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LATE TESTIMONY

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Comments:

This subject is one of great concern and is brought up by those who are not qualified to apply for Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, but yet the list of over 24,000 names of people continue to be just that names on a list, people patiently waiting for a Hawaiian Homes lot or house. I oppose the bill only because it is not justified, I have read testimony submitted by OHA and it states that they believe it was not the intent of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole to agree to or introduce a bill stating that the rehabilitation of native Hawaiians was important, and to put a blood quantum to his ACT1920. I believe it was so, my grandmother who was only 25% Hawaiian and was alive when he did enact that Constitutional Act, said over and over that the Prince was trying to protect our native people and that she was not able to live on Hawaiian Homelands but accepted that fact readily. She also would talk of how unfair that was to her, but it made her a better person. She said the Prince loved his people and wanted to make sure that our Hawaiian blood would continue, so by introducing such a bill this would encourage us to marry our own kind, or race, so that the Hawaiian race would not be a dying one. This was her story, and I believe her, cause even today I hear people saying the same thing. All that aside, the fact of the matter is that although all people are created equal there are some people who are fortunate to be native of their country and so we Hawaiians are just that, The DHHL tries to make sure that those of 50% are getting their awards but, then there is a system created by a legislative enactment giving 25% Hawaiians homes and lands, which was suppose to be as a successor. Today people who are 25% or even less are living in homes on Hawaiian Home lands. A system of a 50% Hawaiian who receives an award from DHHL, then (while living) succeeds it to her children, or grandchildren with 25% Hawaiian, then goes back on the list and gets another place, then it goes on and on. I could do the same, for my grandchildren, and great grandchildren. But, I see the faces of those who have been waiting for years for an award, and I see the homeless Hawaiian come to meetings and say how they feel shortchanged because their friend not Hawaiian and lives on Hawaiian homelands. The system needs to change, the language needs to be changed to say , "succeed upon death." It is the only way to help all of the 24,000 to 26,000 on the waiting list. I, also, respond to those who feel everyone should have an award from DHHL no matter what the blood content, then that would leave the window open to everyone, even those people with no Hawaiian blood. Opposition only because it has been proven that this is not a good thing.

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Comments:

I am in favor of getting rid of the blood quantum but after reading all of the testimonies I realize that there's a real problem regarding the reassignment of Hawaiian homelands. I believe that legislators have to fix the reassignment problem before they try to deal with the blood quantum issue.

I submit that a provision be added to this resolution or another resolution be drafted to deal with the reassignment issue. Provision should read something like, upon death of the lessee and the successor decides to sell the lease, successor is required to go to the Dept of Hawaiian Homelands and the dept shall offer the sale of said lease to the next person on the waiting list until a buyer is found. In this way, Hawaiians who are waiting on the list will be given the opportunity to buy the lease and at the same time the lessee will be able to recover some of the costs that they put into the house and land.