



ASSOCIATION OF

**HAWAIIANS**  
FOR HOMESTEAD LANDS

*Dedicated to Ending the Hawaiian Home Lands Waiting List*

March 22, 2021

Honorable Committee Chairs & Members  
Hearing for March 23, 2021

Re: OPPOSITION: SR128 and SCR163 – Lowering HHCA Blood Quantum

The Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands (AHHL) was founded in 2009 to advocate for the interests of thousands of native Hawaiians on the State of Hawaii, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) waiting list for a homestead land award.

AHHL submits its testimony in strong opposition of the above referenced resolutions. The content of these resolutions further disenfranchises 28,000 native Hawaiians that meet the statutory blood quantum requirement by arbitrarily eliminating any blood quantum.

AHHL stands in opposition to any change to the blood quantum of the HHCA for beneficiaries defined in the HHCA until the State of Hawaii legislature and executive branch fulfill the tenets of the HHCA to the more than 28,000 HHCA beneficiaries as currently defined. This is quite different than the lowering of blood quantum for a Successor of an HHCA beneficiary.

These resolutions create greater chaos and ignore the reality that the State of Hawaii has failed HHCA beneficiaries as defined for the last 100 years, by opening a flood gate to several hundred thousand more beneficiaries without any additional lands brought to the Hawaiian Home Land trust, and without consultation to the kupuna that are literally dying on the waitlist.

We request our legislators to honor a best practice in policy making – to directly engage with citizens directly impacted by proposals of policy makers, particularly given the work of President Obama in 2016, in defining for state and federal officials, the third party to the success of the HHCA, Homestead Beneficiary Associations (HBAs). AHHL is one of several duly registered HBAs with the federal government under 43 CFR representing the interests of the Hawaiian Homes waitlist.

Mahalo.

Mike Kahikina  
AHHL Board  
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**Committees on  
Hawaiian Affairs & Judiciary**  
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 Via Videoconference

Re: SCR163/SR128 REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND CERTAIN ACTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BROADENING THE SCOPE OF HAWAIIANS SERVED BY THOSE ACTS.

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of both committees,

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs – Hawai'i Council wishes to offer **COMMENTS for SCR163/SR128** REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND CERTAIN ACTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BROADENING THE SCOPE OF HAWAIIANS SERVED BY THOSE ACTS. Although we support the intent of these resolutions, we wish to offer an amendment to the first BE IT RESOLVED on page 2 line 26, to reflect one-thirty-second Hawaiian instead of one-eight Hawaiian.

Our rationale is that the language in SLH2017 ACT 80, SECTION 2 mentions “relatives of the lessee who are (1) at least one thirty-second Hawaiian, be consistent within these resolutions. Since the implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission ACT in 1920, families have lived on these lands for generations and are tied to their residences, the farms and businesses they built and are serving Hawaii's economy. To remove them would displace these families, cause economic hardships, and potentially burden the State's social services. Let us continue to work hard for these families just as Prince Jonah Kūhiō advocated over 100 years ago.

In 2017 at its 58th Annual Convention, The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC) adopted resolution 2017-37 ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO EXPEDITE THE PROCEDURE TO AMEND THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT AS REQUIRED UNDER 43 CFR 48.15 TO ENABLE ACT 80, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017 AND URGING MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO APPROVE ACT 80, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017 IMMEDIATELY.

Thank you for your consideration.

Me ka mahalo nui,  
Shane Akoni Palacat-Nelsen  
Pelekikena

**SR-128**

Submitted on: 3/22/2021 9:52:40 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/23/2021 10:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b>        | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Alexander K.D.<br>McNicoll | Individual          | Comments                  | No                        |

Comments:

I kakoo (support) the intent of SCR163/SR128 but am suggesting that SCR162/SR128 be amended to be in alignment with language in SLH2017 ACT 80 SECTION 2 which reads "one thirty-second Hawaiian."