



## THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

Ke Kōmike Kuleana Hawai‘i

*Pō‘alua, Malaki 19, 2019*

*Lumi ‘Aha Kūkā 016*

*Ke Kapikala Moku ‘āina*

415 South Beretānia Street

Re: SCR177/SR144 - REQUESTING THE PROBATE COURT TO INCREASE  
TRANSPARENCY REGARDING THE KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS TRUSTEE  
SELECTION PROCESS

*Aloha Luna Ho‘omalu Shimabukuro, Hope Luna Ho‘omalu Kahele and members of the Senate  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:*

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Board of Directors **SUPPORTS** SCR177/SR144. At its 53rd annual convention, the Association passed resolution 2012-8, which reaffirms its support of the Native Hawaiian trusts, including Kamehameha Schools. In line with that resolution, the Association Board affirmed support of the noted resolutions given that they do not run contrary to any other position taken by the House of Delegates at the annual convention.

The resolution calls for the probate court to increase its transparency regarding the selection of trustees of the Kamehameha Schools.

Thus, the Association respectfully urges the committees to **PASS** SCR177/SR144.

The civic club movement was founded in 1918 by Congressional Delegate Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole with the creation of the Hawaiian Civic Club; the Association was formally organized in 1959 and has grown to a confederation of over sixty (60) Hawaiian Civic Clubs located throughout the State of Hawai‘i and the United States. The Association is the oldest Hawaiian community-based grassroots organization. The Association is governed by a 16-member Board of Directors; advocates for improved welfare of Native Hawaiians in culture, health, economic development, education, social welfare, and nationhood; and perpetuates and preserves language, history, music, dance and other Native Hawaiian cultural traditions.

*Mahalo* for allowing us to share our *mana* 'o.

*Me ka* 'oia 'i 'o,

Hailama Farden  
*Pelekikena*

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Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
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Re: Support for SR144

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Kahele,

I am in **strong support** of SR 144 that requests the Probate Court to increase transparency regarding the Kamehameha Schools trustee selection process. As a graduate of the Kamehameha Schools Kapālama campus, a former employee, a current beneficiary of the trust through their 'Imi Na'aua' o Post-High Scholarship and a member of the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association, I have concerns regarding the transparency and method of how members of the trustee selection committee are chosen.

In talking with community members about SR144, there are concerns regarding the definition of a Kamehameha Schools stakeholder. The resolution defines a Kamehameha Schools stakeholder (page 2, lines 10-13) as: "the greater native Hawaiian community; all the beneficiaries of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate; Kamehameha Schools alumni, faculty, and staff; and parents of current beneficiaries of Kamehameha's educational services...."

However, to address these concerns in relation to the resolutions request to Probate Court, I would like to offer the following amendment to provide further clarification that larger Native Hawaiian community are included in the definition of a Kamehameha Schools stakeholder. The amendment is as follows:

- Amend page 2, line 24-25 to read: "*Appoint future Trustee Screening Committees that are comprised of Kamehameha Schools stakeholders, which includes members of the greater Native Hawaiian community; and*"

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

**Jacob Bryan K. Aki**

**SR-144**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Namaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SR-144**

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Nako'olani Warrington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**In SUPPORT of this resolution and all efforts that regulate and enforce transparency at KS.**

**SR-144**

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Testimony for HWN on 3/19/2019 1:18:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julian K. Ako	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: