



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS &  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
IN SUPPORT OF

**SB 2839, RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920,  
AS AMENDED**

February 20, 2014

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Hee, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is in support of this bill that repeals the directive to amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to accomplish the purposes of the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission Act. This bill is part of the Governor's administrative package by request of our department.

Section 3 of the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission Act (Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii, 2011) mandates the amendment of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, (HHCA) to accomplish the purposes set forth in Act 195 in a manner that is consistent with the current needs and requirements of the Native Hawaiian people and the current beneficiaries of the HHCA. The department is on record as a strong supporter of the Act 195, but based on our understanding of Act 195, no amendments to the HHCA are required to accomplish the purposes of the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission.

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Further, we have found that Section 3 of Act 195 has created unnecessary confusion and suspicion among our beneficiaries as to what kinds of amendments are anticipated. Therefore, to eliminate this confusion, we respectfully request your support in passing this bill to amend Act 195.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



**SB2839**  
**RELATING TO THE**  
**HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED**  
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

February 20, 2014

11:00 a.m.

Room 016

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SB2839, which would repeal the directive to amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 (HHCA), if necessary, to accomplish the purposes of Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011 (Act 195).

Act 195, codified in Chapter 10H, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, established a 5-member Native Hawaiian Roll Commission to be administratively placed within the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, to prepare and maintain a roll of qualified Native Hawaiians until the roll was certified and published and the Commission dissolved. The purpose of Act 195 was to recognize Native Hawaiians as the only indigenous, aboriginal, maoli population of Hawai'i and to recognize the State's desire to support the continuing development of a reorganized Native Hawaiian entity and ultimately, the federal recognition of Native Hawaiians.

SB2839 seeks to repeal section 3 of Act 195, which states that the HHCA "shall be amended" to accomplish the purposes of Act 195. OHA supports repeal of this provision because the language is not necessary to accomplish the purposes set forth in Act 195.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committees to **PASS** SB2839. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



## **Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs**

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**SB 2839 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES  
COMMISSION ACT, 1920 AS AMENDED**

**COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

Friday; 2/20/14; 11:00 a.m.; Room 016

Aloha Madam Chair Shimabukuro, Chairman Hee and members of the joint Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Judiciary and Labor. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC) here to testify in support of this bill.

The AHCC holds an annual convention where all of our affiliate clubs from Hawaii and sixteen states on the continent come together to handle AHCC business, discuss issues impacting the Native Hawaiian community, and reinforce the ties that bind us as envisioned by our founder Prince Kuhio.

The AHCC has a process that includes deliberation and discussion on resolutions that have been submitted related to timely issues. In 2013 more than seventy resolutions were submitted, some were commendatory or memorials, but some were legislatively appropriate.

Resolution 13-25 "Requesting the State Legislature to Repeal Section 3 of Act 195, 2011 Session Laws of Hawaii" was discussed in committee and passed in plenary session by the House of Delegates. Delegates understood that section 3 was not needed for the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission to be effective. It was also understood by our delegates that removing section 3 would minimize HHL exposure to legal challenges that might be raised against the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission.

We urge passage of this bill and mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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