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House Committees on
Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs and
Water & Land

Time: 11:45 a.m.

Date: March 7, 2016

Where: State Capitol Room 325

TESTIMONY

By Kau'i Burgess, Director of Community Relations
Kamehameha Schools

Good morning Chairs Yamane and Ing, Vice Chairs Lowen and Cullen and members of the House Committee on Water & Land and House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs,

Mahalo for this opportunity to comment on House Resolution 21 and House Concurrent Resolution 54.

We appreciate the Legislature's concern for the success and well-being of our people, especially as it relates to encouraging the creation of more residential options for Native Hawaiians in areas with proper infrastructure and other social support systems.

These are key elements in achieving the thriving lāhui we envision for Hawai'i. Partnerships and collaborations such as those encouraged in this Resolution align well with Kūhanauna - the vision and strategic plan Kamehameha Schools has adopted to guide our actions and commitments for the next 25 years. No single entity in our state is able to bring this vision to life without the help of many others around it, so we mahalo the Legislature for acknowledging the strength and value in this collaborative approach.

Kamehameha Schools and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands enjoy a strong working relationship, as evidenced by our ongoing collaborative projects in Mā'ili and Nānākuli, and the concept of exchanging lands between our trusts to advance the well-being of our shared beneficiaries is a topic of great interest.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Resolution.

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HR21

Submitted on: 3/6/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We FULLY SUPPORT this resolution as it encourages two of the most powerful organizations that deals primarily with native Hawaiians, to work collaboratively for the betterment of native Hawaiians, as well as KSBE's portfolio & DHHL's fiduciary duties to native Hawaiians.

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House Committee on Water and Land
House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs
Monday March 7th, 2016
State of Hawaii Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
11:45am Room 325

Aloha Kākou,

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The current hearing culminates from the Homestead Act of 1862 that has a history of manipulation by Western and more recently Eastern settlers in Hawaii to serve government issues rather than Native issues. In the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (1922) DHHL was tasked with the stewardship of the State of Hawaii. Under the stewardship of DHHL Hawaiian Homelands were diverted to airports, game reserves, parks, schools, and other public facilities (DHHL, 1977). Moreover, federal agencies such as the Army, Navy and Federal Aviation Administration controlled vast acreages while paying only a fraction of market value. Even more alarming, the continued mismanagement of lands under DHHL left approximately 10% unaccounted for (Hawai'i Advisory Committee, 1980). To address the history and ongoing mismanagement and underfunding of DHHL by the State of Hawaii - a reasonable and prudent act of reparation would be to encourage the State of Hawaii and the Federal Government to "consider land swaps" with DHHL rather than elected officials current focus on the kleptocracy of ali'i trusts.

HR21 and HCR54 cannot be supported because it is an attempt to manipulate a private ali'i trust through propaganda, rhetoric and the passing of laws to enable development. Furthermore, these hearings need to address the blatant issues surrounding conflict of interests with stakeholder leadership and their collusive relationships to developers, organizations and politicians that have been the root of Native Hawaiian disenfranchisement for generations HR21 and HCR54 is another attempt at the kleptocracy of an ali'i trust. Are we really that naïve to think that homeless Hawaiians will be relocated to Hawaii Kai? Or do we see plutocratic move for the elite to secure prime real estate in the islands for the interests of family and friends? Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
A. Leimaile Quitevis

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Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeri Di Pietro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Bronson K. Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

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William W. Steiner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Kamehameha Schools has its own rules in place to decide to trade or sell property, they do not need coercion from the State Legislature.

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Paula Aila	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a beneficiary of Hawaiian Homes, I strongly oppose this suggestion to use KS Trust lands for DHHL. KS trust lands are private lands and should be used to generate revenue for the trust to serve Hawaiians. Instead, the State should look at lands in DLNR's inventory for DHHL housing like the Maui lands that will be available with the closing of HC&S. Another end game by the State to have the Trusts fulfill the States obligations for housing. We see right through you.

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