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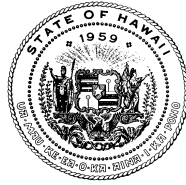
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1304
RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS.**

SENATOR MAILE SHIMABUKURO, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: February 7, 2017

Room Number: 016

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for the Department of Health.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports SB1304.

3 The creation of a Native Hawaiian Public Policy Advisory Council was recommended by the
4 Native Hawaiian Health Task Force, established by Senate Resolution 60 Session Laws of
5 Hawaii 2014. The department's participation on the Task Force revealed an emerging and
6 promising nexus of socio-economic and health data, academic and cultural expertise, and
7 community organization to systematically address root causes of health disparities.

8 Health disparities are avoidable risks and outcomes to an individual or community's health due
9 to differences in environment, health care access, and life opportunity. These so-called "social
10 determinants of health" are overwhelmingly associated with health care costs and quality-
11 adjusted life years when compared to, for example, a family's risk for inherited diseases. In
12 short, your ZIP code exerts greater influence on your health than your genetic code.

13 All residents directly benefit from the host culture's proximity to tourism, for example, as well as
14 natural resource protection, land-use, and education. A Native Hawaiian Public Policy Advisory
15 Council may similarly integrate host culture values into public policy discourse to improve
16 overall public health and Native Hawaiian health.

17 The department defers to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor on any administrative impacts.

18 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.



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Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 7, 2017

1:45 p.m.

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee will recommend the Board of Trustees a position of **COMMENT** on SB1304, which seeks to implement the recommendations of the Native Hawaiian Healthcare Task Force and create a multi-disciplinary Native Hawaiian Public Policy Advisory Council.

OHA's strategic priorities include Maui Ola (Health), which represents our commitment to improve the quality of life of Native Hawaiians, by reducing the onset of chronic diseases and of obesity in particular. In furtherance of this priority, and in line with Act 155 (Reg. Sess. 2014) and Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 226-20, we support a "social determinants of health" approach that takes a holistic and systemic view in addressing health in Hawai'i's communities. As part of our commitment to Maui Ola, OHA participated and helped to fund the Native Hawaiian Health Task Force. The recommendations from the report represent the work of 27 agencies and individuals from broad range of fields.

OHA can appreciate that the establishment of a Native Hawaiian Public Policy Advisory Council and the establishment of a directory of Native Hawaiian community leaders for governor appointed positions can positively address Native Hawaiian social determinants of health. Data show that Native Hawaiians continue to have disparate outcomes compared to the rest of the state population, with Native Hawaiians having the highest prevalence of most chronic diseases like asthma, obesity, and diabetes, compared to the state population¹. These health disparities are correlated with disparities in the social determinants of health such as housing, education, social services, leisure, individual rights, culture and public safety. For example, Native Hawaiians have much lower median family income despite higher participation in the labor force². Eliminating disparities and achieving health equity across demographics is a national priority, as unequal health outcomes and disparate well-being are pervasive even when people have health insurance and medical care.

OHA notes that Act 155 (2014) already requires all state agencies to address the social determinants of health of Native Hawaiians and other communities as part of their agency work. We look forward to continuing to work with the agencies and the Council should SB1304 pass.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

¹ See OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEALTH FACT SHEET 2015 VOL. I, CHRONIC DISEASE, available at <http://www.oha.org/wp-content/uploads/Volume-I-Chronic-Diseases-FINAL.pdf>

² See OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, INCOME INEQUALITY IN THE WAKE OF THE GREAT RECESSION (2016) available at <http://www.oha.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Income-Inequality-and-Native-Hawaiian-Communities-in-the-Wake-of-the-Great-Recession-2005-2013.pdf>

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TO ESTABLISH A NATIVE HAWAIIAN PUBLIC ADVOSORY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE GOVERNOR ON SIGNIFICANT POLICIES IMPACTING NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

Aloha mai, Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, committees I am Mele Look, a resident of Waimanalo, O'ahu, a health researcher for the past 35 years, and presently the Director of Community Engagement the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Native Hawaiian Health. Today I speak as an individual and am submitting testimony in strong support of SB 1304.

A Native Hawaiian Public Policy Advisory Council, established through SB 1304, would provide significant policies on impacting Native Hawaiians and would establish a directory of Native Hawaiian professionals and community leaders with an understanding of Hawaiian culture for Governor-appointed leadership positions.

I support this measure because it would:

- Establishing a registry of Native Hawaiian professionals to be appointed into leadership positions will broaden the categories under which Native Hawaiians can serve as leaders and give back to their communities.
- Native Hawaiian leaders have demonstrated their ability to effectively address the wellbeing of their communities by advocating for cultural integrity in community health promotion programs.
- Currently, Native Hawaiian expertise in cultural practices are valued and required for certain seats on decision-making bodies, for example in the areas of tourism, land-use, education and community/economic development. Native Hawaiians should be involved in the decision making processes for state governmental actions and for policy decisions, especially when the policies are designed

Thank you for your consideration.
Ola na iwi,

Mele Look (41028 Manana Street, Waimanalo O'ahu)

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Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, I am Andrea Hermosura, PhD, an Assistant Professor, and a staff member of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Native Hawaiian Health. I wish to submit this testimony in strong support of SB 1304. This bill would establish a Native Hawaiian public policy advisory council to be temporarily administratively housed within the lieutenant governor's office to provide guidance to the governor on significant policies impacting Native Hawaiians and to establish, update, and maintain a directory or registry of Native Hawaiian professionals and community leaders with an understanding of Hawaiian culture for governor-appointed leadership positions, boards, and commissions at the state and county levels.

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I support this bill for numerous reasons:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, I am Regina Cummings, MBA, Administrator at the Department of Native Hawaiian Health at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. I wish to submit this testimony in strong support of SB 1304. This bill would establish a Native Hawaiian public policy advisory council to be temporarily administratively housed within the lieutenant governor's office to provide guidance to the governor on significant policies impacting Native Hawaiians and to establish, update, and maintain a directory or registry of Native Hawaiian professionals and community leaders with an understanding of Hawaiian culture for governor-appointed leadership positions, boards, and commissions at the state and county levels.

I support this bill for numerous reasons:

- Forming a policy advisory council will further encourage community input in shaping the future of Native Hawaiian well-being and community health. It always best to include Native Hawaiians into the conversation, especially when policies can affect where they live, work, age and play.
- Establishing a registry of Native Hawaiian professionals to be appointed into leadership positions will broaden the categories under which Native Hawaiians can serve as leaders and allow them to give back to their communities. There are many Native Hawaiian emerging leaders who are willing to serve to for improvement of Native Hawaiian health....the list just needs to be activated.
- Native Hawaiians with higher educational backgrounds are adequately prepared for leadership roles, and appointment into leaderships positions, giving Native Hawaiian professionals a chance to create positive change.
- Native Hawaiian leaders have demonstrated their ability to effectively address the wellbeing of their communities by advocating for cultural integrity in community health promotion programs.
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Aloha e Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria and members of the committee,

I am Winona Lee, a Native Hawaiian pediatrician and Assistant Professor in the Department of Native Hawaiian Health at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine. I wish to submit this testimony in strong support of SB 1304.

This bill would establish a Native Hawaiian Public Policy Advisory Council to be temporarily administratively housed within the lieutenant governor's office. A Native Hawaiian Public Policy Advisory Council is one of the key recommendations presented by the recent briefing by the Native Hawaiian Health Task Force. This advisory council would provide guidance to the governor on significant policies impacting Native Hawaiians and this bill would also establish, update, and maintain a directory of Native Hawaiian professionals and community leaders with an understanding of Hawaiian culture for governor-appointed leadership positions, boards, and commissions at the state and county levels.

I am in support of SB 1304 for the following reasons:

- There are numerous Native Hawaiian community leaders, professionals, and advocates who are leading positive change for Native Hawaiians and would have the expertise and experience to provide meaningful guidance on policies impacting Native Hawaiians.
- Establishing a registry of Native Hawaiian professionals to be appointed into leadership positions will broaden the opportunities in which Native Hawaiians can serve as leaders and give back to their communities.
- Leaders within Native Hawaiian communities have demonstrated their ability to effectively address the wellbeing of kānaka maoli by advocating for cultural integrity in health promotion programs and educational initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Me ka ha'a ha'a,



Winona K. Lee, MD

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Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, I am Claire Townsend Ing, a multiethnic African American, and a faculty member of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Native Hawaiian Health. I wish to submit this testimony in strong support of SB 1304. This bill would establish a Native Hawaiian public policy advisory council to be temporarily administratively housed within the lieutenant governor's office to provide guidance to the governor on significant policies impacting Native Hawaiians and to establish, update, and maintain a directory or registry of Native Hawaiian professionals and community leaders with an understanding of Hawaiian culture for governor-appointed leadership positions, boards, and commissions at the state and county levels.

I support this bill for numerous reasons:

- Native Hawaiian participation is valuable in the policy planning and implementation process. Forming a policy advisory council will encourage community input in shaping the future of Native Hawaiian well-being.
- Establishing a registry of Native Hawaiian professionals to be appointed into leadership positions will broaden the categories under which Native Hawaiians can serve as leaders and give back to their communities.
- Native Hawaiian leaders have demonstrated their ability to effectively address the wellbeing of their communities by advocating for cultural integrity in community health promotion programs.
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Thank you for your consideration.

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Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, I am Dr. Kau'i Baumhofer, an epidemiologist, and a staff member of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Native Hawaiian Health. I wish to submit this testimony in strong support of SB 1304. This bill would establish a Native Hawaiian public policy advisory council to be temporarily administratively housed within the lieutenant governor's office to provide guidance to the governor on significant policies impacting Native Hawaiians and to establish, update, and maintain a directory or registry of Native Hawaiian professionals and community leaders with an understanding of Hawaiian culture for governor-appointed leadership positions, boards, and commissions at the state and county levels.

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Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, my name is Robin Miyamoto. I am a clinical psychologist and assistant professor at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Native Hawaiian Health. I wish to submit this testimony in strong support of SB 1304. This bill would establish a Native Hawaiian public policy advisory council to be temporarily administratively housed within the lieutenant governor's office to provide guidance to the governor on significant policies impacting Native Hawaiians and to establish, update, and maintain a directory or registry of Native Hawaiian professionals and community leaders with an understanding of Hawaiian culture for governor-appointed leadership positions, boards, and commissions at the state and county levels.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted by,

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By

The Native Hawaiian Health Task Force convened pursuant to S.R. No. S.D. 1,
regular session of 2014

Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, on behalf of the Native Hawaiian Health Task Force, we wish to submit this testimony in strong support of SB 1304. This bill would establish a Native Hawaiian public policy advisory council to be temporarily administratively housed within the lieutenant governor's office to provide guidance to the governor on significant policies impacting Native Hawaiians and to establish, update, and maintain a directory or registry of Native Hawaiian professionals and community leaders with an understanding of Hawaiian culture for governor-appointed leadership positions, boards, and commissions at the state and county levels.

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1. Establish a Public Policy Advisory Council to provide significant policies on impacting Native Hawaiians.
2. Establish a directory of Native Hawaiian professionals and community leaders with an understanding of Hawaiian culture for Governor-appointed leadership positions to better incorporate culturally relevant perspectives into statewide initiatives.

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- Furthermore, establishing a registry of Native Hawaiian professionals to be appointed into leadership positions will broaden the categories under which Native Hawaiians can serve as leaders and give back to their communities.
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Thank you for your consideration, and the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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regular session of 2014

Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, on behalf of the Native Hawaiian Health Task Force, we wish to submit this testimony in strong support of SB 1304. This bill would establish a Native Hawaiian public policy advisory council to be temporarily administratively housed within the lieutenant governor's office to provide guidance to the governor on significant policies impacting Native Hawaiians and to establish, update, and maintain a directory or registry of Native Hawaiian professionals and community leaders with an understanding of Hawaiian culture for governor-appointed leadership positions, boards, and commissions at the state and county levels.

The Native Hawaiian Health Task Force was created during the 2014 legislative session with the goals of articulating priority areas that will help advance health equity for Native Hawaiians, and in turn, the health of Hawai'i's entire population. The task force recently presented its findings as well as 16 specific recommendations to improve the health of Native Hawaiians. Two of the 16 recommendations presented are incorporated in SB 1304:

1. Establish a Public Policy Advisory Council to provide significant policies on impacting Native Hawaiians.
2. Establish a directory of Native Hawaiian professionals and community leaders with an understanding of Hawaiian culture for Governor-appointed leadership positions to better incorporate culturally relevant perspectives into statewide initiatives.

We support this bill for numerous reasons:

- The Native Hawaiian Health Consortium June 2011 Compendium gathered private, non-profit, state, academic, community health centers and community-based providers to discuss the current state of Native Hawaiian health. From this consortium, a recommendation was to have a federal liaison for Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander health initiatives within a federal health agency. At that time, health care providers recognized that Native Hawaiian participation is valuable in the health planning process. Forming a policy advisory council will further encourage community input in shaping the future of Native Hawaiian well-being and community health.
- Furthermore, establishing a registry of Native Hawaiian professionals to be appointed into leadership positions will broaden the categories under which Native Hawaiians can serve as leaders and give back to their communities.
- Native Hawaiians with higher educational backgrounds are adequately prepared for leadership roles, and appointment into leadership positions, giving Native Hawaiian professionals a chance to create positive change.
- Native Hawaiian leaders have demonstrated their ability to effectively address the wellbeing of their communities by advocating for cultural integrity in community health promotion programs.
- Currently, Native Hawaiian expertise in cultural practices are valued and required for certain seats on decision-making bodies, for example in the areas of tourism, land-use, education and community/economic development. Native Hawaiians should be involved in the decision making processes for state governmental actions and for policy decisions, especially when the policies are designed

Thank you for your consideration.

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SB 1304 RE: TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS

February 4, 2017

To: Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair; Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Aloha kakou, I am Annelle Amaral, President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. We are a confederation of sixty-five Hawaiian Civic Clubs, organized statewide by counties, as well as in sixteen states nationwide. The first Hawaiian Civic Club was started by Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole in 1918. It is the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu which will begin the celebration of its one hundred years anniversary in 2018...our challenge now is to remain as the reliable and civic voice of the Native Hawaiian community for another century.

Today, I happily add my voice in support of SB1304 Relating to Native Hawaiians. It was a real pleasure to read through SB 1304. This bill clearly articulates a core value of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs. I smiled when I read: "Native Hawaiians should be involved in the decision making processes for state governmental actions and for policy decisions, especially when the policies are designed to directly impact Native Hawaiian communities the most." This is exactly as Prince Kuhio would wish. I concur without reservations and civic club members are prepared to participate.

Additionally, the bill goes on to establish a Native Hawaiian public policy advisory council...to provide guidance to the governor on issues that impact Native Hawaiians and their communities and to establish, update, and maintain a directory or registry of Native Hawaiian professionals, community leaders and organizations that have an understanding of Hawaiian culture for governor-appointed positions, boards, and commissions at the state and county levels of government.

This is long overdue and I appreciate the vision and wisdom of the introducer of this bill and support this effort completely. Mahalo for this smart measure, I ask all of you to pass this out of your committee and it is my hope that it will finally pass with the concurrence of the entire State Legislature.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs will stand by to assist in any way we can. We conduct our business using Robert's Rules of Order and understand legislative process as it relates to Hawaiian civic advocacy. Our members concur with the need to develop meaningful policy that assists Native Hawaiians and the larger community. We stand ready to support this next step for the betterment of all who reside in Hawaii. Mahalo.

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