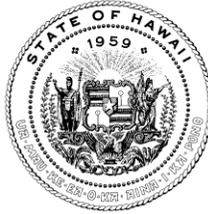


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Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC)

**Testimony of
Carty Chang
Interim Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
Hawaiian Affairs
And
Water and Land**

**Monday, February 9, 2015
2:50 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In Opposition to
Senate Bill 1191
Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee**

Senate Bill 1191 establishes duties of the chairperson and members of the aha moku advisory committee. Requires the committee to select a vice chairperson. Deletes the committee's authorization to hire an executive director. Authorizes the committee to hire an executive assistant and other staff. Clarifies duties of the executive assistant. Requires the committee to develop an administrative structure for communication with the aha moku council system from each island.

The Aha Moku Advisory Board (AMAC) was established by Act 288, Hawaii Session Laws 2012 and became operational in June, 2013. The purpose of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, representatives of each of the eight main Hawaiian Islands is to be the liaison between their islands to the Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to whom recommendations in regards to resources may be made on behalf of their ahupua'a communities. This has been done successfully and reflected in the Legislative Report submitted each year in English and Hawaiian. An administrative structure that ensures this collaboration with the islands and the AMAC has been instigated along with a communications and reporting format.

SB 1191 seeks to re-invent the AMAC process while the existing format per Act 288 has proven to work successfully as it pertains to DLNR and to the strengthening rapport between divisions and the general public as well as the Hawaiian community. DLNR is satisfied with the work of the current AMAC and urges this committee to defer this bill.



SB1191
RELATING TO THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senate Committee on Water and Land

February 9, 2015

2:50 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment will recommend to the OHA Board of Trustees a position of **COMMENT** on SB1191, which proposes to make certain changes affecting the functioning of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, which is located in the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

By law, the Aha Moku Advisory Committee has a commendable mission of advising the chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources on such important matters as:

- Integrating indigenous resource management practices with western management practices in each moku;
- Fostering the understanding and practical use of Native Hawaiian resource knowledge, methodology, and expertise; and
- Sustaining the state's marine, land, cultural, agricultural, and natural resources.

Although the Advisory Committee's mission and efforts benefit all who call Hawai'i home, OHA is currently the sole funder of the committee, and has kept it alive by an infusion of nearly \$250,000 in OHA trust funds.

In light of our significant financial support of the Advisory Committee, OHA is concerned about this bill's potential to disrupt the progress and functioning of the committee. OHA notes that the need for the restructuring and mandates described in this bill is unclear, and that such provisions may result in additional, unfunded financial and administrative burdens.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Title: Moku Representative, Kona, Oahu
Organization: Oahu Island Aha Moku Council System
Committee(s) Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Senate Committee on Water and Land
Date of Hearing: February 9, 2015
Room No.: Room 224
Measure no. SB1191 Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee

I am writing in strong support of SB 11491 and ask that you vote to pass this bill.

This bill will clarify and strengthen the existing Law 212 which established the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. The grassroots concept of bringing issues from the Ahupuaa, to the island then to the Committee is based upon a traditional system of governance that brought to a higher authority the issues seen by the people from the very smallest of jurisdictions, the ahupuaa.

I echo the mana'o of a fellow Aha Moku representative from Maui which states, "After careful consideration of the actions taken by the AMAC, we have come to the conclusion that there needs to be a better structure for the AMAC to function. Clearly there needs to be time and funding for the committee to meet on a regular basis, that work within the committee must align itself with the needs and concerns of the mokus, and that regular reporting of the progress of the committee needs to be available to the mokus. Having rules in place to help guide the function and responsibilities of the AMAC will help us be more efficient and effective in our communities. "

As a representative from the Kona Moku on the island of Oahu, I ask that you and the committee vote favorable in support of SB 1191.

Mahalo Piha,
Kaleo Paik

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Keith Robinson	Aha Moku Advisory Committee	Oppose	Yes

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Thomas Hashimoto	Aha Moku Advisory Committee	Oppose	Yes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leslie Apiu Kuloloio	Aha Moku Advisory Committee	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: Comments Senate Bill 1191 Aha Moku Advisory Committee; Duties Senate Bill 1191 establishes duties of the chairperson and members of the aha moku advisory committee. Requires the committee to select a vice chairperson. Deletes the committee's authorization to hire an executive director. Authorizes the committee to hire an executive assistant and other staff. Clarifies duties of the executive assistant. Requires the committee to develop an administrative structure for communication with the aha moku council system from each island. The existing Aha Moku Advisory Committee, which encompasses the Aha Moku System, was formulated in 2006 by Native Hawaiian resource practitioners and experts from each of the eight main Hawaiian Islands to collectively bring forth a process which would empower people of an ahupua'a to participate with state government in the sustainability and protection of resources of that area. It was clear to Native Hawaiian resource practitioners that their generational knowledge handed down throughout the centuries on site-specific areas and districts could be an asset to the regulatory agencies responsible for the health of Hawaii's environment. Through 7 Puwala (gatherings) of over 200 experts in resource methodology and many community meetings, the Aha Moku System was restored and the process was solidified by kupuna and experts in resource management. This resulted in the process used today by the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC). The AMAC has stayed true to this foundation, including the nature of the committee – where each island representative focuses on their own island and does not interfere or “mahaoi” with another island. The purpose of the AMAC is to be a liaison to the people of their ahupua'a. The purpose of a moku representative is to be a liaison to the people of the ahupua'a located within that moku. The moku councils are comprised of the representatives of the ahupua'a ensuring that resource issues that impact site-specific areas are brought forward, but final decisions rests with the communities of that ahupua'a, and not with the moku councils or the AMAC Committee. We believe that much of the new language that comprises most of SB 1191 changes the intent of the kupuna and practitioners who initiated a process that was meant to endow communities with a stronger voice on resource protection. It creates a board structure where all of the decisions, organization, logistics and submittals take board approval. It turns a Hawaiian structure where ahupua'a community decisions prevail

to a western structure where a board decision prevails. We created the job description for the Executive Director knowing that this entails not just secretarial work, but all of the criteria we knew would be undertaken. Our current Executive Director satisfies that criteria. Our current process enables each of our AMAC members to focus on their own islands. We are not a political entity, but an advisory board to the Board of Land and Natural Resources and we are successful because we bring forth issues pertaining to our individual kuleana. While we appreciate the intent of the makers of SB 1191, we have tried unsuccessfully in the year and a half that we have been in operation to meet with those who are not familiar with the Aha Moku process. We continue to hope that we can meet with interested parties to discuss the issues raised by the proposal and stay strong as people of Hawaii committed to the Aha Moku process as it was intended by the original authors of the Aha Moku Act, kupuna and generational natural and cultural resource experts. Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on SB 1191.

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Name: Jade Alohalani Smith
Title: Moku Representative, Kaupo, Maui
Organization: Maui Island Aha Moku Council System
Committee(s) Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Senate Committee on Water and Land
Date of Hearing: February 9, 2015
Room No.: Room 224
Measure no. SB1191 Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Theilen, committee members.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB1191. My name is Alohalani Smith and I serve as the Aha Moku Representative of the Kaupo Moku, Maui island since 2011.

Moku O Kaupo is located in one of the most remote areas in Hawaii. Disaster prone, our last major disaster was the 2006 Earthquake. That earthquake shut down our road access for two years before we had it repaired. There is no electricity, for some; no water, the terrain is lava and shrubs with cattle being its main produce. We have wild animals such as pig, goat, deers, and wild dogs, feral cats and mongoose. No ponds or beaches: just cliffs. The isolation of the area and limited access resulted in my loss of my home from a fire.

And, while our moku system concentrates on the traditional and cultural practices in resource management, our community is very small, and as a result, our moku system plays an active role in addressing other community issues. I have been very instrumental in pulling my Community out from the ashes, so to speak. In 2013, we renewed our Kaupo Community Association after 6 years of inactivity. I have worked with the Land Division since 2011 to gain the access to the DLNR's Old Kaupo School Property to which we now have the Right of Entry and soon to gain a long term lease. I have also opened a Food Trailer Business in 2011 to put myself in my Moku (District) and service my Community. I also serve on the Red Cross Disaster Response Team and serves as a Board of Director on the Kaupo Community Association. Where am I going with this?

Since the passage of Act 212 established the Aha Moku Council Systems, Maui Island has been exercising our kuleana to gather together those with kupuna and generational knowledge of our individual Moku. It starts with a people base, bottom to top. This has helped us to re-establish those cultural and traditional resource management practices within our moku and has taught us to better manage and respond to community concerns. The purpose of this Act is to initiate the process to create a system of best practices that is based upon the indigenous resource management practices of moku boundaries, which acknowledges the natural contours of land, the specific resources located within those areas, and the methodology necessary to sustain resources and the Community. Our moku lives this lifestyle. This system in Act 212 also foster understanding and practical use knowledge, including native Hawaiian methodology and expertise, to assure responsible stewardship and awareness of the interconnectedness of the clouds, forest, valleys, land stream, fishponds, and sea. As the moku rep for Kaupo, we work with the other mokus of our island to ensure that we speak on issues and concerns regarding our resources, both land and ocean. We speak as one voice. This system includes the use of community expertise and establish programs and projects to improve communication, education, training and increase education & awareness. This work has not been easy and for these reasons, I became involved. Act 212 established the Aha Moku Council Systems and the establishment of the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Commission. I was once a nominee for this Aha Ki'ole position. Again, I understood that is the people, bottom up to work towards responsible stewardship with a Po'o (Ki'ole) to report concerns and he will in turn, report to DLNR..

The passage of Act 288 formally recognized the Aha Moku Council Systems and established the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) Within the Act, the AMAC had specific requirements that we believed would help to establish a working relationship with the DLNR. Unfortunately, that has not been the case. Actions taken without consulting the Committee itself, or the Aha Moku Systems has

resulted in confusion both at the moku and island levels. We continue to learn of steps taken after the fact, and in two cases in particular has resulted in communities stepping away from the work before us. After two years of being involved with this AMAC System, I have only been disappointed and amazed at how this is going backwards. The people have lost faith and trust for this Aha Moku System. I have recently been dealing with my Moku and the AMAC's Executive Director for my First Annual Aha Moku O Kaupo Meeting on February 7th, 2015. I have been asking questions and standing for my peoples concerns by a series of emails. I clarified the fact that all my information, summary or report will go through the process of releasing it to our Maui Po'o, Kyle Nakanelua, before it goes to DLNR. My whole overview is that I'm in opposition to Act 288 changing its original intent and purpose to Act 212.

After careful consideration of the actions taken by the AMAC, we have come to the conclusion that there needs to be a better structure for the AMAC to function. Clearly there needs to be time and funding for the committee to meet on a regular basis, that work within the committee must align itself with the needs and concerns of the mokus, and that regular reporting of the progress of the committee needs to be available to the mokus. Having rules in place to help guide the function and responsibilities of the AMAC will help us be more efficient and effective in our communities.

I truly believe that recommendations found in SB1191 will help to get the AMAC back on the right track, and really serve the intent and purpose of Act 288 and Act 212. We believe that the amendments contained in the bill will help clarify roles and help to address the many issues and concerns we face in the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration for me to express my love for my Moku and the Aha Moku System. I ask for your support to pass SB1191.

J. Alohalani Smith

Aha Moku O Kaupo Representative



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**SB 1191 RELATING TO THE AHA MOKU
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND**

Monday, 2/09/15; 2:50 pm; Room 224

Aloha Madam Chair Shimabukuro and Madam Chair Thielen of the joint committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water and Land. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has supported Aha Moku since its earliest concepts and various manifestations. We oppose this bill as being pre-mature and obstructive to the potential of the Aha Moku Committee.

We are disappointed that just at a time when the Aha Moku Advisory Committee is starting to become effective SB 1191 is introduced to deconstruct the committee. We are opposed to this bill as it serves to assure failure rather than success by not allowing an adequate trial period and proper evaluations on impacts of the program. The program is still in its infancy, and it appears that SB 1191 assures its demise.

We would ask that the joint committees put this bill aside and give the Aha Moku Committee a chance to prove itself. Rather, this bill adds responsibility and at the same time under cuts its current support systems to leave the committee floating in space.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 8, 2015

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair / & Members

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
Sen. Laura H. Thielen, Chair / & Members

FROM: LEIALOHA KALUHIWA, 1st Vice President
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

RE: **S.B. 1191, Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee
Testimony in Opposition**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Chair Thielen and Members of these committees:

On behalf of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, we offer our recommendation that you file this bill, which suggests changes to our newly-formed Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

We do not feel that it is appropriate for these changes – however innocuous they may seem – to **be made concerning this advisory committee** which has only been in existence a short time.

But even in that short time, our cultural practitioners and their executive secretary have worked hard to open dialogues with government agencies concerning ways to incorporate Hawaiian cultural practices into natural resource management regulations.

This legislation is not needed, and we urge you to table this bill.

Mahalo for allowing us to offer our mana`o.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".

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Ko`olau Foundation

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February 8, 2015

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO S.B. 1191

To: Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
& Members, Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Senator Laura Thielen, Chair
& Members, Water & Land Committee

From: Mahealani Cypher
Ko`olau Foundation

Aloha Chairs Shimabukuro and Thielen and Committee Members:

The Ko`olau Foundation has reservations about S.B. 1191, and urge your committees to file this bill.

Although the bill seems like it is adding improvements to how the Aha Moku Advisory Committee would operate, we are not sure these really would be improvements. The Advisory Committee is relatively new, and has been working closely with Hawaiian cultural practitioners statewide to reach out to, educate and assist state regulators and other officials on Hawaiian practices that would improve the way we manage our island's precious natural and cultural resources.

We should advise you that this legislation apparently comes to you from a duplicate organization on Maui which is supported by outside funds, and which also calls itself the Aha Moku Council for Maui. We support the existing Aha Moku Advisory Committee for Maui and throughout the islands, which is doing a good job serving the Hawaiian people and the state of Hawai`i.

We think this legislation is unnecessary at this time, and urge that you file this bill. Mahalo for allowing us to offer our mana`o.

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Trisha Kehaulani Watson, JD, PhD	Honua Consulting	Oppose	No

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Blossom Feiteira	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chairpersons, and members of the committee. I offer my testimony and thank you for the opportunity to submit in support of SB1191. My name is Blossom Feiteira. As a native practitioner, the existence of the Aha Moku Council Systems has been an advantage for me and others like me. To be able to have a place to bring concerns, information, issues when it comes to traditional resource management has been most helpful. However, it would seem that while the AHA MOKU Council Systems are moving forward in their desire to advocate for traditional resource management, the AMAC or Aha Moku Advisory Committee has not. Of particular concern are two specific issues on Maui. One, the Executive Director submits testimony to the Department of Interior on behalf of the AMAC and traditional practitioners in support of federal recognition, and second, submits a letter of support of a cease and desist action by the Council on Water Resource Management. Both actions without consulting the community, or, according to AMAC representatives without the approval or consent of the AMAC. Of concern for me, is three fold: 1. The AMAC is non-functioning. They have held a total of 4 meetings since 2012, yet only three meetings are listed on the website. Of those meetings, minutes are available for only one meeting, none of which address the DOI letter or the Cease and Desist. Second, there is no communication between the AMAC and the AHA Moku Systems. When questioned as to the actions taken, when asked for decisions in writing, there is no response. And thirdly, when asked as by whose authority does the AMAC Executive Director act, I am told by her that she has discretionary authority. Under Act 288, the AMAC has certain mandates required of them, one which is to file an annual report to the legislature. In the past two reports, there is no report of activities on Maui Island, yet, we know that reports were submitted. We are told that Maui's information is not included because we did not use the correct form. So, when reviewing both 212 and 288, it leads me to believe that although 288 outlines tasks, those tasks have not been attended to for two reasons. One, insufficient funds. Two, lack of rules and structure for the AMAC. Today, you have the opportunity to address both inequities. I would ask that your remedy one with the passage of this bill. Mahalo for your time.

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Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Committee On Water and Land
Senator Laura Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

RE: Support for SB 1191, Relating to Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Aloha Senators,

I testify in support of the SB1191. This legislation makes needed amendments to Act 288. When the Aha Moku Advisory Committee was created there was a expectation that the committee made up of persons selected from a list nominated by the Aha Moku Councils from each island would provide a conduit for traditional practitioners to make recommendations for traditional natural resources management to benefit all of Hawai`i. Sadly, the individuals selected were the wrong people who did not work for the communities they purported to represented. They were not able to execute the actions required by Act 288, seemed unable to abide by the Sunshine Law and unable to follow the standards and conduct for State Boards and Commissions. The record of minutes and agendas of this committee are incomplete and in disarray.

Term limits are needed and maybe clearer direction from the legislature would help.

Thank you,
Charles Kaaiai

Name: Donna Dean Sterling

Title: Moku Representative, Kahikinui, Maui

Organization: Hawaii Island Aha Moku Council System

Committee(s) Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Senate Committee on Water and Land

Date of Hearing: February 9, 2015

Room No.: Room 224

Measure no. SB1191 Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Aloha Chairs Shimabukuro and Theilen committee members.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB1191. My name is Donna Dean Sterling and I have been serving as the Aha Moku Representative of the Kahikinui, Moku, Maui island since 2011 and attending the Aha Moku meetings since 2006.

I am a lineal descendant (Helekunihi 'Ohana) of Kahikinui. I have been residing on a Hawaiian Homestead lot in Kahikinui for 15 years. Kahikinui is located on the southern slopes of Haleakala known as Kahikinui. From 2003 to 2005 I served as President of Ka 'Ohana O Kahikinui translated(The family of Kahikinui). Our Moku is the largest Hawaiian Homestead land area, approximately 22,000 acres. Since the year of 2000, our Community Based Economic Development and Makai Management Plan was created. Lessees acknowledged and signed our DHHL Lease Awards for 99 years in 1999. Our community moved onto the land and have supplied our own infrastructure – "off grid". Instead of paved roads, county water and MECO power, we have relied on jeep roads, catchment and generators or alternative power. Recently, some of the roads have been concrete paved serving all lessees.

Some of the continuing work in our Moku is as follows:

1. Reforestation of our badly depleted forest.
2. No fishing in several makai areas to help replenish our resources
3. Fencing areas of the moku preserving and protecting our many archaeological sites from being disturbed and preventing any further depletion of our natural resource of cinder pits.
4. Reactivate old resevoirs from the ranching days, one that is 1.2 million gallon capacity
5. Shoreline clean-up of rubbish, tires, vehicles, metal home heaters which are impacting, presently, a large documented fishing village. Specifically, rusty vehicles resting on top of a burial site and a fishing- koa platform.

I understand that Act 212 established the Aha Moku Council Systems and also called for the establishment of the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Commission which changed to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

October 4, 2014, our Moku of Kahikinui submitted a Report Form when an issue impacted a natural resource within the Manawainui Ahupau'a ocean, shoreline burial desecration. We submitted the report(as is the process) to our Maui Po'o , Kyle Nakanelua. After follow up phone calls to Kyle and then to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee; it is unknown of our moku report status within the AHMAC.

I understand that In 2014, the Aha Moku Advisory Committee documented its accomplishments in a report to the legislature that was issued in English and Hawaiian languages and included recommendations for the moku's of Hawaii, Lanai, Oahu, and Kauai. This report also lists the decisions of the board of land and natural resources relating to those recommendations. Where is Maui and our Moku O Kahikinui Report?

Since the passage of Act 212, the Aha Moku Council Systems on Maui island has been exercising our kuleana to gather together those with kupuna and generational knowledge of our individual Moku. This has helped us reestablish those cultural and traditional resource management practices within our moku, and has taught us to better manage and respond to community concerns. As the moku rep for Kahikinui, we work with the other mokus of our island but a strong and close relationship with the Hana, Kipahulu, Kaupo, Moku's as geographically we share the backside of Haleakal. Our work with other mokus of Maui ensure that we speak o issues and concerns regarding our resources, both land and ocean, our voice are one.

The passage of Act 288 formally recognized the Aha Moku Council Systems and established the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) within the Act, the AMAC had specific requirements that we believed would help to establish a working relationship with the DLNR. That has not been the case, please review the above bold paragraphs. Actions taken without consulting the Committee itself, or the Aha Moku Systems has resulted in confusion and frustration both at the moku and island levels. We continue to learn of steps taken after the fact, and in two cases has resulted in communities stepping away from the work at hand.

After careful consideration of the actions taken by the AMAC, we have come to the conclusion that there needs to be a better structure for the AMAC to function. There needs to be time and funding for the committee to meet on a regular basis,that work within the committee must align itself with the needs and concerns of the mokus, and that regular reporting of the progress of the committee needs to be available to the mokus. Having rules in place helps guide the functions and responsibilities of the AMAC resulting in a more efficient and effective process in our communities.

Aha Moku O Kahikinui looks forward to the AHMAC restructuring for the benefit of our moku and others dealing with Hawaiian traditional land and ocean practices. I ask for your support in the passage of SB1191. We believe that the amendments contained in the bill will help define roles and help to address the many issues and concerns we face in the community.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.