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**ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS
TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

HOUSE BILL 1984 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE

Wed.; Jan. 25, 2012; 9:15 am; Room 329

Aloha Madame Chair Hanohano, vice chair Lee and members of the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and it give me great pleasure to support House Bill 1984 that will designate February as “Olelo Hawaii Month” and celebrate and encourage the use of Hawaiian language.

I represent and speak for sixty component Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Hawaii, and eleven states on the continent. There are twenty six clubs on Oahu, as well as clubs on each of the neighbor islands.

The first three pages of this bill is written in olelo Hawaii, and I would venture to say it is the first time in a century that even a portion of an official government document before the legislature has appeared in the native language of these islands. Mahalo nui!

We strongly support this bill and the others before you today relating to Hawaiian language as the rejuvenation of the language has long been part of the Association agenda. When our organization began in 1918 the meetings were conducted in olelo Hawaii. Later, as the language was lost, leaders of our organization had to work diligently to bring it back and to see the language coming to life again is gratifying.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. We urge passage of this bill.

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Tuesday, January 24, 2012

From: Kelaiki Keala, Kupuna
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To: Representative Faye Hanohano, Chairperson
Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chair
The Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Re: HB 1984, Relating to Hawaiian Language

Aloha!

I support HB 1984, designating February as 'Ōlelo Hawai'i month to celebrate and encourage the use of the Hawaiian language, and urge you to do the same. I support this bill simply because Hawai'i is the birthplace of our native language, and it should be supported in its own backyard ('āina hānau). Every effort should be made by today's leaders to ensure its continuance, growth and viability for today's speakers and the generations to come.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide supporting testimony.

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

From: K. 'Alohilani Okamura
Kuini Pi'olani HCC, Pelekikena

To: Representative Faye Hanohano, Chairperson
Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chair
The Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Re: HB 1984, Relating to Hawaiian Language

Aloha mai kākou!

Kako'o au i HB 1984, ka mea e ho'opa'a ai i Pepeluali ma ke 'ano he mahina 'ōlelo Hawai'i. He mea nui kēia no kākou a pau e noho nei ma ka pae'āina o Hawai'i no ka mea ua 'ōlelo 'ia i ka 'ōlelo ke ola a ma o ka waiwai o ka 'ōlelo ke ola no kākou a pau. E paipai pū kākou i nā alaka'i a me nā kupa maka'āinana e 'ōlelo Hawai'i i kekahi i kekahi i nā lā a pau i nā manawa a pau, i nā wahi a pau.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide supporting testimony.

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Aloha mai kakou!

E ola mau ka `olelo makuahine!

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