



HCR114
URGING THE REPAIR OF CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT PLACES ON THE
GROUND OF 'IOLANI PALACE

House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HCR114, which would encourage the repair of culturally significant places on the grounds of 'Iolani Palace.

'Iolani Palace and the cultural sites located on its grounds, such as the royal burial tomb of Pohukaina and the Paepaekapu Stone, are directly connected to our highest ali'i and therefore carry great cultural and historical significance, not only to Native Hawaiians but to the entire state of Hawai'i. Unfortunately, these cultural sites have not been properly cared for over the years, despite various well-intentioned efforts.

The maintenance of our history and heritage – particularly burials, the final resting place of our beloved ancestors – is a solemn kuleana for Native Hawaiians. We must mālama and aloha these sacred sites as they remind us of our past as we look towards the future.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to PASS HCR 114. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS
Testimony of President Soulee Stroud
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Before the
HOUSE JOINT COMMITTEES ON
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND & OCEAN RESOURCES
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Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee and Chairman Chang of the Water, Land and Ocean Resources Committee. I am Soulee Stroud here to speak in support of House Concurrent Resolution 114 **Urging the Repair of Culturally Significant Places on the Grounds of 'Iolani Palace.**

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 #10-33 was entitled: **Urging the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) , in Collaboration with the Friends of 'Iolani Place, To Fund Repairs of the Wrought Iron Fence and Brick Wall Surrounding Pohukaina (the Burial Mound), As Well As the Placement of Signage Fronting the Paepaekapu Stone in Front of the Kana`ina (Old Archives) Building.**

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supports an effective and comprehensive maintenance program for all of those special places so special to Native Hawaiians - places such as 'Iolani Palace and Mauna Ala.

We urge the State of Hawaii to live up to its responsibility of preserving these artifacts in our midst, as in the case of the repairs to `Iolani Palace and Pohukaina.

We also wish to clarify any misunderstanding about Resolution 10-33 adopted by the Civic Clubs. The intention was not to ask the Friends of `Iolani Palace to provide any funds this project, but rather to request DLNR to give them the courtesy of being part of the planning and coordination, by acting in collaboration.

Mahalo. We urge passage of HCR114.

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Chairs Hanohano and Chang, and members of the Joint Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of this resolution as it is currently drafted.

The Royal Tomb site specified in this measure is not included in the lease agreement between The Friends of 'Iolani Palace and the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources. Therefore, The Friends is unable to receive any funding for the repair and maintenance of this particular area.

In addition, the fence enclosure indicated in this resolution dates back to 1931, when the Territory of Hawai'i appropriated funds to construct the fencing and brick wall surrounding the burial mound.