



**HB1089 HD1**  
**RELATING TO KALO APPRECIATION MONTH**  
House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

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February 15, 2013    8:30 a.m.    Conference Room 325

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB1089 HD1, which would designate October as “Kalo Appreciation Month.”

This measure honors the rich culture and history of the kalo plant in October. In 2007, the Hawai‘i Legislature passed Act 36 (2007) naming kalo as the official plant of the state. HB1089 would provide an opportunity to showcase the health benefits of kalo as a staple of the traditional Hawaiian diet as well as highlight the kalo plant’s historic, cultural and spiritual significance to Native Hawaiians. No other plant more suitably represents Hawai‘i.

The traditional mo‘olelo of Wākea and Papahānaumoku explains that the first kalo plant, Hāloanakalaukapalili, is the elder brother of Native Hawaiians. As the elder sibling, Hāloa provides sustenance to Native Hawaiians and, in return, we as the younger siblings care for Hāloa by ensuring that kalo flourishes. The bond that connects Native Hawaiians to kalo remains a sacred one, and it is our kuleana to preserve it. Kalo is not only integral to the identity of Native Hawaiians but also to the State of Hawai‘i as a whole.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** HB1089 HD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.



## **Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs**

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Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the committee hearing HB1089. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs here to speak in support of this bill to designate October as Kalo Appreciation Month.

Just as we supported House bill 483, 484 and 734 all relating to kalo, we are supporting this bill as it continues to promote kalo and make the public aware of this important staple of Hawaii's indigenous people.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kenneth R. Conklin, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am delighted to support this bill wholeheartedly. I am also surprised and pleased that this committee is actually holding a hearing on at least this one bill which I am able to support.

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Comments: Very appropriate - yes!

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