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**TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

IN SUPPORT OF

HB 451 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT

February 14, 2017

Aloha Chair Nishimoto and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) strongly supports this bill that reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one-thirty second. This bill is almost identical to an administration bill introduced this session.

The Department continues to receive requests from beneficiaries, particularly lessees in our older homestead communities, to reduce the blood quantum requirement for successors. As these communities age, the lessees with one-quarter Hawaiian blood are facing the possible loss of a homestead lease that has been within the family for several generations because their descendants lack the required blood quantum. This amendment will provide DHHL lessees with greater flexibility to retain homestead leases within their families.

The Department is aware that the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (SCHHA) Executive Council and Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs are requesting that this bill also amend section 208 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, as amended to reduce the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain transferees from one-quarter to one thirty-second. The Department supports the current version of the bill to allow one lot to stay within the family through successorship until such time that the Department can ensure that a lessee doesn't transfer their lot to a qualified family member and then apply for another homestead lease and receive another award or purchase a lease and transfer yet another lot to a qualified family member ahead of others on the waitlist. Until a limitation on the transfer of a lease can be resolved by the Department, this bill would at least allow lessees facing the possible loss of their lot because their descendants lack the required blood quantum to retain the homestead lease within their family.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Kanealii	Kailapa Community Association	Support	No

Comments: Please support passage of this bill which would enable the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes trust pass on their lease to their descendant with a minimum of 1/32nd blood quantum to keep there families on the land for generations to come Mahalo for your vote to support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Faith Tuipulotu	Molokai Homestead Farmer's Alliance	Comments Only	No

Comments: Chair Scott Nishimoto, I am the President of the Molokai Homestead Farmer's Alliance. We as beneficiaries and members of this organization support the lowering of the blood quantum to 1/32nd. We support Rep. Decoite's HB451 to continue Prince Kuhio's vision. Mahalo, Faith Tuipulotu

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February 11, 2017

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2017
Re: HB 451, heard February 14, 2017

Aloha Judiciary Committee members and all members of the House of Representatives,

Mahalo for addressing HB 451 today. This bill represents essential legislation for homestead lessees and their inheritants, and I submit to you my written testimony in favor of HB 451, which effectively reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second.

Why is this important today?

This is important today, because when Hawaiians, young and old, move onto homesteads, often times after decades of waiting, they do so with their immediate family members. They build homes and care for the land, and they do these things to create stability for their families and for their communities. Inheritants, the direct descendants of original homesteaders need the opportunity to be able to carry on these practices on their family homesteads, to ensure the continuation of community and financial well-being. This is the whole purpose of Prince Kuhio's original interest.

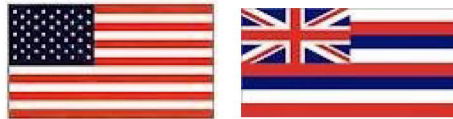
This is important today because multi-ethnic offspring are a reality for today's Native Hawaiians. Prince Kuhio, in his forward thinking, saw this coming. He created the homestead awards system to support Native Hawaiians. He did not favor restriction based upon blood quantum, in fact it was foreigners who settled in the territory who crafted a blood quantum requirement, for purposes surely designed to benefit them in some way.

This is important today for my family and for my neighbor's families. We want to be on our homesteads. We want to settle and provide for our offspring. We can't do these things in isolation of our inheritants. That isn't logical, in any way. Since we know the original intent of the homestead act was to provide for all Native Hawaiians, we know that HB 451 needs approval, as soon as possible.

Mahalo for your consideration of my written testimony. I submit this testimony on behalf of our association members, my ohana, and my keiki.

Harry F. Rodrigues

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To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

For hearing Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Re: HB451 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.
Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

In homage to Archie Bunker, this bill should be given the name "All In The Family." Its obvious purpose is to allow a family to keep a DHHL lease in the family even after the original lessee has died, and the spouse and children have died, etc. -- so long as the successor leaseholder has at least 1/32 Hawaiian native blood and is related to the original lessee from decades ago by blood or marriage. The only way to pry the lease away from the family is if the lease expires after

the statutory period of 100 years. Indeed, we are approaching the 100th anniversary of passage of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, so in the next few years we will see leases in Papakolea (the first homestead) beginning to expire. Therefore we will probably soon see legislation automatically extending leases for an additional century, to keep them "all in the family."

There are now 27,000 racially certified 50% blood native Hawaiians who have been sitting on the waiting list for decades. Let's give them a lease instead of guaranteeing the inheritance of a lease by grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, etc. whose connection with Hawaiian culture and with the 'aina may be greatly attenuated or virtually imperceptible.

The most obvious result of enacting this bill would be to permanently establish a hereditary elite caste among native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiians -- families who got a lease early in the history of DHHL would remain forever an elite group of ali'i while those who placed their names on the waiting list in later years remain consigned to the lower caste maka'ainana with no hope of moving up. People with as little as 1/32 Hawaiian native ancestry but who are blood relatives of existing lessees would have an insurmountable preference over the native Hawaiians of greater than 50% native ancestry who were the intended beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act but now find they have no hope of getting a lease because they belong to a family from the "wrong side of the tracts."

Many Hawaiians believe that the 50% blood quantum requirement in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act is terribly divisive, pitting high-blood natives against low-blood Natives. It's often said that Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, Territorial Representative of Hawaii who sponsored the HHCA, wanted the blood requirement to be set at 1/32, which in 1920 would have allowed virtually every ethnic Hawaiian to qualify (although I have not seen actual written evidence to support the legend that he proposed 1/32). Now that four more generations

have occurred, Kuhio's rationale would need to be updated to say the quantum should be 1/512, to ensure that everyone with a drop of the magic blood is eligible.

But here's my view. I believe that 1/2 is too high, 1/32 is too high, 1/512 is too high, and even one drop is too high. The native blood requirement for a homestead lease on public lands should be zero. During the Republic and early Territorial periods Hawaii had a homesteading law that allowed any citizen of Hawaii, regardless of race, to select a vacant piece of public land, live on that land for a period of years while putting it to good use, and thereby acquire ownership of the land in fee simple. That perfectly fine race-neutral homesteading law fell by the wayside when the well-intentioned but hopelessly racist HHCA was enacted. So now we have a huge bureaucracy costing megabucks to administer in order to ensure that only people of the favored race can establish a homestead on public land; and that they can only lease the land but are denied the most secure way for a family to build wealth -- fee-simple ownership of land. What a shame!

HB451 proposes to establish 1/32 as the blood quantum needed to inherit a homestead lease. Did you know that Michelle Obama is 1/32 Caucasian, and would therefore be eligible to inherit a lease on a Caucasian homestead? Isn't that amazing! See "How the Obama Family Will Benefit from the Caucasian Government Reorganization Act of 2040"

<http://www.angelfire.com/big09a/CaucasianGovReorgAct.html>

Please defeat this bill.

On the next page you will find a copy of a letter to editor published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser of December 22, 2016, from a Hawaiian with 3/8 native blood.

Keep Hawaiian blood quantum rule

I am not in favor of reducing the Hawaiian blood quantum requirement to 1/32 Hawaiian for the transfer of leases to relatives. I am in favor of the current requirement of 25 percent Hawaiian.

To qualify for Hawaiian Homes land, a person needs to be at least 50 percent Hawaiian. There are 27,000 qualified applicants on the wait list. These people have waited many years to obtain a lease and may not get a lease during their lifetime because Native Hawaiians on the wait list have died while waiting.

They deserve priority before land is transferred to someone who is only 1/32 Hawaiian.

Those who are objecting to the current 25 percent transfer requirement should be extremely grateful for all the years they lived on Hawaiian Homes property.

I am three-eighths Hawaiian. My late mother, Hannah Bailey Pang, was three-fourths Hawaiian. My grandmother Hannah Kaholowaa Kamahele Bailey was pure Hawaiian.

I do not qualify for Hawaiian Homes property, but I am very concerned about those who qualify, are not given a fair chance to obtain such property, and are on the wait list of 27,000.

Bertha Pang Drayson

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Piilani Akana	Keokea Homestead Farm Lots Association	Support	No

Comments: Reducing blood quantum for successorship helps to preserve the Hawaiian lands to Hawaiians. If qanume isn't lowered the lands will be lost.

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LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY
Committee on Judiciary
Hearing: Tuesday, Feb 14, 2:00 p.m., Room 325
In Support of HB451, Relating to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act

Rep Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
Rep Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
and members of the Committee on Judiciary

Aloha mai kākou

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urges your committee to pass HB451 that proposes to reduce the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second.

The authors and introducers of this bill recognized that passage of a family home to a successor member of the family ensures the integrity of the “ohana”. A house is more than just a building. It is where adults raise their children, where spiritual and cultural values are learned and practiced; it is where love is nurtured; it is where self-esteem is built; it is where we feel most safe; it is where our personalities are developed; it is where memories are made. Thus, it is understandable why families on Hawaiian homelands would wish to retain their home within family.

Prince Kūhiō who is credited for the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act knew this. He actually wanted every Hawaiian to have a home and advocated for a blood quantum requirement of one-thirty-second. We believe he had the vision to know that there would be inter-marriages in Hawaii. Hawaiians should not be penalized for having married non-Hawaiians. Like others, they wish to have their homes passed down to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

We appreciate that the State recognizes its commitment to Hawaii's first people. Your continued support and commitment are needed to help us ensure we can continue to have our people on the lands of our ancestors.

Respectfully
/s/ on line testimony
LEIMOMI KHAN, Chair



HB451
RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT
House Committee on Judiciary

February 14, 2017

2:00 PM

Room 325

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee will recommend to the Board of Trustees a position of **SUPPORT** for HB451, which lowers the required Native Hawaiian blood quantum from one-quarter to one-thirty-second for certain relatives to be eligible to succeed to a Hawaiian Home Lands homestead lease. This would allow a current homestead lessee to ensure a reasonable level of stability for his or her close family members, who, due to having less than the currently required blood quantum, may otherwise face severe disruption to their housing and business circumstances upon to the lessee's death.

The issue of reducing the blood quantum for successorship was a recurring theme expressed by beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act when the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) conducted beneficiary consultation meetings on its new proposed rules package. Homestead organizations and individual beneficiaries expressed concerns that immediate family members of homestead lessees may not have the required one-quarter blood quantum to succeed to homestead leases, and face possible loss of a homestead that has been in the family for several generations. This measure will help address those concerns, and create incentives for lessees to invest in their homesteads knowing that their descendants will succeed to their leases, thereby providing valuable housing opportunities for their families.

For the foregoing reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** HB451.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

TO: **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

RE: HB 451 - **RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.**
DATE: February 14, 2017 2:00 pm Conference Room 325
State Capitol, Hawaii

FROM: M Kapuniai, **Committee Chair for DHHL Compliance**
Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homelands Assembly

I, on behalf of the SCHHA, will first, express my sincere appreciation to the Chair and Vice Chair of this JUDICIARY COMMITTEE for scheduling this important bill for hearing, a necessary action to facilitate further passage and process for submittal to the Department of Interior for positive Congressional consideration.

I testify to **SUPPORT HB 451** reducing the Minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement for qualified relatives to succeed to leases of Hawaiian home lands, from one-quarter to one thirty-second. In addition, I suggest that this committee consider amending the bill:

- 1) One-quarter to descendency
- 2) Include HHCA Section 208 (5) allowing a lessee to transfer to qualified relatives from one-quarter to one thirty-second.

- HB 451 only addresses HHCA Section 9, allowing succession upon death of the lessee to qualified relatives.

It is unreasonable, impracticable, and discriminatory to provide for one set of lessees and not for the other.

The SCHHA, for many years has supported lowering the blood quantum for eligible successors. The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement has continually identified lowering the blood quantum for eligible successors as a policy priority. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has also supported this initiative in the past, and, currently. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has, on previous occasions and during annual Convention 2016, adopted Resolutions which urged reduction of the blood quantum for eligible successors. AOHCC Resolution 16-3 provides additional justification for HB 451. See attached. (AOHCC 16-3 also considers HHCA 208 (5).)

I speak for current lessees, and, applicants who will be eligible as soon as they become lessees. I speak for relatives of aged lessees who have been grateful stewards and who have shared that stewardship with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Lessees of successful farms and ranches could not have managed without the willful assistance of family members who have invested time, talent, backbone, resources, and love for the 'aina and their kupuna, all without concern for "Hawaiian blood quantum".

Our kuleana as lessees is to occupy and use the land as intended. It is the kuleana of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and that of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to make necessary improvements and place qualified applicants on the land; there is more than enough land in DHHL inventory to accomplish the first purpose of the HHCA. Further, whose kuleana, by constitutional mandate is it to facilitate implementation of the HHCA?

Therefore, there is no need to displace current lessees and their prospective successor relatives to make room for applicants, who, for what ever reason, is still waiting for their opportunity to become grateful stewards.

Reducing the Minimum Hawaiian blood quantum will facilitate provisions of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and the Hawaii State Administrative Rules, Title 10: Initial lease is for the term of 99 years, with the option to extend another 99 years, upon written request.

Positive support for the bill by this committee will enhance further self-sufficiency and self-determination for lessees and their qualified family members and will benefit the greater community.

I appreciate the opportunity to **SUPPORT HB 451**, with *recommended amendments*, reducing the minimum Hawaiian Blood quantum requirement for qualified relatives to succeed to leases of Hawaiian home lands, from one-quarter to one thirty-second, or descendency.

Respectfully, M Kapuniai
Attachments (2 pgs)

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ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

16-3

SUPPORT THE REDUCTION OF THE MINIMUM HAWAIIAN BLOOD QUANTUM REQUIREMENT OF CERTAIN TRANSFEREES OF AND SUCCESSORS TO LESSEES OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS FROM ONE-QUARTER TO ONE-THIRTY-SECOND

WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921 included a definition of "native Hawaiian" as a person with fifty percent or more Hawaiian blood; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921, and as amended in Section 208, Condition of Leases, requires that transfers of the lessee's interest to a tract to a qualified relative of the lessee who is at least one-quarter Hawaiian: husband, wife, child, grandchild...and as approved by the Department, to brother or sister who is at least one-quarter Hawaiian; and

WHEREAS, Section 209, Successors to Lessees. "(a) Upon the death of the lessee the lessee's interest in the tract or tracts and the improvements thereon...shall vest in the relatives of the decedent...from the following relatives of the lessee who are ... at least one-quarter Hawaiian, husband, wife, children, grandchildren, brothers or sisters..."; and

WHEREAS, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, the territory's non-voting delegate to Congress, anticipating future interracial marriages of the Hawaiian people, originally advocated for a blood quantum requirement of one-thirty-second to perpetuate native Hawaiian presence on the land; Cong. Rec. 24 Dec. 1920: 13500 *Hearings*. (Statement of Hon. J. Kuhio Kalaniana'ole.); and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Legislature recognizes that, through the Admissions Act of 1959, §4, the State of Hawai'i has a fiduciary duty to support the rehabilitation of the Hawaiian people, in part by ensuring long-term tenancies to beneficiaries, transferees, and successors of beneficiaries under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1921, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the "federal government set aside public lands to be considered Hawaiian home lands, to be utilized in the rehabilitation of native Hawaiians, thereby undertaking a trust obligation benefitting the aboriginal people, and the State of Hawaii assumed this fiduciary obligation upon being admitted into the union as a state" see Ahuna v. Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, 64 Haw. 327, 640 P.2d 1161 (1982); and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Legislature emphasizes that many descendants of lessees of Hawaiian home lands do not qualify as transferees or successors because interracial marriage and blended families produce descendants who are less than twenty-five percent Hawaiian resulting

in hardship where families are displaced and their continued stewardship of the land and livelihood are disrupted; and

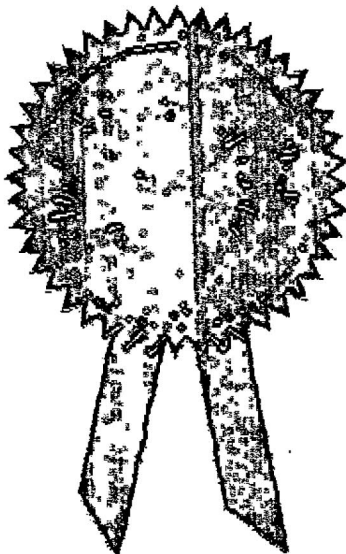
WHEREAS, such a change to the law would allow homestead land that has been in families for generations to continue to be passed down to descendants that may currently lack the prerequisite blood quantum; and

WHEREAS, reducing the blood quantum requirement for purposes of transfer or succession will allow expanding opportunities to family members who have already invested time, talent, resources, commitment and aloha for the 'āina to continue the legacy initiated by their kūpuna and mākaūa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 57th annual convention at Las Vegas, Nevada this 19th day of November 2016, that it support the reduction of the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain transferees of and successors to lessees of Hawaiian Home Lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to the recent Federal Register Rules and Regulations regarding Land Exchange Procedures and Procedures to Amend the Hawaiian Homes Commissions Act, 1920, 43 CFR Parts 47 and 48, RIN 190-AA-98, effective July 12, 2016, it encourages the State of Hawai'i enact a law reducing the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement from one-quarter to one thirty-second pursuant to Sections 208 and 209 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, all County Mayors, the Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the Chair of the Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, and the President of the Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands, and Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on the 19th day of November 2016, at the 57th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Annelle C. Amaral

Annelle C. Amaral, President

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Alvin K Pelayo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I fully support HB451. I am a Hawaiian Homelands Beneficiary. My family and I were blessed in being able to build a home as a lessee. I fully recognize and support that homes and land must be prioritized for those Hawaiians that are of 50% or more blood quantum. For those of us that are in homes or on land that was passed to us from our Kupuna it is a GREAT concern that my ohana will not be able to inherit the same legacy because they do not possess the 25% required quantum. We have a severe homeless situation now in our communities. We have 3 - generations in our home now. If there is no change to the 25% requirement, then when I die my ohana will have very few options on the table for living in Hawaii. Please pass this bill and open the door to opportunity for our future generations. Mahalo for your consideration. Kai Pelayo - On behalf of my daughter: Growing up, I could never picture myself living anywhere else: Maui is my home. It is where my father was raised, and it is where his father chose to keep his roots as well. However, these days are not the days of past and neither is the real estate market. With the increase of luxury developments and decrease of affordable family homes, the housing options for my family are slim to none. These reasons are why I support HB451. A home is a legacy that should be able to be passed to one's descendants. Currently, should my father or uncle pass, we would be left homeless because neither my mother, myself, or my own children have the 25% blood quantum to inherit our house. Not only that, but my parents would have lost a considerable investment by paying off the home we are living in. Should our house be lost, that's would be the equivalent of losing a lifetime of work that our family put into realizing the dream of home ownership. I understand that the 25,000+ people who are still waiting on the list for a lease need a place to establish their legacies as well; however, I do not believe that it should be at the expense of uprooting other families. Not only would this create further disparity within the Hawaiian community, but it would not perpetuate the pono values that rubs off on everyone who spends time in the islands. Do the righteous thing and pass HB451 so other family's dreams can be realized as well. Zoe Pelayo

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Barbara Sentel	Individual	Support	No

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carol lee kamekona	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of lowering the blood quantum for successors of the HHCA of 1920. I would like to see the issue of quantum removed and proof of blood be done through lineage.

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Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain
Successors to lessees of Hawaiian Home Lands from one-quarter to
One thirty-second.

To the Committee Chair and Members:

Aloha kakou and greetings from the chilly Kipu`upu`u swept hills of Waimea! My name is Edith Kawai. My grandparents, Harry and Lehua Kawai, were Hawaiian Home awardees in the very first Hawaiian Homes award grants in the Nienie area on the slopes of Mauna Kea. My brother, their beneficiary, continues to make his home there on the ranch some 66 years after they received their award. Like so many other families, my grandparents, parents, siblings, children and nephew, we have all invested our aloha and mana into the life of the land. The richness of the memories, family traditions and way of life cannot be valued except in our hearts through the generations.

I write in strong support of HB 451. As the co-drafter of the Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club's Resolution 16-3 to the Association of Hawaiian Civic Club's 2016 convention, in **SUPPORT THE REDUCTION OF THE MINIMUM HAWAIIAN BLOOD QUANTUM REQUIREMENT OF CERTAIN TRANSFEREES OF AND SUCCESSORS TO LESSEES OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS FROM ONE-QUARTER TO ONE-THIRTY-SECOND**, which passed unanimously, I believe that there are many reasons to support them. Chief among the reasons is that at least two more generations of my family will be able to have a foundation in and with their ohana on the land. The trend of intermarriage over the generations since Prince Kuhio first introduced what would be a life-changing measure for his people, has seen fewer and fewer people of Hawaiian blood able to share in Kuhio's dream. Because land is so expensive and hard to come by, an "us against them" dis-ease has grown up amongst our people. How sad to be pitted against each other for limited resources when our numbers as Hawaii Maoli are dwindling. Aloha nō! With the successful passing of this bill and its House companion, HB 451, more of those already on the land would be able to open their arms to a broader range of ohana, people who would have no chance at all to enjoy this gift, people who would be displaced but for this measure. Hawaiian families could become stronger in themselves; rehabilitation as Kuhio intended it.

I know the `eha that Hawaiians already many years on the waiting list feel when they believe that the land that might have been returned to the available award lands will be denied to them. There is hope for those on the list now and in the future: Many thousands of acres yet remain which are part of the Hawaiian Homes lands and the DHHL has a duty to develop these lands to carry out the intent of the Hawaiian Homes Act.

The Hawaii State legislature recognizes, through the Admissions Act of 1959, §4, that the State of Hawaii has a fiduciary duty to support the rehabilitation of the Hawaiian people, in part by ensuring long-term tenancies to beneficiaries, transferees, and successors of beneficiaries under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1921, as amended.

The “federal government set aside public lands to be considered Hawaiian home lands, to be utilized in the rehabilitation of native Hawaiians, thereby undertaking a trust obligation benefitting the aboriginal people, and the State of Hawaii assumed this fiduciary obligation upon being admitted into the union as a state. *See Ahuna v. Department of Hawaiian Home Lands*, 64 Haw. 327, 640 P.2d 1161 (1982).

On behalf of my children, grandchildren and nā kamalei yet to be born, I mahalo you for even considering this bill. I implore you to support it in its entirety. Almost everything was taken from the Hawaiian people, their lands and their sovereignty. The successful passing of this Bill is a positive response directly to Kuhio for his people.

Mahalo iho nō,
Edith Kawai
EDITH KAWAI

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Faith Tuipulotu	Individual	Support	No

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Jimmy Gomes	Individual	Support	No

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John Freeman	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalani Johnston	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a 4th Generation Homesteader in Kalama'ula Molokai. HB451 is important to us because upon our passing; we want to ensure long-term tenancies to our beneficiaries and successors will ensure our children and future grandchildren can maintain the equity of our home that we've worked so hard to keep through generations. I hate to see that if this bill does not pass all my tutu's hard work that was been passed down to us through generations will be lost forever and will miss out on the place we grew up in and one that we call home to be kept in our ohana. Please consider lowering the blood quantum for our future keiki generation of our successors.

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Subject: FW: Testimony for HB 451 from Kamalei Davis

Aloha Allison,

One of our constituents sent their Testimony on HB 451 to us because she was having issues with the website and had to get to class. I let them know I'd forward it along.

Please see below.

Mahalo,

:)Rebecca

:)Rebecca Bernal
Communications Specialist
Office of Representative Lynn DeCoite
Hawaii House of Representatives, District 13
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Honolulu, HI 96813
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Date: February 13, 2017 at 9:03:07 AM HST
To: "

Aloha, my name is Kamalei Davis and I am a junior at Kamehameha Schools. I currently board at Kamehameha Schools, but I was raised on the island of Moloka'i in Kalamaula on Lot 13. My family has lived on that lot for four generations and I am a successor and beneficiary of the land yet, I am 24% Hawaiian and I do not qualify for the land. I want to be able to keep the land I was raised on, the land my father was raised on, and the land on which my kūpuna have lived on for

all they're lives. I ask to please let this bill be hear, not only for myself but for the many
Hawaiians it would help in keeping their ancestral land and the vision of Prince Jonah Kuhio.
Mahalo Kamalei

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KANOE MERINO	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Natasha Boteilho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Representatives, I am writing to ask your support of HB 451, that lowers the blood quantum for successors perraining to DHHL. This bill, if passed will benefit my children as they do not have the necessary amount of 25% blood quantum to succeed living in my home if and when I do pass away. Mahalo for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noah Freeman	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noelani Akina Johnston	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to you on behalf of the upcoming hearing of the Bill for an Act HB 451 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; Hawaiian Home Lands; Successors, Blood Quantum. We are of Hawaiian decedent currently living on Hawaiian Homestead lands in Kalama'ula Molokai. I am the beneficiary and my husband is the leasee, 4th Generation Homestead. HB451 is important to us because upon our death/passing; we want to ensure long-term tenancies to our beneficiaries and successors will ensure our children and future grandchildren can maintain the equity of our home that we've worked so hard to keep through generations. We all know that interracial marriages within the Hawaiian families create decedents of less than twenty-five per cent, making it almost impossible for our successors and beneficiaries to qualify for Hawaiian Homestead lands just for not meeting the current minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement. I am hopeful you will recognize how important this is and be supportive of this bill HB451; as allowing for a reduction in blood quantum will allow for our descendants to continue living in our property home for many generations to come. By approving and passing this bill will also give us peace of mind upon our death; knowing that our children and our grandchildren can be rest assured and live in the home they were brought up in. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. Sincerely, Mrs. Noelani Johnston P.O. Box 1503 Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Puanani Etcheverry	Individual	Support	No

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Puni Kekauoha	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Kaaihue	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: AS the Hawaiian, population decreases. The blood quantum is also becoming less. I am in favor of lowering the above said blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosie F Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Scott Nishimoto, I support HB 451 for the Hawaiian community and to pursue the vision and mission of Prince Kuhio, to continue the rehabilitation of the Hawaiian People. As one of our Representatives at the State legislature please support and pass this bill. Mahalo nui loa, Rosie F Davis

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Suzanne Marciel	Individual	Support	No

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Tyson Kubo	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Verna Uyetake	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support 1/32 blood quantum change from 1/4 blood quantum for HHL lessee successors.

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MAULILI W. G. DICKSON
65-1234 Puu Opelu Road
Kamuela, HI 96743
PH: 808 885-8676

February 13, 2017

Hawaii State Capital
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HB 451 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT:
Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain
Successors to lessees of Hawaiian Home Lands from one-quarter to
One thirty-second.

Aloha Committee Chairs and Members:

My name is Maulili Dickson. I am a long-time member of the Hawaiian Civic Club movement and I write in strong support of SB 849 under consideration by your committees for the following reasons:

1. It meets with Prince Jonah Kuhio's original intent for his people, namely, a 1/32 blood quantum;
2. It will keep Hawaiians, raised on Hawaiian Homes lands by their Kupuna and families on the land supporting the ohana, fostering a continuing support system that is part of Hawaii;
3. It will allow transfers of land to beneficiaries who are family but are outside the strict requirements currently prescribed in the Hawaiian Homes Act;
4. It will significantly decrease Hawaii's homeless situation by keeping Hawaiians with their families on family lands;
5. It would not take available lands away from those already qualified and on the waiting list as it is the DHHL's duty to develop lands;
6. So much was taken from the Hawaiian people in the overthrow and annexation. Healing and wholeness for the Hawaiian people will come from being with family on precious land intended for Hawaiian people.

I am grateful for this opportunity to submit testimony to your esteemed committees.

Mahalo nui loa,
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kealakai Knoche	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill because at this point if the blood quantum does not change, I can not pass my hawaiian home land to my children when I pass. Im a quarter Hawaiian. Regardless of blood quantum, my land should be able to be passed to multiple generations in my lineage.

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Jerry Wayne Flowers Jr	Individual	Support	No

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Sherry Sasada	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gene Ross K. Davis	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha JUD Chair Scott Nishimoto and Committee members. Please consider supporting HB451, The preservation of Hawaiian Culture, Social tradition, Cultural Lifestyle and economic stability are tied to the land. It is important for continued rehabilitation processes to be in place. Lowering succession will allow families to pass on their valued inheritance and traditions to future generations. Mahalo

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Submitted on: February 13, 2017

Testimony in support of HB 451, Relating to Reducing Blood Quantum for Successors
Submitted to: House Committee on Judiciary in Conference Room 325

Aloha Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members,

I strongly support HB 451, as it pertains to reducing the blood quantum for Native Hawaiian successors.

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Marlene Kamuela Purdy	Individual	Support	No

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Reis Haituka	Individual	Support	No

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Kia'i Helm-Kalipi	Individual	Support	No

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February 13, 2017

To: Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Buenaventura, and Judiciary Committee Members

Aloha mai kakou,

My name is Kilia Purdy-Avelino. I was raised, a 4th generation homesteader, on Ho'olehua homestead on the island of Molokai. I am writing this letter in support of HB451.

My great-grandmother, Kalei (Lindsey) Purdy, though not an awardee of the first round of homesteaders on Kalama'ula homestead on Molokai, moved to Kalama'ula, Molokai from Waimea, Hawai'i, and lived with other families as she helped to get other families established and advocated for the homestead movement as we now read from her articles in the old Hawaiian newspapers of that time. She was an awardee in the 2nd round of homesteaders, Lot #6 on Lihi Pali Avenue in Ho'olehua, Molokai. Today, this lot has succeeded down to my cousin, also 4th generation.

I, myself, continue to live on my dad's lot, 2 lot's above my great-grandmother's lot, on Lot #4 Lihi Pali Avenue, along with my parents, my husband, and 4 children, all who have been raised on this homestead. On our homestead, is an acre of macadamia trees that were planted in the 1920s by the original homesteader, my great-grand-aunt and uncle. Since my dad acquired the land in 1980, he has expanded that acre to now 5 acres of macadamia trees and an abundance of kukui, coconut, and many fruit trees. My dad has been passing his knowledge onto us to give us the wisdom we need to continue to care for this land as it has cared for us for 37 years.

However, we are facing a time where the blood quantum of our Hawaiian people is quickly diminishing. The numbers of full or even half Hawaiians have decreased drastically!! On my great-grandmother's lot, my cousin's mo'opuna (grandchild), who is the 6th generation on that land, may just make the 25% blood quantum to be a successor according to the current Act; my own children (5th generation), the same. This tells us, that by the 7th generation, it will be even harder to find successors with 25% Hawaiian blood quantum.

It is my belief that Prince Kuhio foresaw this, which is why his intent in the Hawaiian Homes Act was to allow ALL Hawaiians to have land. It was the power of the legislative government that changed his original intent of including all Hawaiians to requiring a minimum of 50% Hawaiian. This divided our people. They divided our people!

This bill is now in your hands, our legislative representatives of today, to help get us closer to Prince Kuhio's intent, that all Hawaiians have land that will help them to "rehabilitate" (to live abundantly and sustainably with an understanding of the relationship between man and land). I pray that you will do what is best for our people and the generations ahead. Thank you!

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Representative Nishimoto, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary
BILL NO. HB451
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
2 p.m. Conference Room 325 State Capitol



Aloha, my name is Stephanie Kapuamaeole Kalama Lauifi. I am a fourth generation homesteader in Kalamaula, Molokai. My great grandfather was Henry A. Wise who was one of the original homesteaders. My great grand Uncle was Senator John Wise who went with Prince Kuhio to the US Congress and worked hard to get the HHC Act passed.

Today I represent myself and my family as homesteaders. We are in support of this bill.

If you read the book written by Davianna McGregor, Aina Ho'opulapula: Hawaiian Homesteading, you will come to find out that this movement had started back in 1914 and how much work and compromise they had to do with the Big Five and the US Congress. Prince Kuhio wanted anyone with Hawaiian blood to have land and a term of 999 years, in his first version of the bill. In the second version, the US wanted 100% Hawaiian ancestry. In the third version, Kuhio came back with 1/32nd Hawaiian ancestry. The final version that was passed on July 9, 1921 and signed into law stating a one-half or 50% blood quantum as a qualification for a lot and a 99-year lease.

The original homesteaders received lands that were dry and barren, with no water. The original homesteaders persevered and self-sustained themselves and were so successful that after the trial period of 5 years, the HHCA was then extended to Keaukaha on the Big Island (which was the 2nd Residential Leases and then to Ho'olehua, Molokai (the 1st Agricultural leases). I still have mango trees that are older than me and are still bearing fruit.

In a UH Publication written by Felix Keesing, Litt.D, in 1936, he states that at this present time there has been 3 cases where the lessee dies and the heirs do not meet the blood requirements. This problem we are facing today in 2017 is the same problem they faced. How many lost their homestead between 1936 and now. That is the fear that my family lived with when I was a young girl. If my Tutu passed, my mother who is 25% could not succeed her. So, my Tutu decided to transfer our lot to my Dad who was 50%. When my Dad passed, our lot was succeeded by my Mother (25% was passed for successorship). My Mother passed in 2011 and now I am the successor. So now, we live in fear once more. After 94 years of our family being on the land, it will end with me as my children do not meet the blood requirement of 25%.

So, this year we are going to celebrate our 94th year and we will be facing an uncertain future. We need to make sure that our families and our next generations have something that can be passed down to them. We work our land just as our Kupuna did, teaching the young about the land and how to malama what we have.

Let's support what Prince Kuhio initially intended in this act, to have Hawaiians on the land. Again, I support HB451 for our future generations and funding of DHHL to make sure that the Hawaiians that are on the wait list will be able to be awarded their lots and will be able to rehabilitate themselves as Prince Kuhio wanted.

Thank you,

Stephanie K. Lauifi

TO: Chair Nishimoto. JUD Committee

Hearing: February 7, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

Room 312, State Capitol

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Kindest Aloha,

HB 451

My name is James Sonny Gay and I am in strong support of SB 849.

Section 207 (a) of the Hawaiian Homestead Act defines a Native Hawaiian as any descendant of not less than one-half part of the blood of the races inhabiting the Hawaiian Islands previous to the year 1778; but the Act does not provide methodology on how to write a conclusion- one that details all the evidence, analyses and documentations.

Around or about 1976 the DHHL promulgated rules and regulations (section 10-3-2(3) that requires applicants to submit documents, birth, marriage, death certificates to prove Native Hawaiian bloodline.

However, the race item on vital records is not an indication of genetic extraction but is the race claimed by a parent for a birth certificate, an informant on a death certificate and the bride or groom on a marriage certificate.

The Board for Certification of Genealogist established a five step standard. Thorough research, complete and accurate documentation, skillful analysis and correlation of the data, resolution of any contradictions in the evidence, and a logical written conclusion: one that details the evidence analyses, and documentation.

I support the reduction of blood quantum to one thirty- second. However because of contradicting views mention above about blood quantum, the lessee should be given the full extension of the lease: 99 years with 100 year extension.

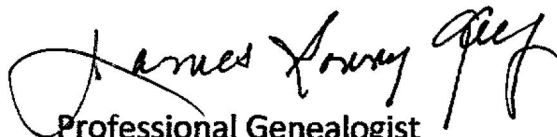
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James Sonny Gay


Professional Genealogist

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Exhibit 1.

House Resolution 161. 1995.

Exhibit 2.

Newspaper Article Star Bulletin, Tuesday October 31, 1995.

Exhibit 3.

The Race Item In vital Statistics Records-Office of Health Statistics State
Department of Health.

EX. 1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO PRESENT ITS SYSTEM OR METHODOLOGY OF DETERMINING BLOOD QUANTUM TO THE LEGISLATURE.

1 WHEREAS, birth certificates, marriage certificates, and
2 other vital records are most frequently used to determine
3 "race" for the purposes of determining blood quantum; and
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5 WHEREAS, the "race" item on vital records is not
6 necessarily an indication of genetic extraction but is the race
7 "claimed" by the individual's parent or parents on a birth
8 certificate, claimed by an informant who is usually a family
9 member on a death certificate, or claimed by the individual
10 himself or herself on nearly all other documents including
11 marriage and divorce certificates; and
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13 WHEREAS, it appears the designation "Hawaiian" on a vital
14 record has been loosely used and does not necessarily indicate
15 that an individual with that designation has no other racial
16 mixture; and
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18 WHEREAS, the item "nationality" on a vital record in the
19 Hawaii State Archives does not necessarily reflect race but may
20 refer to the citizenship of the individual, and all pre-1900
21 vital records use the item "nationality"; and
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23 WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i does not have standards for
24 genealogy and Hawai'i does not have a certified genealogist;
25 and
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27 WHEREAS, the methodology used may be questionable for
28 determining blood quantum based solely on vital statistics
29 information; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and other
32 governmental and private entities rely primarily on information
33 provided by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for
34 determining land and money distribution to native Hawaiians;
35 and
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Arakaki: Update homestead blood law

BY PAT OMANDAM
Star-Bulletin

A law that sets the amount of Hawaiian blood needed to qualify for homestead land needs to be updated to make it easier for native Hawaiians to prove their blood quantum, says state Rep. Dennis Arakaki.

To do so, Arakaki said yesterday, he plans to reintroduce a controversial bill in the Legislature in January which amends the definition of native Hawaiians found in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921.

That law describes natives as descendants of those who had no less than one-half part of the blood of the races inhabiting the Hawaiian Islands previous to 1778.

Arakaki's plan would move that date to 1921, the year Congress passed the act.

"I think we're going to reintroduce the concept again of having a determination made at a time of the act," Arakaki said. "Whoever was 50 percent Hawaiian at the time of the enactment and all of the descendants are automatically qualified," he said.

If approved by the state and then Congress, the change would make available homestead lands to Hawaiians who couldn't document how they were 50 percent Hawaiian. A similar measure was opposed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands but supported by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in the 1994 legislative session.

Arakaki, chairman of the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Housing, said the 1778 definition offers no clear-cut, consistent way for Hawaiians to prove their ancestry because they must rely on documentation, such as birth and marriage certificates, which many find hard to trace back 217 years.

Arakaki's committee was briefed on the application process yesterday by homestead officials.

While the law frustrates those in search of family records, it also

befuddles Hawaiian Homes officials, who must ensure the trust's integrity while it copes with a growing number of applicants and a dwindling budget.

Kali Watson, chairman of the department, told the committee his agency is doing the best it can to qualify applicants.

But until the law is changed to make it easier to do so, he said that burden of proof will stand.

"We do put a certain amount of the burden on the applicant to come forward with the appropriate documents. If they don't, we move on to the next person and we try to direct them to the right places and do whatever we can to assist the process. It's pretty overwhelming," he said.

Meanwhile, Watson added he doesn't believe the 50 percent blood quantum requirement will last forever.

"It's pretty arbitrary if you ask me. I mean they just picked a percentage out of the air. There's no really logic to it. Whether it's in perpetuity, I would say 'No' in a sense that you could always go back to Congress and ask for a reduction," Watson said.



Dennis Arakaki

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THE RACE ITEM IN VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS

Hawaii. Office of Health Statistics
State Department of Health

In order to make possible uniform vital statistics for the Nation as a whole, Hawaii and every other state accepts a list of items recommended by the National Office of Vital Statistics for inclusion in birth and death certificate forms. Each state may arrange the items as it sees fit and may add additional items, but the minimum list is invariably accepted in all states. Race of parents on the birth certificate and race of the deceased on the death certificate are among the items recommended by the National Office.

The concept of "race" as meaning ethnic group or ancestral people is well known in Hawaii. The major ethnic groups in Hawaii are Hawaiian, Caucasian, Japanese, Chinese, and Filipino. Minority groups include Korean, Samoan, Puerto Rican, Negro, and others. All of these terms are in general use. Practically everyone in Hawaii is familiar with them.

The Office of Health Statistics ordinarily accepts whatever race entry the informant enters in a certificate. Furthermore, the Office does not attempt to give any criteria as to what constitutes any particular race.

In a published "Guide for Making Certificates of Birth and Death," instructions regarding race of father and mother on the birth certificate are as follows:

"Racial origin should be described by stating to what people or race each parent belongs, e.g., Caucasian, Japanese, Chinese, etc. Avoid the use of such terms as 'American,' 'English,' 'brown.'

"If a parent is of mixed racial origin, give the two predominant strains, except always show Hawaiian regardless of degree. If the Hawaiian strain is not one of the two predominating strains, make it a third entry."

For legal purposes, the Office of Health Statistics makes no determination as to race of child. On copies of the birth certificate, only the race of the parents appears. Therefore, if the parents are of differing racial extraction, the certificate does not indicate a racial category to which the child is assigned. Furthermore, upon request, the Office will issue a "birth registration card" containing no race entry of any kind. This card is a certification which generally can be used in place of a birth certificate copy. It is available to all.

Statistical Classification

For statistical purposes, the Office of Health Statistics does make a determination as to race for each child. However, this does not identify any individual by name or in any way. The classification appears as a one digit code which is punched in a statistical card. The code does not appear in copies of the birth certificate.

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The criteria for determining race for statistical purposes is that used by the U.S. Bureau of the Census in making decennial census counts. The Office of Health Statistics, as well as similar offices in other states and the National Office of Vital Statistics, have no alternative to using the census criteria. This is because population data are used as a base in computing vital statistics rates. For example, in computing birth rates for Chinese babies, the number of babies must be arrived at in the same way as the Chinese population.

Major elements in the Census Bureau scheme for determining race when the parents are of unlike racial extraction are as follows:

- a) If either parent is Hawaiian or Part Hawaiian, code as Part Hawaiian.
- b) If one parent is Caucasian and the other non-white, code the race of the non-white parent.
- c) If parents are of different non-white races, excepting Hawaiian or Part Hawaiian, code according to race of father. If the father is of mixed non-white racial extraction, code the race indicated by surname.
- d) If race of parent is not given, code race of child as that of the other parent.

The above classification system was developed to satisfy statistical needs. It does not identify individuals or affect them in any way and no legal question is involved. To reduce the number of racial categories for statistical purposes, some such system is necessary. If racial combinations were used, such as Japanese-Caucasian, Hawaiian-Chinese, etc., the number of categories would reach 150 or more. This type of classification would be too cumbersome for practical use and some categories would contain too few cases to have any significant meaning.

Extent of Race Mixture in Hawaii; 1950 Census

Racial group by census classification	Number	Percent Mixed
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Uses of the Race Item

Along with such items as age and sex, the race entry provides identification of the person to whom a vital statistics document refers. Since the earliest times, it has been a part of vital statistics records of the United States.

The race entry is of considerable importance to persons of Hawaiian ancestry as a means of proving their rights to certain land and educational privileges. For this reason in Hawaii, any degree of Hawaiian blood should be shown in vital statistics documents.

Considerable evidence indicates that members of most racial groups in Hawaii are proud of their ancestry. In personal documents, they prefer to be identified with their ancestral people. In registering about 175,000 vital events over the course of seven years, only two cases have come to the attention of the Registrar General when objections to racial items were raised.

The race entry is highly important for its use in demographic and public health statistics and in medical research. The State Health Department, the Sociology Department of the University of Hawaii and other agencies use the data. The new health research center soon to open at the University would be handicapped without it.

A few examples of how racial data are used in statistics and research are as follows:

Geneticists have recently completed a study concerning the progeny resulting from interracial crosses in Hawaii using birth and death records. They consider the project a landmark in the study of human genetics which would be possible to make nowhere else. Without the race entry on vital statistics records, this important study could not have been carried out even in Hawaii.

In the field of mortality, the various racial groups show differing susceptibility to given diseases. For example, Japanese men appear to have more stomach cancer than other groups and Hawaiians have a higher death rate from heart disease than other groups. Such facts derived from death records are helpful in health work and in research on the causes of disease.

Increasingly, Hawaii is becoming well known as an area for medical research. This is due chiefly to its multi-racial composition. If we find that a racial group is especially susceptible to some disease, then a research team may attempt to find out why. A series of projects of this nature in the field of heart disease are being carried on cooperatively by the Hawaii Heart Association and the State Health Department, using funds chiefly from the U.S. Public Health Service.

Fertility studies and marriage studies by race are examples of research in the demographic field. Demographic books on Hawaii's people, such as written by Professor Romanzo Adams and Professor Andrew Lind, would not be possible without the race entry on vital statistics records. Births, deaths, marriages and divorces are important items in the natural history of any human group.

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Comments: STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 451 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT. Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second. This Bill will allow for a Hawaiian ohana to maintain the residency of their kupuna and/or ohana, as was the intent of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole. Replacing one Hawaiian ohana for another one (same residence) does not reduce the numbers of Hawaiian ohana that were displaced by adverse possession of their lands. That would probably contribute to HAWAIIAN HOUSELESSNESS. Hawaiian lands were "seized" not ceded. Please Pass HB 45. Mahalo. Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai, Waianae Valley Homestead Lessee

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