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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING &
JUDICIARY AND LABOR
IN SUPPORT WITH CONCERNS

HB 2246 HD 2, RELATING TO HAIKU VALLEY

March 20, 2012

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Hee, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports the general intent of HB 2246 HD 2 as it seeks to establish uniform oversight of Haiku Valley to preserve in perpetuity the unique and significant cultural and historic resources in the valley.

As one of the major landowners of property in Haiku Valley, DHHL believes there must be more dialogue and consultation with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to address key issues about oversight, property conveyance, community concerns, and continuity of existing DHHL commitments with Ke Kula O Samuel M. Kamakau (a Public Charter School located on DHHL lands in Haiku Valley) prior to the formation of the Haiku Valley Cultural Preserve Commission. Compensation must also be discussed as the Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act, the federal settlement legislation under which DHHL received its Haiku Valley property, mandates the minimum value DHHL must receive before releasing this property from its inventory.

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Further, the House Draft 1 appropriates funds for the operations of the commission from the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund. The Hawaiian Homes Commission has complete oversight of this trust fund and this legislation infringes on the Hawaiian Homes Commission's authority to manage this resource. Also, the revenue stream into this fund is sharply decreasing and already there are limited resources available for the existing programs that depend on this fund. We ask that your community identify a different funding source for the Haiku Valley Cultural Preserve Commission.

Mahalo for your consideration and the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT – H.B. 2246, H.D.2 – RELATING TO HA'IKU VALLEY

Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, and Members
Committee on Land, Water, & Housing
Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair, and Members
Committee on Judiciary & Labor

Aloha Senators:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club once again speaks in strong support of House Bill 2246, House Draft 2, Relating to Ha'iku Valley. Our members have worked for years to malama this valley and its cultural resources. Many of our older members once lived in the valley, and were relocated when the military took over the property.

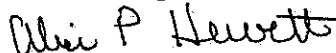
We ask you to pass this bill. We are working closely with the Ko'olau Foundation to meet with community groups, landowners and others to come up with a responsible plan for the future use of this important cultural and natural resource. We have attended numerous meetings called by the Foundation to discuss a wide range of issues, and we feel that a positive attitude among all parties has emerged from these discussions.

This preserve will prove that the vision of our community will support the vision of you, our legislators, to provide for future generations by preserving the rich cultural and natural resources of our island.

We are committed to supporting this effort and to helping the Ko'olau Foundation and our other community stakeholders to make this a reality. All that remains between ourselves and that vision is to have this legislation passed into law.

We urge your support by passing this bill. Mahalo.

Me kealoha pumehana,


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Testimony of President Soulee Stroud

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND and HOUSING
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY and LABOR**

**House Bill 2246HD2(HSCR892-12) Relating to Haiku Valley
Tuesday, March 20, 2012; 12:30pm; Room 016**

Aloha Chairman Dela Cruz of the Senate Water, Land and Housing Committee, Chairman Hee of the Judiciary and Labor Committee and to members of both committees. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs here to support House Bill 2246HD2 Relating to Haiku Valley.

The Association I represent is comprised of sixty component clubs in Hawaii and eleven states on the continent. There are twenty six clubs on Oahu alone, as well as on each of the neighbor islands. Several of our clubs have as their mission, the protection and preservation of cultural and historic resources and educating the public about these resources.

The Association in its 2005 annual convention in Kohala, Hawaii passed Resolution 05-28 To Support The Establishment Of Cultural Preserves In Halawa and Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu. Our Windward, Oahu clubs, in particular the Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, lists members who have ties to Haiku Valley stretching back for generations. It has been especially frustrating for them to be barred from visiting the family iwi under current management.

The Association strongly supports the establishment of the Haiku valley Cultural Preserve Commission to provide fair policy development and management oversight of the Haiku Valley cultural preserve and urges that members of our Windward civic clubs are named to the Commission when it is formed. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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TO: Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair / and Members
Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Housing

Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair / and Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa
Member, Board of Directors

SUBJECT: SUPPORT – H.B. 2246, H.D. 2 – RELATING TO HA`IKU VALLEY

Aloha! My name is Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa, and I am a kupa`aina family with over 200 years of residence in the ahupua`a of He`eia and connected to Ha`iku Valley. I am speaking today on behalf of the Ko`olau Foundation, but also for our kupa`aina families, both groups which strongly support passage of this bill to create a cultural preserve in Ha`iku Valley.

My Grand-Uncle Ulysses Jones was the last konohiki for water in the ahupua`a of He`eia, and many of our family members are buried in the uplands. Some of our relatives still live on Ha`iku Road. Many of our kupuna remember the days when the family lived in the valley. One of them, sadly, passed away recently. Aunty Carol Bright was very active in our work to create this cultural preserve. In her last two weeks of life, she spent a Sunday afternoon in the valley while our members did the cleaning of the heiau. Her final act, on behalf of this bill, was to testify in person in the House Finance Committee only days before she succumbed to pneumonia and passed away. So as you can see, we have very deep roots in the valley, and are committed to working for the cultural preserve to be established.

Besides the fact that my family has a long history and relationship with the valley, our Ko`olau Foundation has worked long and hard to make sure the important historic and cultural places in Ha`iku are protected.

Almost 20 years ago, the Ko`olau Foundation began its efforts to see that a cultural preserve was established in the valley. This was when we received word that the Coast Guard was planning to close down the OMEGA Station. We went to the community, and asked them what they would like to see this valley used for, once the Coast Guard was pau. The result of our community outreach was captured in a conceptual plan that has been developed for OHA and which, we hope, will someday be realized if this bill is passed into law.

Since that time, we have held numerous meetings with various stakeholders, including the landowners, the Kahalu`u and Kane`ohe Neighborhood Boards, and other organizations. We are continuing to reach out to others to ensure that this plan, now being developed, will reflect a broad consensus of our community's needs and desires. Our primary purpose, however, is to make sure the wahi kapu – sacred places – are preserved, cleared and recognized once again as valuable cultural assets.

This bill is needed, and the Kahea has been sounded: we ask you to hear the call, and pass this bill into law.

Mahalo.