

Testimony in Support of HCR 293

Aloha my name is Roberta:

In light of the historical events within HCR 293 (which can be verified and evidenced by Dr. Keanu Sai's doctoral dissertation), at the least, the phrase "Treaty of Annexation" should be removed from the McKinley High School statue. With too many historical facts pointing out the obvious impossibility of a treaty of annexation, we can assume that the whole statue will not be looked upon favorably. It is my opinion that the statue should be removed because it memorializes a whole history of lies and insurmountable crimes against Queen Lili'uokalani and the people of Hawaii. As long as the statue remains it will only add insult to injury.

I am in support of HCR 293 simply because I see it as the beginnings of correcting the wrongs. Although the mechanics of this process are not clear to me, I am appreciative to all that are participating and will continue to learn how to be a part of the resolution.

Testimony of Kehaulani Lum

Presented to the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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Conference Room 329

In Support of HCR 293

Expressing Legislative Support For and Requesting the Removal of the Term "Treaty of Annexation" Cast in Bronze on the Statue of President McKinley on the Grounds of McKinley High School

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee. Mahalo for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HCR293, Expressing Legislative Support For and Requesting the Removal of the Term "Treaty of Annexation" Cast in Bronze on the Statue of President McKinley on the Grounds of McKinley High School.

This bill is modest in its request, yet profound in its impact, as it will meaningfully end the overt dissemination of historical inaccuracy relating to the relationship of the Hawaiian Kingdom and the United States, as portrayed in this longstanding symbol. Truth is the highest order, and this measure will ensure that one of our most prominent educational institutions cease endorsing the casting and perpetuation of an intentional untruth.

I commend all of you for your clarity and foresight in considering this long-overdue measure and respectfully request your full support.

Mahalo,

Kehaulani Lum