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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 3338, S.D. 2

April 5, 2022
1:30 p.m.
Room 308 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. 2, appropriates an unspecified amount in general funds in FY 23 to the Department of Health for the design, planning, 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:

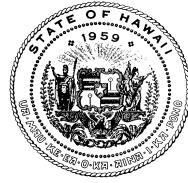
- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support 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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Testimony COMMENTING on SB3338 SD2
RELATING TO THE KALAUPAPA MEMORIAL

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: 4/5/2022

Room Number: 308

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure may impact priorities identified in the Governor's Executive
- 2 Budget Request.

- 3 **Department Testimony:** S.B. 3338 SD2 appropriates funds for the design, planning and
- 4 construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial and directs that the funds be expended by the
- 5 Department of Health. The department supports the intent of this bill provided the measure's
- 6 passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in the Governor's Executive
- 7 Supplemental Budget Request. The department emphasizes that any appropriation for design,
- 8 planning and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial be designated as a Capital Improvement
- 9 Project. This is necessary to assure that the Department of Accounting and General Services'
- 10 technical expertise is incorporated into the project and that funds can be executed with an
- 11 appropriate timeline.

- 12 This memorial honors the lives and legacy of the more than 8,000 people who were separated
- 13 from their families and placed into isolation on the Kalawao Peninsula on the Island of Molokai.

- 14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



SB3338 SD2

RELATING TO THE KALAUPAPA MEMORIAL

Ke Kōmike Hale o ka 'Oihana 'Imi Kālā
House Committee on Finance

ʻApelila 5, 2022

1:30 p.m.

Lumi 308

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS SB3338 SD2**, which would appropriate funds for the design, planning, and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial which is being coordinated with the State and Federal entities by the nonprofit organization, Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs strongly supports Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa's standing, desire, efforts and planning in the establishment of the Kalaupapa Memorial.¹ It is Hawaiian custom to look up to kūpuna, our elders, for guidance and instruction because of the wisdom they possess. In that vein, OHA looks up to Ka 'Ohana, and the patients especially, in providing that wisdom for the way we shall commemorate those whose names will rest on the Memorial. Recognizing the importance of the relationships and emotional ties between past and present patients and generations of 'ohana members are deeply sensitive matters. In recent years, Ka 'Ohana has reconnected over 900 families with the Kalaupapa ohana through their extremely successful program of "Restoration of Family Ties". **Funding Ka 'Ohana's efforts in creating this important historic memorial is an important step toward recognizing and healing the tragic harms of the past.**

This project is of great interest to many throughout the state, especially Native Hawaiian families who had 'ohana exiled to Kalaupapa. Of the estimated 8,000 Hawaii citizens sent to Kalaupapa, 90% were Native Hawaiian. Only 1,000 of the 8,000 buried at Kalaupapa have a marked grave. The Memorial will have all 8,000 names inscribed for future generations to see and reconnect with their Kalaupapa ohana. **The names on the Memorial will insure no one is left out of our State's dynamic 150-year history.**

We ask that the committee **PASS SB3338 SD2** and provide the funding necessary for this important historical project. The lives lost at Kalaupapa cannot be forgotten and this Memorial will ensure that they never will. **As one patient stated: "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."**

¹ See <https://www.kalaupapaohana.org/>- last accessed 4/1/22

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April 1, 2022

TO: Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: April 1, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 3338, SD2, 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. This measure supports a worthy capital improvement project that will enhance the legacy of residents from all islands who were sent to Kalaupapa.
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.

I am also in support Standing Committee Report No. 1381-22, sent to your Committee by the House Committee on Culture, Arts, and International Affairs, respectfully requesting that your Committee consider a \$5 million appropriation for the Kalaupapa Memorial, which I understand is the budgeted amount for its construction.

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April 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair
House of Representatives

NOTICE OF HEARING

Tuesday, April 5, 2022
1:30 p.m.

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 308
State Capitol

As Mayor of Maui County, I support SB 3338 to appropriate funds for the design, planning, and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial.

Kalaupapa is significant as a historic district at which events occurred that have made a significant contribution to Hawaii's history. The 1885 epidemic of leprosy, was a major factor in the depopulation of native Hawaiians, and a century-long program of segregation of banished lepers to the isolated peninsula of Kalaupapa, a natural prison, on the island of Molokai. History tells us that many of the 8,000 people arrived as young children, taken away from their families without choice, and sent to this unknown land to live alongside other lepers. The leprosy patients lost track of their families.

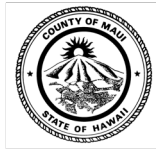
The Kalaupapa Memorial will list and preserve the names of each of the estimated 8,000 men, and women and children who were taken from their families and forcibly isolated at Kalaupapa. The Kalaupapa Memorial will be a living memorial as new generations learn of the sacrifices, strength and resilience of their ancestors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael P. Victorino".

Michael P. Victorino
Mayor, County of Maui

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April 5, 2022

TO: Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: 
Yuki Lei Sugimura
Councilmember

DATE: April 4, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR HB SB 3338 SD2, RELATING TO THE KAULAPAPA 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, planning, and construction of the Kaulapapa Memorial.

I SUPPORT this measure as the Kalaupapa Memorial will list the names of 8,000 citizens who were forcible separated from their families and exiled to Kalaupapa. Less than 1,000 of these courageous individuals, who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the betterment of their respective communities, are buried in marked graves.

Of the approximately 1,700 who were separated from their lands on Maui, I suspect a number of them came from the Upcountry Maui area, which I represent. As such, it is likely that the overall total of 8,000 Hawaii citizen's sent to Kalaupapa came from every District throughout our State currently being represented in the State Legislature.

I am writing to express my avid support for the subject Bill. I have read the Committee Report from the House Committee on Culture, Arts and International Affairs which forwarded Senate Bill 3338 SD2 to your Committee. I respectfully request that you seriously consider the recommendation in the report requesting your Committee to

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appropriate \$5,000,000 for design, planning, and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial.

The County of Maui has extended written and financial support for the Memorial project in the past. We are amazed at where the Memorial has come through the persistence of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa and its highly qualified group of consultants who have brought this significant capital improvement project the point where it is essentially nearing the point of being ready for construction.

For the foregoing reasons, I SUPPORT this measure.

Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Legislature, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Bill Number: SB3338 SD2

Hearing: SB3338 SD2, Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 10:30 am, Room 308

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee on Finance

We write in Support of SB3338 SD2 funding appropriation for the construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial.

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 Molokāi.

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 SD2 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.

Therefor we ask for your support of SB3338 SD2 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



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Re: Testimony on SB 3338 SD2, Relating to the Kalaupapa Memorial

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair

Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 1:30 pm.

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 Finance to fund a Kalaupapa Memorial fully by committing to the \$5 Million appropriation included in the original version of the bill.**

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



April 4, 2022

To: Sylvia Luke, Chairwoman
Committee on Finance, Hawai'i State Legislature

Hearing: SB3338 SD2, Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 1:30 pm, Room 308

I write in strong support of SB3338 SD2 to fund construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the House Committee on Finance:

Thank you for your service to the people of Hawai'i and doing your best to make the islands a better place to live.

My name is Valerie Monson. I serve as Executive Director of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, a non-profit organization that is establishing the Kalaupapa Memorial. I humbly ask for your support of SB3338 SD2 together with a request for your support of the following recommendation made to your Committee by the House Committee on Culture, Arts and International Affairs in its Committee Report:

"Should your Committee on Finance deliberate this measure further, your Committee respectfully requests it consider appropriating \$5,000,000 for the design, planning, and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial."

The \$5 million is the amount our professional advisors have told us that would allow for construction of the Memorial.

The Memorial will list the names of each of the nearly 8,000 men, women and children who were taken from their loved ones and sent to Kalaupapa, usually for the rest of their lives, because they were diagnosed with leprosy.

The Kalaupapa Memorial was the idea of the people of Kalaupapa. Our late President Boogie Kahilihiwa, who died last year, told us how he and many others started talking about a Memorial in 1985 -- a Memorial that would remember and honor all of the people who had been admitted there between 1866 and 1969.

Of those nearly 8,0000 people who died on the peninsula, only about 1,000 have grave markers that can be identified. Boogie and the rest of the Kalaupapa community worried that, as time went on, their history and their names would be forgotten and no one would remember how so many of the people of Kalaupapa rose above the many obstacles and oppression to build their community and find happiness again.

I started visiting Kalaupapa in 1989 as a reporter for *The Maui News*. The first person who talked to me about a Memorial was the late Hana resident, Ed Kato, who was sent to Kalaupapa in 1938 and went on to become a great artist, singer, tax preparer and longtime leader of the Kalaupapa Lions Club. Ed said to me:

“Wouldn’t it be great if Kalaupapa had a Memorial like the Vietnam Memorial where it would list all the names of the people who were sent here.”

At the time, I thought that impossible because I assumed many of the names had been lost over the years to poor record keeping or neglect. Imagine my shock when, years later, I learned that these names could be found.

In 2003, during the workshop where Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa was formed, the Kalaupapa community asked that one of the priorities of our new organization be to establish a Memorial that would honor each person who had been sent to Kalaupapa.

Since then, Ka ‘Ohana worked to get The Kalaupapa Memorial Act passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama. We have been working on compliance to meet both state and federal requirements. We have received approvals from the State Board of Land and Natural Resources and State Land Use Commission. We have completed a beautiful design of the Memorial, thanks to the generosity of G70 International. We have raised more than \$425,000 for this work in addition to about \$200,000 in pro-bono services from the professionals who have helped us enormously.

Ka ‘Ohana is now asking the State Legislature for \$5 million to build the Memorial -- this amount would come to \$650 for each person who was sent to Kalaupapa and their families who were left behind. We believe this is not too much to ask considering the sacrifices and pain endured by all these individuals, most of them Native Hawaiians.

Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa is already working on plans for an endowment of an additional \$5 million for care and maintenance of the Memorial. If the Legislature approves funding for construction, a local foundation has offered to consider covering the first years of maintenance until we build up the earnings on the endowment fund.

Nearly every community on every island of Hawai'i lost people to Kalaupapa -- from Hilo to Ni`ihau. The following are just a few of these great people whose lives changed Kalaupapa for the better and who are role models for us all:

*Kapahee -- "A great swimmer of the sea" from Ni`ihau, Kapahee also had kuleanas on Kauai wher he grew taro. He and his wife were taken from Kalalau Valley in 1893 by the illegally established Provisional Government when soldiers were hunting Koolau and his family. The couple later died at Kalaupapa.

*John Unea Sr. -- The principal of Hakalau School near Hilo was sent to Kalaupapa in 1893 with his son. John Unea Sr. became a schoolteacher at Kalaupapa and recorded the 1900 US Census there.

*Bernard K. Punikai`a -- Taken from his mother on Oahu when he was 6 1/2 after being diagnosed with leprosy and sent to Kalaupapa in 1942 at the age of 11, Bernard went on to become a human rights activist known around the world for his pursuit of justice for people affected by leprosy.

*Richard Marks -- Born in Puunene on Maui, he bravely went public about the injustices Kalaupapa residents continued to face in the late 1960s. Marks' efforts triggered the end of isolating people in Hawai'i newly diagnosed with leprosy, by that time a curable disease. He worked with U.S. Congresswoman Patsy Mink to bring in the National Park Service so residents could remain in their homes for as long as they chose.

*Sarah Miyala Meyer Benjamin -- Sarah grew up in Kalae on Molokai, became a "second mother" to many youngsters and teenagers who were sent to Kalaupapa alone in 1942 and after. Sarah became the pillar of Kana`ana Hou and Siloama Churches at Kalaupapa and Kalawao, spoke fluent Hawaiian and was a library of Hawaiian knowledge.

*Owahi, from Kaupo, Maui, and Kalino from Keholani, Hawai'i Island -- Both men were both forced to leave their families for Kalaupapa when they were 105 years old.

*Elaine Kim Remigio -- Elaine was born in Hana to parents who had immigrated from Korea. After her birth, the family moved to Lanai. Forced to leave her husband and two

children for Kalaupapa because of the disease, Elaine managed to rebuild her life. At age 72, she bought the bar and store there, her first attempt at running a business.

I could go on, but my testimony is getting long. We could put together long lists of accomplished people from every island who were sent to Kalaupapa -- people who almost certainly would have become leaders on their home islands had they been allowed to stay. Their family members continue to live as our friends and neighbors.

Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa has worked diligently over the past 16 years to see the dream of the people of Kalaupapa, their families and descendants come true: to build a Memorial to honor these strong and resilient people who continue to give us hope and courage to face whatever life hands us, from personal struggles to a pandemic.

As Kalaupapa artisan Cathrine Puahala said: "We deserve to be remembered."

We hope the House Committee on Finance -- and the State Legislature -- agrees that the people of Kalaupapa deserve to be remembered and will fund our proposal, enabling us to build the Kalaupapa Memorial. Thank you for considering our request.

With all best wishes,



Valerie Monson

Executive Director

SB-3338-SD-2

Submitted on: 4/4/2022 10:35:30 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/5/2022 1:30:00 PM

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| Manuel Kuloloio | Ke Kai O Kuloloi'a | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Hawai'i House Committee Finance Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Kyle Yamashita, and Committee Members Branco, Eli, Holt, Ilagan, Kobayashi, Marten, Nishimoto, Perruso, Sayama, Tam, Todd, Wildberger, and McDermott,

I write seeking your unanimous support for SB 3338 SD2 A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KALAUPAPA MEMORIAL to appropriate money in the amount of \$5,000,000 to the Department of Health for designing, planning, and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial, which will list in stone the names of the nearly 8,000 children, women, and men taken from their families and, "to protect public health", forcibly banished for isolation at Kalaupapa.

Our Grandmother Alice Ka'ohiki Akuna Kuloloio remembers of our Kahiapo 'Ohana being taken to Kalaupapa. My father Leslie Apiu Aipalena Kuloloio shared of his first travel to Kalaupapa under the auspices of the United Church of Christ. He told me how ministers rode in their own separate vans, but dad chose to ride with the patients.

Uncle Bernard Kaowakaokalani Punikai'a would come to my Grandmother's home in Kahului, Maui, serenading members of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana with his autoharp. I witnessed his care of and advocacy for the Kalaupapa residents and saw him on television trying to protect Hale Mohalu on O'ahu.

It was a privilege to witness the beauty and learn the history of Kalaupapa, landing a Hawaiian canoe on its sandy shoreline, watching the full moon rise over Waikolu Valley from Kauhako Crater overnight, en-route from Kahului Harbor to Maunaloa. Our canoe would capsize in the Ka'iwi Channel, but we were warmly greeted by Uncle Nainoa Thompson upon our safe arrival on O'ahu.

Uncle Richard Marks shared the egregious history, cherished memories, and panoramic beauty of Kalaupapa with my family including my youngest sister, nephew, best friend, mother of our two children, and mentor to learn, to appreciate, to remember, to be in awe, to perpetuate the existence of our Kupuna – many of whom buried in unmarked graves.

I thank Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa for leading the efforts at memorializing the names and history of these personages with a special monument.

From the Register of Patients at the Hansen's Disease Settlement, Molokai:

LUNA

Ledger Number: 3772

Gender: Male

Nationality: Hawaiian

Age: 11

Date Admitted: April 10, 1889

District: Kuloloia (O'ahu)

Date Died: Mar. 19, 1896

Me Ke Aloha Maluhia,

Manuel Wayne Makahiapo DeCosta Kuloloio



April 4, 2022

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Legislature, 415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Hearing: Tuesday, April 5, 1:30 pm, Room 308

In strong support of SB3338 SD2 – Relating to The Kalaupapa Memorial

Dear Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee on Finance:

In 1906, the people of Kalaupapa sent financial aid to those who had lost property as a result of the San Francisco earthquake and fire on April 18, 1906. They received a Certificate and Resolution from the Territorial Board of Health that stated, “Resolved, that the Board of Health express its gratitude for this sincere manifestation of love by all toward the distressed residents of San Francisco. It is the belief of the board that there isn’t a gift more appreciated than this one.”

During World War I, more than a hundred people at Kalaupapa contributed a total of \$248 to the Red Cross to be used toward relief efforts in Europe. The *Maui News* characterized this as “one of the most remarkable and touching incidents of the great world war . . .” Two and a half weeks later the people of Kalaupapa had purchased \$4,255 worth of War Savings Stamps and intended to purchase more.” An article entitled “The Settlement Sets an Example” reported that Kalaupapa was “likely to be the first community in the Territory to ‘go over the top’ for War Savings Stamps” with \$12,511 already sold. This represented about \$20 per person, whereas the Territory of Hawaii as a whole had bought “perhaps less than \$5.00 worth of stamps per capita.”

In 1918, newly arrived Kalaupapa resident Mary Zablan (Sing) participated in the Rainbow Drill – performed as a fundraiser for Red Cross Day. “We were charging 25 cents a ticket . . . we made a lot of money . . . more than \$900 that we sent to the Red Cross.”

There are many descriptions by visitors to Kalaupapa about being serenaded by “talented musicians” accompanied by guitars, ukuleles, “and often with violins.” Charmian London, the wife of the famous author Jack London described their visit to Kalaupapa in 1907 in her *Hawaiian Diary*: “They sang to us – ‘Sweet Lei Lehua,’ and ‘Na Like No a Like, and ‘Aloha Oe,’ and were willing to sing all night. When we went to bed to-night, we said to each other that it all made us value our own lives.”

**IDEA Center for the Voices of Humanity, 32 Fall Street, PO Box 651, Seneca Falls, NY 13148;
315-568-5838.**

Despite the hardships they faced due to the isolated setting and the separation from family and community, the people of Kalaupapa have always thought and cared about others. Through their unconditional kindness and generosity, the people of Kalaupapa have inspired us, set an example, and made us all value our own lives.

It is appropriate and just that the State of Hawai‘i provides the funding for the construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial to honor the lives of the people of Kalaupapa in the way they have chosen to be remembered – through a powerful display of all of their names.

“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

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.

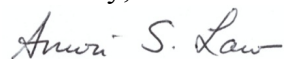
The Kalaupapa Memorial will proudly serve as a symbol of justice for the estimated 8,000 individuals sent to Kalaupapa as it returns them to the history of Kalaupapa, the history of their families, the history of Hawai‘i and the history of the world. It is also a symbol of justice for people around the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

I strongly urge the Hawai‘i State Legislature to support SB3338 SD2 so that the final residents of Kalaupapa, the family members of everyone sent there, and future generations 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

Sincerely,



Anwei Skinsnes Law, M.P.H.

President for Heritage & Education, IDEA; Director, IDEA Center for the Voices of Humanity
Historian, Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa

Author, *Kalaupapa: A Collective Memory*

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SB-3338-SD-2

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Testimony for FIN on 4/5/2022 1:30:00 PM

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| Mike Golojuch, Sr. | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support SB3338. Please pass.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.

SB-3338-SD-2

Submitted on: 4/1/2022 3:09:11 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/5/2022 1:30:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Matt Yamashita | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Matt Yamashita. I am a 44 year old lifelong resident of Molokai. I am a filmmaker, community volunteer, coach, and a father of 3 teenagers. As a filmmaker, my documentaries have been broadcast around the world. Many of these films have been stories that celebrate Hawaiian culture and history. These films engage global audiences and educate our younger generations by highlighting the unique and rich stories of Hawaii.

Over the past 20+ years, I have been to Kalaupapa many times to film. I have had the honor of getting to know the people, place, and history there. Nowhere else quite compares in terms of layers upon layers of stories that offer so many lessons about humanity and hope.

I am now working with 'Ohana O Kalaupapa to document some of the new stories emerging about long lost relatives and the deep meaning and value the process of reconnecting with these ancestors have had for their living relatives. The stories are diverse, deeply touching, and profound. Discovering these histories and familial connections changes lives by creating awareness and compassion towards all who suffer, all who are judged and cast aside by society. And the stories of these near-forgotten patients inspire great strength in all who learn about them.

I think, if you dig deep enough, not a single family that has deep ancestry in these islands hasn't been directly affected by what took place in Kalaupapa. Yet, so few today are aware of those connections. There is so much value in leaving open the opportunity for families of today and the future to discover those connections and to ponder and learn from the great suffering, sacrifice, and achievement of those who lived with Hansen's Disease and who remain buried there today. Of course, these lessons are not just for relatives, but for all who wish to contemplate the tragedy and redemption of Kalaupapa's history.

For these reasons, I give my highest support for this measure to appropriate funds for the design, planning, and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial. It will be a priceless acknowledgement and honor to those who suffered the fate of Hansen's Disease while also a bridge to educate, inspire, and motivate future generations to be kind, resilient, thoughtful, and also connected to their past.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Matt Yamashita

SB-3338-SD-2

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| Kalei Dagulo | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I write in Support of SB3338 SD2 funding appropriation for the construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee on Finance,

My name is Kalei Dagulo and I am a descendant of Lizzie Long my great-great-grand- aunt who was sent to Kalaupapa at the age of 12 years old. She does not have a tombstone along with many others that were sent to Kalaupapa and the memorial is a way to honor and remember them.

The memorial will also provide closure for families that were separated so many years ago and provide a place for families to reconnect, reflect and remember those who lived at Kalaupapa.

I am also a former Board member of Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa and I strongly support SB3338 SD2 which would provide funding to construct the memorial, that is budgeted at \$5,000,000. Mahalo for your time and consideration!

Mahalo,

Kalei Dagulo, daguloohana@hawaii.rr.com

SB-3338-SD-2

Submitted on: 4/2/2022 9:49:12 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/5/2022 1:30:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Monica Morris | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha mai Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and members of the House Committee on Finance.

I am in strong support of SB3338 SD2, which proposes funding for the Kalaupapa Memorial.

My name is Monica Morris. My grandfather is Alfred Clement Hoopii, who at the age of 23 was taken from his young wife and daughter and removed to Kalaupapa. 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, dignity and grace. Ka 'Ohana o Kalaupapa has been a vast resource in my search for information, and has become my loving and extended 'ohana. I believe so wholeheartedly in this organization that I became a member of its Board of Directors in 2021. We ask for your support of SB3338 SD2, 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 your Committee to reinsert the original \$5,000,000 appropriation, and to pass this measure out of your Committee. Mahalo nui loa.

April 2, 2022

Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Hearing: SB3338 SD2, Tuesday April 5, 2022 at 1:30 pm, Room 308

I write in SUPPORT of SB3338 SD2 funding appropriation for the construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee on Finance;

I am writing in support of SB3338 SD2, funding \$5,000,000 for the Kalaupapa Memorial construction. I respectfully request endorsement from this Committee to include the amount of \$5,000,000 budgeted for the Memorial as recommended in Committee Report No. 1381-22, sent from the Committee on Culture, Arts and International Affairs.

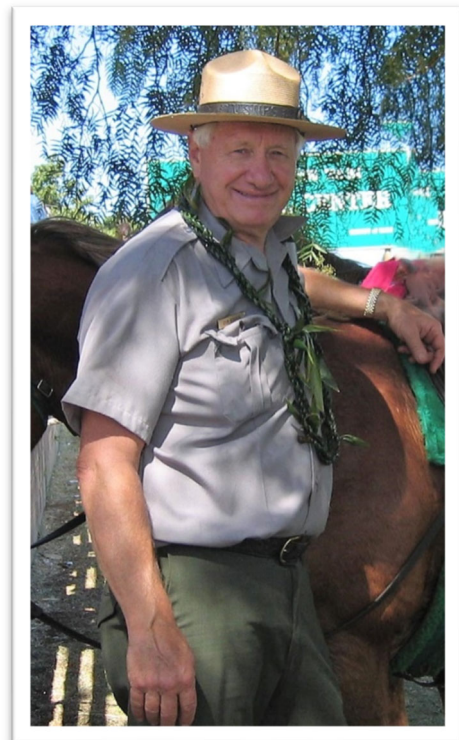
I am the great, great granddaughter of a Kalaupapa patient who was banished to Kalaupapa for the remainder of her life, removed from her loved-ones to be placed in permanent quarantine over an unfamiliar and misunderstood health condition. In addition, my late parents, Donald Reeser, retired National Park Service Superintendent of Haleakalā National Park, and Bunnie Reeser, both of the Big Island and Maui, worked tirelessly to bring this memorial to fruition and to honor the patients who were forcibly sent to Kalaupapa, as well as the families who experienced such devastating loss. The impacts were felt throughout every inhabited island in Hawai'i nei and should not be forgotten.

Mahalo for your consideration.

With warm regards,

/s/ Cheryl Reeser

Cheryl Ku'ulei Reeser
Makawao, Maui



Donald Reeser, Haleakalā National Park Superintendent, 1988-2005

Patrick Boland
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April 2, 2022

To: Sylvia Luke, Chair Committee Finance
Date: Tuesday April 5, 2022
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 308

Re: SB 3338 SD2 Relating to the Kalaupapa Memorial

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee Finance.

I write in Support of SB3338 SD2 funding appropriation for the construction of 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 in isolation at Kalaupapa 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. The honor is long overdue.

It is also simply a matter of justice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted

Patrick Boland

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.

Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Legislature, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing: SB3338 SD2, Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 1:30 PM, Room 308

I write in Support of SB3338 SD2 funding appropriation for the construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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 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.

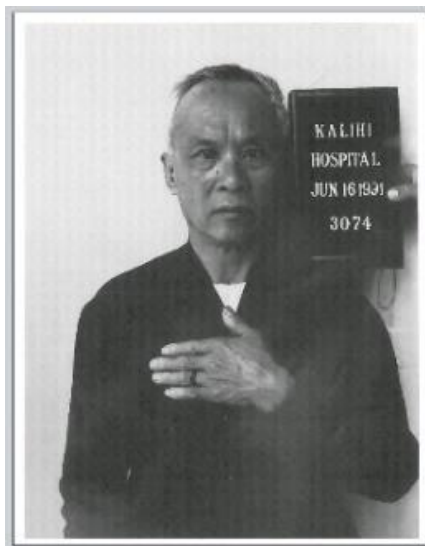
Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa helped me throughout my journey. In 2018, I went to Kalaupapa to pay homage to my great-grandfather. I anticipated a trip of great sadness; but instead, I discovered Kalaupapa, a community of people whose strength and courage built a community. The shame and embarrassment that was once associated with my great-grandfather has been replaced with pride. It brought Wong Chew's name back to light, no longer hidden from our history.

Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa traveled to California and displayed wonderful exhibits, sharing the history of Kalaupapa and the dynamics of the Kalaupapa Memorial at Ho'olaule'a, hosted by Hawaiian Inter-Club Council of Southern California. It is the largest Hawaiian Festival in Southern California. Ka' Ohana O Kalaupapa's professional presentation was well attended, informative, and appreciated by all.

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 SD2 to provide funding for The Kalaupapa Memorial. Also, I have read the Committee Report from the Culture, Arts and International Committee (CAI) transferring the Bill to your Committee and respectfully request that the \$5,000,000 appropriation for the Memorial be included in any Bill that your Committee may approve as recommended in the CAI Committee Report. This is an amount that is budgeted for the construction of the Memorial. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Susan Woo Smith
Great-Granddaughter of Wong Chew



Rep. Sylvia Luke Chair
Rep. Kyle T Yamashita Vice Chair
Committee on Finance
Hawai`i State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Bill Number: SB3338-SD2

Hearing: April 5, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Room 308, Hawai`i State Capitol

I write in support of SB3338-SD2, funding appropriation for the construction of The Kalaupapa Memorial

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Kyle T Yamashita, and Committee on Finance

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-SD2 which would fund construction of The Kalaupapa Memorial. Our `Ohana has been working on this essential most 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 of days in quarantine compared to a forcibly lifelong of banishment to Kalaupapa.

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.

I respectfully request that any final approval the House Committee may elect to make, that it includes the sum of \$5,000,000 requested for the Memorial as recommended in the Committee Report No. 1381-22, which was sent to the Finance Committee by the Committee on Culture, Arts and International Affairs.

My Family the Brede's and Apio's, humbly ask for your support of SB3338-SD2 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

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Uncle Jimmy & Aunty Nancy Brede



Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
Hawai`i State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Bill Number: SB3338 SD2

Hearing: Tues., April 5, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Room 308, Hawai`i State Capitol

I write in support of SB3338 SD2, funding appropriation for the construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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 SD2. I am also requesting that the Finance Committee members approve the bill and specifically include the \$5,000,000 amount budgeted for the construction of the Memorial. I would strongly support the budget amount in an approved version of the bill reaching a final hearing at the House Finance Committee. So many individuals, companies and organizations have contributed to the Memorial design and fundraising process and it is critical that we finally provide recognition to this community.

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. 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.

I humbly ask for your support of SB3338 SD2 to provide funding for The Kalaupapa Memorial.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Umemoto
Chair, Kalaupapa Memorial Committee

3 Generations of
Descendants and
family at my Uncle
Ed's front porch,
Kalaupapa



My family at the
famous painted
stones of Ed Kato
greeting residents
and visitors in the
Kalaupapa
community



Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Legislature, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing: SB3338 SD2, Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 1:30 am, Room 308

I write in Support of SB3338 SD2 funding appropriation for the construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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 SD2 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 SD2 to provide funding for The Kalaupapa Memorial.

Mahalo,
Marcia Weight Lyons
marciL.email@gmail.com

SB-3338-SD-2

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| Wally Inglis | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Representative Kyle Yamashita, Vice-Chair and

Members of House Finance Committee

I strongly support passage of this bill which will facilitate the long-awaited construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial, which was authorized, but unfunded, by Congress a number of years ago. The memorial will contain the names of some eight thousand people--most of them buried in unmarked graves.

Over the years I have enjoyed the friendship of a number of Kalaupapa residents. One of my very closest friends was Bernard Punikai'a, founder of Ka Ohana o Kalaupapa and an internationally recognized leader in the Hansen's disease community. Referring to the proposed memorial, Bernard's mantra was: "I want to see the names.!"

Bernard did not live to see the names of his friends and those of earlier generations who lived and died at Kalaupapa. With your help, present and future generations will be able to see the names and pay them due recognition for their lives and contributions.

Please restore the \$5 million amount that was included in the original version of this bill and send it to the full House for final passage.

With aloha,

Wally Inglis

Palolo Valley

Kehaulani Lum
99-045 Nalopaka Place
`Aiea, Hawai`i 96701

April 3, 2022

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of Bill Number: SB3338 SD2, Relating to the Kalaupapa Memorial

Hearing: SB3338 SD2, Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 308 Via
Videoconference

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee on Finance,

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of SB3338, SD2, which appropriates funds for the design, planning, 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. (A copy of his admission photo is attached.)

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, from every inhabited island in Hawai`i Nei, 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.

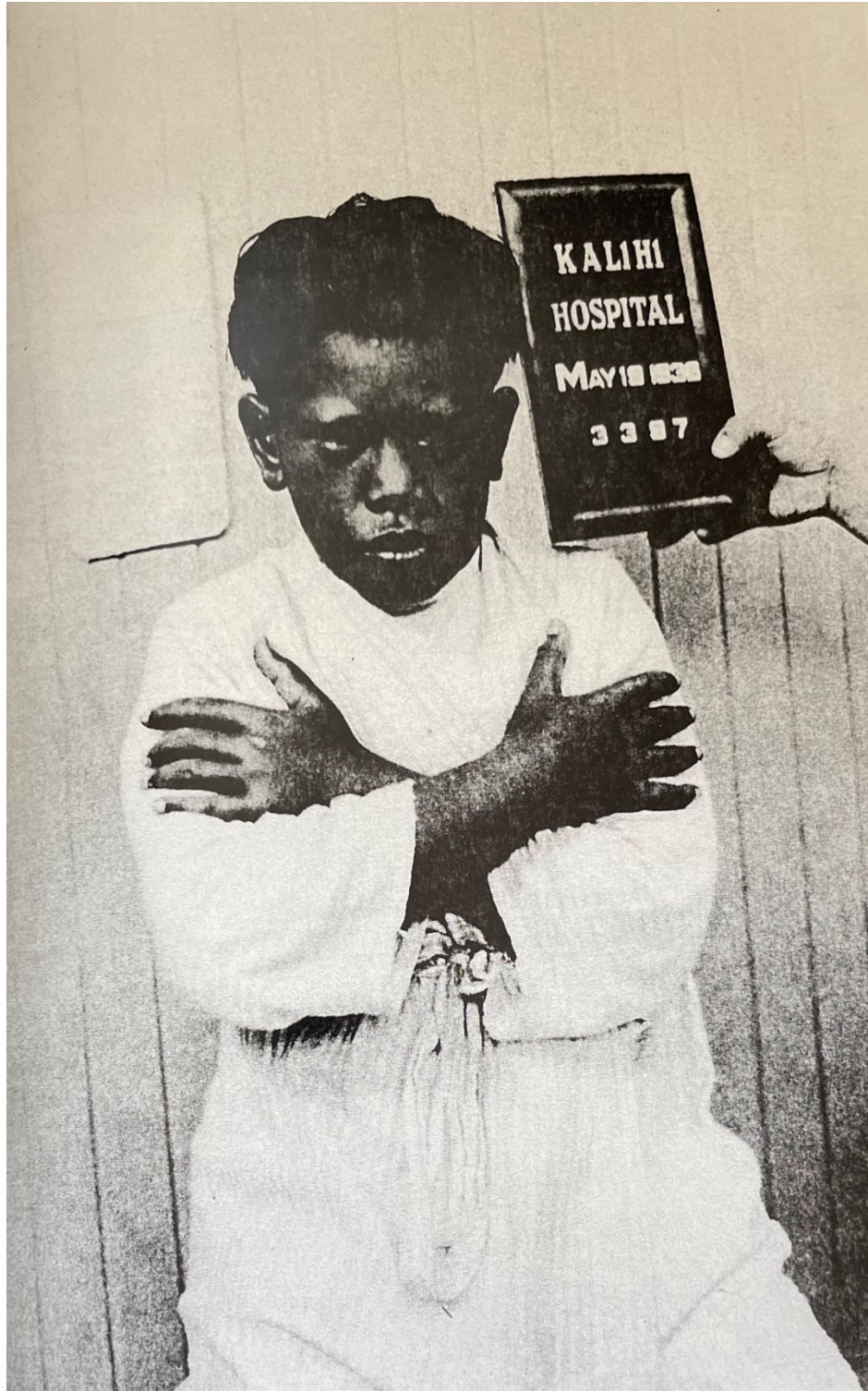
On behalf of three generations of my 'ohana who continue to heal from the loss exacted by the forced separation, I respectfully request that any final approval made by the House Finance Committee includes a \$5 million appropriation for the Memorial, as recommended in the Committee Report No. 1381-22, which was sent to the Committee by the Committee on Culture, Arts and International Affairs. The cost, per person, of this request is small (\$625.00), compared to the immeasurable cost of freedom and happiness that the people who were exiled lost, to ensure 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



Ten year old Henry Nalaielua when he was “taken into custody” at Kalihi Hospital, on O`ahu, in May, 1936, only days after being diagnosed on Hawai`i island, by a District School Nurse. For years, before his death, in 2009, he searched unsuccessfully for the graves of his sisters who had been sent to Kalaupapa before him. His wish for the Memorial was that there would be a place that ensured that the residents would not be forgotten.

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April 4, 2022

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Legislature, 415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Hearing: Tuesday, April 5, 1:30 pm, Room 308

To Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee on Finance:

I strongly support SB3338 SD2 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.

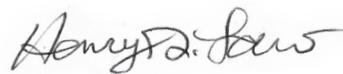
Clearing the graves is a way to honor both the past and present residents and it became the top priority for the NPS when I was Superintendent. However, there are only a little more than 1,000 identified graves at Kalaupapa out of an estimated 8,000 people who were sent there.

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 black ink that reads "Henry G. Law". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

Henry G. Law

First Superintendent, Kalaupapa National Historical Park
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April 3, 2022

Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Legislature, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: SB3338 SD2, Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 10:30 am, Room 308

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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.

I (we) write in support of SB3338 SD2 funding appropriation for the construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

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

Charmaine Woodward (and Nainoa Woodward)
Ka Ohana o Kalaupapa Board President

SB-3338-SD-2

Submitted on: 4/4/2022 10:39:02 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/5/2022 1:30:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Tessa Munekiyo Ng | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

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-2

Submitted on: 4/4/2022 11:35:10 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/5/2022 1:30:00 PM

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| MOMI HAI | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Momi Hai. I am a descendent of Elizabeth Piimauna Hai via family genealogy records but documented at time of admission to Kalihi Hospital on June 1, 1924 as Mrs. Likapeka Hai of Kaupo, Maui.

I had the opportunity of going onto the website kalaupapaohana.org and was able to read the brief history of Kalaupapa and how individuals were relocated to Kalaupapa because of contracting leprosy. It had to be very difficult for our people to have to be separated from their love ones because of not having the immunities to fight the diseases brought to the islands. It was explained that a lot of the people who passed away were buried without headstones therefore families would not know the exact burial spot of their love ones. It is understood that this memorial will encompass two interlocking circles. The upper circle represents the people who were taken from their families and sent to Kalaupapa and their names will be engraved on polished Granite. The lower circle represents the family left behind and the descendants of Kalaupapa. The place where the circles interlock represents bringing the people of Kalaupapa and their families back together. This monument serves as a tribute to all the people who lived on Kalaupapa from 1866 to present. And families can come to visit the monument to lookup the name(s) of their love ones, celebrate and honor their love ones and to have closure if needed.

I support The Kalaupapa Monument to be built.

Mahalo,

Momi Hai

Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Legislature
Honolulu, HI 96813

Senate Bill Number: SB3338 SD2

Hearing: SB3338 SD2, Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 1:30pm, Room 308

I write in support of SB3338 SD2 funding appropriation for the construction of The Kalaupapa Memorial

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee on Finance,

My name is Monica Bacon and I am a great-grandniece of Ambrose Kanewali'i Hutchison, the younger and only brother of my great-grandfather, William Kalewalani Hutchison. As a young man Uncle Ambrose was taken from his family on O'ahu and compelled to reside at Kalaupapa, Moloka'i, where he lived for 53 years from January 5, 1879 to his death on July 17, 1932.

My great-great-grandfather, Dr. Ferdinand W. Hutchison, and his Native Hawaiian wife, my great-great-grandmother Malie Moe, had three children during the early to mid-1850's: William K. Hutchison, Christina U. Hutchison, and Ambrose K. Hutchison. My great-grandfather, William Hutchison, is the only one of the three Hutchison children with descendants; therefore me, my mother, siblings, and my cousins are the only family who carry on the memory of Uncle Ambrose. In June of 2008 I was able to visit Kalaupapa for the first time, and it was an eye-opening and emotional experience. Through Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa I was able to learn most of what I now know about the remarkable life my ancestor lived at Kalaupapa. Our family is fortunate to have a gravesite to visit at Kalaupapa which includes my uncle's wife who passed away before him, but Ambrose himself isn't listed alongside his wife's name on the gravestone. Through the walls of the Memorial, it will finally be possible to see his name and the names of the thousands of other patients before, during, and after his time at the Kalaupapa settlement.

I strongly support SB3338 and respectfully request House Finance Committee members approve the bill and include the \$5 million request for the construction of the Memorial as recommended in Committee Report No. 1381-22 which was sent to the Finance Committee by the Committee on Culture, Arts and International Affairs (CAI). The \$5 million amount was included and supported in earlier versions of the Bill, SB3338 & SB3338 SD1. It is proper, it is pono, that all residents of Hawai'i remember in this permanent way those whose lives were profoundly changed by a disease that inflicted physical pain and, due to the separation of families, emotional pain as well. The memorial will provide a place not only for the public to visit, reflect, and learn about (and learn lessons from) a traumatic chapter in Hawaii's history, but also for the families of patients to gain some closure knowing that their 'ohana has not been forgotten.

Please support SB3338 SD2 to provide funding for The Kalaupapa Memorial.

Respectfully, Monica K. Bacon, great grandniece of Ambrose Kanewali'i Hutchison

email: mbacon@hawaii.edu

APRIL 4, 2022

Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu Hawaii 968

Hearing on SB3338 SD2, Tuesday, April 5, 2022, Conference Room

I write in STRONG SUPPORT of Senate Bill 3338 SD2 and an appropriation for \$5,000,000 associated with the development of the Kalaupapa Memorial as rendered in its final design.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Respected Members of the Committee

My name is DeGray Vanderbilt. I currently serve as a Board member and as Secretary of the Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, a Native Hawaiian, non-profit organization formally established in 2003 and consisting of Kalaupapa residents, their extended ohana and long-time friends of the Kalaupapa community. I am also one of the organizations founding members. I have had a bonus privilege representing Santa Claus at Kalaupapa's annual Christmas party for well over a quarter of a century.

My testimony of support for SB3338 SD2 is given remembrance of the many friends I am fortunate to have at Kalaupapa over the years. Many have passed away.

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 perceived betterment of society. The Memorial is a long overdue and well deserved honor.



In my support for the heroes exiled to Kalaupapa who suffered injustice, separation from their families and their homes, I cannot help but to reflect on similar tragic events being inflicted on the brave, heroic people of Ukraine. It is meaningful to see their flag present at the Capitol to honor them. Mahalo

The brave Ukrainian people are suffering the sacrifices of war, a similar position Hawaii citizen's sent to Kalaupapa endured as noted by Peter Keola who was sent to Kalaupapa in 1940. Peter shared the following: " It's 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's statement is featured on the one-page Exhibit I have attached . It includes photos of Kalaupapa residents who have passed away along with their strong respective statements each expressed as to 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 expressing her 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."

I have also attached the testimonies of seven of the nine remaining Kalaupapa residents that submitted at an earlier Committee meeting this session supporting a \$5,000,000 appropriation for the Memorial.

On the State Capitol grounds there are several Memorials. They honor those who gave their lives in the Korean and Vietnam wars, and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice as law enforcement officers, Ironically, there are also two prominent Memorial statues, which grace the entrances to the State Capitol. They honor Father Damien, now Saint Damien, and Queen Liliuokalani. These two magnificent individuals had a close relationship and a history of serving the people of Kalaupapa. All of these Memorials are well deserved honors. It's now time to honor the people of Kalaupapa with the Memorial they dreamed of having. I feel confident that Saint Damien and Queen Liliuokalani would concur.



The Memorial will include the names of all the approximate 8,000 individuals who were forcibly sent to Kalaupapa. individuals from all walks of life, doctors, husbands, wives, children teachers, legislators, judges, craftsmen, college high school and elementary schools students and even members of the Royal family. 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 Kalaupapa landscape.

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 groves could be remembered..

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. The small remaining population is elderly. It would be ideal to establish the Memorial so that the patient residents can see it became a reality.”

I noticed in the testimony of Hitoshi Hida from an earlier hearing that he included some beautiful renderings he drew of the Memorial’s final design. Below is pictured one of Hitoshi’s renderings.



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 an 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; Umemoto Cassandro Landscape Design Corp; Donald J Stastny, a renowned 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 and maps for the Memorial site; and Carbonaro CPA and Management Group.

Ka 'Ohana will also 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 Restoration of Family Ties'' program, which has enabled Ka 'Ohana to reconnect over 900 families with their Kalaupapa ancestors.

As noted above, tremendous amount of time, effort and investment has been made to bring the Memorial to the point it's at today. The time to move is now.

This is a project of Statewide interest and a testament to a dynamic part of our State's history that has continued for over 150 years. The 8,000 Hawaii citizens exiled to Kalaupapa were from all parts of Hawaii Ne with approximately 2,973 coming from Oahu; 2,178 from Hawaii Island; 1671 from Maui; 692 from Kauai; 406 from Molokai; 41 from Niihau and 39 from Lanai.

I respectfully request for your support of SB3338 SD2 and a \$5,000,000 appropriation associated with the Memorial's development. supported by the residents of Kalaupapa, many supporters of the Memorial project and most recently through a request to your Committee in the Committee Report sent to you by the Committee on Culture, Arts and International Affairs. The \$5,000,000 figure is the amount budgeted for the construction of the Kataupapa Memorial.

Mahalo.

Respectfully submitted

DeGray Vanderbilt



has received accolades at Exhibits Ka 'Ohana has held statewide.

April 4, 2022

**Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance Culture
Hawai'i State Legislature
Honolulu, HI 96813**

**Bill Number: SB3338 SD2
Hearing date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 in Room 308**

I am writing to your committee in support of SB3338 SD2 which is intended to provide appropriations for the building of the Kalaupapa Memorial

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee on Finance

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 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.

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.

Again, I most humbly ask for your support for SB3338 SD2, which is intended to appropriate funding for the development of the Kalaupapa Memorial ,and also respectfully request that your Committee also support the appropriation of \$5,000,000, which has been requested for your consideration in the report sent to you by the Committee on Culture, Arts and International Affairs. The \$5,000,000 appropriation is the budgeted amount to construct the Memorial, a project whose time has come for all the people throughout Hawaii Ne to share in.

Respectfully,

Cummins Kameeiamoku Mahoe III Retired Kaunakakai Postmaster, 96748

April 4, 2022

Chair Sylvia Luke
Committee on Finance
State Capitol
Honolulu Hawaii, 96813

I write in avid support of SB3338 SD2 for funding of the Kalaupapa and also strong support for the \$5,000,000 appropriation the Finance Committee has been requested to consider.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee on Finance

My name is Debra Collard. I am a Staff Registered Nurse at the Kalaupapa Care Home and member of the Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa, Board of Directors

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 because of all those buried at Kalaupapa, less than 1,000 have marked graves that can be identified with a name.



This memorial will list the names of all 8,000 residents for families and future generations. This will give all 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

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April 4, 2022

**Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Legislature, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

Bill Number: SB3338 SD2

Hearing: SB3338 SD2 Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 1:30 a.m. Room 308

I write in strong SUPPORT of SB3338 SD2, funding appropriation associated with the Kalaupapa Memorial construction

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Respected Members of the Committee on Finance

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 families 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 SD2 and the \$5,000,000 appropriation related to the establishment of the Kalaupapa Memorial, which was recommended in the Committee Report your Committee received from the Committee on Culture, Arts and International Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Hitoshi Hida Hitoshi.hida@outlook.com





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April 5, 2022

**Sylvia Luke, Chair, Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813**

**Bill Number: SB3338 SD2
Hearing: Wednesday April 5, 2022 1:30 pm – Room 308**

I write to STRONGLY SUPPORT of SB3338 SD 2 for funding associated with the construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee on Finance

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.

Please support the approval of SB3338 SD2 and the requested appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the construction of the beautifully designed Kalaupapa Memorial.

Sincerely,

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April 4, 2022

Sylvia Luke, Chair, Committee on Finance
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Bill Number SB3338 SD2
Tuesday, April 5 2022, Conference Room 308

Support of SB3338 SD2, funding for the establishment of the Kalaupapa Memorial.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Respected Members of the House Committee on Finance

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 SD2 and for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to build the Memorial as was respectfully requested for your consideration in the Committee Report sent to your Committee by the House Committee on Culture Arts and International Affairs (CAI), the previous Committee to hear the Bill. Mahalo.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Leong, Molokai

April 5, 2022

Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Senate Bill Number: SB3338 SD2

Hearing: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 – Conference Room 308, 1:30 pm

I am testifying in STRONG Support of SB3888 SD2 to provide funding for the building of the Kalaupapa Memorial

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee on Finance

My name is Velda Napua Akamua, past President of the Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club

Mahalo for your time and attention to our kuleana. The Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club is located in North Kohala, Hawaii island. I write to call attention to Resolution No. 2019-35 SHOWN BELOW that our club submitted at Our Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention held on Maui Island. The resolution title is "Recognizing Ka 'Ohana 'O Kalaupapa's Commitment To The Establishment Of The Memorial At Kalaupapa." This resolution was unanimously passed by at least 400 delegates in attendance from our state as well as our mainland clubs.

My support for SB3338 SD2 is accompanied by my equally strong support for the \$5,000,000 appropriation respectfully recommended for your Committee's consideration in Committee Report 1381-22 you received from the Culture, Arts and International Affairs Committee. The appropriation is to build the Memorial.

I am also personally involved with Kalaupapa. I was in the 3rd grade when I found out I was adopted, and that word followed me and my life. My Mother and Father were sent as children to Kalaupapa. This is my story and I eventually met my parents whom I loved and laid to rest at Kalaupapa. We still have residents remaining, and remember they were forced-no choice to be exiled. They were/are good people and they wanted to "SEE" this memorial while I'm still alive--- these are their words, from their voices to my ears and now to you.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE KOKUA....MAKANA! MAHALO.....Napua Akamu a me ka Maunu a me Kaona, Acob, Kahananui, Aki... 895-7345



Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
Founded 1959 Honolulu, Hawai'i

November 18, 2018

Aloha,

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has advocated the voices of the Native Hawaiian community since Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole founded the organization's movement in 1918. It is comprised of more than 60 clubs located throughout Hawai'i and the United States, and nearly 4,000 members.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs just adjourned its 59th Annual Convention in Kalapaki, Kaua'i, and about 400 participants convened to consider and deliberate on issues that affect the Native Hawaiian community like education, natural and cultural resource management, economic development, healthcare, housing, and government consultation. Through the course of the convention, the delegates from each club adopted 49 of resolutions that express positions on various issues, urge action, or honor the work of many who have contributed significantly to our community.

Enclosed you will find a resolution, or series of resolutions, adopted during our convention with the recommendation to notify you. We ask that you consider the content of the resolution.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact us:

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Mahalo nui loa,

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ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

No. 2018 – 20

URGING RECOGNITION FOR KA 'OHANA O KALAUPAPA IN ITS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH THE KALAUPAPA MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, a non-profit Native Hawaiian organization established in 2003, is made up of Kalaupapa residents, family members, and descendants of individuals sent to Kalaupapa since 1866; and

WHEREAS, Kalaupapa resident Clarence "Boogie" Kahilihiwa is President of the Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, and Kalaupapa resident Bernard K. Punikai'a is Honorary Chairman of the Board; and

WHEREAS, their membership also include professionals involved in preserving the history of Kalaupapa, and longtime friends of the community; and

WHEREAS, Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa recognizes the importance of the kama'āina, mea kōkua, and children that were born at Kalaupapa and they are committed to ensuring that the residents of Kalaupapa be able to live out their lives there with the support and services they need; and

WHEREAS, Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa is committed to ensuring that the people taken from their families and sent to Kalaupapa, of whom 90 % were Native Hawaiians, are given their rightful place in the history of Kalaupapa, of Hawai'i, and of the world; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 1980, as a result of the efforts of resident and education advocate of Kalaupapa, Richard Marks, others at Kalaupapa and the community at large, and then United States Representative Patsy Mink, Kalaupapa was designated a National Historic Park; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2009, the United States Congress passed the Kalaupapa Memorial Act which directed the United States Department of the Interior to authorize Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa to establish a memorial listing the names of those who were sent to the peninsula due to government policies concerning leprosy; and

WHEREAS, Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa's ongoing project is to establish the Kalaupapa Memorial that will eventually list the names of everyone who was sent to Kalaupapa and their families; and

WHEREAS, of the 8,000 people who have lived and died at Kalaupapa, fewer than 1,000 have marked tombstones, and the memorial will return the names of all these individuals to their rightful place in a history that they helped to create and provide families with a place to remember their kupuna; and

WHEREAS, a traveling exhibit "*A Source of Light, Constant and Never-Fading*" presented by Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa focuses on the very personal relationship between the Royal Family and the citizens of the Hawaiian Kingdom who were forcibly sent to Kalaupapa because they were thought to have leprosy now officially called Hansen's Disease in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, this exhibit has been made available to the people of Hawai'i beginning in 2012 through 2018; and

WHEREAS, on July 21 and 22, 2018, the Hawaiian Inter Club Council of Southern California hosted "*A Source of Light, Constant and Never-Fading*" at the Ho'olaule'a at Alondra Park, and the exhibit received praise and a warm aloha from all who visited it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 59th Annual Convention in Kalapaki, Kaua'i, in the malama of Welehu and the rising of 'Olepau, this 17th day of November 2018, urging recognition for Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa in its efforts to establish the Kaulapapa Memorial; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs consider inviting Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa to share their traveling exhibit "*A Source of light, Constant and Never Fading*" at its 60th Annual Convention to be held on Maui in 2019, and hosted by Maui Council of which Moloka'i is a part; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, DeGray Vanderbuilt and Valerie Monson, Kalaupapa Memorial Committee, Hawaiian Inter Club Council of Southern California, 'Ahahui Kīwila Hawai'i o San Diego, Kaha I Ka Panoa HCC, as well as the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and all County Mayors.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in the malama of Welehu and the rising of 'Olepau on the 17th day of November 2018, at the 59th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Kalapaki, Kaua'i.

Annelle C. Amaral
Annelle C. Amaral, President

Sister M. Davilyn Ah Chick, osf
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Sylvia Luke, Chairperson
Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Legislature, Honolulu, HI 96813

Bill Number: SB-3338 SD2

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

Hearing on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, in Conference Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

Dear Chair Sylvia Luke 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 Kalaupapa, 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 for 139 years and in particular, in Kalaupapa.

I am writing to strongly support Senate Bill 3338 SD2 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.
- Today, fewer than 1,000 graves remain that can be identified with names. The Kalaupapa Memorial will be a living memorial as new generations learn of the sacrifices, strength, and resilience of their ancestors.
- 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 SD2 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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