



LATE TESTIMONY

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Testimony in support of HR11, Requesting a Study to Identify
State of Hawai'i Laws that may need amendment soon after the
Enactment of the Native Hawaiian Reorganization Act

Submitted to: The Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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Aloha Representative Hanohano and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

We support HR11 and its intent. This study that is requested is appropriate for this time. In the third whereas statement, once the reorganization of the Native Hawaiian governing entity is authorized, the disposition of lands, natural resources and other assets will need to be agreed upon. We cannot agree more and hope that the Legislature will continue their policy, stated in Senate Concurrent Resolution 40 and Senate Resolution 25 (Capitol.hawaii.gov. 2009-05-21), to support the settlement of OHA v. HFDC.

We would also like the legislature to examine the disposition of the submerged lands in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. These lands were taken with no compensation to the Hawaiian people. The largest taking of ceded lands resulted in the alienation of those lands from the people of Hawaii.

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