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To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, ARTS, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

For hearing Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Re: HCR15/HR14 RECOGNIZING MARCH 17 AS ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN HONOR OF SAINT PATRICK AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE LONGSTANDING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN IRELAND AND THE UNITED STATES AND THE NOTEWORTHY CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF IRISH- AMERICANS TO OUR NATION.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

During this legislature session of 2022, this committee has heard HB2475 which proposes to establish La Ho'iho'i Ea as a State of Hawaii holiday; and HB1449 to establish JuneteenthDay as a State of Hawaii holiday; and now HR14/HCR15 to recognize St. Patrick's Day as ... whatever.

I oppose all three of these proposed actions because Hawaii already has several ethnic-focused holidays and we do not need further proliferation of them. As a man of Irish ancestry I also oppose HR14/HCR15 for the additional reason that it is written in a style and manner which is demeaning and discriminatory against my race and

ethnicity, by comparison with the HB2475 and HB1449. HB2475 and HB1449 are BILLS which presumably carry the force of law; while HR14/HCR15 is merely a RESOLUTION -- a mere expression of opinion or sentiment or state-of-mind.

The difference can be seen in the identical language found in HB2475 and HB1449 but not found in HR14/HCR15: the bills cite Section 8-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, "The following days of each year are set apart and established as state holidays: [list of them is provided]" and the bills propose to insert the new holiday into the chronology; and the bills end by proclaiming that "Section 8-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows: [Specified month and day] of each year shall be known and designated as [name of new holiday] to commemorate [description of historic event].

By contrast, HR14/HCR15 does not cite Section 8-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes; does not provide the list of recognized holidays; does not refer to the proposed new date as a "holiday", and does not insert the new date into any such list. The proposed new date is merely a ... something-or-other.

Whatever small element of respect HR14/HCR15 bestows upon Caucasians in general or Irish ethnicity and culture in particular, is greatly overshadowed by relative disrespect shown by comparison with HB2475 and HB1449. HR14/HCR15 damns by faint praise, reinforcing what we see every day in the treatment of us Whites as the much-despised "haoles" -- the N-----s of Hawaii, who have no state government agencies or racial entitlement government programs specifically serving us, no multibillion dollar private institutions exclusively for our group, no song contests or hula competitions broadcast statewide and, indeed, worldwide.

Kill this resolution. Give us Whites instead something genuine: what the Democrat party liberals seem to now be campaigning for: equity, diversity, and inclusiveness.

The only good thing about this resolution is that it strongly and repeatedly refers to United States of America and "the noteworthy contributions and achievements of Irish-Americans to OUR NATION." Such language must be hard to tolerate for some legislators who routinely support bills and resolutions referring to the "illegal overthrow" of the monarchy, "illegal annexation" of Hawaii to America, and seeking to remove McKinley's name and statue from that high school because McKinley is credited with lobbying Congress to agree to the Treaty of Annexation proposed by the Republic of Hawaii. Get your story straight. Are we Americans or not? Is Hawaii a victim of McKinley like Ukraine is a victim of Putin?

HCR-15

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an Irish (descendant of Rose Gormley) - Hawaiian (descendant of Henry Maui) I hereby OPPOSE this bill for the reason of inappropriate priorities of the State of Hawai'i.

1. Since when did America have positive relations with Ireland? In American HIStory, the Irish people were historically viewed as Niggers and no formal apology has ever taken place. Have you ever wondered why Irish-Americans call themselves the Fighting Irish? Erin go braugh, look up the history. We need to correct HIS-story before we continue to make uneducated legislation.

2. Hawai'i is NOT America, Hawai'i is OCCUPIED by America. So if you want to celebrate Ireland in Hawai'i, you should be doing it from Hawai'i - Ireland, not from WashingtonDC in Hawai'i. Just in case you didn't know, Washington DC is not America either. It is the Corporation of America's Flagship administration center, equivalent to a flagship retail location.

3. The State of Hawai'i is still not being responsible for Hawaiian celebrations yet. How is the State of Hawai'i making holidays for other Kingdoms, without addressing the Kingdom that it is located in? Where's Queen Ka'ahumanu Day? We should be celebrating the fact that she brought Hawaiian people from a place of savage barbarian pagans, and into the bright Christian light, shouldn't we? Where is Kalakaua Day? Shouldn't we be celebrating the day of the Bayonet Constitution? Why is the Hawaiian language an official language of the State of Hawai'i, yet legislators in Hawai'i still cannot speak the language? Why aren't judges and prosecutors sufficient in the Hawaiian language? Where did place names such as Baby Beach, Big Beach, Black Rock, etc get their names from? Surely not the Hawaiian language. Why aren't there signs with teh correct names?

I have a much longer list of reasons that outline why the State of Hawai'i should put down nonsensical matters and start addressing the matters that begin here in Hawai'i. The State of Hawai'i needs to address local priorities before it goes on to shed more lies. This is why the citizens of Hawai'i look down upon legislation now. The State of Hawai'i still cannot handle the failed rail or Hawaiian people, homelessness and many other woes, but it can add a new reason to drink beer and partake in debauchery to the calendar? Has the State of Hawaii'i ever even acknowledged Cinco de Mayo or the Mexican contribution to Hawai'i? Do we celebrate Menahune - which are from Hawai'i? So why are we celebrating a Leprachaun day?

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Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs
Hearing on Wednesday, March 16, 2022
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Conference Room 329

Aloha Chair Gates, Vice Chair Tam and members of the committee

In Strong Support of HCR 15/ HR 14

La Fheile Padraig sona duit (Happy St. Patrick's Day)

Throughout the U.S. the American Irish State Legislators Caucus is encouraging each state legislature to draft resolutions to acknowledge the long and enduring relationship between our two republics.

The Oireachtas is the legislative body of Ireland. It consists of the President of Ireland and two houses: the Dail Eireann (lower house) and the Seanad Eireann (upper house). In 1922 the Oireachtas was established under the Constitution of the Irish Free State and is celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

We celebrate their first 100 years and look forward to many more.