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HB2809
RELATING TO KALO APPRECIATION MONTH
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 8, 2012

8:30 a.m.

Room 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB2809, which would designate October as “Kalo Appreciation Month.”

OHA appreciates this measure that would honor the rich culture and history of the kalo plant in October. In 2008, the Hawai‘i Legislature passed a bill naming kalo as the official plant of the state, and HB2809 seeks to designate Kalo Appreciation Month in October. This would be an opportunity to showcase the kalo plant and perpetuate the historic, cultural, spiritual and health-related importance of kalo. No other plant more suitably represents Hawai‘i.

The traditional mo‘o‘lelo of Wākea and Papahānaumoku explains that the first kalo plant, Hāloanakalaukapalili, is the elder brother of Native Hawaiians. As the elder sibling, Hāloa provides sustenance to Native Hawaiians, and in return, we, the younger sibling, care for him and ensure that he flourishes. The bond that connects Native Hawaiians to kalo remains a sacred one, and our kuleana dictates that we preserve that bond and protect Hāloa. The kalo is not only integral to the identity of Native Hawaiians but also the State of Hawai‘i as a whole.

OHA urges the committee to **PASS** HB2809. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

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ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

HOUSE BILL 2809 RELATING TO KALO APPRECIATION MONTH

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 8, 2012; Rm. 329

Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Soulee Stroud president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs speaking in support of House Bill 2809 that establishes October as Kalo Appreciation Month.

This bill will serve as a means to promote kalo cultivation and appreciation by encouraging awareness of this amazing vegetable that has sustained the Hawaiian people for centuries. Celebrations of kalo, all its products and by-products will hopefully stimulate more interest in the authentic Native Hawaiian culture of Hawaii.

While the bill recognizes a Hawaiian cultural connection to kalo, it should not be overlooked that there is a deep spiritual connection with Hawaiians that goes beyond religion and should also be acknowledged.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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