

Date: February 5, 2015
Attention: Senate Committees on HAW and WTL
From: Byron Espaniola, Po'o of the Moku o Kaluakoi, Moloka'i
Subject: Support for Senate Bill 1191

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Thank you for your respectful consideration,

Byron Espaniola

Po'o Moku o Kaluakoi
Aha Kiole o Molokai
PO Box 173
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From: Hanohano Naehu, Po'o of the Moku o Mana'e, Moloka'i
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HA'ULE KA LEWA, HA'ULE KA LANI, HO'ALE KA LEPO POPOLO

To: Honorable Senate Committee Members

From: Karen Kamalu Poepoe
Po'o- 'Aha Kiole o Moloka'i
PO Box 173, Kualapuu, HI 96757

Date: February 8, 2015

Subject: **SB 1191: Support for an Amendment to provide
Administrative Rules and Structure to the Aha Moku
Advisory Committee**

Greetings, Honorable Senators,

My name is Karen Kamalu Poepoe. I am the AMAC representative for Moloka'i.

Firstly, The Aha Moku System is working on Moloka'i. For the past seven years we've actively consulted with and engaged the Moloka'i community on issues big and small.

Our involvement to date includes:

- Conflict resolution. We have served as intermediaries to resolve resource related conflicts, mostly in-house among Moloka'i residents. We have tackled moku-to-moku and interest group wars, and learned that public trust comes from our respectful impartiality when seeking resolution.
- Gathering of community opinions and mana'o. We are sought out to help resolve community issues because our network for conducting public polls, surveys and meetings is seen as the best tool on island to gather mana'o.
- Referring issues to the DLNR. Our people appreciate knowing that the 'Aha Kiole can provide a conduit that fast tracks their issues to DLNR departments.
- Providing information. We have provided educational outreach opportunities and our goal is to expand as information providers to our moku areas and the island as a whole.

As the AMAC representative for Moloka'i, I have always maintained that our most important duty is to act as liaisons for our communities through collaboration and consultation. We represent our people's voices to the state and DLNR.

Secondly, recent AMAC/ DLNR activity has NOT been aligned with the goals and objectives of the Aha Moku system or Act 288. My experience as Vice Chair on this committee has caused me to question proceedings that have increasingly shown little evidence of a requirement to include island po'o.

- Funding decisions have not prioritized committee meetings. Very few to date.
- We have no administrative rules in place.
- Recommendations to the DLNR and political endorsements by the "Aha Moku" are made without consultation or voting by the committee, and not held to any accountability as to the extent of actual community engagement.
- There is no system of communication, and at any given time, the AMAC committee as a whole is unaware of what is happening at the state level until after the fact.
- The committee has no part in how resources are dispersed, we have not been privy to an ongoing budget report.

My raising of these concerns has largely been ignored.

The open-ended nature of AMAC operations within the DLNR has been a cause of concern to many. To correct this, we need a clear structure to define AMAC duties, and we need to have the means to create administrative rules that will allow this group to function with effectiveness and reach the goals and outcomes so stated by Aha Moku System resolutions and Act 288.

Me ka 'o ia 'i'o,

Karen Kamalu Poepoe
Po'o- 'Aha Kiole o Moloka'i

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'Aha Kiole o Moloka'i
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Kelson "Mac" Poepoe

Resource Management Chair
Aha Kiole o Molokai
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Aha Moku Advisory Committee
Maui island Representative

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Aloha ia oukou, Chair Shimabukuro and Chair Theilen and committee members. I am Kyle Nakanelua. I am the Maui Island Representative for the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, enacted into law 288 by former Governor Neil Abercrombie. The people of Maui's 12 traditional districts, organized, affirmed and enacted into law 212 by former Governor Linda Lingle, selected me to be their voice.

Mahalo for affording me this opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB1191.

Since the passage of Act 212, the Aha Moku Council Systems on Maui island, has been exercising our duties to gather together elders within our community's that possess land and natural resource management knowledge, skills and practices that have been passed on to them from the previous generations. Therefore providing us with generational knowledge of our individual Districts. This has helped us re-establish those cultural and traditional resource management practices within our Districts, and has taught us to better respond to the concerns of our community. As the Island Representative of Maui, I work with all of the Districts, to ensure that when I speak on issues and concerns regarding our Islands resources, it is the voice of Maui that is heard and not my own.

While this work has been challenging, we believe that our ancestors had the proper thought-processes in ensuring that when our resources thrive, it supports our people and our community to thrive.

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 BLNR. Unfortunately, that has not been the case. Actions taken without consulting the Committee itself, or the Aha Moku Systems, have resulted in confusion both at the District and Island levels. Two cases in particular, have resulted in communities stepping away from the work before us. In spite of this, we continue to learn and move forward.

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 established Districts, and that regular reporting of the progress of the committee needs to be available to the Districts. 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.

This being said, through me, Maui Island Aha Moku Advisory Systems ask for your support in the passage of SB1191. 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.

MAHALO

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Puwalu Resolution Regarding the `Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Whereas the purpose of Act 288 was to formally recognize the Aha Moku system and to establish the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, placed within the Department of Land and Natural Resources for administrative purposes and allowed to hire an Executive Director, and

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Whereas the Aha Moku Advisory Committee members were confirmed in March 2013 and held the first of four Committee meetings in April 2013, and

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- the Board of Land and Natural Resources deferred action on this item at its December 13, 2013, meeting [note: this date is reported in the Advisory Committee's report to the Legislature even though it occurred in December], and**

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Further be it resolved that the Lawelawe Hana Ke `Aha Moku Puwalu participants urge the Aha Moku Advisory Committee's Chair to immediately notify the Department of the Interior that the letter from the Aha Moku Advisory Committee's Executive Director is rescinded, and

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Agreed to by consensus, this day, September 13, 2014, by the participants of the Lawelawe Hana Ke `Aha Moku Puwalu.

Signed by Ke`eaumoku Kapu
Chair/Host, Lawelawe Hana Ke `Aha Moku Puwalu

Aha Moku Council of Oahu
Makani Christensen
Chairperson
808-780-1253
February 9, 2015

Aloha, my name is Makani Christensen the current chairperson of the Aha Moku Council of Oahu. I was, elected on May 18, 2013, at Kalaeloa, at a meeting chaired by AMAC member Rocky Kaluhiwa.

I am in support of SB1191. This bill strengthens the Current Aha Moku and defines the roles and responsibilities of the executive director and committee members. Act 288 lacks key administrative and process components that have made it difficult for the Oahu Council to tackle important issues. Attached is correspondence. We have communicated I've attached correspondence as part of my testimony. We have communicated our issues to the Executive Director on numerous times and too date we have not received a response. There is a clear lack of communication flow between our Aha Moku Council and the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. The Committee and their Executive director have ignored efforts of Oahu's Aha Moku Council to organize and operate, and has made efforts to undermine our Council by setting up another Aha Moku Council on the Island of Oahu. Also, for the past two years the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) has done little to implement the mandates of Act 288. We are not consulted on the development to the annual report to the legislature. The report is developed in a bubble. Moku councils have been told by the Executive director that we are subject to the Sunshine Law and this is a big problem. The legislation that you are currently considering helps to resolve these and other very important issues, especially the lack with current operating procedures of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. In fact, we do not know how the committee decides on what topics/issues to move forward to DLNR. What is the process? We hope that this and other issues will be resolved with this much needed legislation. I support SB1191. Mahalo Niu Loa.

Critique of the the AMAC Report to the Legislature

January 14, 2015

The report misrepresents the intent of Act 288. In the first paragraph of the Introduction the report states that the Act governs the Aha Moku system. The Aha Moku system as defined by the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Committee's report to the legislature is a "bottom up" approach that is not governed by any act or regulation of the State of Hawai'i. The Act recognizes this and creates the AMAC as an advisor and liaison between the Hawaiian community, the practitioners of the aha moku system and the State regulatory body. The second paragraph of the Introduction sets this out but there appears to be a disconnect between what the act says and means and the functioning of this advisory body.

The Purpose section the report again misinterprets the intent of Act 288 giving the "purpose of the AMAC is to incorporate, appropriate Native Hawaiian knowledge and protocols for the preservation, cultivation ..." This is stated in the AKAC report but as the purpose of the Aha Moku system. It is not the purpose of the AMAC. The AMAC is an advisory body to DLNR and represents the practicing communities for recognition in the regulatory structure.

The report sets out goals, objectives and time frame. First, there is no time frame. Of the 25 objectives identified One is labeled "completed," two are to begin in 2015, one is not yet begun due to budget restraints and one is not labeled. This is not an effective timeline for action and would result in an arbitrary allocation of scarce resources.

The one completed activity is the creation of a "Strategic plan." However the strategic plan was developed in a vacuum by the Executive Director without the input of the AMAC or the communities the AMAC represents. When questioned about the strategic plan the ED could not properly justify or rationalize the creation of the strategic plan.

On checking with two other AMAC members it appears that this legislative report was not even vetted through the committee.

In reporting on recommendations to the BLNR, testimonies submitted appear to have been at one meeting of the BLNR. The lack of minutes of meetings of the AMAC makes it impossible to check to see if these were issues discussed and decisions made by the AMAC. The assumption can be made that these positions were solely the positions of the Executive Director without the consultation that is at the heart of the Aha Moku system. The experience of the O'ahu Council demonstrates how difficult it is to take a position on an issue through consultation.

Missing in the report is the position taken by AMAC on the issue of federal recognition through the Department of the Interior. It does not look good that Esther Kia'aina was the DLNR Deputy with responsibility for the AMAC when the AMAC was first formed and on having left

DLNR to join the Department of the Interior became the point for federal recognition of the Hawaiian nation. The very public display of criticism for the AMAC actions downgrades and denigrates what can be accomplished by the AMAC.

I made the admonition at the first AMAC meeting that I did not want to see the Aha Moku Committee made vulnerable and it appears that the AMAC has done just that through inaction, wrong action, and laziness. These are the wrong people after seven years of effort, the AMAC should be a powerful tool for DLNR to accomplish their responsibilities with respect to the Hawaiian people and the larger community.

Additionally, the AMAC has not had a serious meeting to deal with the pressing issues facing the Aha Moku system: organization and budget.

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Chair/Host, Lawelawe Hana Ke `Aha Moku Puwalu

3 August 2013

Office of the Governor
The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers, State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Governor Abercrombie,

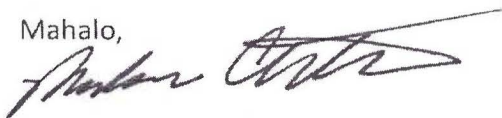
On May 18, 2013 at Kalaeloa Park, the Aha Moku Council of Oahu, hosted by co-chairs of the Ewa Moku, met and two important decisions were made. I was elected Chair of the Aha Moku Council of Oahu by majority vote of those present and voting and members agreed that the Council needed some semblance of organization i.e. agreement on actions to be done by consensus, establishment of committees, etc.

On July 12, 2013, members of the Aha Moku Council of Oahu, hosted by a member of the Oahu Kona Moku, met and established three committees, a legislation committee, a land committee and an ocean committee. These committees are fundamental to protecting our natural resources and strengthening our resolve to support our people's rights, culture and economics – with the help of the knowledge and wisdom of our Native Hawaiian Practitioners.

We pledge to work with our Oahu Po'o to the Aha Moku Committee. In order to succeed in our endeavors as foreseen by our kupuna who have gone before us, we must all work together. We must be accountable. We must assure that proper consultation is always followed.

The Aha Moku system serves as a VOICE to and for the people of Hawaii. The Aha Moku Council of Oahu stands ready to serve as a valuable asset to the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo,



Makani Christensen,
Chairperson, O`ahu Aha Moku Council

8 August 2013

Leimana Damate
Executive Director
Aha Moku Committee
c/o DLNR
Kalanimoku Building
1151 Punchbowl St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Leimana,

On July 12, 2013 the Aha Moku Council of O`ahu met at the call of Chairperson Christensen. The meeting established three standing committees, determined membership requirements, adopted a quorum and adopted a process for decision-making. The `Aelike consensus process was discussed as a possible traditional consensus approach to decision-making, however, it was agreed that further discussion was necessary. A website for the O`ahu Moku Council is being developed.

We would appreciate receiving timely notice of the Aha Moku Committee meetings, and ask that you can send the notice by email to me. I will distribute the notice to interested people.

Mahalo for your attention to this request.

O wau no, me ka oia`i`o,



Makani Christensen, Chairperson
O`ahu Aha Moku Council

20 January 2014

Aha Moku Council of Oahu
Attn: Makani Christensen, Chair
P.O. Box 240353
Honolulu, HI 96824

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers, State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha,

The Aha Moku Council of Oahu is concerned about the final report of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC). We feel strongly that we are not being represented by the committee at the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We have been meeting regularly to organize and address concerns of our island. The Aha Moku Council of O`ahu are made up of representatives from our six moku.

The AMAC and island Councils are separate by design: the AMAC conduct is bound by standards found in HRS, Ch. 92 and Ch. 84, but they are a public authority representing the island Councils. Their conduct and behavior is subject to the State Sunshine law. The island Moku Councils are autonomous. They are free to organize, meet, discuss issues and make recommendations to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. This allows each island community to form an organization that is appropriate for their island and better able to deal with island issues and initiatives at the community level. Each island can explore their own solutions, participate in their municipal governments and collaborate with community and other organizations. For specific resource issues that are under State authority, the island Councils, along with their individual right to petition the DLNR, can petition the Aha Moku Advisory Committee for representation at the Board of Land and Natural Resources. The AMAC cannot take away our individual rights. The entire initiative is to provide Hawaiian cultural values for Hawaii's people.

With regard to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee report, the report was not made available to the Aha Moku Council of O`ahu until it was already filed with the Legislature so we were not able to contribute to the report.

- 1) The AMAC Final Report does not represent actual concerns of the Oahu Aha Moku Council: The O`ahu Council has met in 5 of the six moku on O`ahu: Kona, Ko`olaupoko, Ko`olauloa, Wai`anae and Ewa. We are still recruiting for representation of Waialua. We have responded to requests for NHPA Sec. 106 consultations. We have filed comments on EIS for a development at Turtle Bay, Ko`olauloa. We are collaborating with the `iwi Council and provided a forum for discussion of community issues.

- 2) No Communication in 2013 between AMAC and Oahu Aha Moku Council (No reports or meeting announcement throughout 2013): We were notified of two meetings of the AMAC, the initial meeting and the meeting to select the Executive Director, after those meetings were completed. There is only one agenda and one meeting minutes report for two publicly noticed meetings on the DLNR website;
- 3) AMAC 's executive director does not represent the Oahu Aha Moku Council and we question whether the Executive Director can also hold a position on the board of Hawaiian Homes Lands Commission;
- 4) AMAC's current Po'o of Oahu does not represent the Oahu Aha Moku Council. The current Po'o was chair of the Aha Moku Council of O`ahu, then resigned her position, was named to the AMAC and returned to the O`ahu Council at the Ewa moku meeting, tried to replace the Council's agenda and tried to re-organize the Council;
- 5) The Water Shed of Oahu is not a current concern of Oahu Aha Moku Council of Oahu. The issue was never discussed by the O`ahu Council.
- 6) What stream is the AMAC referring to as being cut off by the Military and Development? As a Council, we have not discussed any stream blockages on O`ahu.
- 7) AMAC states water treatment plants are not good for the coastal areas. Our concern at the Aha Moku Council of Oahu is to ensure adequate water treatment is occurring to support our population, our visitors and the health of our environment;
- 8) The Aha Moku Council of Oahu does not feel a "warmer relationship" with DLNR because there is no oversight of the AMAC and we do not feel we are being represented by the Committee;
- 9) The AMAC report identifies a few disciplines to be included in the Aha Moku process. However, the Aha Moku Council of O`ahu feels that we cannot limit ourselves to AMAC recommendations.

We are disappointed in the performance of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee and are embarrassed by this report. We have invited our Po`o and the Executive Director to our meetings and the two meetings they attended they tried to re-write our agenda and monopolize the meeting. We are all volunteers and believe that Aha Moku is right and pono but we are disheartened to see our efforts undermined and ignored. Our work is for the people and community of O`ahu and we will keep at it for as long as we can but we don't want to sap our energy fighting with the very people set up to represent us.

Please call or email Makani Christensen at 808-780-1253 or (makani.christensen@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Mahalo

Makani Christensen, Chairman Kona Moku

Shade Kane, Ewa Moku

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From: Mervyn Dudoit Sr., Po'o of the Moku o Kawela, Moloka'i
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Mervyn Dudoit

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Po'o, Culture and Education

Aha Kiole o Molokai

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SB1191

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Puanani Rogers	Ho`okipa Network - Kauai	Support	No

Comments: I testify in strong support of this measure; SB1191 Please pass this bill so our work within our Aha Moku system will run much smoother and with positive results. Results are all we can to malama our `aina by restoring our na ahupua`a on all islands.

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Aloha,

I am Shane Sinenci of Aha Moku Hana and I support SB 1191.

The Aha Moku Organization is a resource management program that fits the Hana Community model Of resource management, self sustainability and ancient konohiki practices.

Aha Moku recognizes the generational knowledge of community elders and the Hana Community Recognizes and honors this important resource in our daily lives. We recognize the importance Of families that maintain the archival place names, native flora and fauna, and cultural seasonal Traditions that are site specific to the Hana Community and East Maui.

The Hana Community also supports the Aha Moku Codes of Conduct when addressing the issues Of ancient burials, water uses and rights, and hunting, fishing and gathering regulations.

These are important issues that are crucial in maintaining and perpetuating our unique lifestyle in East Maui.

In closing, I ask for your continued support of the established Aha Moku system, and add credence To a system that has been prevalent for hundreds of years; that is uniquely Hawaiian, and that follows Native and natural laws of environmental stewardship. Mahalo.

Date: February 8 , 2015
Attention: Senate Committees on HAW and WTL
From: Vanda Hanakahi,
Subject: Support for Senate Bill 1191

Honorable Senators,

I am Vanda Hanakahi. I was the first appointed chairperson of the 'Aha Moku/ 'Aha Kiole system in Hawai'i by Governor Abercrombie. I am in favor of structuring and accountability for the 'Aha Moku Advisory Committee detailed in SB 1191.

From 2006, I've been involved with the large group of dedicated people, who for many years, worked to see the fruition of this 'Aha Moku system. The purpose from the beginning was to use Hawaiian resource management knowledge to help the state, and to facilitate interaction between government and communities.

I have observed a decline in the process of including island po'o in discussing issues that lead to recommendations for the DLNR. I've also observed the exclusion of community voices by AMAC leadership, while simultaneously claiming representation of the moku voices. This was NOT the 'Aha Moku structure that we worked for. The intent of Act 288 is to have the island po'o be the liaison for the people's voices and for the AMAC leadership to communicate the people's mana'o to the DLNR. Administrative Rules would clarify the appropriate process.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

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