



SCR150/SR71

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONVENE A STUDY GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE ON AN APPROPRIATE MEANS TO HONOR ROBERT WILLIAM KALANIHIAPO WILCOX, HAWAII'S FIRST ELECTED DELEGATE TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senate Committee on International Affairs and the Arts

March 28, 2017

1:15 p.m.

Room 016

The the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SCR150/SR71, which seeks to honor the contributions of Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox to Native Hawaiians, our political history, and our enduring rights and privileges.

Mr. Wilcox demonstrated a great degree of political acumen, first being elected to serve in the Royal Legislature of Hawai'i. He exhibited concern about the rapidly changing economic and social landscape of his native country, and skepticism toward the increasingly powerful interests of wealthy American and European foreigners in Hawai'i.

Mr. Wilcox was studying abroad at Italy's Royal Military Academy at the behest of King Kalākaua, when he received word that foreign businessmen had organized to usurp the power of the Hawaiian government, and commenced the series of events that would lead to the forceful overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy. Over the next several years, Mr. Wilcox organized Native Hawaiians and led them in continual counterrevolutionary efforts, advocating for the return of power to the Hawaiian monarchy and people. To inspire his people, he employed the use of media with his news publication, "The Liberal"; to defend his people, he engaged in two armed conflicts with the militias of the newly self-appointed government. Most notably, however, Mr. Wilcox was a political visionary, leading his people using multiple avenues.

Throughout his political career, Mr. Wilcox developed multiple strategies to address the injustices occurring in his homeland, and ensure that Native Hawaiians maintained a voice in the ruling government, rather than be excluded from it. Notably, after Hawai'i's annexation, Mr. Wilcox helped to organize the Hawaiian Independent Party, later known as the Home Rule Party, and mobilized Native Hawaiians to participate in Territorial politics. He was remarkably successful in this effort. Early in the Territorial period, Native Hawaiians registered to vote at nearly the same rates as they did during the Kingdom period, resulting in Hawaiians controlling roughly 68 percent of the electorate. The strong Native Hawaiian turnout at the polls led to Native Hawaiians representing about 70 percent of the territorial legislature in the early 20th century and to the election of Mr. Wilcox to serve as Hawai'i's first U.S. Congressional representative, where he sought to

represent Native Hawaiian interests. Thus, even in this most tumultuous period of great loss in Hawaiian history, Mr. Wilcox inspired Native Hawaiians to empower themselves, and he continues to remain an inspiring symbol of our resilient mana today.

Mr. Wilcox is a cherished figure in the Hawaiian community for his contributions to our kūpuna, our history, and our heritage. He dedicated his life, and at times even risked it, to preserve Native Hawaiian rights and self-determination. **Convening a study group on how to most appropriately honor Mr. Wilcox would be an important first step towards keeping his memory and spirit alive as a seminal figure in Hawai'i's history, and reminding current and future generations of Native Hawaiians of the importance of empowering ourselves to pursue self-determination, via all available avenues.**

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committees to **PASS** SCR150 and SR71. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on these important measures.

March 23, 2017

To:

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Kenekoa/Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Luna Ho'omalū/Chair
Kenekoa/Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Hope Luna Ho'omalū/Vice Chair

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From:

Owana Ka'ōhelelani Salazar, Great Granddaughter of
Congressman Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox
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Re: SCR150 and SR71

Aloha mai e Nā Kenekoa/Senators:

Please accept my testimony with great support and favor for both SCR 150 and SR 71. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Senator Galuteria, Vice Chair, and Senator Shimabukuro, Chair, for submitting this well researched resolution.

Congressman Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox, Hawaii's first delegate to the US Congress, is long overdue to be properly honored. I wholeheartedly support that his legacy be remembered by the naming of a public highway, a public structure, a public school, as well as any other means the study group may recommend.

I respectfully ask the record also show, that at the time Robert Kalanihiapo served Hawaii in Congress he immediately introduced legislation for homesteading, health, and education. And as this well written resolution clearly details, his was a lifetime of service and sacrifice. I believe we can all agree that it is time for his name to be lifted and honored for his commitment to Hawaii Nei and all her people.

We can be sure that his legacy will be an inspiration to many others who aspire to a career of public service.

Ke mahalo nui nei au,
Owana Ka'ōhelelani Salazar



Native Hawaiian Education Council

March 28, 2017

Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
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RE: **SR71** – REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONVENE A STUDY GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE ON AN APPROPRIATE MEANS TO HONOR ROBERT WILLIAM KALANIHIAPO WILCOX, HAWAII'S FIRST ELECTED DELEGATE TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

Aloha mai kakou,

The Native Hawaiian Education Council (NHEC or the Council) **SUPPORTS SR71** based on the:

- A. The Native Hawaiian Education Vision, Mission and Goals as detailed in Attachment A; and
- B. NHEC's platform and priorities as articulated in Attachment B.

The Council offers its assistance and support to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to assist with the study in making a recommendation to the Legislature on an appropriate means to honor Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox.



Maile Shimabukuro & Brickwood Galuteria
Brian Taniguchi & J. Kalani English
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The Native Hawaiian Education Council was established in 1994 under the federal Native Hawaiian Education Act. The Council is charged with coordinating, assessing and reporting and making recommendations on the effectiveness of existing education programs for Native Hawaiians, the state of present Native Hawaiian education efforts, and improvements that may be made to existing programs, policies, and procedures to improve the educational attainment of Native Hawaiians.

Please feel free to contact the Council's Executive Director, Dr. Sylvia Hussey, directly via e-mail (sylvia@nhec.org), office (808.523.6432) or mobile (808.221.5477) telephone with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa M. Watkins-Victorino". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Lisa M. Watkins-Victorino, Chair

cc: Policy & Advocacy and Executive Committees and staff





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Nu'ukia (Vision)

'O Hawai'i ke kahua o ka ho'ona'auao.

Hawai'i is the foundation of our learning.

Ala Nu'ukia (Mission)

I nā makahiki he 10 e hiki mai ana e 'ike 'ia ai nā hanauna i mana i ka 'ōlelo a me ka nohona Hawai'i no ka ho'omau 'ana i ke ola pono o ka maui Hawai'i.

In 10 years, kānaka will thrive through the foundation of Hawaiian language, values, practices and wisdom of our kūpuna and new 'ike to sustain abundant communities.

Pahuhopu (Goals)

In the next 10 years, our learning systems will . . .

Goal #1 — 'Ōlelo Hawai'i:

- **Advance 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Expectations**
Develop and implement a clear set of expectations for 'ōlelo Hawai'i that permeates all levels of education.
- **Actualize a Hawaiian Speaking Workforce**
Increase a prepared 'ōlelo Hawai'i workforce to ensure community and 'ohana access and support.
- **Amplify Access and Support**
Increase 'ōlelo Hawai'i context and programming to support the kaiāulu.
- **Achieve Normalization**
Pursue normalization of 'ōlelo Hawai'i.

Goal #2 — 'Ike Hawai'i:

- **Actualize 'Ike Hawai'i**
Increase use of knowledge from traditional and diverse sources.
- **Amplify Leo Hawai'i**
Increase 'ohana and kaiāulu learning and participation.
- **Advance Hana Hawai'i**
Increase resources to support practice and leadership.

Native Hawaiian Education Platform*

‘O Hawai‘i ke kahua o ka ho‘ona‘auao.
Hawai‘i is the foundation of our learning.

Perpetuate ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i

Actions on advancing ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i expectations; actualizing a Hawaiian speaking workforce; amplifying access and support; and achieve normalization of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i

Amplify Family and Community Voices

Recognizes parents and families as first educators; Actions that inform, illuminate, elevate and strengthen parent, family and community engagement in education

Advance Hawaiian Culture Based Education

Actions that promote further understanding, connecting, supporting and advancing ‘ike and ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i: policy and pathways; teachers, leaders and communities; pedagogy and programs; curriculum, instruction, assessment and research practices; and evaluation and accreditation mechanisms.

Intensify Systems Engagement

Actions that intensify systems level action---federal, state, primary, secondary, tertiary, national and international, health, housing—to strengthen families and communities.

* Formal set of principal goals



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2017-2018 Native Hawaiian Education Priorities

Native Hawaiian Education Council

Perpetuate 'Ōlelo Hawai'i

- Support the Working Group recommendations re: the Expansion of Hawaiian Language Instruction Throughout the University of Hawai'i Systems.
- Support continuing work on Hawaiian language standards and assessments.

Amplify Family and Community Voices

- Advocate for the effective implementation of ESSA for the benefit of families and communities.
- Aggregate field data on family and community voices by island community.

Advance Hawaiian Culture Based Education

- Illuminate Models and Practices of Innovation.
- Elevate Accreditation Frameworks, Designations and Schools.
 - Create a Native Hawaiian research agenda.
 - Continue Native Hawaiian education meta-evaluation.
- Include CBE in Teacher Education and Preparation Programs and Professional Development

Intensify Systems Engagement

- Continue national advocacy work re: ESSA implementation and Native Control of Native Education.
- Engage in early learning planning and implementation work.
- Advance the implementation of Board of Education Policy E-3 Na Hopena A'o.
- Support the continuing 2-Pathways of Education Design and Development



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From:

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Re: SCR 150 and SR 71

Aloha!

I write in support of SCR 150 and SR 71 placing these resolutions before this esteemed body. I am in strong support of bringing greater awareness to the efforts and accomplishments of this great Hawaiian patriot.

Respectfully,
Tamalani Kaleleiki
Lahaina, Maui

To the Honorable Chairwoman Shimabukuro, Chairman Taniguchi, and Honorable Members of the Joint Committee:

Mahalo for introducing and hearing this resolution. As many of you know, growing up in Hawaii during the Territorial days, and well into Statehood, U.S. history and World history was a requirement in school but Hawaiian history was not. Clearly the Department of Education (at that time) was designed to prevent Hawaiians from using their language and learning about their culture and History. On a personal note, my grandmother on her deathbed, stated, "Haalilio, at least you will not be beaten for speaking Hawaiian in school." These words had a profound impact on me for a very long time.

I learned about Mr. Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox through conversations with my brother Palani Vaughan, who had a deep and abiding aloha for Mr. Wilcox and his accomplishments. I was shocked to learn that Mr. Wilcox was Hawaii's first elected delegate to the U.S. Congress because I was taught otherwise and many of my peers were equally misinformed, not to mention the overwhelming majority of Hawaii's people.

Mr. Wilcox is a man after my own heart, when he rose above the negative publicities and (phony) charges to become Hawaii's first elected delegate to Congress. He was deeply loved by the people of Hawaii (who saw through the propaganda).

We have come a long way since the Territorial days and early years of Statehood, but still much more can be done in bridging the gap of misinformation in our Hawaiian history. I agree with the recommendation of this resolution in establishing a commission to study and recommend an honorable way in which to recognize Mr. Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana

Henry Haalilio Peters
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From:

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Re: SCR 150 and SR 71

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From:

Elizabeth Keka`aniau-okalani Moreno, Great-Great Granddaughter of Congressman Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox

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Re: SCR150 and SR71

Aloha,

I submit my support for SCR 150 & SR 71 in requesting the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to convene a study group to make recommendation to the legislature on an appropriate means to honor Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox. I believe a study group made up of representatives from an array of community leaders, educators, and family members to be the best way to approach how to honor my great-great grandfather. It is my belief that once it is understood what sacrifices he made for his people and nation there will be no question as to if we should honor him but instead how we should honor him.

Mahalo,

Elizabeth Keka`aniau-okalani Moreno

March 27, 2017

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Re:

SCR 150 and SR 71

ALOHA TO YOU, THE SENATORS OF OUR GREAT STATE,

"The Star of East Maui!" "The Roaring Lion of the Pacific!" "The Angel of the Palace!"
.....just a few phrases in admiration of Wilcox by native writers of his time!

I write in support of SCR 150 and SR 71 placing this resolution before this esteemed body promulgating not to expunge history, but to affirm truths in fact by recalling the life of Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox and his love for God, Sovereign and People....and correcting the successful efforts of foreign desires through their control of the Executive and Judicial branches of Government as well as local and national agents for colonization in thwarting all efforts of Wilcox (nationally) and the 1st Territorial Legislature upon Hawaii's entry into the grand experiment of democracy, bringing the pride and history of our populace to its knees.

Please, let not the accolades of our kupuna (ancestors) feign to a forgotten whisper of he and they.
Would you...yours?

Respectfully,
Michael Kauhiokalani Salazar
Lahaina, Maui

March 24, 2017

To: Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,
Senators Maile Shimabukuro & Brickwood Galuteria
and
Committee on International Affairs and the Arts,
Senators Brian Taniguchi & Kalani English

From:

David Castro, great, great grandson of the Honorable
Congressman, Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox
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Aloha Senators,

I hereby submit my testimony in favor very much of both SCR 150 & SR 71 and offer profound thanks to Senator Brickwood Galuteria for introducing the bill and members of the committee for their support and research on the bill.

I would like to also express my support to further acknowledge Congressman Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox by suggesting the naming of a major highway, building structure, school or holiday in honor of Hawaii's first Delegate to the U.S. Congress as well as a great Hawaiian soldier during the Kingdom of Hawaii.

Mahalo a nui loa,

David Castro

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Submitted on: 3/27/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Paul Klieger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a long-time kama'aina of Hawai'i, and a historian and anthropologist on Native Hawaiian culture and history. I strongly support the recognition of the late Robert Wilcox as a Hawaiian patriot.

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Monica Nucciarone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a writer in Washington State and consider Hawaii my second home. I have been researching Robert Wilcox and his second wife Princess Theresa for approximately seven years. I am in full support of honoring Robert Wilcox and the role he played in supporting Hawaii and its people.

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cheryl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes, for sure! And maybe someone could take better care of the park in which his statue stands?

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Carl M Jellings Sr	Individual	Support	No

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Serena Kaldi	Individual	Support	No

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
and SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE ARTS

For hearing Tuesday March 28, 2017

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RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

It's weird to see a resolution in the legislature proposing to commemorate and honor Robert Wilcox, who died 114 years ago. Why is this resolution being proposed at this particular time? No reason is given. There must be a hidden agenda.

A resolution in the state legislature proposing to commemorate and honor Robert Wilcox at this time is as peculiar as it would be to introduce a resolution in Congress today to commemorate and honor other men who were zealous patriots on the wrong side, such as Jefferson Davis (President of the Confederate states of America), Joseph Stalin, or Mao Tse-tung.

More importantly, aside from weirdness -- Robert Wilcox also does not deserve to be commemorated, let alone honored.

What sort of message would the legislature be sending to today's hot-headed Hawaiian sovereignty activists by passing a resolution to commemorate and honor such a racist man of violence who had no hesitation about killing in order to further his political goals?

I recommend a biography by Ernest Andrade Jr., educated at UH Manoa, Professor Emeritus of History at University of Colorado at Boulder, buried at Punchbowl cemetery on account of his military service to our nation. The book is "Unconquerable Rebel: Robert W. Wilcox and Hawaiian Politics, 1880-1903" (University Press of Colorado, 1996). 299 pages including extensive footnotes. ISBN: 0-87081-417-6. My comments about Robert Wilcox are based on facts reported in Professor Andrade's fair, balanced, and heavily footnoted book, and my comments accurately represent Professor Andrade's conclusions about Wilcox.

Andrade uses the word "demagogue" to describe Wilcox's flamboyant style. Andrade describes Wilcox as an arrogant, unprincipled zealot who frequently changed sides in the political struggles and whose only long-term allegiance was to his own quest for political power.

Wilcox, who was half white and half Hawaiian, deliberately stirred up racial antagonism by native Hawaiians against whites in order to build political support for himself.

Wilcox collaborated with Lili'uokalani in a plot against her brother Kalakaua; Wilcox opposed Lili'uokalani while she was Queen; urged that the monarchy be overthrown in favor of a Republic; and supported annexation to the United States. But after the revolution of 1893 he worked to restore the monarchy and opposed annexation.

Wilcox led armed rebellions, as mentioned in this proposed resolution, which resulted in several deaths. Do you legislators approve of that?

One of Wilcox's occasions of violence resulting in death was an attempted Palace coup in 1889 intended to oust Kalakaua at the behest of Lili'uokalani so she could take power. Lili'uokalani despised and opposed Kalakaua because he had signed the Bayonet Constitution of 1887 while she was in London visiting Queen Victoria. The attempted Palace coup was planned in 1888 while Wilcox was living in one of Lili'uokalani's homes, in Palama.

Another time when Wilcox used violence resulting in death, with Lili'uokalani as co-conspirator, was the attempted Wilcox-led counter-revolution in 1895, where guns, ammunition, and hand grenades were found in a buried cache hidden in a flower-bed at Lili'uokalani's private home very near the Palace (Washington Place).

When annexation was achieved, Wilcox maneuvered to become leader of the race-focused Home Rule Party and won election as Hawaii's first Territorial Delegate to Congress. But his performance in Congress was so poor, and the Home Rule's performance as majority party in the Territorial legislature was so bad, that the party split into factions and soon ceased to exist. Prince Kuhio walked out of the Home Rule Party convention in 1902 in disgust, joined the Republican Party, and defeated Wilcox's Home Rule Party in the 1902 election for Territorial Delegate where Kuhio served for 20 years.