

Committee on THA
Senator Brickwood Calcutera, Chair

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Opposition Relating to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
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Who is the genius that can create an OHA election which is not Oahu centered? That is what the people want. Every Hawaiian wants to vote for his own island representative. Creating a primary creates another expense for the candidates and does not extend home rule.

Given our geography and historical, cultural and traditional background, would it be possible to ask Congress to give us an exemption to the one-man vote concept for this special OHA election?

Or should OHA simply fund the election and keep federal law out of the equation?

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,

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Comments: Thank you Senators Galuteria and Hee for restoring a sense of true leadership choices that have evaded our people for so long. Perhaps now we can really have elections instead of just recycling of trustees. Mahalo, Jackie Burke

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

HEARING: Rm. 224 2/13/2013 2:45 AM

SB 3 – RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus is submitting testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB3. We feel that this bill will allow more choices for our voters. Reducing the number of candidates for a general election with a primary election will be an equalizer that is not currently. Voters will be able to consider their choice twice instead of just once in a primary election.

So, we stand in strong **SUPPORT** of this bill which will attract more candidates, provide for more opportunity for new candidates, give our voters more choices, and creates a more equitable voting process for future OHA elections.

‘O ia ihola nō me ke aloha.