

SB 23

LATE TESTIMONY

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Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION

To: Hearing of the committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing
Hearing Date: February 12, 2011
Submitted by: Agapito J.K. Navor

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 23, the bill that creates the Aha Kiole Commission within the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and formalize the Aha Moku System for the State of Hawaii.

(Speaking points)

- I am a practitioner (lawaia, mahiai, other practice) and received my knowledge from my kupuna
- I know my area and know how to take care of it
- The Aha Moku System will give me, my family and my community the voice we need to help sustain our aina and ocean
- My family and community supports the Aha Moku System and are working within that framework
- This process is how we can be consulted on natural resources in our moku

Mahalo for allowing me to submit my testimony on this critically important bill.

Agapito J.K. Navor

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing
Hearing Date: February 12, 2011
Submitted by: Bruce B. Robinson, Niihau Ranch, Niihau Island

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 23, the bill that creates the Aha Kiole Commission within the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and formalizes the Aha Moku System for the State of Hawaii.

My brother and I are the present co-owners of the island of Niihau, which has descended through our family for generations. We have accomplished a considerable amount of environmental preservation there (especially with monk seals) which neither the state government, nor the federal government, nor the environmental groups, have ever accomplished anywhere else. We are thoroughly familiar with Niihau's potential environmental problems, and the probable best ways to deal with them.

In short, we know our area, and how best to take care of it.

The Aha Moku System will give us and the native Hawaiian residents of Niihau the voice we need to take care of our land and ocean.

Therefore we presently support the creation of the Aha Moku System, as it presently appears to be the best way that we can be consulted on the preservation and sensible use of the natural resources on and around Niihau.

Signed

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February 11, 2011

Testimony in opposition to SB 23

DATE: Saturday, February 12, 2011

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 225

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011

Submitted by: Harry Kaumoana

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing,

I am lawai'a and mahi'ai. I practice my culture every day. I do not support SB 23 because I do not need a group to represent me or my culture. I can speak for myself, and do.

My tutu taught us to take care of our own place and we can do that. Laws already exist that make government take our resources into consideration when they are doing something. We are watching.

We need to take responsibility for our own places and we don't need Wespac paid federal people to do that for us. We do not need another group to "represent us", we can speak for ourselves.

Mahalo for letting me testify, if airfare was cheaper, I would be there.

Me ka aloha,

Harry Kaumoana, Sr.

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Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair

Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair

Re: SB 23 – Testimony in **SUPPORT**

Aloha nui e Chair Galuteria, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Ryan and Vice Chair Solomon,

I would like to share my **support** for SB 23. I believe if the Aha Kiole runs as it should then the Chairman of DLNR and the staff of DLNR should be able to work with them and receive good advice regarding the State's management of land and natural resources.

Mahalo,

Kama Hopkins

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SB23 Committees: WLH/HWN Rm. 225 2/12/2011 10 a.m. (HST)

Re: OPPOSE SB23

Aloha Honorable Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair, and WLH committee members: Carol Fukunaga, Pohai Ryan, Maile Shimabukuru, and Sam Slom.

Aloha Honorable Senator Galuteria, Chair, Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair, and HWN committee members: J. Kalani English, Clayton Hee, Gilbert Kahele, Michelle Kidani, Malama Solomon and Sam Slom.

I am concerned that this measure is a potential negative impact upon the actual protection of our natural resources. Not everybody belongs to a Hawaiian civic club and I will state that this measure as written is biased.

Page 1 Line 9 reads:

Native Hawaiian culture has knowledge that has been passed on for generations

Line 9 should read:

Native Hawaiian traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) has been passed down for generations

[The suggested use of TEK would be in sync with the state, federal, and global science community]

[The usage of passed on sounds as if someone died; passed down is commonly used here in Hawaii and genealogical pedigree is from the top down]

Page 5 Line 11 and 12 reads:

. . . the specific resources located within those areas

[This usage goes against what we are trying to protect]

Page 6 Line 11 states:

(3) Foster the understanding and practical use of knowledge

Line 11 should read:

(3) Foster the understanding of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK)

Page 3 Line 16 states:

. . . the Northwest Hawaiian islands

Line 16 should read:

. . . the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) . . .

[This would be consistent with state, federal, and global communities]

Page 7 Lines 1 to 3 states:

(8) Establish an administrative structure that oversees the 'aha moku system; and

(9) Select an executive director.

[Perhaps I am reading this wrong but I see a state version of WPFMC (Western Pacific Fishery Management Council). The executive director supposedly works for the, in this case, the Commission which I assume would be a paid position.

Where will the funds come from? DLNR's budget? There is no mention of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and share cost.

This document smells fishy and I would like to recommend to these distinguished committees that ample time be given the public to review the Report to the Legislature from this advisory group on behalf of the host culture.]

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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