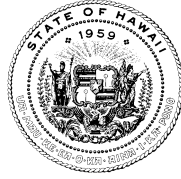


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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HEARING ON APRIL 5, 2021 AT 2:00PM VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

**SCR 165, SD1, REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CONSENT TO
THE ENACTMENT OF ACT 80, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017**

April 5, 2021

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports this resolution requesting the United States Congress to consent to the enactment of Act 80, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017 (Act 80). DHHL strongly supported Act 80, which reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian Home lands from one-quarter to one-thirty second. DHHL noted in its testimony on both the House and Senate versions of HB451 enacted into law as Act 80 that we continue to receive requests from beneficiaries, particularly lessees in our older homestead communities to reduce the blood quantum requirement for successors. As these communities age, the lessees with one-quarter Hawaiian blood are facing the possible loss of a homestead lease that has been within the family for several generations because their descendants lack the required blood quantum. Act 80 will provide DHHL lessees with greater flexibility to retain homestead leases within their families.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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Submitted on: 4/3/2021 6:59:47 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/5/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Aloha ?Aina Party	Support	No

Comments:

On behalf of the Aloha 'Äina Party, its organization and membership, we hereby support this bill with reservations to development that encroaches upon burials. The State of Hawai'i has an uncanny way of making excuses to destroy key artifacts across the archipelago, which needs to stop. Let's not expand development of housing over yet another Hawaiian burial, unless you are planning to build on top of Punchbowl Cemetery, of which you would never consider. Therefore, the State of Hawai'i shall move forward with respect to Hawaiian burials.