of what Hawai'i 's background has been built upon. May I mention to each of you, mankind has had very few opportunities to correct mistakes that were preventable from its insightful beginnings. As the island of Kaho'olawe is presently healing, so too, can we heal Hawai'i. Healing begins once the passage of HCR 107 is visualized. It takes courage to visualize what is the unknown for many. Especially when what one believes (or has been led to believe). What was once true, must now be put into question.

MAHALO for listening to my testimony and I trust you will do what is "pono".

Ke aloha no a me ka ha'aha'a.....'o Leihua

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The Hawaiian Kingdom supports HCR107 as a positive step to clarifying the status of the political status of Hawaii. We encourage the study and welcome the report from the commission

LATE TESTIMONY**Testimony In Support of HCR 107**

Aloha, My name is Paige Viela,

I have been a Hawaii resident and subject of the Hawaiian Kingdom for 44 years and very proud to be part of this culture. Growing up, in the Hawaiian Kingdom, as we the people have yet to be more educated about the true history of our Nation, I felt safe and taught as long you are good and abide to authority, you will be protected of your rights. I could never understand or want to believe the conspiracy or propanganda that has been now so prevalent in common society, and our world. As the years passed, as an adult and through education, I found out this was exercised by our so called, relied upon "Government".

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I am in full support of HCR 107 introduced by Representative Mele Carroll.

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Sincerely,

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