



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 3016, RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN FLAG.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS AND ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2024 **TIME:** 1:01 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 224 & Videoconference

TESTIFIER(S): Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, or
Jordan A. K. Ching, Deputy Attorney General

Chairs Wakai and Shimabukuro and Members of the Committees:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments on this bill.

The bill proposes to amend chapter 5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to add a section requiring all United States military reservations and military training facilities in the State to display the Hawaiian flag in a manner consistent with sections 5-19 and 5-20, HRS.

Generally, the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution forbids states from regulating federal property or instrumentalities unless Congress has clearly authorized it. See Jack's Tours, Inc. v. Kilauea Military Camp, 112 Hawai'i 150, 157, 145 P.3d 693, 700 (2006) ("Generally, 'where Congress does not affirmatively declare its instrumentalities or property subject to regulation, the federal function must be left free of regulation'" (citations omitted)). The Hawai'i Supreme Court has also recognized that "a state loses the right to legislate with respect to activities occurring in [federal enclaves] unless it reserved its right to do so when it consented to the purchase of the property by the United States." Id., 112 Hawai'i at 152, n.5, 145 P.3d at 695, n.5 (citing Sundaram v. Brookhaven Nat'l Labs., 424 F. Supp. 2d 545, 569 (E.D.N.Y. 2006)). We are not aware of any congressional authorization for the State to require the Hawaiian flag to be flown on military reservations or training installations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 3:24:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shelby Billionaire	Testifying for Royal Hawaiian Kingdom	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I fully support this bill and proper representaiton of the Hawaiian Islands H.I. and Deep Rich History recognized already around the world and even by HRS 1-1. By approving this bill, you will help inspire future generations to come and secure the protection of the Hawaiian Islands from Global Threats in the Future!

Mahalo Nui Loa for proposing and approving this bill.

The Journey of a Thousand Miles, begins with a single step...

HRM Shelby Billionaire

PIKACHU

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 8:02:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
De MONT Kalai Manaole	Testifying for Ho'omana Pono, LLC	Support	In Person

Comments:

We **STRONGLY SUPPORT** this bill. One of the best ways to remind EVERYONE about where they are at, and on whose lands they are guests.



**TESTIMONY WITH COMMENTS ON SB 3016
RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN FLAG**

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 1:01 PM
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
415 South Beretania Street

Chairs Wakai and Shimabukuro, Vice Chairs Elefante and Fevella, and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council ("MAC") wishes to offer comments on SB 3016 which requires all United States military reservations and military training facilities in the State to display the Hawaiian flag.

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council (MAC) was established in 1985 when the Chamber was appointed by the State to serve as the liaison to the military. The MAC advocates on behalf of Hawaii's military, and is comprised of business leaders, academic institutions, State and County officials, members of the CODEL, community leaders, labor unions and organizations and retired U.S. flag and general officers. The MAC works to support Hawaii's location as a strategic U.S. headquarters in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region which is crucial for U.S. national and homeland security.

The MAC appreciates the intention behind the measure to recognize the powerful symbol – Hawaii's state flag which signifies our unique history, culture, and values. However, by federal policy, there are varying protocols and regulations related to the display of state flags on official flagpoles or in outdoor displays at installation facilities. They differ across branches of the armed forces.



While the July 15, 2020, memorandum by then-Secretary of Defense Mark Esper titled "Public Display or Depiction of Flags in the Department of Defense" authorized the display of state flags indoors, and primarily focused on flag placement by servicemembers within buildings and offices. As such, Hawaii state flags can be found inside of installations in Hawaii.

Specific requirements for outdoor flag displays on installation grounds require further consideration and review. Each service installation and facility currently operate under its own protocols and regulations regarding outdoor flag displays. These protocols consider factors such as dedicated official flagpoles, space limitations, and operational considerations.

The MAC is currently engaging in comprehensive coordination across all Hawaii installations and service facilities to gather and assess existing protocols and regulations. In instances where a service lacks specific regulations, crafting new requirements would be necessary. Such new requirements would require thorough review and potentially, approval by the Secretary of Defense.

We will be pleased to keep the Committee informed of our efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments.

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 1:46:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I can support if "required" is changed to "may" to comply with DOD requirements.

"The American flag is authorized, and encouraged, to honor and display freely. In addition to the American flag, Service members and civilian employees are authorized to display other flags that promote unity and esprit de corps, such as:

- Flags of U.S. States and Territories and the District of Columbia;
- Military Service flags;
- Flag or General Officer flags;
- Presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed civilian flags;
- Senior Executive Service (SES) and Military Department-specific SES flags;
- The POW/MIA flag;
- Flags of other countries, for which the United States is an ally or partner, or for official protocol purposes;
- Flags of organizations in which the United States is a member (e.g., NATO);
- Ceremonial, command, unit, or branch flags or guidons.

This guidance applies to public displays of flags by Service members and civilian employees in all DoD workplaces, common access areas, and public areas, including, but not limited to: Office buildings, facilities, aircraft, government vehicles, conference rooms, individual offices, break rooms, common areas of dormitories and bachelor quarters, school houses and training facilities and all spaces or items in public or plain view. This regulation also includes government-operated or public-private venture housing (e.g., parking lots, yards, gazebos, or porches)."

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 6:14:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lourdes millan	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I support sb3016 its about time that the Hawaiian flag be displayed on its own land.

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 6:43:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julia Estigoy-Kahoonei	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If the military is going to have presence, it also needs to honor the 'aina on which they stand. Absolutely all military bases and buildings need to wave Hae Hawai'i

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 4:55:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a given, here on our aina its a must.

Testimony of Dr. Danny de Gracia in OPPOSITION to Senate Bill 3016
“Relating to the Hawaiian Flag” to be heard before the
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Thursday, February 1, 2024
Conference Room 224

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, Honorable Members of the Committees:

This bill, while the preamble’s intentions are well-received, is problematic for a number of reasons. To begin:

1. **Flag decisions, on a military base, as well as military ships docked in port, which are federal enclaves, are determined by the preferences of the installation commander, who in turn answers to the Commander in Chief, which is the President of the United States, under the National Security Act of 1947.**

This measure would presume for the State of Hawaii to exercise command authority over the joint armed services of the United States by directing it to fly the “Hawaiian flag.” Commanders are given free reign to determine whether they should fly state flags or other flags as part of their command discretion and also as an opportunity to show initiative and leadership by example. To direct them to do this would be more appropriately performed by a concurrent resolution or an introduction of new laws by our Congressional delegation.

2. **SB 3016, taken in the context of another bill co-introduced by the senator who has introduced this measure, SB 3319, Relating to State Holidays, would presume to instruct the U.S. military to fly the “Hawaiian flag” as a “gesture of respect for the communities and land that host the facilities” while simultaneously claiming in SB 3319 that the U.S. armed services and the federal government are engaged in “continued illegal occupation of Hawaii.”**

Senators, which is it, and what will it be? If this measure’s primary introducer believes that Hawaii is illegally occupied, they should not be directed to fly the “Hawaiian flag.” Furthermore, if Hawaii is illegally occupied, then one necessarily must hold the belief that the State of Hawaii is likewise illegitimate. These glaring contradictions are reprehensible, pejorative, and insulting to both residents of the State of Hawaii and our men and women in uniform.

3. **HRS Chapter 5 more specifically refers to the “Hawaiian flag” by constraining it within the context of “the Hawaiian flag as authorized to represent the State of Hawaii on land and sea, and authorized for executive state agencies” (HRS 5-19).**

If this measure is to pass, your Committees should clarify with both an amended draft and an explanation in the standing committee report that the “Hawaiian flag” “as authorized to

represent the State of Hawaii” be flown so as not to perpetuate the narrative that the State of Hawaii is illegitimate.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 2:09:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Smart	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Under USCONS Art I/8/15, the Congress exercices exclusive legislation in all cases whsoever for erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dockyards, and other needful buildings .

I don't believe an act as propsed here has any legal effect.

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 5:24:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keke Manera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern, that will be all. Everyone in Hawai'i and especially those that need to hear this the most. Our nations flag which is the Hae Hawai'i - Hawaiian flag should in fact be proudly displayed EVERYWHERE in Hawai'i including military installations/institutions. I mean that's why the military claims they're here is to protect us so why can't they do the bare minimum and respect and accept our flag? Why is this even an issue???? Why do we have to ask or demand it. It's the LEAST they can do since they be exploiting and bombing/poisoning these islands. Our flag holds mana. The U.S. flag NOT SO MUCH. That's my mana'o on that. America owes us. It's America that's in Hawai'i - not the other way around. Our flag belongs here. Mahalo for taking the time to read this. Me and my 'ohana support SB3016 and more people should too.

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 11:30:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kapua Medeiros	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members,

I strongly support SB3016 as I believe that Our Hae Hawai‘i should be proudly displayed throughout our Pae ‘Āina 'o Hawai‘i nei.

Though we are still waiting for our Kānaka Maoli Lands to be rightfully returned, America should in Good Faith at least, Fly our Hawaiian Flag in recognition of the already admitted illegal occupation of our Hawaiian Kingdom.

Mahalo me ke Aloha,

Kapua Medeiros

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 11:46:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Allen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

While I appreciate Senator Fevella’s fervor as we all embrace the Hawaiian Flag, I would appreciate him investing his spare fervor on issues over which the state actually has statutory authority and could benefit constituents like those of us in Ewa Beach.

In this case, the proposed legislature suggesting the state has authority over ANY Federal land, buildings, or activities, is legally without merit and as such is a waste of state employee’s time and resources. Moreover, the draft Bill acknowledges that the Hawaiian flag is actually flown on military installations and I observe that it is already done in a manner consistent with sections 5-19 and 5-20.

There is a path to legislate flags and other weighty issues on Federal lands and I suggest the Bill’s sponsors initiate a dialog with our Federal Senators and Representatives and petition a change through Federal law or policy promulgated by agents with that authority, since clearly the Bill’s sponsors should be concerned with Hawaiian Flags flown on all Federal lands, not just military installations.

Let’s stop wasting time on state legislature that has no standing and would be struck down by any court ruling on it.

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 9:40:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
clare loprinzi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The legislature finds that displaying a state's flag is a gesture of respect for that state's people, land, and culture. The current version of the Hawaiian flag was adopted in 1845 and includes symbolism representing Hawaii's islands, ocean, culture, values, and history. The legislature believes that the Hawaiian flag should be displayed on United States military reservations and military training facilities in the State, as a gesture of respect for the communities and land that host the facilities.

this statement, this bill is in violation of 711-1107 and so disrespectful to our people and our queen. The acts of desecration on the "military bases" is in violation of our rights. the bombing of our iwi kupuna on mauna a wakea and else where, beyond disrespectful. i meet with the military as i am part of the cultural committee for them. how much more desecration that violates federal and state laws and violation of our children being sexually abused by soldiers and taken off these islands.

this is outrageous for us. Stop this bill and stop the war games/the bombing of papahonua. Instead of this law, do an EIS . As stated in Act 50, **Moreover, the past failure to require native Hawaiian cultural impact assessments has resulted in the loss and destruction of many important cultural resources and has interfered with the exercise of native Hawaiian culture. The legislature further finds that due consideration of the effects of human activities on Native Hawaiian culture and the exercise thereof is necessary to ensure the continued existence, development, and exercise of native Hawaiian culture.**

me ka haahaa clare loprinzi Indigenous Practitioner

January 31, 2024

Testimony for SB 3016 related to HAWAIIAN FLAG

He Mele komo a he mele aloha no na kupuna o ke au i hala Aloha mai kakou.

Aloha,

My name is Cindy Freitas and I'm a Native Hawaiian descended of the native inhabitants of Hawai'i prior to 1778 and born and raised in Hawai'i.

I am also a practitioner who still practice the cultural traditional customary practices that was instill in me by my grandparents at a young age from mauka (MOUNTAIN TO SEA) to makai in many areas.

I'm in OPPOSITION for SB 3016, however please change some of the verbiage in the language as followed;

The Hawaiian flag was adopted in 1845 under HAWAII KINGDOM and its NATION. Therefore the HAWAIIAN FLAG is a gesture of respect for the descended of the native inhabitants of Hawaii prior to 1778.

The HAWAIIAN FLAG represent the indigenous natives of the Hawaii island that is still current today that it symbolize cultural, land, ocean and the values of our history.

I agree with legislation that the HAWAIIAN FLAG should be on top of the POLE to show the respect that the United States has done to the HAWAII KINGDOM, cultural, land, ocean and the values of our history that still continues and shrudding today.

I respectfully ask that some of this verbiage be change to show the **TRUTH**.

Mahalo,

_____/s/_____
Cindy Freitas

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 12:24:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leimomi Ka'aihili Leong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

They should recognize the illegal occupancy and display the Hawaiian flag as well.

LATE

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 4:41:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kade Yam-Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing this testimony in strong support of Senate Bill No. 3016, which calls for the display of the Hawaiian flag at all United States military reservations and military training facilities in the State of Hawai‘i. I believe that this bill is a significant step in honoring and respecting the rich history, culture, and people of Hawai‘i.

Displaying a state's flag is not just a symbol; it is a powerful gesture that shows recognition and appreciation for the state's people, land, and culture. The Hawaiian flag holds deep symbolism, representing the unique identity of Hawaii's islands, ocean, culture, values, and history. It is a testament to the resilience and strength of the Hawaiian people and their connection to the land.

By requiring the display of the Hawaiian flag at United States military installations in the State, this bill demonstrates a genuine commitment to fostering a sense of unity and respect between the military community and the local Hawaiian communities that host these facilities. It acknowledges the important role that Hawaii plays in supporting military operations and recognizes the contributions and sacrifices made by the people of Hawaii.

Furthermore, this bill seeks to address the inconsistency in the current practice of displaying the Hawaiian flag at military facilities in the State. It ensures that all military reservations and training facilities follow the same guidelines in displaying the flag, creating a sense of uniformity and equality across these institutions.

In a time where cultural appreciation and inclusivity are cherished values, we must prioritize the recognition and respect of the indigenous culture of Hawaii. Displaying the Hawaiian flag at military installations sends a powerful message of solidarity and support, not only to the local communities but also to the Native Hawaiian people.

I firmly believe that this bill is a significant step forward in promoting cultural awareness, understanding, and respect within the military community. It will serve as a reminder of the unique and vibrant culture that Hawaii possesses and will foster a deeper appreciation for the history and traditions of the Hawaiian people.

I urge you to give your strong support to Senate Bill No. 3016 and help ensure that the Hawaiian flag is prominently displayed at all United States military reservations and military training facilities in the State. By doing so, we can show our commitment to

honoring and respecting the indigenous culture of Hawaii and create a more inclusive and harmonious environment for all.

LATE

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 8:27:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keliyah Kimitete-Pias	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

My name is Keliyah Kimitete-Pias, I am a native Hawaiian descendant and I've practiced native hawaiian culture my whole life.

I understand our history and because I understand our history, I feel this whole situation is extremely disrespectful and do not support the military occupation nor do I support the putting of our Hawaiian flag Beneath the militaries flag for multiple reasons. The bombing and testing of war weapons and decades and of rape of our land. How do you expect us to support you when you can't even respect and take care of our papahonua our aina, our ancestors and ancestral land. I do not support you people putting our Hawaiian flag anywhere close to YOUR disrespectful organization.

LATE

SB-3016

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 8:43:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shana Wailana Kukila	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

RE: SB3016 Relating to the Hawaiian Flag

Aloha Senate Committee Members,

I offer these comments on SB3016:

Although I agree with the sentiment of this bill, there is a missing piece: the United States General Services Administration (GSA), who authorizes requests to fly "non-agency flags" such as state flags and others on federal installations under the custody and control of the GSA.

Flag Policy 2023:

<https://www.gsa.gov/system/files/GSA%20Flag%20Policy%2020230327.pdf>

As a native Hawaiian resident born and raised in these islands, I am deeply rooted in this 'aina, and understand and have inherited the historical trauma our ancestors endured during the time of the overthrow in the 1800s, when we were still a kingdom. We should have our flag still flying in all places of government here in Hawai'i in honor of our Queen.

However, I don't think this bill will do anything to "make" the federal government comply with state law.

Nonetheless, I fully support flying the Hawaiian flag on all federal installations, and see how this may be done without a law, but with just a simple request.

If the federal government has already been approached about this within the normal processes and procedures mentioned herein and they denied that request, then I believe that this is the ideal time (due to Red Hill, etc.) to renew that request to "reflect the sentiment of the federal government" to outwardly show that Hawaiian land is their kuleana, and that they are truly remorseful for what they did to our land and our water over the past century. It could fly proudly on all federal installations in Hawai'i as a reminder and a pledge by the U.S. government to be respectful, honorable, and responsible stewards of these lands in partnership with the people of Hawai'i, and are committed to doing their best at leaving a light footprint wherever the United States' military boots hit the ground here and where federal structures are standing anywhere across these islands.

Mahalo for consideration of my personal testimony,

Shana W. Kukila

Hilo, HI

LATE

SB-3016

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 12:59:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julie Reyes Oda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We are a veteran family and oftentimes military installations look the same as any other state when you are in it. Flying the flag of every state the installation operates would be ideal, but we only can control our own. As such, I support flying the Hae Hawai'i proudly above every military installation, building, training facility etc.

If I may add one thing, do "reservations and training facilities" cover all the locations? If not, please expand on this wording.

thank you.

-Julie

LATE

SB-3016

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 8:31:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angela Melody Young	Testifying for CARES	Support	In Person

Comments:

CARES testifies in strong support.

LATE

Senator Favella
SB3016 Hawaiian Flag Bill
February 1, 2024
Time: 1:00pm

In support of SB3016

Introduction

Aloha, my name is Jason Miller and I am a student of Papahana `O Kaiona. I am testifying in favor of SB3016. I believe that the Hawaii flag should be shown and should be on the top of the flagpole because our flag is not on any of the military bases. I think it should be on every military base and everywhere like all over the island. I think the Hawaii flag should be on every school in Hawaii not just on Honolulu but all the islands. In closing, I think it should be respectful to have it on every school or every military base because it's not fair.

Your Name

Papahana `O Kaiona Student
808-629-9699

LATE

Senator Favella

SB3016 Hawaiian Flag Bill

February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm

In support of SB3016

Introduction

Aloha my name is Prince-Toa Adkins-Talamoa I am a student of Papahana 'O Kaiona I am testifying in favor of SB3016

Content

The Hawaiian flag should always be hung at every single military because we were overlooked and our lands were taken, and I also Say that we should make all the Hawaiians make a statement. The military should respect the people, culture and the laws of Hawaii.

Your Name

Prince-Toa Adkins-Talamoa

Papahana `O Kaiona Student

808-629-9699

LATE

Senator Favella

SB3016 Hawaiian Flag Bill

February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm

In support of SB3016

Introduction

Aloha, my name is Orty Soichy Chuweinuk I am a student of Papahana `O Kaiona. I am testifying in favor of SB3016. I support this bill because the Hawaiian flag is important to the people of Hawaii and also respectful to them. I also think that flying the Hawaiian flag on all military bases is also good because they would know whose land they're on, and what respect they should give to the land. In closing everybody that's living on the land shall malama and show aloha towards this aina.

Your Name

Papahana `O Kaiona Student

808-629-9699

LATE

Senator Favella

SB3016 Hawaiian Flag Bill

February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm

In support of SB3016

Introduction

Aloha, my name is Jeremy Lee Gonsalves - Yap Jr and I am a student of Papahana `O Kaiona. I am testifying in favor of SB3016.

I think the Hawaiian flag should be shown on the military base because of its respect to our people and community. I believe the Hawaiian flag should be shown to represent who they're fighting for. The military should honor and respect the land and hang the fly high.

Mahalo,

Jeremy Lee Gonsalves - Yap Jr

Papahana `O Kaiona Student

808-629-9699

LATE

Senator Favella

SB3016 Hawaiian Flag Bill

February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm

In support of SB3016

Introduction

Aloha, my name is Leonidus Wagner. I am a student of Papahana O Kaiona. I am testifying in favor of SB3016

I strongly believe that the Hawaiian flag should be hung on every military base in Hawaii. I feel that only the American flag waving on Hawaii is a sort of disrespect to the Hawaiian kingdom and people. The Hawaiian flag is a sign of respect and honor of all the kings and queens of Hawaii.

In closing, given all my ideas and thoughts I strongly believe that the Hawaiian flag should be raised everywhere on the islands of Hawaii and be raised higher than the American flag.

Your Name

Leonidus Wagner

Papahana `O Kaiona Student

808-629-9699

LATE

SB-3016

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 1:18:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
precious vilmaire keola noble	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

My name is Precious im from Nanakuli. And I am a student at Papahana O Kaiona im testifying in support of SB3016 relating to the Hawaiian flag I feel like this bill should be passed because the military occupies a big part of our island and we all know it. But do you ever notice that they DO NOT fly our flags on base or anywhere! i believe that all military should fly Hawaii's flag on base because the flag represents who we are as both a state and the people of Hawaii. the flag also honors the Hawaiian people now and the ones who came before us. To occupy our lands which our kupuna and ancestors both fought for and not fly our flag is disrespectful to me because all the effort they put in means nothing to the military like it isnt important enough to recognise. the final reason I have to present is the flag is a symbol of Hawaiians history. I may be a teenager but I know our history our flags where burned, destroyed along with some important parts of our history but no matter what went on our people have always flown the flags across the island to show who we are, the story behind us all, and that our history is never forgotten.