



SB3178
RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 4, 2020

1:15 p.m.

Room 016

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment will recommend that the Board of Trustees provide **COMMENTS** on SB3178, which changes the requirements for the removal of the OHA Administrator to a simple majority vote of the OHA Board of Trustees, rather than a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board.

State law currently provides that the OHA Board of Trustees may remove the OHA Administrator, otherwise referred to as the OHA Ka Pouhana or Chief Executive Officer, by “a two-thirds vote of all members to which it is entitled . . . for cause at any time.” HRS § 10-10. The effect of the instant measure would be to substantially reduce the vote required for such a significant and potentially disruptive removal action.

OHA notes that this statutory change was not requested by OHA’s Board of Trustees, which is empowered by the state constitution and state law to oversee the governance of OHA. Therefore, this measure would appear unnecessary in the absence of such a request from OHA’s Board of Trustees, and where a statutory mechanism already exists to address the extraordinary circumstances that would warrant removal of the OHA Administrator.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2020 10:27:08 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a beneficiary of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, I am in opposition to SB3178.

Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Lauifi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: