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**JOINT HEARING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 317 – RELATING TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
DAY**

CHAIRS SHIMABUKURO and WAKAI and COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Aloha. I offer this testimony today on behalf of the Cabinet Council of Ke Aupuni O Hawaii, comprised of nationals and residents of the sovereign, independent nation, Ko Hawaii Pae Aina.

We **SUPPORT SB 317** to change what is presently designated in the State of Hawaii as “Discoverers’ Day,” to “Indigenous Peoples’ Day.”

This legislative action will help to expose the abusive “Doctrine of Discovery” wielded by Euro-centric new-comers; and give credit where credit is due — recognizing the accomplishments of not only our own Polynesian ancestors, but the ancestors of other original peoples and nations who were already in place for many centuries before the arrival of the European conquerors who euphemistically call themselves, “discoverers.”

We support this measure because it allows the state and it’s educational system to be more truthful about the events and accomplishments of our Hawaiian ancestors, and by doing so, honors all indigenous peoples and their nations.

Malama pono,
Leon Siu
Cabinet Council Member
Ke Aupuni O Hawaii
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Aloha

The use of names carries important meaning and symbolizes the values we place on our society. The name "Discoverers' Day" in Hawai'i unwittingly reflects and condones a history based on deception. The fifteenth century Western concept of discovery established and legalized Christian dominion over non-Christians that allowed for their subjugation and the taking of their lands. Countless numbers of indigenous peoples perished worldwide as a result of the European "discovery" and colonization process. As a similar fate was bestowed upon the Hawaiian Islands and Captain Cook is still thought of by many as the "discoverer" of Hawai'i, who are we really honoring on this day? Today, an increasing number of American states, cities, local governments, and institutions have renamed or abolished "Columbus Day," which is synonymous with the concept of discovery and recognized on the same day as "Discoverers' Day" in Hawai'i. Therefore, it is requested that the name of this day in Hawai'i be changed to Indigenous Peoples' Day to recognize, support and stand in solidarity with the Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) people of Hawai'i and indigenous peoples around the world. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Alecia V. Jackson
US Citizen

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Be Willing to Grow, Learn, Listen, & Accept Differences: Open our Hearts & Minds, Love Unconditionally, Respect self, & One another. Our differences make us unique. We are more alike than different. Agree to disagree! The challenges we experience on our journey are our lessons. "BE THE CHANGE & THE PEACE YOU WANT TO SEE IN YOURSELF AND THE WORLD. WE ARE ONE! Love, Live, Peace, Harmony, Wisdom, Joy, Humility, Integrity, Understanding, Compassion & Action :

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Kandagawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The use of names carries important meaning and symbolizes the values we place on our society. The name “Discoverers’ Day” in Hawai‘i unwittingly reflects and condones a history based on deception. The fifteenth century Western concept of discovery established and legalized Christian dominion over non-Christians that allowed for their subjugation and the taking of their lands. Countless numbers of indigenous peoples perished worldwide as a result of the European “discovery” and colonization process. As a similar fate was bestowed upon the Hawaiian Islands and Captain Cook is still thought of by many as the “discoverer” of Hawai‘i, who are we really honoring on this day? Today, an increasing number of American states, cities, local governments, and institutions have renamed or abolished “Columbus Day,” which is synonymous with the concept of discovery and recognized on the same day as “Discoverers’ Day” in Hawai‘i. Therefore, it is requested that the name of this day in Hawai‘i be changed to Indigenous Peoples’ Day to recognize, support and stand in solidarity with the Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) people of Hawai‘i and indigenous peoples around the world. Mahalo.

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