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Comments:



HB2672
RELATING TO THE OVERTHROW OF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM
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 HB2672, which seeks to establish a commission within OHA—to be funded by OHA—whose function is to recognize and commemorate the native Hawaiians who signed the Petition Against Annexation.

OHA currently houses and funds a number of state commissions and task forces, including the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission, the Taro Task Force and the Criminal Justice Task Force. OHA staff members routinely go above and beyond the call of their regular job duties to provide administrative support to these commissions and task forces, and OHA commits hundreds of thousands of dollars to their financial support. During this legislative session, a number of proposed bills seek to place commissions under the administrative and financial responsibility of OHA. Given OHA's duty to commit its financial and human resources to furthering its mandate to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians, OHA's Board of Trustees must weigh the costs and benefits to the Native Hawaiian community of each proposed commission, including the commission proposed by this bill.

The Board of Trustees is currently in the process of weighing the respective costs and benefits to OHA's Native Hawaiian beneficiaries of funding and administering the commission proposed by HB2672. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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Comments:
This bill gives good testament to what the will of the people means.

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COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (HAW)
Rep Faye P Hanohano, Chair
Rep Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Notice of Hearing

DATE: Wednesday, February 1, 2012
TIME: 8:30AM
PLACE: Conference Room 329

RE: Testimony SUPPORTING HB 2672 (Relating to the Overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom)

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee & Committee Members,
The *Kawaihapai Ohana* is recognized by *The Department of Interior (DOI)* thru their *Office of Hawaiian Relations* (<http://www.doi.gov/ohr/nativehawaiians/list.cfm>) as a *Native Hawaiian Organization (NHO)*. This list also contains our mission statement which includes acknowledgement and honoring our *Kupuna* which is included in this measure. At our state level, the *Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)* recognizes the *Kawaihapai Ohana* as a *Native Hawaiian Organization (NHO)* and listed as such.

The *Ahupua’a of Kawaihapai* is situated on the *Northwest Coastline of Waialua Moku* here on the *Island of Oahu*.

The *Kawaihapai Ohana* supports HB 2672 because it honors and acknowledges *Waialua Moku Kupuna* that signed the *Anti-Annexation Petition*. This is similar to the *Kalaupapa Monument* which acknowledges those sent there for leprosy. Like *Kupuna* of other geographical areas that signed this petition, it would afford them acknowledgement and respect they highly deserve similar to the *Veterans Memorial* situated within the State Capitol grounds. Additionally having the location of this memorial at *Iolani Palace* (or immediate proximity) is appropriate.

For many years the *Anti-Annexation Petitions* were “kept hidden” from us and not apart of our academic curriculum within the educational system. This measure is part of making things *Pono*. *Mahalo nui loa* for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting HB 2672. *Malama Pono*.

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Comments:

Ke Aupuni O Hawaii

Ua mau ke Eā i ka 'Āina i ka Pono
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING:

FEBRUARY 1, 2012

8:30 AM, ROOM 329

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2672 – RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

CHAIR HANO HANO, 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 the government of Ke Aupuni O Hawaii, the reactivated sovereign, independent nation, Ko Hawaii Pae Aina.

We are here today to register our **SUPPORT** of **HB 2672**.

The Hawaiian people suffered a great crisis when in 1893, circumstances forced Queen Lili'uokalani, as head of state of the Hawaiian Kingdom to temporarily yield her authority to the United States. The Queen placed her trust in Ke Akua, in international law and the integrity of the President of the United States to undo the wrong committed against her, the kingdom and its people.

The Queen was correct in her handling of the situation for within the year, U.S. President Cleveland admitted that, with regard to the Hawaiian Kingdom, the U.S. had committed a serious breach of international law. He then entered into an agreement with Queen Lili'uokalani to undo the wrong committed and assist in the restoration of the lawful government of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

However, four years later, in 1897, with the U.S.' commitment to restore the Hawaiian Kingdom still unfulfilled, the new president, William McKinley, in conspiracy with the leaders of the insurgent Republic of Hawaii, made another attempt to annex Hawaii to the U.S. This triggered the historic petition that is the focus of this bill.

This petition, along with another (collected by the Hui Kalai Aina), constituted the expressed will of over 90% of the Hawaiian people in opposition to annexation to the U.S. What is not mentioned in **HB 2672** is that the petition along with the personal lobbying efforts of the Queen, succeeded in stopping Congress from ratifying McKinley's treaty of annexation.

But the victory for the Hawaiian people was short lived. Unable to annex Hawaii lawfully, the U.S. and the traitorous leaders of the fraudulent "Republic of Hawaii", resorted to deception. In 1898 in order to conduct the U.S.' war with Spain, using the rationale of "military necessity", President McKinley and Congress, decided to

“acquire” Hawaii through a joint resolution of congress—a measure entirely illegal for use as a treaty of annexation.

This was an absolute slap in the face of the 90% of the people of Hawaii who signed the petition opposing annexation to the U.S. The Queen’s skillful diplomacy and masterful use of international law, and the clear expression of the will of the people, was no match for the self-serving greed and arrogant ambitions of the United States imperialism.

We support **HB 2672** because it is right to acknowledge and honor our kupuna for their Aloha Aina and the heroic ku’e (resistance) they took to preserve our rights and inheritance for such a time as this.

Malama pono,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leon Siu". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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