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SCR 74
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

April 18, 2012

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Room 312

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) strongly **SUPPORTS** SCR 74.

Pursuant to the Kuleana Act of 1850, several thousand native tenants, or maka'āinana, were granted title to the lands they had occupied and improved. For over one hundred years, the Native Hawaiian people have suffered the continual loss of these historical and traditional family lands. As a result, very few Native Hawaiian families still live on their Kuleana lands today. This resolution would help to protect Kuleana lands by recognizing their historical, cultural and ancestral importance to Native Hawaiian families.

We urge your committees to PASS SCR 74. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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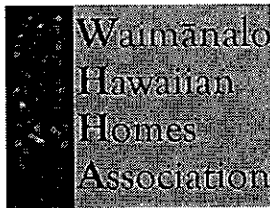
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Comments:

WHHA strongly supports and advocates that the Counties of the State of Hawaii should continue to exempt kuleana lands from property taxes.



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR74
URGING THE COUNTIES TO PRESERVE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS
FOR KULEANA LANDS

Hearing, Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 312, State Capitol

Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chairwoman, House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chairman, House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Rep. Jessica Wooley, Chairwoman, House Committee on Culture and the Arts
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Vice Chairwoman, House Committee on Culture and the Arts

Aloha mai, kākou

The Executive Board and its Directors of the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association (WHHA), representing 644 households and 81 kupuna residential units submits this written testimony in support SCR 74 and urges every county within the State of Hawai'i to "preserve the property tax exemptions for kuleana lands" which some of our homesteaders are beneficiaries of such awards as their inheritance, rights and relationship to such lands which are associated with their 'ohana.

Whether a small tract or ahupua'a our Native Hawaiian population are entitled to such awards as a legacy of a once independent and vibrant nation recognized by the United States, Great Britain, Russia and Japan, and recently recognized by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 13 September 2007.

WHHA hopes the Committee will urge the Counties to continue with the exemption as outlined in SCR 74 with the passage of this resolution.

O au me ka ha'aha'a,

Paul P. Richards

President