

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS
Testimony of President Soulee Stroud
HCR116
**REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO REPORT ON
STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES TO REDUCE
RECIDIVISM AMONG NATIVE HAWAIIANS**
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 116 Requesting the convening of a Task Force to Report on Strategies and Resources to Reduce Recidivism among Native Hawaiians.

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 #10-23 was entitled: Requesting that the Hawaii Legislature Convene a Task Force With the Purpose of Producing a Comprehensive Report on Strategies and Resources Needed to Assist Inmates Once Paroled From Prison to Remain Out of Prison.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is extremely concerned at the negative findings of the OHA research and report on Hawaiian inmates. It's apparent that recidivism of Hawaiian inmates is higher than normal and we very much support a task force to conceive of strategies and resources to reduce the negative statistics. We urge your support of this measure.