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February 9, 2015

**TESTIMONY OF KIPUKAI KUALII**  
**COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ON**  
**SB 483, RELATING TO FORESTRY**  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Committee on Water and Land  
Monday, February 9, 2015  
2:50 P.M.  
Conference Room 224

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Thielen, and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in opposition of SB 483, regarding forestry and Hawaiian homelands. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee Chair and as an individual Councilmember on the Kaua'i County Council.

SB 483 proposes to allow the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to utilize Hawaiian home lands for forestry of koa or native trees and enter into a public-private partnership to implement a forestry plan. Although this Bill promotes forestry of koa or native trees, the proposed use of the lands is not in line with the purpose of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA). The HHCA was established to provide for the rehabilitation of native Hawaiians through the provision of land for residential, agricultural and pastoral homesteading. Furthermore, the Act allows native Hawaiians to access lands for mercantile licenses in support of native Hawaiian businesses. Conducting forestry to raise revenue on Hawaiian home lands does not serve homesteading purposes, thus I oppose this measure.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly encourage the Senate Joint Committee to defer this measure indefinitely. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

KIPUKAI KUALII  
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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**SB483**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
ceci	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Get people in DHHL who actually have a vested interest in what is best for Hawaiians and have a very clear understanding of why DHHL was created in the first place. Instead, DHHL is grossly mismanaged by those who could care less what happens to Hawaiians and what is deservedly theirs. They are only there for paycheck, typical government and it's sickening!

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Diane Kanealii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This Bill undermines the mission of the Hawaiian Homes commission Act. HHCA purpose is NOT for the State to make money, but for beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes trust to be issued the lands under the Mercantile and Commercial section of the HHCA, which is what Kuhio intended. These lands are for beneficiaries to enter into partnerships to generate revenue for themselves to REHABILITATE Native hawaiians, NOT lease their lands to ANYONE else. Please do NOT pass this Bill. It is NOT PONO. Mahalo

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Jim Cisler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to allowing DHHL to partner with private enterprises without first addressing the needs of its beneficiaries as originally intended by Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole.

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Justina Angelo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Puni Kekauoha	Individual	Oppose	No

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