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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

HCR 133/HR 101 REQUESTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS COMMISSION, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO TELEVISION THEIR RESPECTIVE GENERAL MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 27, 2013; 11:00 am; Room 325

Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano and members of the House committee meeting on House Concurrent Resolution 133 and House Resolution 101 Requesting the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Hawaiian Home Lands Commission, the Board of Education and the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to Televis their respective general meetings. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs speaking in support of this resolution to which we would like to add amendments.

We are in agreement that transparency and openness are necessary for citizens to become involved and trust in their government. We further agree that the aforementioned agencies should televise their general meetings.

To the agencies already referenced in the title we request amendments to add the following agencies that also need to have televised transparency in their general meeting deliberations. **We request amendments to add “Whereas” clauses for the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR), the Water Resources Management Commission (WCRM) and the Hawaii Community Development Authority(HCDA).**

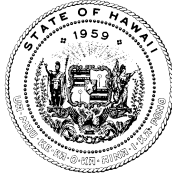
These last three agencies are in control of and are at the heart of land and power in Hawaii. While we agree that the agencies in the resolution title are

important and should be televised, we would ask the committee to include our suggestions. Amendments including televising such ultra important agencies as the BLNR, the WRMC and the HCDA will truly keep citizens informed of issues and decisions that have profound effects on communities of this State.

Understandably, some deliberations must be kept confidential, at least for a period of time, and must be accepted. This should not have a chilling effect on the fundamental premise of this resolution, and that is to have an informed public that knows and understands what is happening in their government.

Please consider the amendments we have offered. Mahalo.

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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
IN SUPPORT OF

**HCR 133/ HR 103, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OFFICE OF
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION, BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO TELEVISION THEIR RESPECTIVE
GENERAL MEETINGS.**

March 27, 2013

Chair Hanohano, Vice-Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports the intent of this legislation that requests meetings of the Hawaiian Homes Commission to be televised.

We support the goals of these resolutions to provide another medium to assist the public to be aware and informed of decisions that are made by state board and commissions. Televised meetings will not only highlight the final decisions made, but the discussion leading up to the decisions, too. Our concern, however, is that we are currently not equipped to televise our meetings. While there is a reference to OLELO Community Television in this resolution, it is unclear whether its services are available to televise our meetings.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support urgent passage of bill to open all closed doors meetings to the public televised and broadcasted across Hawaii.

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Benjamin Shafer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please add BLNR to the list. Mahalo, Ben Shafer

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Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It continually amazes me that public entities that have lots of money do not provide the public an opportunity to watch how they take care of their organization. And for the DHHL which doesn't have lots of money, OHA should provide the funding to televise their meetings too. The only reason I can assume for not televising meetings would be to keep hidden shady dealings. Because if they had nothing to hide, they wouldn't oppose this request. Mahalo.

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