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## JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

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House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts  
Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 11:05 a.m.

Hawai'i State Capitol – Room 312

Testimony in **SUPPORT of HCR 69**, Expressing Commitment to the Constitution of the United States

Dear Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito, and Members of the Committee:

The Japanese American Citizens League (JAACL) Honolulu Chapter supports the passage of House Concurrent Resolution 69, by which the Legislature expresses its commitment to the rights and liberties enshrined within the Constitution of the United States, including the Fifth Amendment right to due process, the Sixth Amendment right to trial, and the Eighth Amendment prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment.

JAACL is the nation's oldest and largest Asian Pacific American civil rights organization with over 20,000 members. Locally our organization has consistently supported efforts to ensure equal rights to all citizens of this state.

We support and concur with the families of Fred Korematsu, Minoru Yasui, and Gordon Hirabayashi, Japanese Americans incarcerated in World War II, who filed an amicus brief with the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in *Hedges v. Obama*, a lawsuit that challenges the constitutionality of the National Defense Authorization Act's detention provisions, arguing that, under the pretense of national security, the NDAA essentially repeats the decisions in the discredited World War II legal cases of *Korematsu*, *Yasui*, and *Hirabayashi*, and allows the government to imprison people without any due process rights for an indefinite time.

The internment of 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II is an appalling part of US history that we must never forget. We believe that the unjust detainment of US citizens deprived of due process of the law should never be allowed to happen again to anyone. There should never again be a group of people who are made an exception to the protections afforded under our constitution.

We urge you to pass out the measure. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Kent Mori Walther  
Legislative Committee Chair

**HR53**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Troy Abraham	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support passage of bill to back up the usa constitution

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James Macey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Most strongly support! Thank you for hearing and supporting HCR 69

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