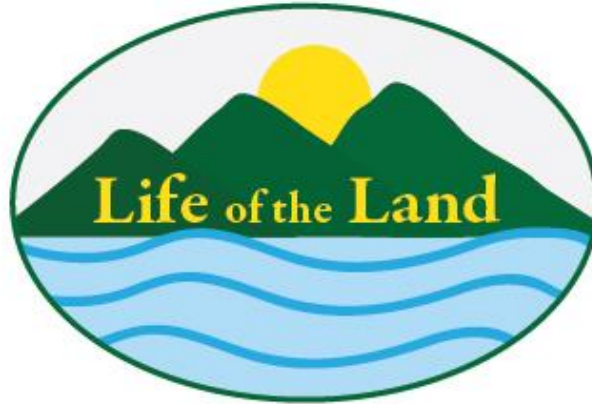


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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 8, 2018
1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 229

SCR 33 / SR 16 Federal Constitutional Convention

PLEASE HOLD

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

Life of the Land is Hawai'i's own energy, environmental and community action group advocating for the people and `aina for 47 years. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sound energy and land use policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy and, when necessary, litigation.

The U.S. Supreme Court issued a terrible decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 (2010).

Some who advocate overturning the decision have turned to a radical approach that has never been used before. SCR 33 / SR 16 proposes a federal constitutional convention that is limited to a narrow discussion. However, there is absolutely no guarantee that the constitutional convention could be restricted to one issue.

There is a maxim that must be reflected upon. Be careful what you wish for, since the desired outcome may not be as desirable, once it has been attained. Pandora's Box can't be closed.

Mahalo,
Henry Curtis,
Executive Directo

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SR-16

Submitted on: 3/8/2018 1:25:43 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

We STRONGLY OPPOSE this resolution as we don't want to impede President Trump in the revolutionary work that he is doing.

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Submitted on: 3/7/2018 3:49:37 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rita Kama-Kimura	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Re: "[SR16](#)" and "[SCR33](#)" Convention of States

I strongly support the passing of these resolutions calling for a Convention of States.

It is time for us to take back the power, from those in Washington D.C.

Their out of control spending, amassing a \$20 trillion dollar plus (and still growing) burden for our children, grandchildren and beyond, is unacceptable and needs to end.

The abusive control power some have amassed in D.C. needs to end via term limits. New blood, new ideas are needed.

We don't need bureaucrats thousands of miles away telling us what we can and cannot do here on Hawaii issues. We are 50 individual states; each one unique, we should all resent a one size fits all solution from overreaching legislators in Washington D.C. Contrary to what they think, they are not the answer to everything nor are they supposed to be involved.

We need less interference in our issues here in Hawaii, which is why I support and urge you to support the call for a Convention of States.

Respectfully, Rita Kama-Kimura

Mililani, HI