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Testimony for HAW 3/30/2011 8:30:00 AM HR236

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### Comments:

Aloha, I am constantly tracking bills which you the legislators introduce without much consultation. This bill is another effort to someday put gaming on Hawaiian Home Lands, yet there are bills asking for investigation on "why" native Hawaiians are not able to live on Hawaiian homestead, bills asking for audit, and a lot of things that are positive and then there are bills such as this that are a negative, destructive, waste of time and money bill. Why ask for a task force that would cost the state money and why when the majority of the people given Hawaiian, haole, chinese, japanese, and every race are against it. I have heard people in authority say that the native Hawaiians want gaming, and that is just not true. We including my community have spoken out time and time again, and probably will until we die. We kupunas sit in disgust as Mele Carrol and others play their game at what they think is "good for us." Yet look at the OHA study of Hawaiians incarcerated, look at the homeless, look at the plea from all of the Police Departments and then look at victims such as myself. If you want to hear a story of how gambling has negative effects then ask me, and I will share it. I have testified before sharing a bit of my story on the worst effects a family can endure because of addiction to gaming, any kind of gaming. I have in laws who are so big in cock fighting, brother and sister who have been incarcerated, and one probably is now, nephews, nieces, are all part of the problem that stemmed from what one person did. The police are right, but I guess those on your committee don't think they know any better. It is sad that although we as a native people are struggling, persons in government think by studying and finding a way to institute gaming is the answer to success among the Hawaiians. Wrong, gaming will never be the answer, and I ask that this feasibility task force not even waste our tax dollars, and that instead write and introduce positive bills such as the tuition waiver for our Hawaiians to gain a college education, help with medical, so that those who struggle in school because of poor hearing, poor sight, no food, no house, drug addicted parents, alcoholism, and even more, gaming leads to addiction and loss of wages, loss of homes, and integrity. Please do not pass this HR 236. Thank you for hearing me, I do hope I am heard. God bless you, I hope it is ok to use God!

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### Comments:

Again. I oppose I this on behalf of my Hawaiian Homes community, which has already asked that no gaming be allowed. Although this is to set up a task force, consisting of DHHL Chairman, or his designee, it would be unfair if not brought to the beneficiaries and probably not one that sits nicely with us here. I do know that having a study done, if done fairly would and should involve us the leaders of the Hawaiian Homestead communities. The fact of the matter is that we should be the ones taking it out to our homestead lessees, and not the public in its entirety. We, also, feel the DHHL if this state department had done what all the other state departments do in accepting support from the state we would have more than enough money to build homes. As a matter of fact, most of the people cannot afford the turnkey homes being built and would rather build their own homes at a cheaper cost. Gaming in any form will not help the DHHL succeed in their obligation to rehabilitate the native Hawaiian people. The DHHL has proposed leasing out our lands for income, while history has proven that they the DHHL has leased lands for pennies, and then forgot about them. They cannot even get the people who are on the lands off of it. We have in the past as beneficiaries insist that the DHHL inventory their lands and then stop the wrongful leases of lands, such as the ones on Maui that were leased to former Mayor Elmer Carvalho, who in turned sub leased it to others. If the DHHL would act accordingly with integrity we would have more than enough money, they have the richest non profit building on our lands and not paying a penny, why is that? Kamehameha Schools build their preschools on our lands then enroll outsiders into their schools, even non Hawaiians, and we who live in walking distance are denied entrance for our keiki. NO, the Chairman needs to look at making legitimate business work for us and not for our further detriment. NO to the task force, and no to this bill, and yes to looking at asking DHHL to lease lands to entities that will pay the current rates. Our community, as well as, several of the other homestead communities have expressed opposition to this bill.

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Written Testimony for the  
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 8:30 a.m  
By  
Elmer K. Ka'ai, Jr.

HCR270/HR 236 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO ESTABLISH A GAMING TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACTS OF ALLOWING GAMING AND ESTABLISHING CASINO OPERATIONS ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

Aloha, Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on HCR 270/HR 236. As the past president of Hui Kako'o 'Aina Ho'opulapula (a non-profit native Hawaiian organization representing Hawaiian Home Lands Trust Waitlist beneficiaries), a former staff member of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), as well as, a waitlist applicant, I would like to provide written comments.

Chairman Alapaki Nahale-a and his administration is facing tremendous challenges regarding it's dwindling resources (ending of the Act 14 settlement monies, the impact of DHHL's financial portfolio due to the state of our economy, etc...). He follows an administration that made tremendous strides to provide more homestead leases to it's beneficiaries then any other administration; however left him with very little, if any, financial resources to effectively manage the Hawaiian home lands trust.

These are interesting resolutions. Gaming in Hawai'i stir different emotions in every aspect of Hawai'i communities and you can not disagree with the findings from those that support or oppose gaming. Now, whether I support or oppose gaming is not an issue. I believe that all forms of resource-generating initiatives must be explored. If these resolutions provides Chair Nahale-a the opportunity to enter into a formal discussions on allowing gaming and establishing casino operation on Hawaiian home lands, then that's a good thing. As long as, the final decisions regarding gaming on Hawaiian home lands is not made by the task force. That decisions must be made by the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust beneficiaries.

My only caveat is that any resources being utilized for this effort does not impact DHHL's mission to develop and deliver lands to native Hawaiians.

Again, mahalo for the opportunity to share my mana'o on this matter.