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TESTIMONY OF TRUSTEE DONALD B. CATALUNA

SCR 52/SR19

**URGING GROVE FARM COMPANY TO ALLOW KOLOA PLANTATION CAMP TENANTS TO REMAIN ON
THE PROPERTY PAST THE EVICTION DATE AND TO ASSIGN THE TENANTS TO DESIGNATED
AFFORDABLE HOMES DEVELOPED AT KOLOA PLANTATION CAMP**

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 11:00 am
Conference Room 016

Aloha Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Honorable Senators:

I am Don Cataluna and I write today in support of both SCR 52 and SR 19. My support today is in my capacity as an individual member of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Board of Trustees, representing Kaua'i and Ni'ihau. I humbly ask you to pass these resolutions for the good of our community, the good of Kaua'i, and the good of Hawai'i nei.

Being born and raised on Kaua'i, I have long known Grove Farm Company, but today, owned by Jim Case, it is not the same company we all knew when it was owned by the Wilcox family. Today, many have the impression that the company is now just a land company; they say it is no longer concerned with the wellbeing of residents, and only about the bottom line. I am one who is under this impression. I have heard these concerns from many of my constituents and many on Kaua'i.

This latest situation cements that image of the company in the hearts and minds of my fellow Kaua'i residents. Mr. Savio has made an offer to purchase the land in Kōloa at fair market value. That would allow the tenants to remain there, but Grove Farm has refused this good faith offer that would keep a peaceful balance in the community. On March 8, Grove Farm will remove them from the property, yet they continue to have thousands of acres that could be developed to house the 50 Chinese homes they have purchased.

I again urge and ask you to pass SCR 52 and SR 19 for the benefit of the regular folks who cannot stand up to a powerful land company. Mahalo and much aloha for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

I testify that I am not in support of the senate resolution SCR52

This completely disregards the best interests of the community, the residents, and the preservation of an important historical location.

I am in support of the testimony of Kepa Kruse.
I myself grew up in the Koloa Camp.

I find the quoted statement to "To assign tenants to designated affordable homes" absolutely insulting. It is vague in its proposition, and undignified in regard to the current residents.

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Comments:

This testimony is in opposition of SR 19 & SCR 52.
I am a resident of Koloa Camp and support Kepa Kruse's testimony on behalf of the camp residents.
We want to stop the eviction process and ask for a public hearing for the community.
What does "assign the tenants to designated affordable homes" mean?
We respectfully ask for support for Peter Savio to purchase the property on our behalf.

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Comments:
I believe this is the right thing to do!

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:
Senators,

I am in support of the testimony provided by Kepa Kruse regarding the Koloa Plantation Camp. Please join in by approving his efforts to bring about a win win result for the land owner, Koloa Plantation Camp Tenants and the Koloa Community.
Thank You for your consideration.

Louis Abrams