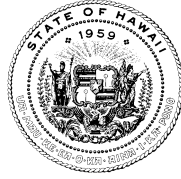


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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS & JUDICIARY
HEARING ON MARCH 23, 2021 AT 10:30AM VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

**SCR 165/SR 130 REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CONSENT
TO THE ENACTMENT OF ACT 80, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017**

March 23, 2021

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Rhoads, and members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports these resolutions requesting the United States Congress to consent to the enactment of Act 80, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017 (Act 80). DHHL strongly supported Act 80, which reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian Home lands from one-quarter to one-thirty second. DHHL noted in its testimony on both the House and Senate versions of HB451 enacted into law as Act 80 that we continue to receive requests from beneficiaries, particularly lessees in our older homestead communities to reduce the blood quantum requirement for successors. As these communities age, the lessees with one-quarter Hawaiian blood are facing the possible loss of a homestead lease that has been within the family for several generations because their descendants lack the required blood quantum. Act 80 will provide DHHL lessees with greater flexibility to retain homestead leases within their families.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kilohana Hirano	Testifying for Hawaiian Civic Club of Laupahoehoe	Support	No

Comments:

Hawaiian Civic Club of Laupāhoehoe

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Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Committee on Judiciary

Re: SCR165/SR130 REQUESTING THE UNITED STATE CONGRESS TO CONSENT TO THE ENACTMENT OF ACT 80, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017.

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Roads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Members of the Committee on the Judiciary,

The Hawaiian Civic Club of Laupāhoehoe SUPPORTS SCR165/SR130.

One hundred years ago, Prince Jonah KĀĀhiĀ Kalaniana'ole advocated for the future of Native Hawaiians at the United States Congress. The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 intended to serve Native Hawaiians for generations with land for residences, farms and businesses. The change to one thirty-second Hawaiian ensures that these families continue to be tied to these lands for future generations.

The Hawaiian Civic Club of Laupāhoehoe advocates for Native Hawaiians to build agency for their future, including the ability to access 'Āina.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 58th Annual Convention in 2017, adopted resolution 2017-37 ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO EXPEDITE THE PROCEDURE TO AMEND THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT AS REQUIRED UNDER 43 CFR 48.15 TO ENABLE ACT 80, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017 AND URGING MEMBERS OF HAWAI'I'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO APPROVE ACT 80, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017 IMMEDIATELY.

Me ka mahalo,

A Kilohana Hirano

Pelekikena

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**COMMITTEES ON
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS & JUDICIARY
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 Via Videoconference**

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Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of both committees:

The Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club **SUPPORTS SCR165/SR130.**

In keeping with Prince Kuhio's intent, these resolutions seek to mālama the ohana that flows from native Hawaiian awardees who have built their lives on the land and established a safe and nurturing place for the generations of ohana that have followed. In the 101 years since the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 was enacted, generations of families have lived on and rooted themselves in these homes, built ranches, farms, and local businesses which, in turn, support Hawai'i's economy. Additionally, significant number of marriages occurring between people of Hawaiian ancestry and people without Hawaiian ancestry directly have reduced the number of persons with sufficient Hawaiian blood quantum for purposes of successorship. Amendment of the Act to reflect Prince Kuhio's intent to help Hawaiian people should be given strong consideration and justification for the reduction of the blood quantum amount for certain successors.

Our community in Waimea and the surrounding area on Moku O Keawe has a strong settlement of homesteaders consisting of residents, ranchers, and farmers, and business owners. Kailapa and Kawaihae settlements are between 10 and 15 miles from Waimea. All contribute to the community, children attend schools, and residents work in businesses and produce food and services that feed our community.

In 2017 at its 58th Annual Convention, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC) unanimously adopted resolution 2017-37 ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO EXPEDITE THE PROCEDURE TO AMEND THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT AS REQUIRED UNDER 43 CFR 48.15 TO ENABLE ACT 80, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017 AND URGING MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO APPROVE ACT 80, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017 IMMEDIATELY.

We are grateful for your consideration.
Mahalo a nui loa,

Edith Kawai

Edith Kawai
Pelekikena, Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club

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**Committees on
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Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of both committees,

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs – Hawai'i Council **SUPPORTS SCR165/SR130.**

Since the implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission ACT of 1920, families are tied to these lands for over three generations or more generations. They have built farms and businesses that not only serve their family income but also contributed to Hawaii's economy in many different ways. To displace them would increase the housing shortages we already face, cause economic hardships on families and businesses that rely on Hawaiian Homestead farming, and potentially burden the State's social services sectors. Let us continue to work hard for these families just as Prince Jonah Kūhiō advocated over 100 years ago.

In 2017 at its 58th Annual Convention, The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC) adopted resolution 2017-37 ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO EXPEDITE THE PROCEDURE TO AMEND THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT AS REQUIRED UNDER 43 CFR 48.15 TO ENABLE ACT 80, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017 AND URGING MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO APPROVE ACT 80, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017 IMMEDIATELY.

Thank you for your consideration and urge these committees to **SUPPORT SCR165/SR130.**

Me ka mahalo nui,

Shane Akoni Palacat-Nelsen
Pelekikena

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‘Ahahui Siwila ‘o Ke Aloha ‘Āina

Hilo, Hawai‘i

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Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of both committees,

The ‘Ahahui Siwila ‘o Ke Aloha ‘Āina **SUPPORTS SCR165/SR130.**

As a Hawaiian Civic Club intimately tied to our Hawaiian Homes communities, we have witnessed first hand the positive outcomes and advancement of many Native Hawaiian families brought about by implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission ACT of 1920. Many of these families have been tied to these lands for over three generations, and have grown farms and businesses that provide for their families economically, emotionally, and spiritually while also contributing to Hawaii’s economy and surrounding communities in a variety of positive ways. To displace these families would risk increasing the existing housing shortage, cause economic hardships on families and businesses that rely on Hawaiian Homestead production, and potentially burden the State’s social services sectors. By continuing to support Native Hawaiian beneficiaries and their families through allowing for generational occupancy on these lands, we honor the work that Prince Jonah Kūhiō advocated over 100 years ago, and allow for our Native Hawaiian families to once again flourish on our lands and continue to positively contribute to our island state.

In 2017 at its 58th Annual Convention, The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC) adopted resolution 2017-37 ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO EXPEDITE THE PROCEDURE TO AMEND THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT AS REQUIRED UNDER 43 CFR 48.15 TO ENABLE ACT 80, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017 AND URGING MEMBERS OF HAWAI‘I’S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO APPROVE ACT 80, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2017 IMMEDIATELY.

Mahalo for allowing 'Ahahui Siwila 'o Ke Aloha 'Āina to testify and for your consideration. Please **SUPPORT SCR165/SR130** and encourage your colleagues to do so as well.

Me ke aloha,

'Ekekela Aiona
President, 'Ahahui Siwila 'o Ke Aloha 'Āina Hawaiian Civic Club

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Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support scr165

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexander K.D. McNicoll	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in strong support of SCR165.