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Comments:



HB2299
RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 1, 2012

8:30 a.m.

Room: 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following comments on HB2299, which would require OHA to establish a full-time-equivalent permanent genealogies manager position within OHA. An unspecified amount of general funds would be appropriated for FY 2012-2013 to establish this position.

While genealogy work is often crucial in promoting and protecting the rights of Native Hawaiians, we believe that decisions regarding the management and staffing of the genealogy function in OHA are most appropriately left to the OHA Board of Trustees and the OHA Administration.

In addition, the bill is ambiguous and unclear regarding the proposed duties of the genealogies manager. For example, what "claims" are being referred to in the phrase "gather, verify, and create a database of genealogies for persons who have claims to kuleana lands"? Is the intent of this provision to expand OHA's current genealogy work that supports applicants for county real-property tax exemptions for kuleana lands? If so, how would OHA know which individuals or entities are claiming ownership of kuleana lands? Is the intent of the consultation and coordination provision to trace the legal history of each kuleana parcel throughout the state?

We look forward to fruitful discussions with your Committee as to the intent and requirements of this bill.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Comments:

Leimana DaMate, Executive Director of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, will be present at the committee hearing to answer questions on our behalf if need be. Mahalo.



Vanda Hanakahi, Chair, Aha Moku Advisory Committee

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION
OF HB 2299

Relating to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, 8:30 a.m., Room 329

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2299. This bill requires OHA to establish 1 full-time equivalent permanent position for a genealogies manager and asks for an appropriation.

The bill calls for the genealogies manager to gather, verify, and create a database of genealogies for persons who have claims to Kuleana lands. It further calls for consultation and coordination with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Bureau of Conveyances and land court to identify Kuleana lands for which title has been quieted in favor of non-native Hawaiians. We assume non-native means non-Hawaiians. This is a serious issue that has impacted many Hawaiians over the years and deserves constant attention.

While we support the intent of the bill, we must oppose its passage at this time for the following reasons: As far as we are aware, OHA addresses this important issue through the Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council and through its land division. Further, this kind of genealogy research is on-going through the Kau Inoa and Hawaiian Registry programs.

Finally, with the passage of Act 195, the State Recognition Act, there is a concentrated effort by its commissioners to address the verifying of the roll through methods that include genealogy research. We believe appropriating funds from OHA for this process would be duplicating efforts already begun.

We support the intent of HB 2299, but oppose its passage at this time. Mahalo nui loa!

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Comments:

If OHA can fund the Native Hawaiian Governing Entity then they can fund this project.

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From: Kamea Blackman [olanaiwi@gmail.com]
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January 30, 2012

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to you in regards to HB 2299 which calls for the requirement of OHA to establish 1 full-time equivalent permanent position for a Genealogies & Appropriations Manager. I believe this to be an important measure in fulfilling obligations to protect and award Native Hawaiians and other Kingdom of Hawaii descendents that hold lawful claims to the Kuleana lands, especially from such Laws as Act 55 which has inappropriately given the DLNR the right to have Kuleana lands escheated into the State's inventory, or to have the lands be quiet titled through adverse possession because people were not aware that they are heirs to these lands. Act 55 wrongfully gives DLNR the right to sell these Kuleana lands that are escheated into their inventory and do with it as they may without needing to file for permits or meet codes. Since it's passing, it has attracted many developers. Despite our efforts in Land Court and Contacting the State to notify them of our claims, it has become all too common for us to be ignored. Even when we do have claims, the DLNR continues to do as they please and they end up giving away our lands to foreign developers. It is outrageous that the Head of DLNR William Ayla has told one claimant that they will be charged with "Trespass" on their very own lands despite laws HRS 172.11 that states our Ancestors lands inure to the Awardees heirs and assigns upon their deaths. HB 2299 is the State's chance to do the right thing after having signed into law last year Act 55 as mention above.

Sincerely,
Kamea L. Blackman

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Comments:

Ke Aupuni O Hawaii

Ua mau ke Eā i ka 'Āina i ka Pono
The Sovereignty of the Land is perpetuated in Righteousness
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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FEBRUARY 1, 2012

8:30 AM, ROOM 329

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2299 – RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

CHAIR HANOHANO, VICE-CHAIR REP. LEE and MEMBERS of the HOUSE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Aloha. I offer this testimony today on behalf of the Cabinet Council of Ke Aupuni O Hawaii, the government of the reactivated sovereign, independent nation, Ko Hawaii Pae Aina.

We are here today to register our **SUPPORT** of **HB 2299** because any effort to clarify and set the record straight regarding the proper titles and heirs to the lands will ultimately benefit all the people of Hawaii nei.

One of the greatest injustices of the pirating of the Hawaiian Kingdom has been the plundering of the lands of the Hawaiian people through the use of foreign laws imposed by the usurpers.

By providing the genealogical research and verification called for in this bill, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs would be providing a great service to the Hawaiian people. It would enable Hawaiians to confirm the genealogical links necessary to trace chain of title and whether or not their claims to lands are valid.

We offer two suggestions to make this service more meaningful. 1) increase the staff, because the one person called for in this bill will not be enough to do the work properly; and 2) give the research provided credence by certifying that its findings will be valid in a court of law.

Respectfully submitted,



Leon Siu
Cabinet Council Member
Ke Aupuni O Hawaii,
Ko Hawaii Pae Aina

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Comments:
Aloha Madame Chair Hanohano and Mahalo for allowing testimony on HB2300.

KUAKINI HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF KONA
Testimony of President Shane Akoni Palacat-Nelsen
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HOUSE BILL 2300
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Before the House
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Wednesday, February 01, 2012 8:30 a.m. Conference Room 329

Aloha Madame Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and members of the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Shane Nelsen, President of the Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona. It is with great pleasure that **WE SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 2300, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS** which will designate 5% of Public Land Trust Revenues annually for the purpose of promoting housing and development for the beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian Homes.

The Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona is a chartered club of the Association of Hawaiian Civic clubs. Our membership consists of both Native and Non-Native Hawaiians; we are committed to, and concerned with the welfare of the Native Hawaiian community.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 was built on a foundation associated to what is now called the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. After the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, Prince Kuhio saw the need to address the welfare of the Native Hawaiians. As a non-voting Delegate to U.S. Congress, he was able to pass an Act that would empower Native Hawaiians to keep their traditions and cultural connections to the land. It would only be appropriate that we continue that legacy of building conscious communities for the welfare of Native Hawaiians.

The Admissions Act of 1959, 5(f) also addresses the purpose and use of Public Land Trust, for the betterment of Native Hawaiians, education and institutions, agriculture and farming, housing, and other public purposes. All of these requirements listed, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has addressed. They provide scholarship funds for education, housing, and agriculture/farming for their beneficiaries who are the Native Hawaiians. If any entity that comes full circle, and continues to forge through, regarding section 5(f), it is the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Madame Chair, we urge that this committee support HB2300, and call for your vote of support.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Shane Akoni Nelsen

For further information please contact Shane Nelsen, President of Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona at shane.nelsen@gmail.com .

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