



**SB732 SD2 HD1**  
**RELATING TO HAWAIIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
House Committee on Finance

March 29, 2023

2:00 PM

Room 325

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers its **STRONG SUPPORT** for SB732 SD2 HD1, which would designate the second Monday in October of each year as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

**OHA takes care to note that Native Hawaiians continue to struggle against the current of settler-colonialism, like many other Indigenous Peoples, in all attempts to exercise self-determination – a unified plight stemming from a substantial wrong that was committed against the Native Hawaiian people and the independent government through which they exercised sovereignty.<sup>1</sup>**

Native Hawaiians continue to endure inequities and disparities that stem from unresolved historical injustices<sup>2</sup> – injustices that established systems of oppression and institutions of racism that have yet to be dismantled and which persist in their severing of Native Hawaiians from their ancestral lands, their annihilation of Native Hawaiian presence in the Hawaiian Islands, and their attempted erasure of Native Hawaiian identity.<sup>3</sup> The State of Hawai'i, on the condition of its admission to the Union,<sup>4</sup> was obligated with an extra duty of care to the Native Hawaiian people,<sup>5</sup> as a result of these historical injustices.

The State reinforced that extra duty of care for the betterment of conditions of Native Hawaiians by enshrining this founding principle within the Hawai'i State Constitution.<sup>6</sup> The State has continuously acknowledged its extra duty of care to the Native Hawaiian people through additional statutory obligations vested in OHA<sup>7</sup> and in recognition of Native Hawaiians as the only indigenous, aboriginal, and maoli people of Hawai'i.<sup>8</sup> For Native

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<sup>1</sup> “By an act of war, committed with the participation of a diplomatic representative of the United States and without authority of Congress, the Government of a feeble but friendly and confiding people has been overthrown. A substantial wrong has thus been done which a due regard for our national character as well as the rights of the injured people requires we should endeavor to repair.” President Grover Cleveland, December 18, 1893, *Message Regarding Hawaiian Annexation to Congress*.

<sup>2</sup> Pub. L. 103-150 (1993), 107 Stat. 1510 “Apology Resolution.”

<sup>3</sup> “If we are ever to have peace and annexation the first thing to do is to obliterate the past,” stated by Samuel Mills Damon, Vice President of the Provisional Government and Executive Council for the Republic of Hawai'i, Council of State (Provisional Government of the Hawaiian Islands, 1895). 26 November 1895. Hawaii State Archives Series 424 Vol. 4.

<sup>4</sup> Pub. L. 86-3, 73 Stat. 4; Hawai'i Admissions Act of 1959.

<sup>5</sup> Id. at §5(f).

<sup>6</sup> Haw. Stat. Con. Art. XII, Section 4-7 (1978).

<sup>7</sup> Haw. Rev. Stat. §10.

<sup>8</sup> Haw. Rev. Stat. §10H-1.



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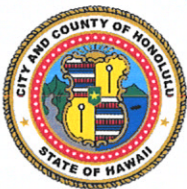
Hawaiians to thrive alongside all others who call Hawai'i, home, historical and ongoing injustices must be recognized and their systems must be dismantled. **Recognizing the achievements of Indigenous Peoples, like the Native Hawaiian people, builds the necessary reinforced foundation upon which a brilliant future may be launched for the betterment of conditions of Native Hawaiians, other Indigenous Peoples, and their collective contribution to all others in building a truly wonderful civilization. Ua lehulehu a manomano ka 'ikena a ka Hawai'i.**

OHA appreciates the opportunity to support SB732 SD2 HD1. Mahalo nui loa.

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March 29, 2023

The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair  
The Honorable Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Finance  
The House of Representatives, Room 308  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 732 SD2, HD1  
Relating to State Holidays

The Department of Human Resources, City and County of Honolulu understands and appreciates the historical significance and importance of recognizing indigenous peoples, including Native Hawaiians. Since the matter will require negotiations with the various public unions through the collective bargaining process, our concern is the added cost to the Public Employer should this become an established State paid holiday. We note that the cost to the City and County of Honolulu alone would be close to \$2 million annually. Under this bill, in its current form, the added cost would occur each non-election year.

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nola N. Miyasaki".

Nola N. Miyasaki  
Director

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Submitted on: 3/27/2023 11:23:17 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/29/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Rainbow Family 808	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 supports SB732. Please pass this bill.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Secretary/Board Member

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Submitted on: 3/27/2023 4:59:29 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/29/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Golojuch Jr	Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization supports SB 732 SD 2 HD 1.

We hope you all will support this piece of legislation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.  
Chair and SCC Representative  
Stonewall Caucus for the DPH

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Submitted on: 3/27/2023 7:35:22 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/29/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Who the Hell you think you are. We the people of Hawaii do not want any of this BULL SHIT.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:16:19 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/29/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Kuroiwa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**SB 732 SD 2 HD 1**

DATE: Wednesday, March 22, 2023

TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: House Conference Room 309

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Report Title: **“Public Administration; State Holidays; Indigenous Peoples' Day”**

Submitted by: James I. Kuroiwa, Jr. (Ret. LECET Director)

We submit testimony in opposition to SB 732 SD 2 HD 1, and as a reminder that, the United States of America, has **NOT** to date recognized the "Kanaka Maoli" (Polynesian first visitor/settler) as indigenous to the Islands of Hawaii.

The State of Hawaii has attempted, unconstitutionally, to adopt Laws recognizing the Kanaka Maoli as indigenous to the Islands of Hawaii and attempt to force the Federal Government to recognize the "Kanaka Maoli" as indigenous, failing each time.

The "Alaska Native" and the "American Indian" are recognized as Indigenous to the United States, **NOT** the "Kanaka Maoli".



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Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:23:43 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Will Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SB732 SD1 HD1.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2023 6:41:37 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/29/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Barbara Sarbin	Volcano School of Arts & Sciences	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On behalf of the 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Civics students of Papa Pono Kiwila at the Volcano School of Arts and Sciences, we are all in support of SB732. While we were hoping it would become an official state holiday, we understand that it is now proposed to be an observed holiday, recognizing "Indigenous People's Day" as an important event, allowing us all a day to celebrate Hawaiian culture, tradition, and heritage, including all aspects that make Hawai'i so unique and multicultural. We hope you will support "Indigenous People's Day" as being a recognized and observed holiday on the second Monday of October, joining the many other indigenous peoples in the United States who are doing the same.

Mahalo for including the testimony of our teachers and students throughout the process of considering this Bill,

Barbara Sarbin, Middle School Civics Teacher, Volcano School of Arts & Sciences