

SB2212



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Date: February 24, 2012

To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Committee Members

From: William Fernandez, CNHA Native Hawaiian Policy Center Chair
Robin Danner, CNHA President and CEO

Re: SB 2212 Relating to Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as Amended - Support

Aloha Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

CNHA, founded in 2001, works to advance the well-being of Hawaii through the cultural, economic and community development of Native Hawaiians. We promote our mission through the administration of the Native Hawaiian Policy Center (Policy Center) to advance sound public policy, the deployment of capital in all counties under our certified Community Loan Fund and Tax Credit Program, operation of the Hawaiian Way Fund to support cultural and community practitioners, and the delivery of affordable housing and economic development projects owned and operated by community based nonprofits.

CNHA and its Policy Center, stands in full support of SB 2212. This bill honors the outstanding work done by the legislature in 2006 with the passage of Act 302, which amended the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 to establish a stronger working relationship between the State agency, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), and the more than 30 homestead associations located across the State. It has not been implemented to date, due to the generosity of inclusion of its original author, former Representative Mike Kahikina. Although not required, Act 302 extended the opportunity to the U.S. Congress to concur. As we have come to witness all across the nation, the gridlock in Congress has placed the opportunities of Act 302 to DHHL and the homestead associations, along with hundreds of other simple actions, left undone.

SB 2212, removes the sentence that extended inclusion of the Congress to concur, and allows DHHL, and the leadership of homestead associations, some of which are more than 20 years old, to move forward to implement the partnerships encouraged and intended by the legislature in passing Act 302. In these times of economic hardship and the need to streamline and leverage the limited resources available to DHHL, SB 2212 will leverage homestead associations to more actively engage in the delivery of services to assist DHHL in reducing its operating costs.

Mahalo for the opportunity to add to the committee's record through this testimony.

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Committee of Judiciary and Labor

Testimony on SB 2212

Friday, February 24, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
State Capital, Conference Room 016

Welina Kakou,

And yet again, we concur that you have a language with respect to Section 201.6 of the HHCA 1920, as amended, but what we don't see in this idiom of proposal by this measure resembles Public no. 34 with the 67th congress §108, chapter 42 – Title 2, sec. 201.6 and not to be found as proposed in this bill. We can only believe there was a recent amendment by congress to make such an assertion in the betterment of the (n) ative Hawaiian communities for the state; however, we can only come up with PL 99-557 which reduces blood quantum for successors and the limiting authority to designate a successor and nothing else. So we strongly advise this committee on the spirit and continuity of the law to repeal this measure.

We hope that you receive this testimony before this committee on our objection to such a travesty for the (n) ative Hawaiians on marginalization of a sovereign aborigine that was hijacked from the protection of the US although we find this to be in question with international compacts. So again we strongly advise this committee on the spirit and continuity of the law to repeal this measure

Me ka Ha'aha'a,
Samson and Bill Brown
Aupuni O Hawaii, Board Members

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Comments:

This measure provides the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands options to fulfill its trust responsibilities. Please support passage. Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 2/23/2012

Comments:

The Wai'anae Valley Hawaiian Homestead Community Association stands in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2212 - RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED.

The Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (SCHHA) is an organization of 29 homestead associations located throughout the State of Hawaii. They represent an estimated 30,000 native Hawaiians residing on Hawaiian homestead lands, as well as individuals on the Hawaiian homestead wait list.

This measure will strengthen the standing of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust, and the relationship of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands with its homestead associations across the state.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide supportive testimony for SB 2212.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai

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Comments:

Aloha Kakou, my name is Kimo Kelii and I am the 2nd Vice President of the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association as well as the chair of the Nanakuli-Mailii Neighborhood Board #36 Education and Parks Committees.

I strongly urge the support of our Senators in approving SB 2212 which allows for the legal existence of our Homestead organizations without having to obtain Congressional consultation and clearance.

This bill will allow for the various homestead communities throughout Hawaii Nei to organize and build their leadership teams capacity and foundation in hopes of becoming a clearing house of information and resources for the homestead residents and ohana whereas creating a bond and unity that is definitely an intricate part of the Hawaiian Culture, Traditions and Practices -- Sharing the Aloha Spirit!

Please kokua and support this bills intent and purpose. Mahalo Nui Loa!