



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Legislative Testimony

**SB3096 SD1
RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS**

Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ke Ki‘ina Hana a me nā Kumuwaiwai

Pepeluali 28, 2020

11:05 a.m.

Lumi 211

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SB3096 SD1, which aspires to establish Lā Kū‘oko‘a, the fourth Friday of November, as a state holiday in lieu of Election Day.

Reestablishing Lā Kū‘oko‘a as an official holiday restores important connections to Hawai‘i’s rich cultural and political history, a history that is largely ignored and largely left out of public-school curricula and public discourse. As a result, Lā Kū‘oko‘a passes by each year without formal recognition by the state. Lā Kū‘oko‘a commemorates the day Great Britain and France, through joint proclamation, formally recognized the Kingdom of Hawai‘i as an independent nation. With this recognition, the Hawaiian Kingdom entered treaties and engaged in foreign diplomacy with the major nations of the world. Lā Kū‘oko‘a was celebrated as a national public holiday under the Kingdom of Hawai‘i, the Provisional Government, the Republic of Hawai‘i, and the Territory of Hawai‘i.

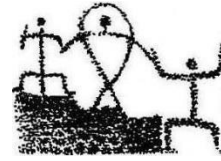
The State of Hawai‘i should restore the celebration of Lā Kū‘oko‘a as a means to accurately remember and honor our collective history. Lā Kū‘oko‘a is a source of pride for many Native Hawaiians as it demonstrates the political acumen of our kūpuna and the status of the Hawaiian Kingdom as an active and respected member of the international community. Over the years, community celebrations and recognition of Lā Kū‘oko‘a have grown substantially. As Lā Kū‘oko‘a has begun to re-gain its prestige, with organizations holding celebrations on November 28 across the islands, it is appropriate and timely for the state itself to formally recognize the unique historic and political significance of this day to all who call Hawai‘i home.

Hawai‘i’s special heritage and the various holidays we currently celebrate distinguish us from other states. Previously, Hawai‘i lawmakers adopted official holidays that reflect this distinct past, including Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole Day and King Kamehameha I Day. Lā Kū‘oko‘a merits joining these unique Hawaiian holidays.

Accordingly, we respectfully urge your Committee to **PASS** this measure. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.



KA LEI PĀPAHI 'O KĀKUHIHEWA



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February 27, 2019

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chairman
Senator Gilberr S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Keali'i Gora, President
Ka Lei Pāpahi 'O Kākuhihewa

RE: **SB3096 SD 1** Relating to State Holidays
Decision Making : Friday, February 28, 2020 at 11:05 a.m. in Conference Room 211

On behalf OF Ka Lei Pāpahi 'O Kākuhihewa , I am writing in **strong support** for SB3096;
**Relating to State Holidays. Purpose of Act is to reestablish La Ku'oko'a, Hawaiian
Recognition Day, as an official state holiday.**

**La Ku'oko'a, a national holiday enacted by the Republic of Hawaii in 1896, can provide
an opportunity of education of our Hawaiian History by reestablishing La Ku'oko'a as
a Hawaiian Recognition Day, as an official state holiday. It may also provide a first step
in the reconciliation process with us, the Hawaiian People.**

**Great Britain and France recognized Hawaii as an independent Country on 11/28/1843
and the United States recognized Hawaii's independence on 7/6/1844. The State of
Hawaii need to honor these recognitions by creating this Holiday and celebrate our
History each year. Again, we strongly support SB3096. Mahalo.**



HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO

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The Thirtieth Legislature, State of Hawaii
The Senate
Committee on Ways and Means

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

February 28, 2020

S.B. 3096, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO would like to provide comments on S.B. 3096, S.D. 1 which reestablishes La Ku`oko`a – Hawaiian Recognition Day – as an official state holiday.

The increasing desire to recognize and honor Hawai`i's past and the coinciding change to convert to an all-mail election in November marks an opportune moment to discuss, and potentially adjust, our official state holidays. While the Legislature is empowered to designate state holidays, we reserve the exclusive right to negotiate the terms, conditions, and impact on employees with the Employer. We respectfully request that should this measure continue to move through the legislative process, the Employer initiate collective bargaining negotiations with all exclusive representatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 3096, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director

SB-3096-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2020 1:09:51 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2020 11:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Khan	Testifying for Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Affairs Caucu	Support	No

Comments:

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii continues to support this measure.



KE ONE O KĀKŪHIHEWA

O'ahu Council of the
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

CONFERENCE ROOM 211

STATE CAPITOL

415 South Beretania Street

BENTON KEALII PANG, PH.D.-
HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF
HONOLULU
PELEKIKENA

JACOB KA'ŌMAKAOKALĀ AKI-
KING KAMEHAMEHA HCC
HOPE PELEKIKENA

GEORGIANA NAVARRO-
MĀKAHA HCC
HOPE PELEKIKENA 'ELUA

ALBERTA LOW-PEARL HARBOR
HCC
PU'UKŪ

ROTH PUHALA -KING
KAMEHAMEHA HCC
PELEKIKENA IHO NEI

TERI LOO-KO'OLAUPOKO HCC
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PEARL HARBOR HCC
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KĀPOLEI
LANCE HOLDEN

ALI'I PAU'UHI HCC
KEHAULANI LUM

'EWA-PU'ULO'A HCC
MARLEEN KAU'I SERRAO

HCC OF HONOLULU
ANITA NAONE

KAILUA HCC
MAPUANA DE SILVA

KALIHI-PĀLAMA HCC
JUANITA BROWN
KAWAMOTO

KING KAMEHAMEHA HCC
LETANI PELTIER

KO'OLAULO'A HCC
RANAE "TESSIE"
FONOIMOANA

KO'OLAUPOKO HCC
ALICE P. HEWETT

LUALUALEI HCC
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MĀKAHA HCC
LUANN LANKFORD-
FABORITO

MAUNALUA HCC
ROSE KITTY SIMONDS

NA LANI 'EHA HCC
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PRINCESS KAI'ULANI HCC
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MAKALAPUA CASSON-
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HCC OF WAIMĀNALO
LOU'ANNA KAIO

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee on Ways and Means,

My name is Benton Kealii Pang and I am the president for the O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. I am writing in strong **support of SB3096 SD1**, reestablishing Lā Kū'oko'a, Hawaiian Recognition Day, as an official state holiday.

At the 57th annual convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic clubs, which we are a member, resolution 2016-36 was passed which calls for the celebration and respectful remembrance of Lā Kū'oko'a on November 28th of each year. Thus, Ke One O Kākūhihewa respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS SB3096 SD1**.

Ke One O Kākūhihewa is a native Hawaiian council made up of 24 civic clubs on the island of O'ahu. Our oldest member, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu was established by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole on December 7, 1918.

Sincerely,

Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.



ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

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REMEMBER AND RESPECT LA KUOKOA (HAWAIIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY) AS A HAWAIIAN NATIONAL HOLIDAY TO BE OBSERVED AND CELEBRATED ON NOV. 28 EVERY YEAR

WHEREAS, La Kuokoa—Hawaii’s Independence Day—was officially celebrated around the same time as Thanksgiving from about 1844 until 1895*; and

WHEREAS, La Kuokoa is the 28th of November, marking the day in 1843 that the Alii Timoteo Haalilio succeeded in obtaining the signatures of the authorities of Great Britain and France on a treaty recognizing Hawaii as a sovereign and independent nation; and

WHEREAS, Haalilio, with the missionary William Richards along as his secretary, traveled through Mexico on foot and donkey to Washington D.C., where they met President John Tyler; and

WHEREAS, President Tyler agreed to the intent of the proposed treaty; and

WHEREAS, Haalilio and Richards, armed with his agreement, then went on to Europe, to Belgium, Paris, and London, where the treaty was finally signed; and

WHEREAS, they then returned to the United States to cement U.S. agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Treaty of Independence was a substantial achievement under International Law recognized by the Hawaiian Kingdom government through the official celebration of La Kuokoa; and

WHEREAS, after the coup in 1893, the so-called Republic of Hawaii government announced that November 28, 1895—a Thursday—would not be celebrated as La Kuokoa, but would become the American Thanksgiving holiday, instead; and

WHEREAS, the poe aloha aina—the thousands of Hawaiian Kingdom subjects opposed to the illegal government—were incensed; and

WHEREAS, the people ignored the government's orders, and held celebrations of La Kuokoa instead; and

WHEREAS, at those gatherings, the poe aloha aina told the story of Haalilio's journey and significant achievement; and

WHEREAS, James Kaulia of the Hui Aloha Aina stated that the people recalled with gladness the restoration and perpetuation of the independence of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the perpetrators of 1895-1896 not only deprived Hawaii of a national holiday, they enacted laws that caused all Hawaiians the loss of our language and the related loss of our own history, a process that caused us to be deprived of even the memory of this Hawaiian national holiday; and

WHEREAS, the council of Hawai'i County recognize La Kuokoa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 57th annual convention at Las Vegas, Nevada this 19th day of November 2016, that it remember and respect La Kuokoa (Hawaiian Independence Day) as a Hawaiian national holiday to be observed and celebrated on Nov. 28 every year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs encourage the State of Hawaii and County governments to consider recognizing La Kuokoa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs includes, along with its celebration and recognition of American holidays such as July 4th American Independence Day and January 16th Martin Luther King Day, specific remembrance of La Kuokoa as a Hawaiian holiday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs include La Kuokoa holiday as Hawaiian Independence Day on its calendar of events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and all County Mayors.

Sources:

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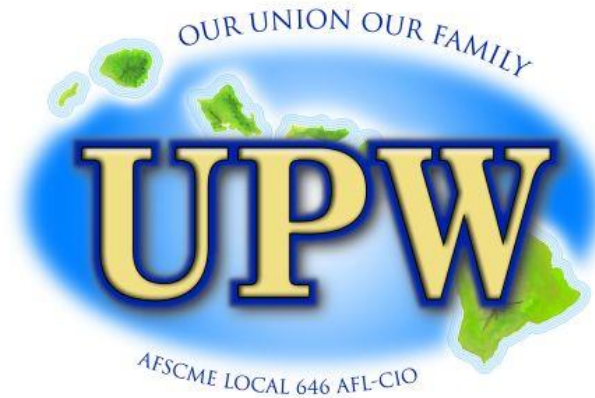
November-December 1895, January 1896.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on the 19th day of November 2016, at the 57th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Annelle C. Amaral

Annelle C. Amaral, President



THE HAWAII STATE SENATE

The Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session of 2020

Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Date of Hearing: Friday, February 28, 2020
Time of Hearing: 11:05 a.m.
Place of Hearing: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania St.

Comments on SB3096, S.D. 1 Relating to State Holidays

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 13,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and four counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members in the private sector.

SB3096, S.D.1 re-establishes La Ku'oko'a, Hawaiian Recognition Day, as an official state holiday. The UPW sincerely respects the cultural and historical significance of the proposed holiday.

The UPW must of necessity respectfully reserve the exclusive right to negotiate the terms, conditions and impact of this new proposed holiday as provided under HRS-89 on BU-01 and BU-10 members.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony



LATE

Luna O Nā Papa Alaka'i

Committee on Ways and Means

Pelekikena

Anthony Makana Paris

February 28, 2020

Room 211

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Hope Pelekikena 'Ekahi

Randi Fernandez

Hope Pelekikena 'Elua

K ā'eo Kealoha Lindsey

Re: SB3096 SD1 - RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS

Pu'ukū

Leilani Williams-
Solomon

Aloha Chair Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Kākau 'Ōlelo Ho'opa'a

Sai Furukawa

The Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club (PKHCC) **SUPPORTS** SB3096SD1. This bill will re-establish Lā Kū'oko'a, Hawaiian Recognition Day, as an official state holiday. At the 57th annual convention of the Association, resolution 2016-36 was passed which calls for the celebration and respectful remembrance of Lā Kū'oko'a on November 28th of each year.

Kākau 'Ōlelo Palapala

Kamuela Werner

Founded in 1964, PKHCC was organized to promote the education and social welfare of people of Hawaiian ancestry and objectives include supporting high ethical standards in business, industry and the professional fields of enterprise.

Pelekikena Hala Koke

Yvonne 'PeeWee' Ryan

PKHCC urges the committee to **PASS** SB3096 SD1

Nā Luna Alaka'i

Alan Akao
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Me ke aloha,

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*Founded in 1964
by Lili'uokalani
Kawānanakoa Morris*



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Committee on Ways and Means

Pō‘alima, Pepeluali 28, 2020

Lumi ‘Aha Kūkā 211

Ke Kapikala Moku‘āina

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Re: SB3096 SD1 - RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS

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Thus, the Association respectfully urges the committee to **PASS** SB3096 SD1.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hailama Farden', written in a cursive style.

Hailama Farden

Pelekikena

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Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2020 11:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Crawford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the recognition of La Ku'oko'a as an official state holiday. This is a very important day in Hawaiian history, and was the most important holiday under the Hawaiian Kingdom. Over recent years and decades, an effort has been made to reestablish the celebration of La Ku'oko'a, to the extent that it is now celebrated annually in locations throughout the islands. Making it an official state holiday would help enhance the understanding and appreciation for this part of our rich history in the islands. Mahalo for your support of this bill!

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Submitted on: 2/26/2020 11:09:53 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2020 11:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle K.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2020 11:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trinette Furtado	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Mai and mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

I am in **STRONG SUPPORT** of passing **SB3096 SD1** that would establish La Ku`oko`a as a recognized holiday. That the state and its representatives are putting forth this proposal is promising to me and is a good first step towards reconciliation and the awareness and recognition of the truth of our history.

I ask that you **vote YES** and pass this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2020 8:17:31 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2020 11:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Lander	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

YES, YES, YES!!!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl B.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support. This is Hawai'i. This is an important holiday and it should be immediately recognized as such.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2020 6:17:05 PM

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

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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SB3096 Relating to State Holidays

Friday, February 28, 2020

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Aloha Senators Dela Cruz and Keith-Agaran,

I am Chablis Bachman-Majamay and I am testifying in support of SB3096, which aspires to reestablish Hawaii's Independence Day called La Ku'oKo'a Day, as an official state holiday.

My stance in support of SB 3096 is due to the many reasons as a native Hawaiian keiki o ka 'aina. When I was in grade school, we were never taught or even acknowledged the most significant day in history such as this. I had no idea up until a few years ago that this was a part of history that should have been known throughout Hawaiian history especially more so being that I have been a resident, born and raised on Maui with generations before me that were born and raised as well. It is with great privilege and honor to be able to celebrate a day with our Lahui in remembrance of a day where I can acknowledge what was once a part of history can now become the future of Hawai'i for our keiki because they are the future of Hawai'i. Our keiki need to be given the chance

to celebrate their history. A history that has been taken from, a language that has been shut out, and generations that continue to suffer.

Stop the hewa and renew a sense of hope for the people of Hawai'i and let our history come alive by taking into consideration SB3096. I ask with humbleness that you please consider my support for SB3096 and allow me the chance to share and recognize with my keiki so that they can pass on the knowledge of the history of our Hawai'i nei.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity given to submit this testimony.

Chablis Bachman-Majamay
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamuela Werner MPH	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaelin Sylva	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair



Friday, February 28, 2020, 11:05 A.M

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Conference Room 211

Aloha Senators Dela Cruz and Keith-Agaran,

My name is Jessica Conner and I am submitting this testimony in **support of SB3096** which aims to reestablish La Ku'oko'a as an official state holiday here in Hawaii.

I was born and raised in Hawaii, and find the values and culture here on the islands to be of utmost importance. Teaching our future generations the history of Hawaii will only help perpetuate the stories and genealogies of our culture.

I am currently studying Social Work at the University of Manoa. What I have found throughout my educational journey is that the history of indigenous people have been diluted overtime. We need to restore important parts of history, so that our children know where we come from and can celebrate their heritage.

Aloha,

Jessica Conner

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