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Testimony for AEN on 3/24/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Redfeather	Testifying for Ka Ohana O Na Pua	Support	No

Comments:

Hawai'i is, at it's core, an 'aina based nation, yet the knowledge and skills making up this core foundational learning is not yet a part of the Hawai'i public school system. But it could be.

This Resolution urging support for these "values" can guide not only our keiki but also our communities toward a more sustainable future in the face of declining world resources, climate change, over population, rising prices, and declining ability of our young people to farm and live on the 'aina.

'Aina based education will certainly lead to healthier land, healthier people, and healthier communities. Curriculum has already been written, and professional development programs for teachers are ready to go. The 'aina and the future needs your support...now. This support will allow Hawaii's keiki and youth to be directly involved with Environment/Health/Food/Cultural education preparing them and Hawai'i for the future. Mahalo.



March 22, 2021

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Re: Testimony in support of SCR 260 and SR 219.

Aloha, my name is Herb Lee, Jr. and I am the CEO of the non-profit, Pacific American Foundation. We have been a proactive community partner with Hawaii schools and the community for over 27 years statewide. I am writing in SUPPORT OF SCR 260 and SR 219.

Our experience with an '*āina-based mindset*' is based on our journey with the development and evolution of culture, place and project -based education practices in Hawaii. It is driven by the fundamental premise that by nurturing the earth, we nurture ourselves. It is a holistic practice that is inextricably intertwined with learning, living, and teaching to bridge indigenous Hawaiian wisdom with 21st century knowledge especially in the sciences and technology areas.

As we slowly begin the transition from the impacts of COVID-19, we have been reminded that a healthy community is one that is connected to the '*āina*', and in turn, the practice of an '*āina-based mindset*' connects and empowers people to be lifelong learners, stewards of place, and by empowering each other we can accomplish more.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us that caring for place and each other is more important than ever and the reciprocal relationship with '*āina*' is fundamental to social, economic, environmental and a healthy recovery.

I believe that if we can foster this discussion amongst all sectors of our community to reaffirm the relationships we have to each other and to place, together we can ignite a new thriving and sustainable economy!

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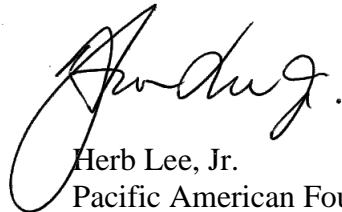
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The support of our State Legislature of this Resolution will go a long way in being the catalyst that already lies within us to achieve more. While some of these conversations have begun, we hope that with your support, we can help to coalesce this discussion toward a more focused end.

Please give this your highest consideration in helping to send a positive message to the community that going forward we share this kuleana for a brighter future to come.

As one of the thought partners in the drafting of this Resolution, we stand ready to assist in convening this discussion amongst all interested parties founded on Hawaii's unique '***āina***-based values with the hope of new ideas and initiatives to unfold.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Herb Lee, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Herb Lee, Jr.
Pacific American Foundation
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Date: March 23, 2021

To: Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
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Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: Lydi Bernal, Hawai'i Farm to School Hui Coordinator

Re: SUPPORT for SCR260/SR219 ('Āina-Based Values)

Hearing: March 24, 2021 at 1:00pm Via Videoconference

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of SCR260/SR219**, endorsing and supporting 'āina-based values to guide Hawai'i to a healthy and thriving future.

Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) works to advance policy and systems change to reduce disparities and improve the health of Hawai'i residents. HIPHI is home to and testifies here on behalf of the Obesity Prevention Task Forceⁱ and the Hawai'i Farm to School Huiⁱⁱ, which **collectively represent over 60 organizations from across the islands.**

Ancestral wisdom stands true today, that our own well-being as people is inextricably tied to the well-being of the 'āina, the source of our nourishment.

Imagine a future in which an 'āina-based values mindset is fundamentally instilled and expressed within Hawaii's sectors of agriculture, education, business, health, tourism, and technology. Envision a society where students of all ages at every level experience equity, purpose, and joy in learning through 'āina-based education.

We look forward to partnering with the Hawai'i State Legislature and many others on this journey toward a healthy and thriving future for Hawai'i through a focus on 'āina.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and for your support of this resolution.

Me Ke Aloha,
Lydi Bernal
Hawai'i Farm to School Hui Coordinator

ⁱ Created by the legislature in 2012, the **Obesity Prevention Task Force** comprises of over 40 statewide organizations, and works to make recommendations to reshape Hawaii's school, work, community, and health care environments, making healthier lifestyles obtainable for all Hawai'i residents.

ⁱⁱ Founded in 2010, the **Hawai'i Farm to School Hui** is a statewide network comprising five island-level networks, community organizations, schools, state agencies, and other food systems stakeholders with a collective mission to strengthen Hawaii's farm to school movement. The three pillars of successful farm to school programs are: 1) school gardens and on-campus farms, 2) education, and 3) school food improvements through local procurement.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ming Wei Koh	Testifying for Center for Getting Things Started	Support	No

Comments:

We strongly support SCR260 because 'Ā• ina - that which feeds is foundational to who we are as responsible citizens of Hawai'i and of the planet. Every child must have a relationship with their place in order to ensure the sustainability and perpetuate the culture.



Native Hawaiian Education Council

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Pō'akolu, Malaki 24, 2021
Ke Kapikala Moku'āina
415 South Beretānia Street

Re: SCR260/SR219 ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING 'ĀINA-BASED VALUES TO GUIDE HAWAI'I TO A HEALTHY AND THRIVING FUTURE

Aloha Luna Ho'omalua Maile Shimabukuro, Hope Luna Ho'omalua Jarrett Keohokalole and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

The Native Hawaiian Education Council **SUPPORTS SCR260/SR219**. This resolution acknowledges the importance of an 'āina-based mindset and philosophy in the adoption, approach, and accountability across all sectors of our community, including our government and businesses. Such an approach is not new to Hawai'i. Our connection and responsibility to 'āina has been and continues to be grounded in our cultural values and foundation as people of Hawai'i and as an island community.

As our communities navigate our way forward in this age of the pandemic, we do so with a reinforced commitment to our local resiliency, renewal, and recovery. We urge the Committee to consider the rich value an 'āina-based philosophy embedded in all aspects of our community life, including government and business, can support a future-ready Hawai'i in our:

- response to complex issues that intersects local drivers that require a cross-portfolio and sectoral response;
- development of a shared understanding of local contexts drawing on a broad range of evidence, from data to research to lived experience and local knowledge;
- collective solutions that are based around shared outcomes reflective of locally agreed priorities and unite local stakeholders;
- embedding of deep engagement and collaborative governance structures that engage across sectors and with a diverse cross-section of the community;
- implementation through shared action, with an iterative approaches and progress monitoring that supports continual learning.

When we work from our most essential foundation, like 'āina, we build from a value framework that supports and shapes our communities towards a healthy, thriving Hawai'i. We urge the Committee to **PASS/ADOPT SCR260/SR219**.

The Native Hawaiian Education Council was established in 1994 under the Native Hawaiian Education Act with the vision of I lāhui na'auao Hawai'i pono, I lāhui Hawai'i pono na'auao – *There will be a culturally enlightened Hawaiian nation, There will be a Hawaiian nation enlightened.*

Mahalo for considering our late testimony.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

Elena Farden
Executive Director, Native Hawaiian Education Council



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Submitted on: 3/17/2021 1:37:33 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/24/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victoria Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this important resolution.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2021 2:00:49 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/24/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelsey Amos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need aina-based values in Hawai'i agriculture.

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Testimony for AEN on 3/24/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Well, this is a lofty goal. Of course I support this, but we have SO FAR to go to get here.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2021 9:00:32 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/24/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Forest Frizzell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee,

I stand in full support of this bill. We need to find alternative economies and job creation in Hawaii. Agriculture and energy are perfect to fill the void of a service based economy.

Mahalo,

Forest Frizzell

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Submitted on: 3/21/2021 1:12:13 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/24/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support scr260

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Testimony for AEN on 3/24/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tiana Kamen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support this bill. Aina-based values are the precipice of a thriving community. These values need to be more wide-spread as many industries are currently not operating with aloha-aina based values. Without the environment, we have nothing.

Mahalo for supporting this bill.

Tiana Kamen

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Submitted on: 3/23/2021 11:20:08 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/24/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marissa Abadir	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo nui from our future generations.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Summer P. Maunakea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SCR260/SR219, endorsing and supporting 'Ä• ina-based values to guide Hawai'i to a healthy and thriving future.

As a professor at UHM College of Education preparing teachers to teach our keiki, it is a joy to see the Hawai'i State Legislature introducing a resolution that seeks to endorse the values necessary for a healthy future. This resolution validates the work that my colleagues, many community organizations, and I have been dedicated to in teaching the next generation to care for and value our island home, Hawai'i.

When I returned home from college and traveling abroad in 2010, it became my mission to instill Hawaiian values and sustainable practices into the next generation of care-takers. I went back to school to get my teacher's license. I was able to teach first grade students and their 'ohana out on the Wai'anae coast about caring for their soil and growing fresh fruits and vegetables. Through rigorous standards-based instruction, students also experienced the values of 'Ä• ina, laulima, and 'ohana. They grew kalo, cucumbers and green beans and wrote essays about the pride they felt in raising their own food to feed their families. Reciprocity, mÄ• lama 'Ä• ina, is what they learned and talked about and it was that moment that I knew I needed to teach these 'Ä• ina-based values for the rest of my life.

This is a resolution I see myself in, and I bet if my grandparents were still here they would be so proud that the Hawai'i State Legislature supports and endorses the same values we were all brought up with. I look forward to this resolution being endorsed and further partnering with the Hawai'i State Legislature toward a healthy and thriving future for Hawai'i. Thank you for this opportunity to testify and for your support of this resolution.

MAHALO NUI!

Na'u me ka ha'aha'a,

Dr. Summer P. Maunakea

UH MÄ• noa College of Education

March 23, 2021

Re: Testimony in support of SCR260 / SR219

Aloha kākou,

My name is Ka'anohiokalā Kalama-Macomber. I am a mother, a daughter, a kumu hula, a community educator, and an education specialist for the Hawai'i Department of Education. I list out my roles to show that they are all relevant in relationship to this resolution; because without an 'āina-based mindset, I would not be able to succeed in any of them. I am writing in support of SCR260 / SR219.

The kūpuna of this place have shown us, over many generations, that the success of our communities lies in our ability to create work that is relevant and meaningful to our place. The creation of this type of work is made possible through an intimate relationship with our island home - one that each individual was required to have, regardless of his or her role in society. This pilina was fostered through mo'olelo and direct hana on 'āina as well as an understanding that without 'āina, we would cease to exist. To assume otherwise, is a very grave mistake.

Our experiences with the current pandemic have shown us that the need to foster an 'āina-based mindset in all sectors of life in Hawai'i, is imperative to our sustainability as a place and a people. Our local communities and our 'āina have all of the basic resources to fulfill our needs, if we could just reprioritize what those needs are, and put Hawai'i first. To do so means to recognize the gifts of abundance that we have and to allow the indigenous knowledge of this place to guide our decisions of the present and inform our innovations for the future.

The support of this resolution will not only open the door for discussions among all sectors, but it will also offer a confirmation to all of our communities who are already doing the amazing work to truly mālama this place. We only have one Hawai'i and we must be willing to put this place first in all of the decisions that we make. Our keiki and the keiki of the next seven generations need to be empowered to be lifelong learners and stewards of this place; and the best way to support them in that is to once again become a society who sees it as a privilege to know and connect to our 'āina in every aspect of our lives.

Na'u me ke aloha,

Ka'anohiokalā Kalama-Macomber

Ka'anohiokalā Kalama-Macomber

March 23, 2021

Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
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Date: March 24, 2021
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: Via Videoconference

RE: SCR 260 / SR 219 – ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING ‘AINA-BASED VALUES TO
GUIDE HAWAII TO A HEALTHY AND THRIVING FUTURE.

Dear Chair Gabbard, Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chairs and Members of the Committees,

I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of SCR 260 / SR 219 and its passage, so we may work together to support the adoption of ‘āina—based values that will guide Hawai‘i to a healthy and thriving future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support.

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Date: 3/24/2021

FROM: Hawai'i Forest Industry Association (HFIA)

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support for SCR260 'Āina-based Values

Dear Hawai'i Legislators,

On behalf of the Directors of the Hawai'i Forest Industry Association (HFIA), this testimony is in support of SCR260 relating to 'Āina-based Values, which endorses and supports 'Āina-based values to guide Hawai'i to a healthy and thriving future. It supports the efforts to include 'āina-based values across all sectors of society and to proactively develop new initiatives in the State.

Established in 1989, HFIA is a nonprofit corporation founded by people committed to sustainable forest management. The mission of HFIA is to promote healthy and productive forests and a sustainable forest industry through forest management, education, planning, information exchange, and advocacy.

Mahalo,

Heather Simmons, Executive Director
Hawai'i Forest Industry Association

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