



April 2, 2024

TESTIMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
In Support of

SCR 68/SR 56
REQUESTING BUSINESSES IN HAWAII TO USE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND
IMPLEMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO TEACH EMPLOYEES HAWAIIAN
AND HIRE PERMANENT HAWAII LANGUAGE TEACHERS

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella and members of the Committee:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Club **supports** SCR 68 and SR 56, which request businesses in Hawaii to use ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i and request Department of Education implementation programs, including the hiring of permanent Hawaiian Language teachers to assist businesses with their use of the language.

The mission of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is to effectively advocate for the educational, civic, health, cultural, economic, and social well-being of our lāhui. Promoting the normalization of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i in our homeland is an important part of our advocacy and included in the strategic plan for the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. As ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i is a recognized official language of the State, SCR 68 and SR 56 are important steps toward the normalization and revitalization of the language as part of the social fabric of Hawai‘i.

We respectfully ask that the committee **Pass** this resolution.

Founded by Prince Kūhiō in 1918, the Hawaiian Civic Club movement is the oldest Native Hawaiian community-based advocacy movement. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is a not-for-profit organization that is a confederation of 61 individual and autonomous Hawaiian Civic Clubs and 3,000 members located across Hawai‘i and across the continental United States.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of this resolution.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2024 12:33:33 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/2/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ralph Hasegawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I support SR56. All work to grow the Hawaiian language and allow it to be heard in daily conversations will be appreciated by many.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2024 3:14:04 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/2/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Don B	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Although this bill has good intentions, it is just not feasible and reasonable.

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Submitted on: 4/1/2024 7:32:37 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/2/2024 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

absolute strong support

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Submitted on: 4/1/2024 12:57:47 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/2/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Moira Louie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I am testifying in support of bill SCR 68/SR56.

‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i is an official state language and I believe it needs to be perpetuated.

Mahalo

Sincerely,

Moira Louie

E ka Chair Shimabukuro,ka Vice Chair Fervella a me na lala hanohano ma lalo o ke Komike kapa 'ia ka Hawaiian Affairs. Aloha Kakou.

I am Kauilani Almeida a native Hawaiian (aboriginal) as defined, pursuant to the HHCA 1920, as amended July 9, 2021(42, stat 108), 67th Congress and the current President of the Panaewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association (PHHLCA) representing 280 beneficiary lessees, Panaewa Homestead Tract.

I am here to solicit the strong support of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee for Governor's GM 764 on March 28, 2024 to Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President and Members of the Senate (Thirty-second Legislature)recommending Sanoe Marfil for confirmation as the Oahu Commissioner representing beneficiaries of the HHCA, 1920 as amended.

We humbly ask that you take a little more time in reading the following assets that was shared by some of our homesteaders, some of which are her large 'ohana Tripp, Auwae and so on.

1. Sanoe is the only person on the current Commission that can hear, speak, and read 'olelo makuahine (including Niihau dialect), therefore her asset reaches many current and future native Hawaiian beneficiary waitlisters and lessees whose FIRST language IS 'olelo makuahine. The department should hire an interpreter, because 'Olelo Hawaii is one of two official languages of the State of Hawaii.
2. Sanoe currently is one of two female Commissioners of the nine.
3. Sanoe is a young adult, mother, wife, income producer.
4. Sanoe is one of four Commissioners who are lessees that reside on homestead land in Nanakuli (heavy population of beneficiaries)
5. Sanoe is a quick study. She is able to keep up with the monthly Commission meeting demands of agendas re: departments and homestead workshop presentations averaging @800 pages total every month as a volunteer Commissioner.
6. Sanoe knows how to manage her time with her children, spouse, and rest of her Ohana, her job and current Commission volunteerism.
7. Sanoe has shown within the last few months that she has the patience, stamina and love for her beneficiaries to carry out the duties of the HHCA to the best of her abilities.
8. Sanoe is an educator and also an expert in the area of non-profit funding opportunities that could assist the DHHL with their grants program.

Mahalo nui loa for your favorable consideration for GM764, Sanoe Marfil Thursday, April 11, 2024,

1:00 pm. to move Sanoë forward to the full Senate for confirmation. I wait in anticipation.