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LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR &
WAYS AND MEANS
IN SUPPORT OF

SB 2783, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST

February 27, 2012

Aloha Chair Hee, Chair Ige, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) strongly supports SB 2783 as it proposes a settlement of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) claims against the State for its share of public land trust revenues from 1978 to 2012. The department commends both Governor Abercrombie and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for committing to resolve this long-standing issue.

Self-determination is the best path forward for Native Hawaiians and this settlement is a foundation for that. The settlement transfers resources owed to Native Hawaiians, and with these resources OHA can create a better future for our Hawaiian community. DHHL and OHA are partners in serving the native Hawaiian community through our respective fiduciary responsibilities, and this partnership was solidified last September through the joint quarterly meetings with the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the OHA Board of Trustees.

We strongly support the Office of Hawaiians in their efforts to resolve its claims, and we look forward to further collaborating with OHA for the betterment of Hawaiians.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure. We respectfully request your committees' approval of this settlement legislation.



Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce
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LATE TESTIMONY

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For the Hearing of the Senate Committees on

Judiciary and Labor

and

Ways and Means

Scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 016, Hawai'i State Capitol

TESTIMONY OF DIRK SOMA, PRESIDENT
NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

IN SUPPORT OF

SENATE BILL NO. 2783

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS

Aloha kākou;

Founded in 1974, the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce (NHCC) strives to encourage and promote the interests of Native Hawaiians engaged in commerce, services and the professions NHCC members participate in a variety of economic, social and public affairs.

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[Our Mission](#)

Mission Statement – To strengthen Native Hawaiian business and professions by building on a foundation of relationships, resources, and Hawaiian values.

In keeping with our mission, NHCC:

- Provides opportunities for networking among members, the people of Hawai'i and those engaged in business and industry.
- Serves as a means to organize the Hawaiian business community into a viable economic and social voice.

- Provides the necessary facilities for members' educational advancement in subject areas relevant to business, industry and commerce. Hawaiian Values & Principles of Conduct for NHCC Members

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The Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce is **IN SUPPORT** of Senate Bill No. 2783 which would convey certain Kaka'ako Ma Kai lands to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and resolves all disputes and controversies and extinguishes, discharges and bars all claims, suits and actions relating OHA's portion of income from the public lands trust for the period November 7, 1978, through June 30, 2012.

We understand that the settlement to be facilitated by this measure, if it is enacted, applies only to the specified public lands income applicable only to the period mentioned and that there is no additional or global settlement of any other claims possessed or to be accrued by OHA or the Native Hawaiian people.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of this Bill.



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February 27, 2012

LATE TESTIMONY

To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair / & Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Senator David Ige, Chair/ & Members
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa
Member, Board of Directors
Ko'olau Foundation

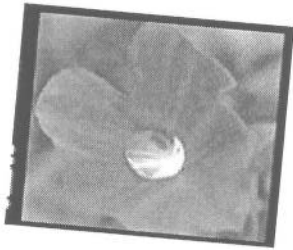
Re: S. B. 2783, Relating to the Public Trust Lands

Aloha, Chair Hee, Chair Ige, and Committee members:

My name is Rocky Kaluhiwa and I am speaking in favor of S.B. 2783. It would provide compensation to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs that is way overdue. Our State is actually lucky to be paying such a fee as that because, in my opinion, this does not even come close to what is owed to our Native Hawaiian people.

Please pass this bill.

Mahalo.



LATE TESTIMONY

February 27, 2012

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To: Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair
And Members
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Sen. David Ige, Chair
And Members
Committee on Ways & Means

From: Jerry Kaluhiwa, President
Kako'o`o`iwi

Re: S.B. 2783, Relating to the Public Trust Lands

Aloha from the Board of Directors of Kako'o`o`iwi, a Native Hawaiian initiative dedicated to restoring lands to productivity while preserving our Hawaiian culture and environment.

We ask your support for the passage of S.B. 2783, which would compensate the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for over 33 years of past-due rent for the use of Hawaiian lands. We feel this is a good settlement, and will do much to help OHA fulfill its strategic plan and continue its work with our Hawaiian community and others who love Hawai'i.

Please pass this bill out of your committees as is.

Mahalo.



KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 27, 2012

Honorable Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair
& Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

Honorable David Ige, Chair
& Members
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Re: S.B. 2783, Relating to the Public Trust Lands

Aloha Senators:

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club supports Senate Bill 2783, which would provide a formal settlement – at last – of the state's debt to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the past 33+ years.

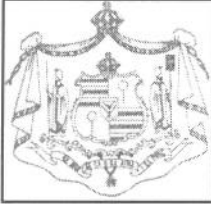
We note that this is only for that period of time and does not represent a universal settlement between the State and the Hawaiian people. But it's a good first step, and we encourage all of you to approve this legislation and pass it out of committee.

Mahalo for allowing me to offer testimony on this bill.

Me kealoha pumehana,

ALICE P. HEWETT

President



Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

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TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

**SENATE BILL 2783 (SSCR2380) RE: TO PUBLIC TRUST LANDS
SENATE COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY & LABOR
COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS**

Monday; February 27,2012; 10:00 a.; Rm. 016

Aloha Chairman Hee of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor and Chairman Ige of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and to the members of both committees. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, here to testify in support of this bill that conveys land to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to resolve all disputes, controversies, claims, suits and actions related to the portion of income and proceeds from the public trust fund lands for the period of November 7, 1978 through June 30, 2012.

Our Association has supported the resolution of claims for this issue in past years, just as we support it today. At times the Office of Hawaiian Affairs has had to go to extraordinary lengths to settle these claims, seeking what is fair and equitable for the Hawaiian people, turning to both the courts and the legislature to reach decisions.

We have assisted in that process, often disagreeing with the legislature, and sometimes disagreeing with OHA on how to proceed, but always looking for the end goal – the betterment of conditions of Hawaii’s native people.

Today, we are in agreement with all parties. I can confidently say that our organization will continue to be available to assist OHA as the trustees make their plans to move forward into the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this momentous occasion.

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Date: February 27, 2012

To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Committee on Ways and Means
Committee Members

From: Robin Danner, CNHA President and CEO

Re: SB 2783 Relating to the Public Trust Lands - Support

Aloha Honorable Chairs 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.

The Council **opposed** the Lingle/OHA Ceded Lands Settlement of 2008. We are **in support of** the Abercrombie/OHA settlement for three primary reasons and significant changes from the 2008 experience:

1. Transparency and Consultation - Governor Abercrombie and OHA Chair Machado have engaged transparently with the beneficiaries of the OHA public trust. Since November, the dialogue and dissemination of information has been open and honest.
2. Waivers - Governor Abercrombie and OHA Chair Machado have agreed that the terms of the settlement and the resolution of claims are framed between 1978 - 2012.
3. DHHL/OHA partnerships - The two public trusts have made commitments to improve working relationships and partnerships. We are highly supportive of maximizing efficiencies and to see these state agencies collaborate to advance the well-being of all Hawaiians.

We agree with the settlement total of \$200,000 million for the period in question. We further support the Attorney General, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Hawaii State Legislature in completing a settlement agreement in the 2012 legislative session.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this public policy issue.

hee2 - Nahelani

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony for JDL/WAM 2/27/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2783

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Amelia Gora
Organization: Individual
E-mail: theiolani@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:
Greetings,

This is to inform you that the State of Hawaii has no title to lands in the Hawaiian Islands.

I am opposing the claims by Abercrombie, et. als. to settle a \$200 million dollar claim giving lands that they do not own to OHA/Office of Hawaiian Affairs an entity created by the State of Hawaii which evolved from the Territory of Hawaii, the Republic of Hawaii, the Provisional Government, the House of Representatives, a voted part of the Hawaiian Government which was a temporary, voted in office, manned by treasonous persons who premeditated the criminal dethronement of Queen Liliuokalani in 1893.

Kamehameha's descendants exist including myself, Amelia Gora. Furthermore, I am one of the konohiki heirs of the families of Konohiki Kaaha who was married to my ancestor Kalola (w), the next of kin to Bernice Pauahi Bishop documented in Probate.

I am also one of the Crown Lands Owners.....hundreds of articles, legal notices have been filed with the U.S. Presidents over time - former President Clinton, former President GW Bush, present President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

The PERMANENT Treaties, Treaty of 1850 exists.....the descendants/heirs and successors of Kamehameha III exists.....I am one of the descendants of Peke Davis, an adopted daughter of Kauikeouli/ Kamehameha III.....and there are many other descendants/heirs as well. Am also an heir of King Lunalilo, King Kalakaua, and Queen Liliuokalani documented.

Some of the references are listed below. I am the writer, author of hundreds of articles showing piracy(ies) , etc. affecting our history, genealogies, legal issues, the support by the U.S., England and the bankers in criminally assuming land claims, monies, resources, etc. of a neutral, non-violent, friendly nation.

The Crown Lands case in which the State of Hawaii attorney generals office seeks to expunge is currently an active case.

The State of Hawaii Attorney General failed to inform the Supreme Court prior to the last court case that oppositions were documented thru personal delivery of notices since 1996 - including a Affidavit/Lien which was filed at the Bureau of Conveyances on 12/16/1996 (281

pages) and served to the Attorney General, for the Governor Cayetano at the time, certified return receipt requested service to President William Clinton in Washington, D.C., etc.

I, Amelia Gora, maintain oppositions as done from Queen Liliuokalani in 1897 thru many ancestors over time and I continue the oppositions to your wrongdoing.

I, Amelia Gora, am one of the title owners to the lands that you claim to convey to an office created by your entity with the intent to show the public that you are making some kind of correction.....but you are all bankrupt and have no legal titles...the very lands that you sit on - the State Capitol for example belongs to our families - families of Keoni Ana/John Young, Charles Kanaina, et. als.

Rents and leases are due.....\$500 trillion dollars in gold coins,etc. as documented in countless letters to the Presidents, etc.

Maintaining oppositions to all of your land transfers, claims to lands belonging to our Royal Families, including myself, a Kamehameha descendant, Kalaniopuu's descendant, Kaumualii descendant, Kahekili descendant, et. als. heirs/successors of Queen Liliuokalani through two of her daughters: Princess Poomaikelani, and Kaaumoana/Kekualoa.

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Sincerely,
Amelia Gora, a Royal person, a

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Casina Waterman via Vicky Holt Takamine

State settles \$200 million dollar claim...native Hawaiians get...A Dump! | 'Ilio'ulaokalani Coalition www.ilio.org SB 2783 will be heard Monday 2/27 at 10 am in Room 16. You can submit your testimony on line at <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx> The bill conveys Kakaako Makai lands to Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and resolves all disputes and controversies, and extinguishes, discharges and bars al...

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References:

<http://maoliworld.ning.com/forum/topics/response-from-u-s-president-barack-obama-to-a-kamehameha>

Response from U.S. President Barack Obama.....to a Kamehameha Descendant, Heir of King Kalakaua, Queen Liliuokalani Posted by Amelia Gora on February 26, 2012 at 1:31am in Politics View Discussions

OHA'S LAND PROPOSAL FACES NEXT STOP IN SENATE HONOLULU (Feb. 24, 2012) - The public will get to comment again Monday on the state's offer to resolve longstanding claims for past-due revenues owed to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Two Senate Committees have scheduled a 10 a.m. joint hearing at the State Capitol on Gov. Neil Abercrombie's proposal to transfer 10 parcels of mostly waterfront property in Kaka'ako Makai valued at an estimated \$200 million.

If voted out of the joint sessions scheduled by the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor along with the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the measure's next stop would be the floor of the full Senate.

The proposal could potentially provide OHA with an economic boost to help fund community-based programs aimed at improving conditions for Native Hawaiians.

Earlier this month, the Senate Committee on Water Land & Ocean Resources as well as the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs approved the measure amid public testimony overwhelmingly in support of it.

Ref: <http://www.oha.org/>

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Foster Ampong
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Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

With all due respect, as a member of Aha Moku O Maui, a Native Hawaiian Organization (NHO) dedicated to the sustainability and stewardship of our Islands resources, cultures and future survivability I OPPOSE SB2783 and its companion bills.

Considering the impact and "legal" effect this subject matter has a "Settlement" for the legal liabilities owed by the State of Hawaii will MANDATE to native Hawaiian Beneficiaries DIRECTLY, the Trust of this Public Law DEMANDS a transparent, accountable and legitimate process e.g. a referendum by the beneficiaries conducted. Thus far there has not been a referendum. Only a quick take of hands/voices, an unscientific survey of opinions at sparsely scheduled meetings...CONVENIENTLY for State officials in the middle of work/school week, but not for many beneficiaries...

Another reasons a referendum by beneficiaries is the most sound and fair course to finding and administering remedy is the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustees conducting public meetings while the State Legislatures are trying to decide on whether to approve this "NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT" themselves is disingenuous at best. The gesture is nothing short of a band of Thieves negotiating their spoils among themselves while insisting to their victims they (Thieves) will negotiate in good faith for what is already/has been theirs (native Hawaiians)...

There are fair and just alternatives to remedy the so-called "Ceded Lands" liabilities. First, again with all due respect, these committees must NOT support, and VOTE AGAINST SB2783 and its companion bills; Second, Please talk to/with the "BENEFICIARIES", and NOT to yourselves (e.g. OHA, etc.)...

Mahalo...

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