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**Comments:**

Let's see. If I recall correctly, there were about 120,000 individuals who signed up for the Kau Inoa racial registry. Presumably, they will now want to sign up with the Act 195 Roll Commission. So estimate the cost for our government (i.e., the State of Hawaii government, not the emerging racist government) to generate sufficient certified documents for each person to prove native ancestry, and multiply that cost by 120,000 to figure out how many millions of tax dollars are being demanded in this bill. Now consider the good works which our government will not be able to afford because those millions of dollars are being diverted to help people qualify for special handouts on account of their race. Tell the homeless people you won't help them because you're helping someone prove he has Hawaiian ancestry. Tell the teachers they can't have a pay raise because it's more important to help someone prove her great-grandfather was native Hawaiian. Consider elderly people on fixed incomes who no longer drive but nevertheless need a state ID card to satisfy government bureaucratic purposes -- tell them they must pay for certification needed to prove their identity in compliance with new federal laws, and then tell them that, if only they had a drop of the magic blood, then they could get their certificates for free.

Stop this nonsense! OHA already has several hundred million dollars squirreled away in its investment portfolio. OHA continues to receive many millions more each year from the public land revenues and from legislative appropriations of tax dollars. OHA is the champion of racial entitlement. Let OHA pay for people to prove their race.

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Transmitted is testimony for HB 1745, Relating to Native Hawaiians that calls for waiving the fees for certified copies of birth, marriage, divorce, or death certificates when the certificates are required to provide that an individual is a qualified Native Hawaiian for purposes of the Native Hawaiian roll.

Testifier: Mahealani Cypher, President, Oahu Council, AHCC; or Leimomi Khan, Chair, Government Relations Committee, Oahu Council

Committee: Committee on Hawaiian Affairs; Committee on Health

Date and time of hearing: February 8, 2012, 10:30 a.m., conf room 329

Measure Number: HB1745, Relating to Native Hawaiians

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**O'ahu Council**  
**Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs**  
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February 6, 2012

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1745**  
**RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS**

Hearing, Wednesday, February 8, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room 329, State Capitol

Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair  
Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Health

Aloha mai, kākou

The O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs comprised of 25 civic clubs located on the island of O'ahu testifies in support of HB 1745, Relating to Native Hawaiians.

The purpose of this bill is to waive the fees for certified copies of birth, marriage, divorce, or death certificates when the certificates are required to prove that an individual is a "qualified Native Hawaiian" for the purposes of the Native Hawaiian Roll.

Act 195 of Session Laws of Hawaii, 2011 recognized the Native Hawaiian people as the maoli, indigenous, aboriginal people of Hawaii. Act 195 created the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission to certify individuals on a roll of "qualified Native Hawaiians".

A "qualified Native Hawaiian" must demonstrate that the individual is a descendant of the aboriginal people residing in Hawaii prior to 1778; or a descendant of an individual who was eligible in 1921 for programs authorized by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920; or a direct descendant of that individual; and is eighteen years or older.

The law provides that the first copy of these certificates is \$10 and each additional copy is \$4.

A part-Hawaiian must provide a copy of their birth certificate showing that they are of Hawaiian ancestry, then provide a copy of the Hawaiian parent's birth certificate to show the parent is Hawaiian or the grandparent who would have qualified under the Hawaiian Homes Act of 1920. This means an expenditure of at least \$20 to \$30 per person to prove they are a "qualified Native Hawaiian" so that they may enroll. Multiply this by the number of children the applicant may wish to enroll...and the process becomes quite pricey.

The public policy of Act 195 is to facilitate self-governance for Native Hawaiians. Hawaiians should not be prevented in participating in this process because they lack funds to provide a certified birth certificate for themselves and/or members of their families.

In the same section of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, sub-section 338-14, certified copies of these certificates are free to veterans of the armed forces of the United States, their wife, or any member of their immediate family. Thus, providing certificates without cost is not unprecedented. Allowing certificates to be free for Native Hawaiians, the indigenous people of Hawai'i, supports the intent of Act 195.

We, therefore, urge the passage of HB 1745. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Me kealoha pumehana



MAHEALANI CYPHER  
President

**About the O'ahu Council, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC)**

The O'ahu Council is one of five councils that comprise the AHCC. It advocates actions that enhance the civic, economic, educational, health and social welfare of our communities and elevates the social and intellectual status of all Hawaiians. Twenty-five clubs located throughout the island of O'ahu comprise the council.

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Comments:  
aloha... Please submit attached testimony. Mahalo, shane

# **KUAKINI HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF KONA**

Testimony of President Shane Akoni Palacat-Nelsen  
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## **HOUSE BILL 1745 RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS**

Before the House  
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
Wednesday February 8, 2012 10:30 a.m. Room 329

Aloha Madame Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, I am Shane Nelsen, President of Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona, and here to testify **IN SUPPORT OF HB 1745 RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS.**

The Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona is a chartered club of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. We are firm advocates to ensure the perpetuity of the quality of life for Native Hawaiians.

Since the inception of “race-based” criteria into Hawaiian Government, particularly in 1920 via the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, it has created division, social issues, and an identity crisis, and even discouragement for inherent entitlements for Natives Hawaiians. Currently, the Native Hawaiian population is the **ONLY** recognized indigenous (ACT 195) ethnic community mandated to prove ancestry, because of governmental policies requiring certified copies of vital/death records, for the purpose of proving ancestry.

Madame Chair and Committee Members, the Native Hawaiian population is again required to demonstrate proof of aboriginal descent prior to 1778 in order to receive legal recognition. Act 195, is to facilitate self-governance for the Native Hawaiians. Hawaiians should **NOT** be discouraged anymore or be prevented in participating in this process because of economic constraints to provide certified vital/death certificates for themselves and for other members of their families.

HRS, SS 338-14, states that veterans of U.S. Armed Forces, their wife, or member of their immediate family, are exempt from paying these same fees being charged to Hawaiians. If it's free for veterans, it should be free to Native Hawaiians who are obligated to meet the requirements of Act 195.

We believe HB 1745, is a step towards fairness, and obligation (kuleana) of the State of Hawaii to the Native Hawaiian Community. We urge this committee to **SUPPORT HB 1745.**

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide testimony.

For further information please contact Shane Nelsen, President of Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona at [shane.nelsen@gmail.com](mailto:shane.nelsen@gmail.com) .

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**Comments:**

Honorable Chairs,

This is not about just the fees, it's why do Hawaiians have to pay to prove we are Hawaiians. We have been paying in some form or fashion since 1778, it was our ancestors lives due to disease, then western greed with the land ownerships and then the illegal overthrow. We continue to pay. Act 195 is suppose to help us maintain a true and authentic count of us native Hawaiians, but we have to pay, unfair. We should have a simpler system to verify we are who we say we are.

Mahalo,  
Crystal Kia Paul  
Denton Texas



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**Comments:**

Aloha, attached please find support testimony for HB1745 from the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission. If you should have any questions, please advise. Mahalo..

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### **Support Testimony Regarding HB No. 1745**

Aloha:

The Native Hawaiian Roll Commission was established pursuant to Act 195, on July 6, 2011. The mission of the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission is "To re-unify Native Hawaiians to establish a Roll for the purpose of organizing a recognized Native Hawaiian government."

At its meeting on January 20, 2012, all Commissioners of the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission, by consensus, agreed to support the provisions of HB No. 1745. The purpose of HB 1745 is to waive fees for certified copies of birth, marriage, divorce, or death certificates when the certificates are required to prove that an individual is a qualified Native Hawaiian for the purpose of the Native Hawaiian roll.

The Native Hawaiian Roll Commission is in the process of determining a process for Native Hawaiians to enroll pursuant to the provisions of Act 195. Ancestry verification will certainly be a part of the enrollment process.

The cost of obtaining copies of certain vital documents presents a significant hurdle for Native Hawaiians who may be interested in participating in the Native Hawaiian Roll. The Commission supports any attempt to eliminate or minimize financial and bureaucratic impediments which may discourage participation in the enrollment process. HB1745 provides a significant step in eliminating certain financial obstacles to Native Hawaiian enrollment.

We strongly urge your support of this measure.

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**Comments:**

This so called process of identifying an individual is a qualified Native Hawaiian for purposes of the Native Hawaiian roll is not only misleading but false in its promotion. This so called roll is actually a new citizenship list of those Native Hawaiians who will be part of the restored Hawaiian Nation. As former Gov John Waihe'e states "Our primary imperative, as the commission, is to reunify the sovereignty of Native Hawaiians," "Together we are a nation - reawakened, reunited and restored.

The kau inoa list being used for this purposed is known to be flawed and inaccurate with its so called consent of those signing it so this alone should prohibit it from being used and a new list be comprised with full intention of its purpose, then a bill like this should be considered for passing.