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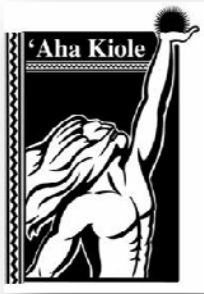
SB 982, regarding use of State owned lands, my comments are that, we request due diligence and caution to assure that lands held in trust to the Administration (DLNR or Hawaiian Homelands), are not abused, leased, sold to the wrongful parties for reasons other than the official reasons stated in the agreements.

We can not afford as a great State to continue to permit wholesale leasing of large tracts of lands to entities for an annual fee of \$1.00! And for developers to take hold of for long periods of lands originally set aside for the Kanaka.

Be it State owned buildings or open lands in rural or urban corridors, the original intent of the monarchs and the Motto of the State must be upheld. Otherwise our State Constitution and the HRS, as well as the U.S. Constitution will be taken as a sham.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to provide written testimony.

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Aha Kiolo Advisory Committee

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 982**  
**Relating to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Lands**  
**controlled by the State**

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair Senator Brickwood Galuteria; Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz; and Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Chair Senator Clayton Hee

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m., Room 225

Submitted by: The Aha Kiolo Advisory Committee: Vanda Hanakahi, Moloka'i (Chair), Leslie Kuloloio, Kahoolawe, (Vice-Chair); Timmy Bailey, Maui; Winifred Basques, Lana'i; Pi'ilani Ka'awaloa, (Po'o) Hawai'i; Charles Kapua, O'ahu; Sharon Pomroy, Kaua'i; Keith Robinson, (Konohiki) Ni'ihau.

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Ryan, Vice-Chair Solomon, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs, Water, Land and Housing, and Judiciary and Labor Committees

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 982, the bill that requires in all concurrent resolutions for the review of proposed sale or gifts of state land, including whether the land was classed as government or crown lands prior to August 15, 1995. This bill requires a copy of the resolution be submitted to OHA 6 months prior to the appropriate legislative session.

The Aha Kiolo Advisory Committee was created through Act 212 by the Hawaii State Legislature in 2007 to specifically address natural and cultural resource issues and to initiate a system of best practices that is site-specific which would integrate traditional resource methodology into current government policy. That mandate was met through the restoration of the Aha Moku System on each island, a traditional land and ocean management system used for centuries on all islands in Hawai'i for the sustainability of Hawai'i's ecosystem.

In the extensive research done on the Aha Moku System since 2007, and through previously unknown oral histories of kupuna on all islands, it became clear that many of the resource practices took place on ceded lands both on land and submerged. It also became clear that although the state was mandated to protect these lands and have strived to do that through the legislature, often parcels were either given away or sold to other agencies and entities. What was

not reported was how give-always impacted Native Hawaiian practitioners – both *lawaia* and *mahiai*. The adverse ripple effects of losing access to lands once known to be traditional areas of fishing, farming and planting were and continue to be devastating to Native Hawaiians who are generationally tied to those areas. However, there was no mechanism in government to accurately identify how important certain ceded lands are to the people who belong to a specific ahupua'a.

S.B. 982 would create such a mechanism because for the first time, the specific location and size in square feet would be identified. Just as importantly, the specific purpose for which the land is being sold or given must be stated; and a detailed summary of any development plans for the land to be sold or given must be done.

This information must be given to OHA who can then work with the beneficiaries of that specific site to be impacted. OHA was created to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians and to protect their cultural legacies. They must be at the table when that legacy, the ceded lands are impacted.

The Aha Kiole Advisory Committee represents traditional natural resource practitioners in the 43 traditional moku in the state of Hawaii. We need to protect our ceded lands, particularly now, our submerged ceded lands. We urge the passage of S.B. 982.

Mahalo nui loa,

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