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**HCR198 / HR126**  
**REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONVENE STAKEHOLDERS OF**  
**NATIVE HAWAIIAN-CULTURE-BASED HO‘OPONOPONO SERVICES.**  
House Committee on Public Safety

March 30, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Room 312

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HCR198/HR126, which would request that OHA convene stakeholders to explore the use of ho‘oponopono as a traditional Native Hawaiian system of well-being, for the purpose of improving public safety programs relating to crime prevention, intervention, or prisoner reintegration.

OHA has long advocated for criminal justice reform that examines and implements evidence-based alternative approaches that can better improve public safety, effectively rehabilitate pa‘ahao, reduce recidivism, and save taxpayer dollars. These include culture-based intervention and rehabilitation models that build on the positive aspects of offenders’ or potential offenders’ cultural identity, and that acknowledge how contextual, culture-related factors can be critical to understanding and addressing criminal behavior. The integration of ho‘oponopono practices into public safety programs may be one such approach, and may significantly enhance the state’s capacity to prevent criminal activity as well as rehabilitate and successfully reintegrate pa‘ahao into their respective communities.

As suggested in this resolution, OHA believes that the incorporation of ho‘oponopono practices may also provide a range of benefits in other contexts, including in community education, individual and public health, and family therapy.

OHA remains committed to increasing access to ho‘oponopono services to pa‘ahao as well as families and communities at all stages of life. OHA has already begun convening cultural practitioners to discuss the perpetuation and preservation of ho‘oponopono, as well as ways to support ho‘oponopono as a traditional Native Hawaiian system of well-being.

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** HCR 198/HR126. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on these measures.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I reaffirm my strong support for this bill.

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Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha kakou, Please support passage of HCR 198 & HR 126 - REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONVENE STAKEHOLDERS OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN-CULTURE-BASED HOOPONOPONO SERVICES out of your committee. Mahalo.

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