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Testimony of
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In **SUPPORT** of **Senate Bill 436**

Relating to the OHA Package; Native Hawaiian and Hawaiian Rights; Training Course

Senate Bill 436 requires OHA to administer a training course on native Hawaiian and Hawaiian rights. It requires members of certain state councils, boards, and commissions to attend the training course.

The Aha Moku System encompasses the eight main Hawaiian Islands and supports the traditional and generational knowledge of the people who are connected to each of the 43 moku and 587 ahupua'a. Many of the state's regulatory policies and laws are derived from the foundation of cultural practices and codified within the Hawaii State Constitution. However, these laws and practices are not commonly translated into practical knowledge by sitting members of many of the state's official councils, boards, commissions and advisory committees. These same entities have great influence in the creation and implementation of current statutes and rules which directly impact the lives of the public trust including Native Hawaiians.

We believe that this bill is necessary and long-overdue. It will bring a much needed understanding of how public trust resources and programs directly impact Native Hawaiian and Hawaiian traditional and customary rights and natural resource protection and access rights.

We humbly ask that the Senate Hawaiian Affairs and the Water and Land Committees pass HB 436.

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