



KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 21, 2018

TO: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair
Members, Committee on Ways & Means

FROM: Alice Hewett, President
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

RE: S.B. 351, S.D.1 – Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee – Support

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports Senate Bill 351, Senate Draft 1, which provides funding and other support for the expenses of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

As one of the largest club in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, our club has supported the Aha Moku Advisory Committee since its establishment about 10 years ago. We believe the Aha Moku would be a significant asset to the State of Hawai`i. This group, comprised of mostly kupuna cultural practitioners with generational knowledge of Hawaiian traditional practices, offers a opportunity to guide state policy and decision-making with effective ways to resolve a range of issues dealing with land and water use concerns.

In our view, the Aha Moku Advisory Committee are the “problem-solvers”, helping to integrate Hawaiian thinking into state policy and approaches.

We urge your committee to approve this bill.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko`olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are “Hawaiian at heart.”

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SB-351-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 7:37:44 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Testifying for Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Support	Yes

Comments:

We STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 1:43:07 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/20/2018 7:23:54 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Uilani Kapu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have a problem with funds for cultural and ceremonial purpose. What purpose is this in the bill. we island councils do this as needed

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Submitted on: 2/21/2018 7:28:15 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo for listening to this bill. The Hawaii Aha Moku Councils appreciate the funding to continue the work needed to manage our resources.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2018 7:55:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joe Carvalho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of SB351 regarding funding and reporting instructions for the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. This has been a long and laborious process that has been long overdue to protect our natural resources especially Native Hawaiian gathering rights and their excellent preservation of our resources. I'd like to see more emphasis be placed on this very important council.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2018 7:30:21 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keohokalole 2	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2018 8:47:33 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jojo Tanimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. I support HD 351, SD 1.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 10:20:39 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna K Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a Native Hawaiian from the Puna Moku of the island of Kaua`i and I SUPPORT SB351 SD1 and the importance of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) in our communities and urge you to pass this bill.

Mahalo,

D. Kaliko Santos

From: [Darlyne Vierra](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 351 SDI
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2018 10:41:58 AM

My name is Darlyne Vierra one of the representative for AhaMoku Council 'O Keawe in the district (Moku) of Ka'u. I am a strong supporter for this Bill 351 that is in the Senate ways and means. We want your support a strong support in passing this bill. With passing this bill we the people of Ka'u as well as all islands, districts can get help in taking care of our issues and concerns to and for the betterment of all. From 2007 until now we continue to oversee our district concerns and issues and still the budget Never come but we the people continue to Malama Kekai, Malama Ka 'Aina with few dedicated people in working together for the betterment for our life our ohana. So ask to please support and PASS Senate Bill 351 SDI.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Darlyne P. Vierra- Ka'u

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From: [Benton Pang](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for SB351 SD1
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2018 10:39:25 AM

Testimony of Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.
Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu

In Support of SB 351 SD1

Senate Committee of Ways and Means
Friday, February 23, 2018, 10:30 am, Room 211

The Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu supports SB351 SD1. The purpose of the Aha Moku is to bring the voices – concerns, recommendations and solutions – from the people of an ahupua‘a on natural and cultural resources to the attention of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and may advise the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) on issues that are related to land and natural resources. Please pass SB 351 SD1.

Mahalo.

Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.
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From: [Cynthia Nazara](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: testimony
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 6:37:52 PM

Aloha

I am in favor of SB 351 SD 1. This will only help our Aha Moku Nui to become better stewards of our Aha Moku and Ahapua'a. I order todo this we need a body to bring together all of the islands and their mana'o. This is a shared kuleana, in order for us as citizens and stewards of these lands we need to come together, but we need some kind of funding to help support our projects that will help us grow and to better care for our lands

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Cynthia Nazara
Cultural Research Consultant

* A'ohe hana nui ka alu 'ia*
It is no great task when done together