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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 3338, S.D. 1

March 2, 2022
10:15 a.m.
Room 211 and Videoconference

RELATING TO THE KALAUPAPA MEMORIAL

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 3338, S.D. 1, appropriates \$5,000,000 in general funds in FY 23 to the Department of Health for the design, plans, and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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March 1, 2022

TO: Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: March 1, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 3338, SD1, RELATING TO THE KALAUPAPA
MEMORIAL**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the design, plans, and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

1. By supporting the Kalaupapa Memorial, this measure would allow for family members to reconnect with their ancestors and their stories and bring a crucial segment of Hawaii's past to light.
2. The design, plans, and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial envision stone walls making two interlocking circles. This design is representative of bringing the people of Kalaupapa and their families back together.
3. The Kalaupapa Memorial will list the names of the nearly 8,000 people who were taken from their families and sent to Kalaupapa, appropriately bringing them honor and recognition.

For the foregoing reasons, I **SUPPORT** this measure.

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Hawaii State Legislature
415 South Beretania Street
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Bill Number: SB3338 SD1

March 2, 2022, 10:15 a.m. Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran and Members of the Ways and Means Committee

Dear Sir / Madam,

We write in support of SB3338 SD1, funding \$5 million for The Kalaupapa Memorial construction.

Over the past decennium, the Damien Archives in Leuven and the Damien Museum in Tremelo (Belgium) have closely been working together with Anwei Law and Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa doing research on the history of Father Damien and of the people who were sent to Molokai.

We were happy to give them free access to our collection in their effort to draw a comprehensive list of all people that were isolated on Kalaupapa in a timespan of more than 100 years. They also assisted us in designing the new display and narrative of the Damien Museum in Tremelo that was opened to the public in 2017, enabling us not only to tell the story of Father Damien, but of all the people he shared his life with on Kalaupapa.

We are writing to you in strong support of SB3338 SD1 which would provide funding for construction of The Kalaupapa Memorial. The Memorial will remember and honor the 8,000 men, women, and children forcibly sent and isolated at Kalaupapa. One of them was Father Damien. Remembering his name side by side with the people he lived and died with, is a very powerful way to express our shared history. We also hope that by erecting the memorial present and future generations can pay homage to the people sent to Kalaupapa, find healing, and acknowledge this important part of history.

Therefore we ask for your support of SB3338 SD1 to provide funding for The Kalaupapa Memorial.

Respectfully,

Bart Massart, president Board of the Damien Museum in Tremelo, Belgium

Sonia Crabbé, member Board of the Damien Museum in Tremelo, Belgium

Pieter Geens, staff member Damien Museum in Tremelo, Belgium

Patrik Jaspers, staff member Damien Archives in Leuven, Belgium

Ruben Boon, staff member Damien Museum in Tremelo, Belgium and Damien Archives Leuven, Belgium



February 28, 2022

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chairperson
Ways and Means Committee, Hawai'i State Legislature
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Hearing: Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 10:15 a.m., Room 211

In strong support of SB3338 SD1 – Relating to The Kalaupapa Memorial

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Agaran and Members of the Ways and Means Committee

The people of Kalaupapa and Kalawao have been speaking to us for more than 156 years. They have written and signed thousands of letters and petitions, participated in oral history projects, been interviewed for newspaper articles, and testified on numerous occasions before various government agencies.

“I am proud of our people who, although they were taken away from their homes and families, went on to make a difference in their own lives and in the lives of so many others. This is *our* story – a story to be remembered, a story to be treasured, a story to be held close to your hearts.”

– Bernard K. Punikai‘a, International Human Rights Advocate, Composer, Musician
(*Kalaupapa: A Collective Memory*)

The Kalaupapa Memorial is the most important interpretive tool we have to tell an inclusive history of Kalaupapa. Over the last several years, Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa has not only compiled a list of names from several different Department of Health admission records and other sources, but a list of individuals about whom we learn more every day.

The Kalaupapa Memorial will proudly serve as a symbol of justice for the estimated 8,000 individuals sent to Kalaupapa as it returns them to the history of Kalaupapa, the history of their families, the history of Hawai'i and the history of the world. It is also a symbol of justice for people around the world who have experienced this disease and still face the injustice of prejudice and discrimination.

I have been going to Kalaupapa for over 50 years – since I was 16 years old and a junior at Kalani High School. My father was on the Citizen's Committee that abolished the century-old isolation policy in 1969. I have conducted more than 200 hours of oral history interviews with the residents of Kalaupapa, some of who were sent there as early as 1914 and

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1915, as well as people who have experienced leprosy from around the world. *Kalaupapa: A Collective Memory* was more than 500 pages long and filled with the names of and words of people who were taken from their families, friends and communities because they had leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease. I have just finished editing the Memoirs of Ambrose Kanewalii Hutchison, who was sent to Kalaupapa in 1879, was best friends with Father Damien, worked closely with all the major figures in Kalaupapa's history and lived there for a remarkable 53 years, but who had been left out of his own history until recent years.

"We who are segregated here . . . have made this our homeland."

-- Ambrose Hutchison, Petition from "the oldest resident of Kalaupapa."

Honolulu Star-Bulletin, February 1, 1929

(Yours Faithfully – Ambrose Hutchison. Recollections of Lifetime at Kalaupapa)

Over a half century of researching the history of leprosy in Hawai'i and working to present this history in the words of the people who experienced it, I have seen two constants: 1) A strong determination on the part of those individuals sent to Kalaupapa that this history and the people who lived it are remembered; 2) An expectation of justice. Petitions and letters expressed the belief that justice would prevail in a situation that was so filled with deep personal pain, separation, and hardship. A song written in Hawaiian (c. 1880s) by the boys of Kalawao and preserved by Ambrose Hutchison talked about "bringing peace to people on earth who desire righteousness."

I strongly urge the Hawai'i State Legislature to support SB3338 so that the final residents of Kalaupapa, the family members of everyone sent there and generations to come will be able to personally witness all of the names come back to life and assume their rightful place in their own history.

We love this land, Kalaupapa.
Our pain and loneliness, tears and joys,
Our blood, our bones, our spirit are all here.
We are one with this land!

-- Makia Malo, Excerpt, *Lele Uli – To Dispel Darkness*, Composed for and Performed at the Opening of the "Quest for Dignity" Exhibit at the United Nations, NY, 1997

(Kalaupapa: A Collective Memory)

Sincerely,



Anwei Skinsnes Law, M.P.H.

Director, IDEA Center for the Voices of Humanity

President for Heritage & Education, IDEA (the largest international human rights organization by and for people who have experienced leprosy)

Historian, Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa

Author, *Kalaupapa: A Collective Memory*

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“When you see all the names on the Memorial, it will be like everyone from Kalawao and Kalaupapa is standing right there in front of you. It will bring tears to my eyes.”

-- the late Clarence “Boogie” Kahilihiwa, resident of Kalaupapa for more than 50 years and President of Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa, 2009-2021

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee
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SB3338 SD1: Providing \$5 million to build The Kalaupapa Memorial
Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 10:15 a.m., Room 211

I write in strong support of SB3338 SD1

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for your service to the people of Hawai‘i and doing your best to make the islands a better place to live. I ask for your support of SB 3338 SD1 which would provide \$5 million to build The Kalaupapa Memorial.

As you might know, the Memorial will list the names of each of the nearly 8,000 men, women and children who were taken from their families and sent to Kalaupapa, usually for the rest of their lives, because they were diagnosed with leprosy. The Kalaupapa Memorial has been a longtime desire of many of the people of Kalaupapa, including our late President Boogie Kahilihiwa who spoke tirelessly about the importance of remembering every name and every person.

If this full \$5 million were appropriated to Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa, that would come to just \$650 for each person who was sent to Kalaupapa and their families who were left behind, a small price for the pain, sacrifices and courage of all these individuals.

We were here before you in 2020. The three Kalaupapa residents who were on our ‘Ohana Board of Directors came to our first Senate hearing: Boogie, our President; Pauline Ahulau Chow, our Vice President, and Gloria Lutu Marks, one of our Directors. Also Boogie’s wife, Ivy

Kahilihiwa, who helps our 'Ohana in other ways. They saw many old friends and made quite an impression on everyone.

After the bill passed that first hearing at the Labor, Culture and the Arts Committee, it unanimously passed your Ways and Means Committee -- thank you again. We had been scheduled for a hearing in the House where we already had good conversations with the committee leaders when Covid hit and the Legislature was shut down.

In the two years since, Boogie has died and our Kalaupapa residents are two years older. The average age is now at least 85 years. And, yet, three weeks ago, we got signatures of support for SB3338 from seven of the nine residents who have the right to live at Kalaupapa. They are at the age where they shouldn't have to be signing letters for legislation or testifying simply to be remembered. We should be doing that for them.

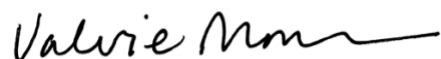
Some of you might recall hearing Boogie speak about the importance of the Kalaupapa Memorial. You heard how eloquent he was, how powerful his words were, how much he wanted to make sure all the people of Kalaupapa are honored and remembered, how future generations will find the names of their ancestors on the Memorial, touch those names and feel a connection to them and all that they went through. The Memorial will be life-changing for so many descendants who will be stronger individuals because of their Kalaupapa heritage.

Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa has raised more than \$450,000 for planning and design of the Memorial over the years with some donations already coming in for construction -- and another \$200,000 in pro bono professional services. We have a beautiful design of the Memorial applauded by everyone so far. We have a local foundation talking to us about covering the costs of maintenance of the Memorial for the first few years after it's built until we get an endowment established. We have momentum.

We hope you can help us again and decide the best way to keep funding for the Kalaupapa Memorial moving forward through the Legislature. The time is now.

Thank you again, Senator Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and all members of this Committee, for all that you do. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you help us. Together, we will forever remember and honor the nearly 8,000 people at Kalaupapa who, despite the odds, showed us strength, resiliency, aloha and the value of community.

Sending all best wishes,



Valerie Monson, Executive Director/Coordinator
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Re: Testimony on SB 3338 SD1, Relating to the Kalaupapa Memorial

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 10:15 a.m.

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

As an organization of Native Hawaiian physicians, 'Ahahui o nā Kauka strongly supports building a memorial in Kalaupapa to honor the more than 8,000 Hansen's Disease patients - mostly Native Hawaiian - who were forcibly removed from their homes and banished to the isolated northern Molokai peninsula since 1866. Once a prison, Kalaupapa is now a refuge for the few remaining residents who arrived as children and suffered the devastation of being segregated from their families. It is imperative for us, after more than 150 years, to honor the tragic legacy of all of the patients.

As Kalaupapa transitions to a National Park destination, the Kalaupapa Memorial would serve as a place where families might find the names of and memorialize missing loved ones. Meanwhile, visitors might appreciate both the stark beauty of Kalaupapa and its tragic history. Kalaupapa will ever have a place on the international stage as the tiny remote Pacific Island peninsula where Damien de Veuster and Marianne Cope dedicated their lives serving Hansen's Disease patients and canonizations by the Catholic church.

'Ahahui o nā Kauka has strong ties to Kalaupapa: some of us have provided medical care to patients and others are relatives of past and current residents. So much was taken from these individuals. We humbly ask that they be given not only a place in history but a Memorial to tell their story. 'Ahahui o nā Kauka strongly supports SB 3338 SD1; we urge the Committee on Ways and Means to fund a Kalaupapa Memorial fully.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

SB-3338-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 5:23:19 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB3338 for the proposed Kalaupapa Memorial. When I worked for the Department of Health, I had the opportunity to make multiple trips to Kalaupapa. Although there are many graves throughout the peninsula, there are still many unmarked locations. The memorial will recognize all those who lived and died in isolation.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee
Hawai`i State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Bill Number: SB3338-SD1

Hearing: March 2, 2022, 10:15 a.m.
Room 211, Hawai`i State Capitol

I write in support of SB3338-SD1, Requests that the State Legislature allocate funding for construction of The Kalaupapa Memorial

Aloha Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Members of Ways and Means Committee

My name is Colin Brede. I am the nephew of David Kalani Kaluai Brede (1933-2009) and Jimmy Aheana Brede (1929-2016) who was taken from their loved ones and sent to Kalaupapa 15 May 1942 at the young ages of 9 and 13. David and Jimmy are siblings of my father John P Brede (1930-2017).

I am writing in strong support of SB3338-SD1 which would fund construction of The Kalaupapa Memorial. Our `Ohana has been working on this important project since the Kalaupapa residents asked us to establish a Memorial at Kalaupapa that would list the names of everyone sent there.

Uncle David is buried in the catholic section at Kalaupapa with a headstone marking his grave site. Uncle Jimmy and his wife Aunty Nancy ashes was spread in Kalaupapa Bay 2016.

The names of the people of Kalaupapa have been mostly forgotten over the years and left out of the history that they helped to create. Their lifelong sorrow of being exiled to Kalaupapa will serve as a place of connection for descendants who will find healing and pride as they are surrounded by the names. It is for the generations of those to come to escapes one`s memory their sacrifices and suffering, in comparison to our current COVID-19 protocols.

The United States Congress passed The Kalaupapa Memorial Act that was signed by President Barack Obama in 2009, authorizing Ka `Ohana to establish the Memorial. I `am an active member of Ka `Ohana O Kalaupapa, we have been

involved in federal and state compliance processes, assembled a strong Memorial Committee that produced a beautiful and meaningful design for the Memorial, compiled the names of nearly 8,000 people who were sent to Kalaupapa, and developed a fundraising strategy. Ka 'Ohana is also raising \$5 million for an endowment to make sure the Memorial is maintained and cared for in perpetuity.

My Family the Brede's and Apio's, humbly ask for your support of SB3338-SD1 to provide funding for The Kalaupapa Memorial.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin K Brede

Nephew of David Brede, Jimmy Brede, and Nancy Brede

Member of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa

Friend of Rotary Club of Mililani Sunrise

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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
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Bill Number: SB3338 SD1
Hearing: Tuesday, March 2, 2022, 10:15AM, Room 211

I write in strong support of SB3338 SD1, funding \$5 million for the Kalaupapa Memorial construction

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

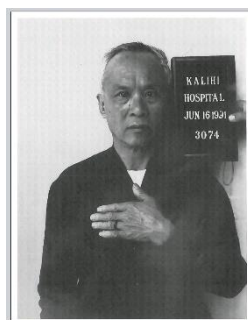
My name is Susan Woo Smith. I am the great-granddaughter of Wong Chew, who was taken from his family in 1931 and forced to reside in Kalaupapa from 1935 until his death in 1939. In 2016, I began a journey to learn about my great-grandfather. At the time, I didn't even know his name, as little was ever spoken about him. I only knew he had been taken from his family by "Men in white coats." His neighbors all thought he was taken to an insane asylum, and his family thought it better to remain quiet rather than share the truth and stigma of his disease.

I have since come to know Wong Chew, my great-grandfather, as a successful businessman, husband, and father of thirteen children. The street where he resided in Honolulu was named for him and the other resident who lived on the street. In 2018, I went to Kalaupapa to pay homage to my great-grandfather. I anticipated a trip of great sadness; but instead, I discovered Kalaupapa, a community of people whose strength and courage built a community. Realizing this made me proud of my great-grandfather for his courage and brought pride, rather than shame, to my family. It brought his name back to light, no longer hidden from our history.

I am writing in strong support of SB3338 SD1, which would provide \$5 million for construction of The Kalaupapa Memorial. The Memorial will provide dignity for the 8,000 men, women, and children forcibly sent and isolated at Kalaupapa and will remember and honor them by name. The Memorial will be a place where present and future generations can pay homage to the people sent to Kalaupapa, find healing, and where all can acknowledge this important part of history.

I ask for your support of SB3338 SD1 to provide funding for The Kalaupapa Memorial.

Respectfully,
Susan Woo Smith
Great-Granddaughter of Wong Chew
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SB-3338-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 8:51:32 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Cheryl Reeser	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Hearing: Tuesday, March 2, 2022, 10:15 a.m. Room 211

In Support of SB3338 SD1

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran and Members of the Ways and Means Committee;

I am writing in support of SB3338 SD1, funding \$5 million for The Kalaupapa Memorial. I am the great, great granddaughter of a Kalaupapa patient who was banished to Kalaupapa for the remainder of her life, removed permanently from her loved-ones. In addition, my late parents, Donald Reeser, retired former National Park Service Superintendent of Haleakala National Park, and Bunnie Reeser, both of the Big Island and Maui, worked tirelessly to bring this memorial to fruition and honor the patients who were sent there as well as the families who experienced such loss.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Warm regards,

Cheryl Kuulei Reeser

SB-3338-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:28:23 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lopaka Hoopii	Testifying for Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa	Support	No

Comments:

I am honored to submit my written testimony in favor of SB 3338 SD1 relating to the funding of the Kalaupapa Memorial.

My father was born in Kalaupapa and is now 93-years old. He holds out hope that this memorial will be built in his lifetime, as is the hope of our kupuna who continue to reside there, and many who have passed.

My grandparents and two uncles are also buried in Kalaupapa and have headstones and a gravesite for us to pay honor to their lives. However, many of our kupuna have unmarked gravesites or have been destroyed due to tsunamis and other weather conditions. It's my hope that we can honor their lives through this memorial.

Aloha nui,

Lopaka Hoopii (former interim president of Ka 'Ohana o Kalaupapa).

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Hawaii State Legislature
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Bill Number: SB3338 SD1 Relating to the Kalaupapa Memorial
Hearing: Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 10:15 a.m. Room 211

I write in support of SB3338 SD1

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Marcia Weight Lyons. My father, Edward Weight, was born in Kalaupapa, taken from his parents who he never knew, and lived his childhood in an orphanage and foster homes. My grandparents, Marcia Ka-ne Weight and Harold Weight, who were sent to Kalaupapa, and two of their five children are buried there.

I am writing in support of SB3338 SD1 which would provide \$5 million to fund construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial. *Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa* has been working on this project at the request of Kalaupapa residents who expressed their desire to establish a Memorial in Kalaupapa that would list the names of those sent there as a way to remember and honor them.

I have been a member of, and a volunteer with *Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa* for over a decade and I have had multiple opportunities to hear Kalaupapa residents share their stories, feelings, and thoughts on what it would mean to them to have this memorial built. I feel that they speak for my family and all of those who lived and died in Kalaupapa since 1866.

My Dad was 81 years old when he connected with *Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa* and met other families with Kalaupapa connections. I saw my Dad come to a new awareness of who he was. Through his involvement with *Ka 'Ohana* members and visits to Kalaupapa he had a sense of belonging to a place and a new understanding of his own family. This is why I know that the Memorial will serve as a place of reconnection and healing for descendants.

Please support SB3338 SD1 to provide funding for The Kalaupapa Memorial.

Mahalo,
Marcia Weight Lyons
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SB-3338-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:07:54 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Wally Inglis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

and members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

I strongly support this measure which will preserve for future generations the memory and legacy of the thousands of people who have lived and died at Kalaupapa. I reiterate my testimony offered to the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts Committee--noting the changes as reflected in the SD1 version.

I am pleased to see that the amount of \$5 million remains in the latest draft and recommend that it be kept in the bill as it passes from your committee to the full Senate.

Mahalo for your support over the years for Kalaupapa and its people who have have suffered from leprosy.

With aloha,

Wally Inglis

**Kehaulani Lum
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`Aiea, Hawai`i 96701**

February 28, 2022

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
Hawai`i State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of Bill Number: SB3338, SD1, Relating to the Kalaupapa Memorial

Hearing: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 10:15 AM
Hawai`i State Capitol Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of SB3338, SD1, which appropriates \$5,000,000 for the design, plans, and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial.

My name is Kehaulani Lum, and I am a Board member of Ka `Ohana o Kalaupapa. I am also a descendent of four family members from Ninole and Wailea, Hawai`i Island, who were exiled to Kalaupapa in the 1900s, as children, when government quarantine policies meant a one-way ticket to a life of isolation, scarcity and death. Only one of my ancestors, my late granduncle, Henry Kalalahilimoku Nala`ielua, was ever heard from again. His beloved sisters Evelyn and Christina, and his Uncle Joe were separately taken away from the family home, without explanation, and died within months of their arrival at the peninsula.

Uncle Henry was only a 10-year-old child, when he was “taken into custody,” a term of practice, on May 12, 1936. He was given a new identity, Patient Number 3367, and it would be his number, for the rest of his life.

Uncle Henry joined his fellow residents, when he testified to the U.S. Senate, in 2009, calling for the creation of a Memorial, saying:

“I believe that the Memorial will be a place that people could go to,” he said, “and just by looking at the list, they find a relative or friends they knew...I think for me it would be a cherished memory to have a monument that tells the people this is what we wanted and this is what they have.”

A year after delivering his testimony, Uncle took his last breath. He did not live to see his earthly dream fulfilled. Through your compassion and caring, and the commitment of the 'Ohana and a prestigious volunteer design team, we can say to him, in pule, that it is coming to fruition.

8,000 innocent individuals were exiled to Kalaupapa, during this dark period of Hawai'i's history, most of whom died there and are buried in unmarked graves, separated in life and in death from their parents and families. Yet, we have no sacred site to honor and connect to them and their selfless sacrifices. There is no edifice that speaks their names.

I have had the great fortune to stand at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, in Washington, D.C., and lovingly touch the names of the warriors who gave their lives for their country. And, I have read the names that line the wall of honor of the Arizona Memorial, in solemn ceremony. One does not need to know them or be related to them to feel profoundly touched and grateful.

In the same way, the Kalaupapa Memorial will remember and honor these heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice, to alleviate the suffering of others, by their name. Many of them belong to children who were separated from their families, forever, because they had no immunity to the disease. They have been left out of history and their family genealogy and are waiting to be rediscovered. The Memorial will serve as a symbol of justice, a place of healing, family reunification and remembrance, especially, for our 'ohana, who still carries the pain of separation, from one generation to the next.

The National Park Service writes of Kalaupapa in this way:

"Few places in the world better illustrate the human capacity for endurance or for charity than the remote Kalaupapa Peninsula on the island of Molokai. The area achieved notoriety when the Kingdom of Hawai'i instituted a century-long policy of forced segregation of persons afflicted with Hansen's disease...On January 6, 1866, the first group of nine men and three women were dropped off at the mouth of Waikolu Valley, the closest accessible point to Kalawao on the southeast side of the peninsula. By October of the same year, 101 men and 41 women had been left to die at Kalawao."

The law forcing the permanent exile of children, women and men diagnosed with Hansen's Disease would remain in full execution until 1969, when it was finally abolished. Can we even imagine such a fate, today, even as we suffer the greatest pandemic of our time? Absolutely, not. The Kalaupapa Memorial is a way for us, a civilized and enlightened society, to give these heroes, in death, the dignity and honor that they were denied in life...our deepest gratitude and Aloha

Ka 'Ohana is requesting \$5 million from the Legislature for construction of the Memorial, and we are raising an additional \$5 million for an endowment to make sure

the Memorial is maintained and cared for in perpetuity. The cost, per person, of this request is miniscule (\$625.00), compared to the price that they paid, so that the rest of society could breathe free.

What is the value of a human life, which suffered and died in exile, so that our ancestors and we could survive?

Mahalo nui loa for your leadership and support and for shining a light on Hawai`i's true heroes. Our gratitude will run, for generations.

Aloha nui loa,

Kehaulani Lum

Grandniece of Evelyn, Christina and Henry Nala`ielua
and Great grandniece of Joe Nala`ielua

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Ways and Means Committee, Hawaii State Legislature
415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Bill Number: SB3338

Feb. 28, 2022

Hearing: Tuesday, March 2, 2022, 10:15 a.m. Room 211

I write in strong SUPPORT of SB3338 SD1, funding \$5 million for the Kalaupapa Memorial construction

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Hitoshi Hida. It is my honor to be invited to assist the Memorial Committee as an architect in developing the conceptual design for an historically very important memorial such as this Kalaupapa Memorial.

It was in June of 2015 when I went to Kalaupapa first time with the Memorial Committee members. It was on the flight to Kalaupapa that I was shown a conceptual design of the memorial and I strongly believe that it was divinely inspired as a result of my prayer. When we arrived at the very site where the memorial is to be constructed, I verbally presented the design among the members of the Committee and Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa. They all happily accepted the design. Since then, the design has been used as the project vision and to promote the project and now developed into construction document.

The concept is composed of two circles: Mauka circle representing the 8000 people with Hansen's disease who were sent away to Kalaupapa and Makai circle representing the family who were left behind. The two circles were pulled and juxtaposed together at the middle. The juxtaposition represents one of the main purposes of the memorial: that is to reconnect the families who were separated forever.

There will be a stone wall surrounding Mauka circle as if embracing the circle. It will have the names of the 8000 patients to be inscribed onto it to celebrate and memorialize their lives.

I believe it is important for our generations to memorialize these people and their families as well as the place. Therefore we humbly ask for your support of SB3338 to provide funding of \$5 million for the Kalaupapa Memorial.

Respectfully submitted,
Hitoshi Hida
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

March 1, 2022

Bill Number SB3338 SD1

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 10:15 a.m.- Room 211

Support of SB3338 SD1, for the \$5 million construction funding for the Kalaupapa Memorial.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran and Members of the Ways and Means Committee

My name is Tim Leong. I am a resident of Molokai and am writing in support of SB3338 SD1 to provide funding for the construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial.

On February 14, 1888, my great-great grandfather, Kaho'oilimoku and his thirteen year old son, Alapa'i, were sent to Kalaupapa. They were reunited with another son, fourteen year old Ka'aea, who had been sent on January 30, 1888. They died within a span of four years and were buried in unmarked graves. They started their lives in Kawaipapa, Maui and ended their lives in Kalaupapa, Molokai: exchanging the Wai (fresh water) for the Lau (leaf).

It wasn't until I was in my 60's that I found out I had family that were sent to Kalaupapa. In our household, genealogy was the domain of the women. Nothing was written. My mother, aunts and older sister would sometimes gather after dinner, to "talk-story" about our ancestors, over cups of tea and dessert. I found out later that family stories could have contradicting versions, outlandish embellishments and convenient omissions. In 2010, I became a member of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa and was able to get confirmation that I had three family members that were sent to Kalaupapa. This led me on an amazing journey to the Hawaii State Archives, the Bureau of Conveyances and worldwide web to fill in the missing pieces.

Kaho'oilimoku was granted 18 acres in Kawaipapa, Hāna, Maui in 1855. He was an awa grower and with his wife raised a family of one daughter and four sons. In 1888, he and two of his sons were diagnosed with leprosy and were sent to Kalaupapa. He was an Elder of Kanaana Hou Church.

Kaho'oilimoku died on June 14, 1890. He was 57 years old.

Alapa'i died on September 10, 1891. He was 16 years old.

Ka'aea died on January 27, 1892. He was 18 years old.

As a tribute to my great-great grandfather, Kaho'oilimoku and to all the many other Hawaiian citizens throughout the islands who sacrificed so much for the benefit of others, I respectfully request your support for SB3338 SD1 to provide funding for the construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial. Mahalo.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Leong, Molokai

March 1, 2022

**Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Hawai'i State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813**

Bill Number: SB3338 SD1

Hearing: Wednesday March 2022 10:15 am – Room 211Conference

I write to STRONGLY SUPPORT of SB3338 SD 1, funding \$5 million for the Kalaupapa Memorial construction.

My name Marilyn Puanani Janssen Cleghorn .

I am writing on behalf of the family of Margarete Lucie Georgine Buns Weber who was a patient that died on February 25, 1917 and is buried in Kalaupapa, Moloka'i. We assume because of her date of death that she is buried in the area where many of the markers were washed away by the tidal wave.

Kalaupapa is a place like no other. Once you visit there, you leave a different person. There are more than 8,000 stories of pain and sorrow by people of many different races and cultures who were forced to come together and as a result created their own culture.

A memorial honoring the people sent to Kalaupapa would not only help the families bring long awaited closure of their loved ones buried there but be a profound life experience to all those that visit. Kalaupapa has a story to tell and that story is a very important part of our history here in the Islands as well as around the world.

My great-grandmother's life and death in Kalaupapa was a huge mystery to my family, as was her young grandson "Willie Olsen" who died at the Leahi Hospital on Oahu. I learned of her from my father when I was a young child and as an adult, when I wrote to my family about her, I discovered that I was one of the two family members who knew of her illness and where she was laid to rest. What a shame that her family wasn't able to mourn her as she deserved, but that's the way it was for many of the patients at Kalaupapa in those days.

Like many of the Ohana O`Kalaupapa , I anxiously await the day that I will have a place to lay my lei in honor of my great-grandmother who traveled as a young lady from Germany with dreams of raising her family in her new country which she loved and now called home.

Sincerely,

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February 28, 2022

To: Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairman
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Wednesday Mar 2, 2022

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 211

Re: SB 3338 SD1 Relating to the Kalaupapa Memorial

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. I am Patrick Boland, a long-time friend of Kalaupapa and its people, and an occasional driver/guide for a patient-operated tour business there.

Between 1866 and 1969 approximately 8000 of our brothers and sisters thought to have leprosy were banished to Kalaupapa. They were deprived of their freedom and gave the rest of their lives for the benefit of the rest of us – for our perceived safety.

In 2008, through SCR 298, the Legislature recognized our debt to them. The resolution acknowledged the people of Kalaupapa and their families and apologized for harsh government policies. A copy of the resolution is attached.

This is an appropriate time to implement the findings of the resolution and repay the debt in a concrete way. Funding the Kalaupapa memorial is a way to do this.

It is also simply a matter of justice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachment: SCR 298 SD1 from 2008

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING, ACKNOWLEDGING, AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE PEOPLE OF KALAUPAPA AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THEIR GREAT SACRIFICES AND HARDSHIPS AS A RESULT OF THEIR FORCED ISOLATION, WHICH AT THE TIME WAS BELIEVED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, AND APOLOGIZING TO THE PEOPLE OF KALAUPAPA AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR ANY HARSH RESTRICTIONS THAT CAUSED THEM UNDUE PAIN AS THE RESULT OF FORMER GOVERNMENT POLICIES SURROUNDING LEPROSY.

WHEREAS, from 1866 to 1969, an estimated 8,000 citizens of Hawai'i were forced to leave their families and to be isolated, most often on the Kalaupapa peninsula, because of society's fear of leprosy (also known as Hansen's disease); and

WHEREAS, these individuals were mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters who were separated at all ages, from very young to very old; and

WHEREAS, for many of these residents, the separation was permanent, yet, because they felt they were protecting the general public from a disease that was not curable until the 1940s, most people diagnosed with leprosy willingly made this greatest of sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, these sacrifices were made because these heroic individuals did not want anyone else to experience this disease, which was not only physically painful, but also emotionally difficult to bear; and

WHEREAS, despite being exiled by their own government and suffering great deprivations and injustices throughout much of

their lives, the people of Kalaupapa have been remarkably resilient and have responded to their situations with kindness, generosity, and forgiveness rather than anger, bitterness, and despair; and

WHEREAS, the families of those sent to Kalaupapa also suffered unimaginable pain; and

WHEREAS, fathers and mothers were forced to take their unsuspecting children diagnosed with leprosy to a designated facility and leave them there, resulting in farewells of agony and sorrow; and

WHEREAS, those same parents would later watch from the docks as their children were loaded onto the ships destined for Kalaupapa, possibly the last time they would see one another; and

WHEREAS, children born to the people of Kalaupapa were immediately taken away at birth and grew up with other relatives or in orphanages, and, if they were fortunate, would eventually get to know their parents, but not until they were nearly adults or older; and

WHEREAS, relationships between parents and children could be difficult to establish and maintain because of the forced separation; and

WHEREAS, the Kalaupapa residents and their families have mostly accepted their circumstances throughout the years and put their lives back together as best they could; and

WHEREAS, the government has maintained Kalaupapa for the last remaining residents as long as they choose to remain there, and provides for their medical, food, and housing needs; and

WHEREAS, there has never been an official acknowledgement to the people of Kalaupapa for all that they did and the exemplary manner in how they have lived their lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature recognizes, acknowledges, and expresses gratitude to the people of Kalaupapa and their families for their sacrifices, for thinking more of the public than of themselves, for giving up

freedoms and opportunities the rest of society takes for granted, for rebuilding their lives with pride and dignity, for overcoming prejudice and discrimination, and for consistently reaching out to others in need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while with the adoption of this measure, the Legislature does not confer any legal cause of action or any legal rights, remedies, relief, restitution, or reparations on any person, it nonetheless apologizes for the past actions against, and treatment of, past and current residents of Kalaupapa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this overdue action be issued with the utmost respect and admiration for those remaining Kalaupapa residents, the descendents of those who have died and family members who all have endured separation from loved ones and the anguish that came with it, with the hope that if any quarantine or isolation is necessary in the future to protect public health and safety, it will be used only with appropriate safeguards to protect every individual's dignity and rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to all the residents of Kalaupapa, Ka'Ohana O Kalaupapa, the Governor, the Director of Health, and the Superintendent of Kalaupapa National Historical Park.

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Hawai'i State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

March 1, 2022

Bill Number SB3338 SD1

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 10:15 a.m.- Room 211

I write in Strong Support of SB3338 SD1, for the \$5 million construction funding for the Kalaupapa Memorial.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran and Members of the Ways and Means Committee

My name is Ellen Christine Storm. I am a founding member of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa.

My husband, Rev Dr Lon Rycraft was the Protestant minister in Kalaupapa for Kana'ana Hou and Siloama churches (UCC) from 1993 to 2005.

Living in Kalaupapa for almost 12 years gave us a unique experience and perspective. The residents of Kalaupapa are survivors in the deepest sense. They were able to move beyond the pain, the suffering, the sadness in ways that are examples of strength and inspiration to all of us.

They are the true heroes.

Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa is requesting that the Hawaii State Legislature allocate \$5 million for construction of the Memorial. Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa is also raising \$5 million for an endowment to make sure that the Memorial is maintained and cared for in perpetuity.

The Kalaupapa Memorial will remember and honor all of the people by their name. The Memorial will return the names to the history that they helped create. It will serve as a symbol of justice.

The Memorial will help family members find healing and closure. It will be a living Memorial as future generations visit and learn about ancestors they might not have known about.

Keeping alive the important history of Kalaupapa and preserving the legacies of the thousands of men, women and children who were forcibly isolated there.

Thank you for all for your work on Senate Bill 3338 SD1

Thank you for your support to provide funding for the Kalaupapa Memorial.

Sincerely, Ellen C Storm
February, 2022

SB-3338-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 1:38:46 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tessa Munekiyo Ng	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Tessa Munekiyo Ng and I am a member of the Kalaupapa Memorial Design Committee. I have been working with the Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa for many years to help make this important Memorial a reality.

I am writing in strong support of SB 3338 which would provide \$5 million for construction of The Kalaupapa Memorial.

The United States Congress passed The Kalaupapa Memorial Act that was signed by President Barack Obama in 2009, authorizing Ka ‘Ohana to establish the Memorial. Since that time, the ‘Ohana has been involved in federal and state compliance processes, assembled a strong Memorial Committee that produced a beautiful and meaningful design for the Memorial, compiled the names of nearly 8,000 people who were sent to Kalaupapa, and developed a fundraising strategy.

The names of the people of Kalaupapa have been mostly forgotten over the years and left out of the history that they helped to create. The Kalaupapa Memorial will make certain that they will be forever remembered and returned to the history of Kalaupapa and their family histories. The Memorial will serve as a place of reconnection for descendants who will find healing and pride as they are surrounded by the names.

We humbly ask for your support of SB3338 to provide funding for The Kalaupapa Memorial.

Tessa Munekiyo Ng

SB-3338-SD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Monica Morris	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai e Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

My name is Monica Morris, and I am submitting testimony in support of SB3338 SD1.

My grandfather is Alfred Clement Hoopii, who at the age of 23 was taken from his young wife and daughter and removed to Kalaupapa in 1927. He passed away four years later.

Alfred Hoopii's daughter, my mother, rarely spoke about her father. She does remember going to Honolulu Harbor as a young girl, and along with her mother, waving to her father as he left on a ship. They would never see him again. Father Damien of Kalaupapa, now St. Damien, became a source of comfort to my mother throughout her life.

My search to learn more about my grandfather began in earnest in 1990. I have visited Kalaupapa three times. I have not located my grandfather's tombstone or gravesite, and believe he is buried in an unmarked grave. My visits to Kalaupapa have been profound, and I have met proud, courageous and resilient people who built their community, and who live with joy and dignity. Ka 'Ohana o Kalaupapa has been a vast resource in my search for information, and has become my loving and extended family. We ask for your support of SB3338 SD1, which would fund the Kalaupapa Memorial and honor the 8,000 men, women and children who were removed to Kalaupapa, their families that were left behind, and their descendants. The Memorial would also honor my grandfather and others who are buried in unmarked graves. It would also memorialize an important part of Hawaii's history, which should never be forgotten.

I respectfully ask you to support SB3338 SD1, and pass it out of your committee. Mahalo nui loa.

Sister M. Davilyn Ah Chick, osf
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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee
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Bill Number: SB-3338 SD1

Funding \$5,000,000.00 million dollars for the Kalaupapa Memorial Construction

Hearing on March 2, 2022, at 10:15 a.m. in our Hawaii State Capitol

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith Agaran, and Committee Members,

Aloha and the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ and all the Saints!

I am Sister M. Davilyn Ah Chick, osf, a Sister of St. Francis, a Board Director of Ka 'Ohana O Kaluapapa, Chairperson of St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawai'i, Honolulu, Hawaii. I am proud to be a Sister of St. Francis, because I belong to Saint Marianne Cope's religious community and able to serve our People of Hawai'i. In 1883, Mother Marianne Cope and six of my Sisters of St. Francis answered the plea of King Kalakaua and Queen Kapiolani to care for those afflicted by Hansen's disease. St. Marianne Cope served the people of Kalaupapa for 30 years and was declared by Pope Benedict as a saint, "The Beloved Mother of Outcasts." We, the Sisters of St. Francis, are honored and happy to serve God and His People here in Hawai'i now for 139 years and beyond.

I am writing to strongly support Senate Bill 3338 SD1 requesting funding of \$5,000,000.00 for the Kalaupapa Memorial construction, because

- The Kalaupapa Memorial will list and preserve the names of each of the estimated 8,000 men, women, and children who were taken from their families and forcibly isolated at Kalaupapa, Molokai. This Memorial will return the people of Kalaupapa to the history they helped create while providing families and visitors with a place to find healing and pride for all eternity.
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- May I share with you what Representative Mazie Hirono (now Senator Hirono) from the press release announcing the signing of the Kalaupapa Memorial Act into law by President Barack Obama on March 30, 2009, stated: *"The passage of the Kalaupapa Memorial Act should be a proud moment for all Americans. We will now be able to recognize the Hansen's disease patients of Kalaupapa for the way they led dignified, inspirational lives under extremely challenging circumstances. I would like to thank the members of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa for their ongoing efforts. . . I will continue to work with them until the Kalaupapa Memorial becomes a reality."*

Thank you very much for making it possible for me to ask you for your support of SB-3338 SD1 for \$5,000,000.00 for the Kalaupapa Memorial construction. All of you are reassured of my humble prayers. May God continue to bless you and all you do for God's people here in Hawai'i and beyond!

Gratefully and sincerely yours in Christ and St. Marianne Cope,

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Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Debra Collard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In Support of SB3338 SD!

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran and Members of the Ways and Means Committee

My mother Odetta Weight, was born in Kalaupapa in 1931. She was raised in an orphanage and foster homes along with her 2 brothers. She searched for her parents only to find they were all separated because of Hansen's Disease and discovered she had two additional brothers who also contracted the disease and are buried in Kalaupapa. She was fortunate to be able to locate her father's marked grave but her mother and brothers graves nearby are unmarked. She was so thankful to have been shown where they rest and given some information about them. But many families are not so fortunate. This memorial will list the names of all 8,000 residents for families and future generations. This will give families the opportunity to find the names of their loved ones, to be remembered with dignity and honored for their sacrifices endured by the entire family.

Mahalo nui,

Debra Collard (Staff RN Kalaupapa Care Home and Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa, Board of Directors)



March 1, 2022

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Hawai'i State Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol -- Room 208
415 -- South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Senator Dela Cruz,

My name is Charmaine Woodward, great granddaughter of David and Alana Kamahana. Both of my great grandparents were sent to Kalaupapa. In 1888 when my great grandfather was 13 he was sent to Kalaupapa. In 1904 when my great grandmother was 16, she too was sent to Kalaupapa. At the tender age of 13 and 16 they were ripped apart from their family to nearly a lifelong sentence of isolation in Kalaupapa.



This is a picture of my great grandparents on their wedding day January 1, 1911.

Starting from a push-cart my great grandparents created a store in the heart of Kalaupapa town. The store was a symbol that even through adversity, our families were able to create a beautiful life. They were taken away from their families, their children were taken away from them but they found ways to love even through the distance.

The Kamahana Store: Established 1932



Photo by Wayne Levin

These past few years living through a COVID filled world all of us for a brief moment got to feel what that isolation might have felt like for the patients of Kalaupapa. All of us hunkered down with food and water, locked ourselves down in our homes to protect ourselves from the sickness that was lingering outside the doors. Many of us were forced to face holidays without our families or sent our aloha from six feet away through air hugs and honis - how painful it was to long for an embrace of a grandparent but unwilling to risk the possibility of getting them sick. Each and everyone of us lived through that. Now for a moment imagine saying goodbye to the ones who mean the most to you, never seeing them or embracing them again. That is what the patients of Kalaupapa endured their entire lifetime.

Almost four years ago on February 10, 2018 after a meeting in Kalaupapa I asked Uncle Boogie, Aunty Gloria, and Aunty Pauline why is it so important to build the memorial now? Here is what they had to say:



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Generations after us need to understand that Kalaupapa is important because they hold the stories of our people - strong, resilient, aloha-filled people. Even through adversity they found a way to overcome and create beautiful

lives that we should celebrate. Look at Uncle Boogie, Aunty Gloria, Aunty Pauline they don't hold grudges - only aloha.

Last year we lost one of my most favorite people, Uncle Boogie and every year we wait we will lose more and more patients. At the time of this video there were 13, now only 9. When will their wishes be granted? When will the lives of these strong, beautifully resilient people who endured so much be honored and remembered? This memorial will honor not just them but the 8,000 other patients who were sent to Kalaupapa so we can say their name and tell their stories, so their ohana generations after can begin to understand and heal. My son Nainoa Woodward said, "The memorial is not just for our generation but for future generations so we can learn and evolve from what happened there." It is time to celebrate and honor them for the beautiful people they are and for the opportunity we had to soak in the presence, to hear their stories so we too can be grounded in the possibility of the life we too can lead despite adversity.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Woodward', written in a cursive style.

Charmaine Woodward
Ka Ohana o Kalaupapa Board President

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February 28, 2022

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairperson
Ways and Means Committee
Hawai'i State Legislature
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Hearing: Wednesday, March 2, 10:15 am, Room 211

In support of SB3338 SD1 – Relating to The Kalaupapa Memorial

To Chairperson Donovan, Vice-Chair Agaran and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

I strongly support SB3338 that will fund the construction of the The Kalaupapa Memorial.

I first visited Kalaupapa in 1977 as an historical architect with the National Park Service. I was part of a month long effort to review the condition of some 400 structures and buildings and make recommendations on repair needs including rough cost estimates. This was part of a legislated planning effort to determine the feasibility of having Kalaupapa designated as part of the National Park System.

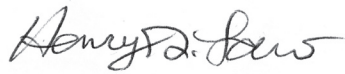
Kalaupapa National Historical Park (NHP) was authorized by an act of Congress and signed into law in December 1980. I was hired in 1982 as the first and only permanent NPS employee until Kalaupapa NHP received its first annual appropriations in fiscal year 1985. At that time I was appointed the first Superintendent. Having lived in the settlement more than five years, three years of which I was the only NPS employee, I became part of the community. I made several life long friends while living there, most of whom have passed away. In conversations with the residents about what they felt was most important for the National Park Service to focus on, they overwhelmingly said that they wanted to see the graveyards cleared and all of the graves taken care of. It was clear that they wanted to be remembered and wanted those who had come before them to be remembered.

Clearing the graves is a way to honor both the past and present residents and it became the top priority for the NPS when I was Superintendent. However, there are only a little more than 1,000 identified graves at Kalaupapa out of an estimated 8,000 people who were sent there.

There is a field next to Father Damien's Church and across the road from the chosen site for the Kalaupapa Memorial that reportedly contains 2,000 unmarked graves. The Kalaupapa Memorial will honor all of these individuals and ensure that every person who was sent to Kalaupapa is remembered and included in their own history. The Kalaupapa Memorial will serve to remember their lives and legacies for the education and inspiration of present and future generations.

With 26 years experience working for the NPS, I am very familiar with the National Park Service's policies regarding memorials and monuments within National Park sites. So was Don Reeser, who served as Superintendent of Haleakala National Park for many years. However, we both also recognized that Kalaupapa is still in its historic period and that the wishes of the residents should be honored as part of Kalaupapa's ongoing history. Don Reeser (who has since passed away) and I have both worked closely with Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa on plans for the Kalaupapa Memorial in order to see that the wishes of the people of Kalaupapa, past and present, are respected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry G. Law".

Henry G. Law

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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Hawai`i State Legislature
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Bill Number: SB3338

Hearing: March 2, 2022, 10:15 a.m.
Room 211, Hawai`i State Capitol

I write in support of SB3338 SD1, funding \$5 million for The Kalaupapa Memorial construction

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Keith Agaran and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Jason Umemoto. I was a long serving member on the Board of Directors of Ka `Ohana O Kalaupapa and have continued serving as the Chairperson of the Kalaupapa Memorial Committee. My involvement is directly related to my relationship with my grand-uncle Ed Kato, who was a long-time resident-patient at Kalaupapa. The Committee is comprised of current residents, descendants, `Ohana members and dedicated professional consultants all seeking to realize this dream to provide a touchstone to ancestors and celebrate their community.

I am writing in strong support of SB 3338 SD1 which would provide \$5 million for construction of The Kalaupapa Memorial. In particular, my Uncle Ed spoke to me about the idea of a memorial for many years when it was just an idea being carried by the community to try and establish a way to memorialize the community and dramatic history of the peninsula

The names of the people of Kalaupapa have been mostly forgotten over the years and left out of the history that they helped to create. The Memorial will serve as a place of reconnection for descendants who will find healing and pride as they are surrounded by the names.

We humbly ask for your support of SB3338 SD1 to provide funding for The Kalaupapa Memorial.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Umemoto
Chair, Kalaupapa Memorial Committee

March 1, 2022

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Ways and Means Committee
Hawai'i State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Bill Number SB3338 SD1

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 10:15 a.m.- Room 211

Strong Support for SB3338 SD1, for the \$5 million construction funding for the Kalaupapa Memorial.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran and Members of the Ways and Means Committee

I am writing this support letter as a founding member of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa ('Ohana) in 2003. I currently serve as a Board member and as Secretary of the organization. I have also had the privilege of representing Santa Claus at Kalaupapa's annual Christmas party for over a quarter of a century.

My letter is also written in remembrance of the many friends I was fortunate to have at Kalaupapa, who have passed away. The Memorial project was their dream, a dream that they fostered over the years with the support of their extended family members and long-time friends of the Kalaupapa community.

At the beginning of 2021 there were 12 residents living with the right to live at Kalaupapa. Today only 9 remain. In 2021 the community lost three heroes— Makia Malo and Barbara Marks, both founding members of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa and Ka Ohana President, Clarence "Boogie" Kahilihiwa. They like so many who have passed away would have wanted to be present at the unveiling of the completed Memorial, a tribute to all their brave peers who sacrificed so much for the perceived betterment of society. The Memorial is a long overdue and well deserved honor.

The attached exhibit includes strong statements from those residents who have passed away expressing why it was important to them to see a completed Memorial in their lifetime. The exhibit also references a letter dated August 23, 1960 to the residents of Kalaupapa from Helen Keller in which she expresses the following sentiment: *"For many years I have read with affection about you and my heart goes out to in this message. You are among the bravest people of whom I know."*

The Memorial will include the names of all the approximate 8,000 individuals who were forcibly separated from their families and lives and sent to Kalaupapa—individuals from all walks of life and from all islands throughout the State. This is reflected on a short video on the 'Ohana website (www.kalaupapaohana.org). The video earned a historic preservation award from Historic Hawaii Foundation, one of six such awards the organization has bestowed on Ka 'Ohana for its historic preservation work at Kalaupapa.

Less than 1,000 of the individuals who died at Kalaupapa still have a marked grave that can be identified. Nearly 7,000 rest in unmarked graves and their names are no longer part of the landscape where they lived together and built a community under the most difficult of circumstances.

The Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu wrote, *"The Memorial would serve as a kind of communal "tombstone" so that all buried on the Peninsula, whether in marked or unmarked graves could be remembered.*

It would serve as a communal tombstone for these thousands of people, more than 90 percent of whom were Native Hawaiians, to ensure that they are an integral part of the history that they helped to create.

The Memorial would also provide family members with a fitting place to pay tribute to their ancestors and find pride and healing. Time is of the essence for this project as there are not many Kalaupapa patient residents remaining. The small remaining population is elderly. It would be ideal to establish the Memorial so that the patient residents can see it become a reality."

I noticed in the testimony submitted by architect Hitoshi Hida that he included some beautiful renderings he drew of the Memorial's final design. I have attached one of those renderings. The design has been praised statewide.

Ka 'Ohana has been fortunate to have many highly respected professional firms involved in the Memorial project. These include, among others, G70 International, an award-winning design firm of architects, and civil engineers; Munekiyo and Hiraga, a planning consultancy and project management firm; Goodfellow Brothers, serving as the contractor for the Memorial project; Donald J Stastny, an architect who was involved in coordinating the design development for several major projects, including the Flight 93 and Oklahoma City memorials; R.M. Towill surveyors, who provided all the survey work maps for the Memorial site and Carbonaro CPA and Management Group.

A tremendous amount of time, effort and investment has been made to bring the Memorial to the point where it is today. The time to move is now and we are hopeful that your Committee will support the requested \$5,000,000 budgeted for construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial.

The 'Ohana is also planning to raise an additional \$5,000,000 from the private sector to establish an endowment fund to ensure that the Memorial will be maintained in a pristine condition in perpetuity . The endowment will also assist to sustain Ka 'Ohana's highly successful community outreach programs, including our "Restoration of Family Ties" program, which has enabled our organization to reconnect over 900 families with their Kalaupapa ancestors.

I have attached the testimonies of Kalaupapa residents from the Senate's Labor, Culture and the Arts (LCA) hearing. due to the short turnaround time between the Ways and Means Committee hearing.

I respectfully request again for your support of SB3338 SD1 and the \$5,000,000 allocation it promotes for the construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial. Mahalo.

Sincerely ,



DeGray Vanderbilt



"You have to hear the voices to feel the people. You have to know their names. If you don't say the names, it's like something has been lost."

— **Bernard K. Punikai 'a**, songwriter, musician and human rights activist, sent to Kalaupapa in 1942.

Photo: Valerie Monson



"When you see all the names on the Memorial, it will be like everyone from Kalawao and Kalaupapa is standing right in front of you. It will bring tears to my eyes."

— **Clarence "Boogie" Kahilihiwa**, President of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, taken from his family in 1950 when he was 9, the fourth child his parents were forced to give up.

Photo: Valerie Monson



"I think we deserve to be remembered. We are part of this world. We didn't want to be sent here. It was for the safety of other people that we were put away. Greater love hath no man than to give up his life for a friend. That's what we did."

— **Cathrine Puahala**, sent to Kalaupapa in 1942, a few years after being taken away from her family at age 9.

Photo: Valerie Monson



"I want to see a monument honoring the people of Kalaupapa before I die."

I want to see all the names. These people are my friends—even though many of them died before I came here and I didn't know them personally, in spirit we are all together. I know their hearts and souls."

— **Olivia Breitha**, author, sent to Kalaupapa in 1937. Mrs. Breitha died in 2006 on the day that these very words were read into the Congressional record in Washington D.C.

Photo: Valerie Monson



"It is good for people to remember who were here before us. It is just like those who went to war and died, there are monuments with their names on it. My mother was also sent to Kalaupapa."

— **Peter Keola Jr.**, tour driver and musician, sent to Kalaupapa in 1940.

Photo: Valerie Monson



"Everybody's name... I want to see their names on the Memorial. I want my children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren to know that we were here."

— **Kuulei Bell** postmistress, first President of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, sent to Kalaupapa in 1956.

Photo: DeGray Vanderbilt

RESIDENTS EXPRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THEM BEING ABLE TO SEE THE NAMES AT THE UNVEILING OF THE COMPLETED KALAUPAPA MEMORIAL

In a letter to Kalaupapa Residents Helen Keller wrote the following in 1960
"You are among the bravest people of whom I know"

All the "brave people" pictured will not be present when the completed Memorial is unveiled; Olivia passed away in 2006, Peter in 2007, Cathrine in 2008, Kuulei and Bernard in 2009 and most recently, Boogie in 2021.



February 10, 2022

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chairman, Labor, Culture and the Arts Committee

SB3338: Providing \$5 million for construction of The Kalaupapa Memorial

Monday, February 14, 3:10 p.m., Room 325

I write in strong support of SB3338

Aloha Chairman Taniguchi and members of the Labor, Culture and Arts Committee,

My name is Pauline Ahulau Chow. I have been a resident of Kalaupapa for 60 years. Three of my sisters who were sent to Kalaupapa before me are buried there.

The Kalaupapa Memorial is very important to me. I hope you help us make it happen.

I was a founding member of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa in 2003. Ka 'Ohana was the idea of Bernard Punikai'a, one of the great leaders of our people. That first meeting of Ka 'Ohana brought together Kalaupapa patients, family members and our friends who often visit. It was an exciting time of knowing we could make a difference together -- and knowing that our families and friends would carry on for us in the future.

Since 2008, I have served on the Board of Directors of Ka 'Ohana; in 2009 I was elected as Vice President and have served in that office ever since.

It was at the first 'Ohana meeting in 2003 when we all decided that the Kalaupapa Memorial should be a priority of our new organization. We have been working on plans for the Memorial ever since. We are now looking at construction of the Memorial and truly hope this Committee will support this funding to honor and remember all the people of Kalaupapa who had to leave our

families to make new lives for ourselves.

I especially want to see the names of all the people who went before me, people who suffered far greater than I did. Many of those people never saw their families again. I also want to see the names of my sisters and other Ahulau 'ohana; the name of my late husband and the names of so many of my friends who have died at Kalaupapa.

Thank you so much for this opportunity to share my thoughts. I want to be able to attend the dedication of The Kalaupapa Memorial and see all of these names for myself.

Mato,
Pauline Chao

February 10, 2022

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We write in strong support of SB3338

Aloha Chairman Taniguchi and members of the Labor, Culture and Arts Committee,

We are all longtime residents of Kalaupapa who were taken from our families and isolated under the old laws regarding people affected by leprosy/Hansen's disease. Our respective ages are 97, 91 and 86.

We want to see the names of everyone who was sent to Kalaupapa engraved on The Kalaupapa Memorial. We want to see the Memorial dedicated while we are still living. Please help us.

The Kalaupapa community has wanted a Memorial since 1985. The Memorial was the idea of the late Paul Harada, husband of one of the signers of this letter, who was sent to Kalaupapa in 1945. Paul felt the people of Kalaupapa had sacrificed their freedom and so many rights to protect the health of others in the community. He felt everyone should be remembered.

When Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa organized in 2003, those of us who were founding members of the 'Ohana agreed that one of our priorities would be to establish a Memorial that would list the names of everyone sent here. Most of the people who came before us no longer have marked tombstones -- their families are always disappointed not to see the names of their ancestors.

The Memorial will forever remember each and every name with dignity. All the names will be together as they should be. Future generations will find the names of their ancestors on the Memorial and hopefully feel a sense of healing and pride.

We are getting older, our numbers are getting fewer and we want to see the Memorial. Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa has been working hard on completing the needed compliance, obtaining the needed permits and working with others to see this Memorial brought to life. We all love the design of the Memorial and we all strongly support the site where it will be located.

Please help make the Memorial possible and pass SB3338 to provide \$5 million to fund construction of The Kalaupapa Memorial. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Soy K. Kahilika

John P. Harada

To: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chairman, Labor, Culture and the Arts Committee
From: Kalaupapa residents at Leahi Hospital, Hale Mohalu

Re: SB3338: Providing \$5 million to build The Kalaupapa Memorial

Hearing: Monday, February 14, 3:10 p.m., Room 325

We write in strong support of SB3338

Aloha Chairman Taniguchi and members of the Labor, Culture and Arts Committee,

We are residents of Kalaupapa currently at Hale Mohalu at Leahi Hospital on Oahu. We have been excited to read all the recent coverage of Kalaupapa Month and about a bill to fund construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial being introduced to the Hawai'i State Legislature.

We urge this Committee to pass on this bill. We want to see the Memorial built during our lifetimes; we want to see all the names of 8,000 people who were forced to leave their families, most of them being sent to Kalaupapa.

We have all lived at Kalaupapa for many years. We have experienced the injustices, the lack of freedom and other aspects of life that most people in Hawai'i take for granted. Still, we have overcome those circumstances and have found our own blessings.

We know that the people who were sent to Kalaupapa long before us had much more to overcome -- these are the people whose names are still not as well known, people whose families have yet to learn about them. The Kalaupapa Memorial will make sure that the names of all of us are always remembered.

Thank you for caring about the people of Kalaupapa, our families and the importance of remembering our names and our lives.

With respect,

Gloria F. Marks
Nakia T. Aala

Sebastiana Hernandez

March 1, 2022

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee
Hawaii State Legislature
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing : Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 10:15 a.m. Room 211

My testimony is ***IN SUPPORT*** of SB3338 SD1

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chairman Keith Agaran and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

My name is Cummins Kameeiamoku Mahoe III. I have enjoyed a lifetime of interaction with the Kalaupapa community since the mid-1960s. As a teenager working for an air cargo service on Oahu, I visited Kalaupapa monthly even prior to the lifting of the leprosy isolation policy in 1969. As Postmaster of Kaunakakai Post Office, I jointly conducted a monthly finance audit with Kuulei Bell, the last Patient-Postmistress at Zip Code 96742. Involved in tutoring the Molokai Catholic Youth Ministry in 2009, our group transported Saint Damien's reliquary down the trail for a special post-canonization event. Even after my own retirement in 2009, I would do yard service every Tuesday for the last two long residency Catholic nuns at the Bishop Home for Women, Srs. Theresa Chow and Rose Annette Akuna. Finally, Edwin Lelepali, who conducted the weekly volleyball games, would sponsor my fiancé and I for visitations, which led to our honeymoon in Kalaupapa, in 2012.

As a Vietnam Veteran, when visiting The Wall in Washington, D.C., I can honor by touch, over 58,000 names of fallen soldiers. I will be able to embrace a similar experience when I visit The Kalaupapa Memorial and am able to honor by touch the inscribed names of the 8,000 Hawaiian citizens throughout Hawaii Nei who endured prejudice, leprosy stigma, and isolation from family separation. Their communities' advocacy for fair treatment, dignity, and respect has benefitted other illness afflicted groups. It is not surprising the Roman Catholic Church has two canonized Saints, Damien De Veuster and Marianne Cope, and has initiated a third possible sainthood for Brother Joseph Dutton. This is the specialty, Kalaupapa, is for their Kalawao County, our State, our Country, and the World.

Again, I am asking for your support, as I support SB3338 SD1, for \$5 million for the Kalaupapa Memorial. Never a patient or an actual resident of Kalaupapa, I have been privileged and honored to have spent my lifetime with many personal interactions with members of this special community.

Respectfully,

Cummins Kameeiamoku Mahoe III
Retired Kaunakakai Postmaster, 96748

