## SCR 206/ SR 120



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## Legislative Testimony

SCR 206, RECOGNIZING AND ACKNOWLEDGING SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>
OF EVERY YEAR AS QUEEN LILI 'UOKALANI'S BIRTHDAY
IN THE STATE OF HAWAI'I, A NON-STATE HOLIDAY,
AND COMMEMORATING QUEEN LILI 'UOKALANI
FOR HER OUTSTANDING COURAGE AND DEDICATION
TO HER PEOPLE IN THE FACE OF OPPRESSION

Senate Committees on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, and Education

April 2, 2008

1:30 p.m.

Room: 225

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) strongly <u>SUPPORTS</u> SCR 206, which would afford our beloved Queen Lili'uokalani the recognition and acknowledgement of her outstanding courage and dedication to her people, in the face of oppression, on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, her birthday, every year.

Queen Lili'uokalani serves as a shining example of peace, love and Aloha, not only to the rest of Hawai'i, or even just the United States, but to the entire global community. Her personal qualities were exemplary, and as a leader, she exhibited such honorable and selfless acts for the greater benefit of her Hawaiian people and with the quidance of Ke Akua.

While her birthday is celebrated by many of her beloved people, an official recognition would go a long way towards easing some of the 'eha and kaumaha surrounding her ultimate mistreatment.

OHA urges the Committees to PASS S.C.R. 206. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.