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Subject: Testimony for SCR55 on 3/28/2011 9:30:00 AM

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony for JDL 3/28/2011 9:30:00 AM SCR55

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kira
Organization: Individual
Address:
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Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:

Aloha. The use of names carries important meaning and symbolizes the values we place on our society. The name "Discoverers' Day" in Hawaii reflects and condones a history based on subjugation. The fifteenth century Western concept of discovery established Christian dominion over non-Christians that allowed for their enslavement and the taking of their lands. Countless numbers of indigenous peoples subsequently perished worldwide as a result of the European imperial and colonization process. Today, an increasing number of American states, cities, local governments, and institutions have renamed or abolished "Columbus Day," which is synonymous with the concept of discovery and recognizing a "Discoverers' Day." Therefore, it is requested that the name of this day in Hawaii be changed to Indigenous Peoples' Day to support and stand in solidarity with indigenous peoples around the world.

I was fortunate enough to be able to go to college in Oregon, where I met members of other indigenous groups who celebrated "indigenous peoples day". There, I was so surprised to find that most of the history I had learned in Hawai'i about other indigenous people was so euro-centric, disempowering, inaccurate, limited, 2-dimensional, and outright racist. It is never too late to make a change to educate ourselves better, to more accurately tell history from multiple points of view. I will not be present at the hearing today because I work as a counselor with indigenous haumana (students). Passing this measure would help me to show my students that the ideals adults talk about are worth living up to. Yes, you can question established traditions like "Columbus Day" (who, by the way, committed genocide and other atrocities) and make changes. Yes, you can seek truth and find it in our mo'olelo (stories) that are passed down from generation to generation. Yes, the names and connotations of our celebrations matter in the community. The idea of "Discoverer's Day" is old-fashioned and narrow-minded, especially because the "discoverers" often arrived at places that were already populated with people who were flourishing sustainably, criss-crossing the Pacific in double-hulled canoes! I'd like to send my support this important legislation.

ke aloha no,
kira

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Mahina Rapu Tuki de Leitel

Organization: President of Tumu RA"AU RAPA NUI

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Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

In support of change of name from the Discovery day to Indigenous Day in Hawaii, mahalo and God bless you for making History better, Mahina Rapu

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lynette Cruz
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:

I support the renaming of this day to 'indigenous peoples' day. it's such a respectful action and one that is relatively simple to do. naming a 'holiday' after an activity that caused harm and pain to native peoples of the u.s. (or anywhere, for that matter) seems like a continuation of all that is bad in the united states. native peoples need a win. please consider changing the focus from the discoverer/colonizer to the native person/indigenous people who called every place their home before they were invaded. mahalo nui loa.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted by: Luwella K Leonardi
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:

Aloha, as a native Hawaiian on DHHL I support SCR55 and to change 'Discovery Day' to IN HAWAII' I to Indigenous Peoples' Day would honor people of the world. As hub of different cultures it warrants the essence of humanity. A multi-ethnic community is what we have always had at least I can remember. A unique Pacific Island place that fans across the Hawaii is a reflection of all cultures in the world. A celebration of man is a step in the right direction and reflects Aloha.

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Submitted by: George K. Flores
Organization: Hui Ha_Li'ulani
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Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:

It is a very good thing to finally recognize the "Indigenous" and correct the injustices of stealing, occupying, mass killings, rape and genocide in god's name (Papal Bull)by exploiters, not discoverers. Mahalo Nui Loa

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted by: P. Kaanohi Kaleikini
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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March 28, 2001

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
And Committee Members On Judiciary
The Senate, The Twenty-Sixth Legislature
Regular Session of 2011

Subject: SR 29/SCR 55 Requesting the Governor to Support Legislation
that Redesignated Discoverer's Day in Hawaii as Indigenous
Peoples Day, "SUPPORT"

ALOHA Kakou,

My name is Richard Pomaikaiokalani Kinney. I testify today as a
Hawaiian National. I "SUPPORT" the passage of SR 29/SCR 55.

Every Human being is an Indigenous person who calls Hawaii their
home.

Just recently United States finally recognized the "Resolution of the
Rights of the Indigenous Peoples" that was passed earlier by the United
Nations.

It is only proper that Hawaii joins United Nations and the United
States in this step forward for all the Indigenous Peoples of Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui for your SUPPORT of these important resolutions.

ALOHA KUU AINA HAWAII



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