

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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HB2806 RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

HWN/WLH,
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Establishes aha moku advisory committee within the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Makes an appropriation. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB2806 HD2)

<u>Testifier</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Proposes Amend.</u>
William Aila, Jr.	Department of Land and Natural Resources	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alapaki Nahale-a	Department of Hawaiian Homelands	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Office of Hawaiian Affairs	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soulee Stroud	Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mahealani Cypher	Oahu Council - Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leialoha Kaluhiwa	Oahu Council - Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alice Hewett	Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitty Simmonds	Maunaloa Hawaiian Civic Club	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>

HB2820 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS.

WLH/HWN,
WAM

Directs Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish the east Honolulu fishpond heritage area. Provides state lease preferences for the reconstruction, restoration, repair, or use of Hawaiian and kanaka maoli fishponds. Creates a preference for the use of traditional names of Hawaiian fishponds. Effective July 1, 2012. (HB2820 HD3)

<u>Testifier</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Proposes Amend.</u>
William Aila, Jr.	Department of Land and Natural Resources	Submits Comments	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Department of Transportation	Submits Comments	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Office of Hawaiian Affairs	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soulee Stroud	Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeanine Johnson	Kuliouou/Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mahealani Cypher	Oahu Council - Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitty Simmonds	Maunaloa Hawaiian Civic Club	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Benjamin Shafer	Individual	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard Mamiya	Individual	Opposes	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
and
WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING**

**Monday, March 12, 2012
2:55 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2806, HOUSE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS**

House Bill 2806, House Draft 2 proposes to create an aha moku advisory committee within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to advise the Chairperson of the Department on the application of best management practices as they relate natural resources management with traditional practices and knowledge. The Department acknowledges the intent of the bill but prefers Senate Bill 3053, Senate Draft 1 (RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS) which proposes to establish an aha moku advisory committee within the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) to advise the chairperson of the Board of Trustees of OHA on matters related to land and natural resources management through the aha moku system.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure. .

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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PROVIDING COMMENTS TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS &
WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

HB 2806 HD 2, RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS

March 12, 2012

Chair Galuteria, Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands supports the purpose and intent of this bill to establish the Aha Moku Advisory Committee within the Department of Land and Natural Resources. As a land trust, we appreciate how the proposed moku system will include the use of community expertise and establish programs and projects to improve communication, education, provide training on stewardship issues throughout the region and increase education.

While we support the work of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee and the concept of ahupuaa-based indigenous management practices guiding the oversight of the state's natural resources, we ultimately defer to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the lead agency, to determine the feasibility and fiscal impact of this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments.



HB2806 HD2
RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing

March 12, 2012

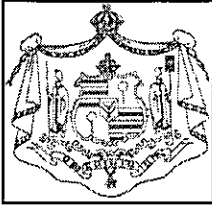
2:55 p.m.

Room: 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB2806 HD2, which would establish the 'Aha Moku Advisory Committee placed within the Department of Land and Natural Resources for administrative purposes.

Creating an 'Aha Moku Advisory Committee would empower Native Hawaiians to participate in the management of Hawai'i's natural, cultural, and historical resources. It would also aid the State in making better resource management decisions. Local communities that have lived off the resources of their respective ahupua'a and have studied the area's conditions and resources over generations have the best knowledge regarding when it is the proper time to harvest, to kapu, to heal, to monitor, to inspect, and to take accountings. Native Hawaiians have centuries of traditional knowledge upon which to draw and have an interest in perpetuating Native Hawaiian traditions and customs, and the resources they rely upon, for generations to come.

Therefore, OHA urges your committee to PASS HB2806 HD2. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

HOUSE BILL 2806HD2 (HSCR899-12) RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND & HOUSING
Monday, March 12, 2012; 2:55 p.m.; Room 224

Aloha Chairman Galuteria of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chairman Dela Cruz of the Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing, and members of the joint committees. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, here to testify in support of the original House Bill 2806 referring to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, and opposing HB2806HD2 (HSCR899-12) that came to the Senate via the House Finance Committee.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs actively supported several conferences as the concepts of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee were developed. Each stage of development included careful and thoughtful discussions of natural resources and cultural practices, past and present, with cultural practitioners, legislators, historians, environmentalists and others.

The present measure, HB2806HD2, does not do justice to the Native Hawaiian resource management and sustainability concepts of Aha Moku as foreseen by the attendees of the Aha Moku conferences and/or the practitioners who shared the insight of their kupuna.

We urge the Senate committees to establish the Aha Moku Advisory Committee within the DLNR, set a reasonable implementation date and make an appropriation that will enable the Committee to become reality.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify today.

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Feb. 28, 2012

TO: Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Sen. Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair
& Members
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Sen. Malama Solomon, Vice Chair
& Members
Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Housing

FROM: Mahealani Cypher, President
O'ahu Council, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

RE: H.B. 2806, H.D. 2, Relating to Native Hawaiians

Aloha, Chairs Galuteria and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, and Committee Members:

The O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs urges your support and passage of House Bill 2806, House Draft 2, relating to the establishment of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee to advise the State of Hawai'i on Native Hawaiian cultural practices and approaches to wise management of the natural and cultural resources of our islands.

Our Council includes 25 Hawaiian Civic Clubs from throughout the island of O'ahu, and our members are deeply concerned about the kinds of rules and regulations that govern our `aina and kai. Often, some rules don't make sense and run counter to what works better for our environment or cultural resources. It is our view that Hawaiian ways of caring for the land and waters were very effective in sustaining the large population that thrived here in the islands for centuries before Western contact.

This advisory committee of practitioners bring with them many generations of knowledge about careful and prudent resource management, and no doubt will prove an asset and help to those government agencies that promulgate rules, regulations and laws regarding resource protection and management.

We would urge the committee to ensure that this new advisory committee would be attached to the Department of Land & Natural Resources, and that the kuleana of the island Burial Councils not be assigned to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

We appreciate your earlier guidance and support on this matter, and ask your kokua and vote in favor of reporting this bill out of committee and, soon, into law.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our mana`o with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mahealani Cypher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

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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March 10, 2012

TESTIMONY – H.B. 2806,HD2 – Relating to Native Hawaiians

Hearing of the Committees on Hawaiian Affairs / Water, Land & Housing
Monday, March 12, 2012, 2:55 p.m., Conference Room 224

Aloha Chairs Galuteria and Dela Cruz and Committee Members,

My name is Leialoha “Rocky” Kaluhiwa, and I am here today to offer testimony in support of House Bill 2806, House Draft 2, which would establish an Aha Moku advisory committee in the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have lived all my life in the ahupua`a of He`eia. My family and I have always been cultural practitioners within our moku. In recent years, I have attended a number of Puwalu, gatherings of cultural practitioners from all the islands. Among the concerns I heard from other practitioners was that modern, western approaches to protecting our resources did not always work in harmony with traditional Hawaiian ways of ensuring preservation of the things from our land and sea.

This past year, I was appointed by the O`ahu Council president to serve as a liaison between our cultural practitioners on O`ahu and government agencies. Part of my role is to help improve communications and work toward the same purpose as this bill would provide.

We would like to see traditional Hawaiian practices woven into the policies, rules and regulations of our state and local government – and even the federal government – to make sure that while we protect our island species, we also protect and preserve our cultural gathering rights and use smart Hawaiian ways to accomplish both things.

For example, in the Hawaiian kapu system, we knew that when a certain type of fish was becoming scarce, a kapu was placed to allow the fish to replenish and become plentiful again. Once that occurred, the kapu was lifted and we could gather this fish again. We knew the seasons for gathering and the seasons for leaving the resources alone. This kind of knowledge was very successful and enabled our people to survive on these remote islands for 2,000 years.

We know this can work again, and we feel this bill will help to include “smart Hawaiian thinking” into our state and county rules and regulations concerning protection of island resources. We would also like to ask that the advisory committee be attached to the Dept. of Land & Natural Resources, which is the primary agency that sets up and enforces rules and regulations regarding land and ocean resources. It is much more logical to have this committee advising DLNR rather than OHA. We further urge that the island burial councils retain their kuleana for iwi kupuna, and that this responsibility not be transferred to this new advisory committee.

Mahalo for allowing me to offer my mana`o.



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

March 10, 2012

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair / & Members
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
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Senate Committee on Water, Land, & Housing

Re: H.B. 2806, H.D. 2 – Relating to Native Hawaiians

Aloha Senators!

On behalf of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, I speak in support of House Bill 2806, House Draft 2, which would establish a Native Hawaiian advisory committee within the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As cultural practitioners in the Moku of Ko'olaupoko, our members strongly support the integration of our Hawaiian cultural practices into the laws, rules and regulations governing activities on the Hawaiian islands and surrounding waters. We believe this will be much more practical to ensure preservation of our native species and popular land and sea life for generations to come.

We ask your kokua – please pass this bill.

Mahalo for allowing me to share our mana'o.



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2806
RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS**

Hearing, Monday, March 12, 2012, Conference Room 224, State Capitol

Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Senator Pohai Ryan
Members, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Senator Malama Solomon
Members, Committee on Water, Land and Ocean

From: Kitty M. Simonds, President Maunalua Hawaiian Civic Club

Aloha,

The Maunalua Hawaiian Civic Club testifies in support of HB 2806, Relating to Native Hawaiians. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has supported the Aha Moku system since 2006 when the first Aha Ki'ole/Aha Moku resolution was heard and supported at their annual convention.

The bill begins integration of aha moku system into governmental policy so that a framework for the Hawaiian perspective and traditional methods of resource management can be implemented. It formally recognizes the aha moku system, a system of best practices that is based upon the indigenous resource management practices of moku (regional) boundaries, which acknowledges the natural contours of land, the specific resources located within those areas, and the methodology necessary to sustain resources and the community. It establishes the aha moku advisory committee within the department of land and natural resources to serve in an advisory capacity to the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources. The committee will consist of eight members appointed by the governor from a list of nominations submitted by the aha moku councils of each island.

The aha moku advisory committee will support and help facilitate the communities' participation in natural resources management based on traditional practices, cultural and other resources to protect and conserve the resources of the State of Hawaii. The committee's annual report to the legislature will include

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