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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

HR179 REQUESTING A FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, 3/24/14; 10:30 am; Room 325

Aloha Madam Chair Evans, Vice chair Lowen and members of the House Committee on Water and Land. I am Soulee Stroud president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs(AHCC) here to support this measure calling for a financial report from the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

The AHCC has supported the concept of the Aha Moku Committee since its inception several years ago and its various changes since then. We are pleased that finally the Aha Moku Committee found a home within the Department of Land and Natural Resources with a funding source for administrative purposes.

It stands to reason that, as with other State entities, reports are periodically required. We support this measure that calls for a financial report from the Aha Moku Advisory Committee that will enable it to move forward with its important cultural work.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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**Aha Moku Advisory Committee
Testimony of Leimana DaMate**

Before the House Committee on
Water and Land

Monday, March 24, 2014
10:30 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

**In Support of
HR 179**

**REQUESTING A FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

House Resolution 179 requests a financial report from the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) covering fiscal years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 that itemizes all sources of funding, including general funds and interdepartmental transfers; expenditures made, including both amounts and purposes; projected expenditures; and, operational costs.

Under Act 288, the Committee is mandated to provide advice on the following:

- 1) Integrating indigenous resource management practices with western practices in each moku;
- 2) Identifying a comprehensive set of indigenous practices for natural resource management;
- 3) Fostering the understanding and practical use of native Hawaiian knowledge, methodology, and expertise;
- 4) Sustaining the State's marine, land, cultural, agricultural, and natural resources;
- 5) Providing community education and fostering cultural awareness on the benefits of the aha moku system;
- 6) Fostering protection and conservation of the State's natural resources; and,
- 7) Developing an administrative structure that oversees the aha moku system.

The Aha Moku System is inclusive of eight main Hawaiian Islands and forty-three (43) traditional moku districts. To fulfill the mandates of Act 288, the Committee has begun the organization of the aha moku system for each of the main Hawaiian Islands with the limited funding appropriated. We welcome the opportunity to give a realistic financial report to the Legislature as well as projected expenditures.

We are in support of this measure.

Respectfully yours,

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

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**In consideration of
HOUSE RESOLUTION 179
REQUESTING A FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

House Resolution 179 requests a financial report from the Aha Moku Advisory Committee for the Fiscal Years of 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 which includes all sources of funding, including general funds and interdepartmental transfers; expenditures made, including both amounts and purposes; projected expenditures; and, operational costs. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this resolution.**

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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