



**TESTIMONY OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 1841, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LANDS TRUST.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 4, 2009 **TIME:** 9:00 AM

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 329

**TESTIFIER(S):** Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General

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Chair Carroll and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Attorney General opposes this bill.

The purpose of the bill is to permanently prohibit certain sales in fee simple and exchanges of lands in the public trust.

We oppose this bill on both legal and policy grounds.

As to legal issues, the bill raises the potential for additional federal court lawsuits against the State by persons opposed to government programs that provide benefits to Native Hawaiians. Such lawsuits have been and continue to be filed. New lawsuits might claim, for example, that this legislation violates the Admission Act, which establishes a trust whose provisions and obligations are interpreted under federal common law, because a reasonable trustee would never foreclose in advance selling or exchanging land, no matter how favorable the circumstances, no matter how much the sale or exchange would advance the purposes of the Admission Act's public trust, and no matter how much the sale or exchange would benefit the trust's beneficiaries, particularly for the reasons specified or implied by the bill.

New lawsuits might also challenge the legislation as violating the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Were the bill to be adopted, such challenges might well not be subject to the

procedural bars regarding, for example, standing and joining the United States as a party, that previous challenges have faced.

Similar issues could be raised with respect to the Hawaii State Constitution.

We also believe that it makes sense as a policy matter for the State to retain flexibility as to the use and management of its land. It is impossible to say in advance that beneficial opportunities for sales or exchanges cannot arise. Office of Hawaiian Affairs v. Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii itself arose from the Legislature's specific direction to sell ceded land to implement the Admission Act's third purpose: developing "home ownership on as widespread a basis as possible," a purpose also embodied in Hawaii's Constitution, Article XI, section 10: "The public lands shall be used for the development of farm and home ownership on as widespread a basis as possible, in accordance with procedures and limitations prescribed by law."

We note that the bill also appears to bar transactions by the counties. We are unsure as to whether the Legislature has considered the possible implications of that.

We believe the Legislature should also consider a structural revision to the bill to provide an exemption for the sale or exchange of remnants, such as by adding the following language to each of the sections this bill adds to the Hawaii Revised Statutes: "The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale [exchange] of remnants, as that term is defined in section 171-52, or portions thereof."

We also note that, in its 2001 report to the Legislature, the Legislative Auditor estimated that the cost of completing an in-depth inventory of all State lands may approach \$10,000,000.

We respectfully ask the Committee to hold this bill.

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
LAURA H. THIELEN  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, February 4, 2009  
9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1841  
RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LANDS TRUST**

House Bill 1841 proposes to prohibit the sale, exchange or other permanent transfer of lands in the public lands trust to a private entity and requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to make an inventory of lands in the public lands trust. The Department defers to the Department of the Attorney General with regard to providing specific comments on this measure.

LAURA H. THIELEN  
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## TESTIMONY RELATING TO:

1. HB 1600 Relating to HAWAIIANS (SUPPORT)
2. HB 1667 relating to CEDED LANDS (OPPOSE)
3. HB 1805 relating to LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE ( OPPOSE)
4. HB 1841 relating to THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST (SUPPORT)

Hearing: Wednesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 2009

Time: 9:00am

Place: C.R. #329

### #1. HB 1600 Re: Hawaiians: IN SUPPORT

This measure is a simple bill that makes clear that the indigenous people of the islands are Hawaiians. I support this measure because it states what many people take for granted. In addition there are those who believe that a Hawaiian is anyone born or living in the islands. This is not the case. We need this clarification because it will ensure that legislation intended to impact issues and needs of Hawaii's indigenous peoples would be understood.

### #2 & #3 HB 1667 & HB 1805: IN OPPOSITION

These measures are intended to place a moratorium on the sale of ceded lands but fail to do so because they are too narrow. The ceded lands are held by several State agencies, including the Dept. of Transportation, and the DOE as well as OHA. Also, these bills do not get to the heart of the problem, there is no accurate inventory of the trust lands and this has led to confusion and bickering between and among Agencies and the State Executive.

### #4 HB 1841:

I strongly support this measure because it imposes a moratorium for a reason and gets to the heart of the problem. The Ceded Lands Trust, by law (the Admissions Act) was created for two beneficiaries, the public and the native Hawaiian. The fighting that the State has endured stems from the simple fact that the State has no ceded land trust inventory, consequently it has not been able to "segregate" or divide the trust so that native Hawaiians can have some land and the public can have some land. This measure achieves that goal.

Mililani B. Trask

**HPACH**  
919 4th Street  
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February 4, 2009

Representative Mele Carroll, Chair  
Representative Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
And Committee Members on Hawaiian Affairs  
House of Representatives, 2009 Legislature Session  
State of Hawaii

Subject: HB 1841, Relating To Public Land Trust, SUPPORT

ALOHA Kakou,

My name is Richard Pomaikaiokalani Kinney. On January 17, 1993 after reading Public Law 103-150 I renounced my citizenship to the United States. I come here today as a Hawaiian Nationalist of the Hawaiian Kingdom. I strongly support the restoration of the Hawaiian Kingdom government that was invaded and occupied thru an Act of War on January 16, 1893 with the involvement of the diplomatic and military forces of the United States.

As Sovereign of the Hawaiian Political Action Council of Hawaii, I strongly SUPPORT the intent and passage of HB 1841.

Public Law 103-150 is more then just a symbolic apology, it is an admission of guilt. Admission that a great wrong has been done to the Native Hawaiian people. That Great Wrong continues till this day as I give my testimony to this committee.

Since the passage of Public Law 103-150 Native Hawaiians should not be evicted from sovereign Hawaiian lands. Sovereign Hawaiian lands that Native Hawaiians have never relinquished their claims or inherent sovereignty as a people or over their national lands to the United States either through their monarchy or through a plebiscite or referendum.

For 116 years the Territory and now the State of Hawaii has administrated the sovereign Hawaiian lands as a Trust. A Trust concept that goes deep into Hawaiian Kingdom laws. Not American laws.

For 29 years the Legislature has given a Payment Check to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, without a complete inventory of the Public Land Trust.

The days of giving Native Hawaiians "Crumbs" from their sovereign Hawaiian land revenues and income are over and won't be accepted so

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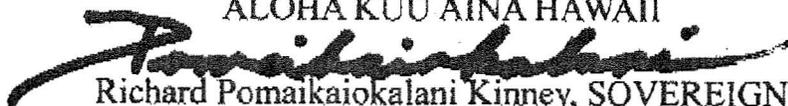
Based on the findings in Public Law 103-150, HPACH Strongly Supports the passage of HB 1841.

After 116 years a complete inventory of the Public Land Trust is long over due. Since the invasion and occupation of the Hawaiian Kingdom on January 16, 1893 a Moratorium on the Public Land Trust is a move in the right direction and is Pono.

Mahalo Nui for allowing me to give testimony on this important Bill.

Attachment: 1993 Renouncement Document

ALOHA KUU AINA HAWAII

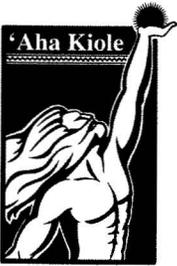


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TESTIMONY OF  
AHA KIOLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**IN SUPPORT OF**  
**HB 1841**

House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Conference Room 329, 9:00 a.m.

February 4, 2008

Aloha Chair Carroll and Members of the Committee:

The Aha Kiole Advisory Committee (AKAC) was created through Act 212 in Legislative Session 2007 to create a system of best practices based upon the indigenous resource management practices of traditional moku (regional) boundaries that acknowledges the natural contours of land and the specific resources located within those areas, and the methodology necessary to sustain those resources and the community.

Since its inception in 2007, the AKAC has strived to restore the Aha Moku System, an ancient proven system of traditional land and ocean resource management used universally in Hawaii prior to the 9<sup>th</sup> century A.D. This restored system is to aide government in its goal of ecosystem sustainability in Hawaii today.

Just as the protection of natural and cultural resources are the inherited responsibility of the Hawaiian people from their ancestors, the ceded lands and Public Land Trust are the inherited responsibility of the State of Hawaii to hold in trust for its people. Holding in trust does not mean selling, exchanging, or otherwise alienating the ceded lands from the State responsibility.

AKAC supports HB 1841 in that it requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to make an inventory of lands in the public lands trust. This task should have been completed when the Office of Hawaiian Affairs came into being in 1978. It should not have taken more than 30 years to do this inventory. Further, how can ceded lands be sold or exchanged when there is uncertainty on exactly what they are?

The Aha Kiolo Advisory Committee representing the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Kahoolawe, Oahu, Kauai and Niihau are in support of HB 1841 as stated. Thank you for your consideration in hearing this testimony and we urge passage of this bill.

Respectfully,



Vanda Hanakahi, Moloka'i, Chair



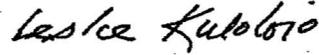
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## **COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Rep. Mele Carroll, Chair

Rep. Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

9:00 AM

Room 329

## **STRONG SUPPORT**

**HB 1667, HB 1085, HB 1841 – Prohibits Sale of Seized, Not Ceded Lands**

**[HAWTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HAWTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)**

Aloha Chair Carroll, Vice Chair Shimaburkuro and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Assistant Executive Director of Life of the Land, Hawai`i's own energy, environmental and community action group advocating for the people and `aina for almost four decades. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sound energy and land use policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy and, when necessary, litigation.

- HB 1667 prohibits the Board of Land and Natural Resources from selling, exchanging, or otherwise alienating 'ceded' lands in the public trust.
- HB 1805 prohibits the disposition in fee simple of 'ceded' lands.
- HB 1841 prohibits the sale, exchange or other permanent transfer of lands in the public lands trust to a private entity. It requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to make an inventory of lands in the public lands trust and appropriates funds for this inventory to be matched by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Life of the Land stands in STRONG SUPPORT of these bills and the Kanaka Maoli. We are saddened that this administration has decided to take this case to the U.S. Supreme Court, levying yet another insult upon the Hawaiian community who have suffered so many injustices already.

We emphasize 'seized', not 'ceded' because of the circumstances of the overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani. When the guns of U.S. Marines were aimed at `Iolani Palace to threaten the Queen, it's impossible to believe that the lands were given freely. That would be saying that individuals who commit the offense of robbery, were just given the property they stole at gunpoint.

What more can be taken from the Kanaka Maoli? The connection between the `aina and the Kanaka Maoli is indelible, and begs the question: Why would the Governor and the Attorney General, who profess to support the native people of this land, try to pave the way for another loss of culture? It boggles the mind.

At the Hawaiian Caucus meeting, AG Bennett said that when becoming Hawai'i's Attorney General, he took an oath to uphold all Hawai'i laws and the Hawai'i State Constitution. He was then asked, "If the Legislature enacted a law for a moratorium on the sale of 'ceded' lands, would he drop the case? He emphatically stated, "NO!" So, there you have it.

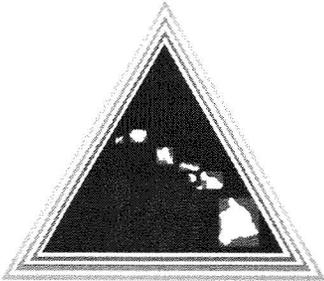
The true history the Hawaiian nation is finally emerging, including the fact that Hawai'i had 145 trade agreements with nations across the globe. The Hawaiian Islands were known as the Switzerland of the Pacific for our neutrality. The Apology Bill finally acknowledged the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy by the United States.

Don't let this hewa stand.

Please pass a prohibition on the sale or exchange of seized land – the birthright of every Kanaka Maoli.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of Kanaka Maoli!

**Sovereign Councils  
of the**



**Hawaiian Homelands  
Assembly**

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**February 3, 2009**

To: **Rep. Mele Carroll, Chair**  
**Rep. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair & Members of the**  
**Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**

From: **Kali Watson**  
**Chairman of Statewide Economic Development Committee**  
**SCHHA**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96792**

Re: **Hearing on HB -1841 Relating to the Public Land Trust**  
February 4, 2009 at 9:00am  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Carroll, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support to HB 1841-relating to the Public Lands Trust. This bill prohibits the sale, exchange or other permanent transfer of lands in the public lands trust to a private entity; requires DLNR to make an inventory of lands in the public lands trust; appropriates funds for the inventory, to be matched by OHA. While creating a moratorium with certain exceptions, unlike some of the other proposed bills, it addresses the issue of exactly much ceded lands are in the State's inventory. Until we have such information, there can be no complete settlement. While previous attempts have been made, no really detailed and totally accurate inventory has been done. This first step is needed.

The Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, formerly the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations was founded more than 20 years ago to unite homestead communities and to advocate for the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921. The SCHHA is the oldest statewide advocacy organization representing the interests of more than 30,000 beneficiaries and families residing in the communities of the Hawaiian Home Land Trust. Its mission is to promote the self determination of native Hawaiians and the well being of homestead communities. DHHL lands are part of the ceded lands inventory.

I urge you to please pass this measure, HB 1841.

Sincerely,

*Kali Watson*

Kali Watson  
Chairman of Economic Development

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February 1, 2009

## COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. Mele Carroll, Chair

Rep. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

<u>Hearing:</u>	Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 9 am in Conference Room 329
<u>HB 1660</u>	RELATING TO HAWAIIANS. Recognizes Hawaiians as the indigenous people of Hawaii.
<u>HB 1667</u>	RELATING TO CEDED LANDS. Prohibits the board of land and natural resources from selling, exchanging, or otherwise alienating ceded lands in the public land trust.
<u>HB 1805</u>	RELATING TO LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE. Prohibits the disposition in fee simple of ceded lands.
<u>HB 1841</u>	RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LANDS TRUST. Prohibits the sale, exchange or other permanent transfer of lands in the public lands trust to a private entity; requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to make an inventory of lands in the public lands trust; appropriates funds for the inventory, to be matched by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Aloha Chair Carroll, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Honorable Committee Members,

I strongly support each of the above bills. The fact that the State of Hawai'i does not already have an inventory of the Public Trust Lands it is holding in trust is a breach of its fiduciary duty to Kānaka maoli:

The current status of the Crown Lands, as simply part of the Public Lands Trust, ignores the significance of these lands to Native Hawaiians and their strong claim to them.

...

The State of Hawai'i's role as trustee of the Public Lands Trust for the benefit of Native Hawaiians is spelled out in Hawai'i's Constitution and was explained by the District Court in its Rice decisions. The Hawai'i Supreme Court has stated that "Article XII, Section 4 [of the Hawai'i State Constitution] imposes a fiduciary duty on Hawai'i's officials to hold ceded lands in accordance with the Section 5(f) trust provisions, and the citizens of the state must have a means to enforce compliance. **The State as trustee of the Public Land Trust is held to the same strict standards applicable to private trustees, and "the beneficiaries of this trust should not be left powerless to prevent the State from allegedly neglecting its obligations."** "Who Owns The Crown Lands of Hawai'i?" by Jon M. Van Dyke (emphasis added).

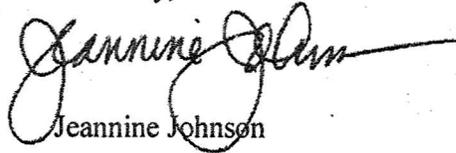
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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I humbly request your support of each of these important bills. Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeannine Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeannine Johnson

cc: Sen. Sam Slom  
Rep. Lyla Berg  
Rep. Barbara Marumoto

February 4 2009

To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair  
Representative Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
House Hawaiian Affairs Committee

From: Tanya Lee

Re: **Testimony in support of HB 1841 Relating to the Public Lands Trust**

Dear Chair Carroll, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the House  
Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

I write you to ask for your support of HB 1841 Relating to Public Lands Trust. This bill prohibits the sale, exchange or other permanent transfer of lands in the public lands trust to a private entity; requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to make an inventory of lands in the public lands trust; appropriate funds for the inventory, to be matched by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

I thank you in advance for your consideration. I urge you to please vote in support of HB 1841.

Sincerely,

Tanya Lee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2009  
TIME: 9:00 am  
PLACE: State Capitol / Conference Room 329  
415 South Beretania Street

**ALOHA, MY NAME IS LEONA M. KALIMA**

**I SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING HOUSE BILLS:**

HB 1660

-RELATING TO HAWAIIANS.

Recognizes Hawaiians as the indigenous people of Hawaii.

HB 1667

-RELATING TO CEDED LANDS.

Prohibits the board of land and natural resources from selling, exchanging, or otherwise alienating ceded lands in the public land trust.

HB 1805

-RELATING TO LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE.

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HB 1841

-RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LANDS TRUST.

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EMAIL: For comments less than 5 pages in length, transmit to [HAWtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HAWtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

February 4, 2009

To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair  
Representative Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
House Hawaiian Affairs Committee

From: Leanne Ferrer

Re: Testimony in support of HB 1841 Relating to the Public Lands Trust

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I thank you in advance for your consideration. I urge you to please vote in support of HB 1841.

Sincerely,



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To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair  
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From: DWIGHT VICTOR

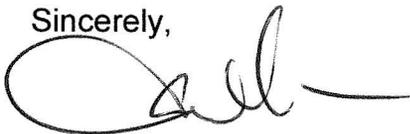
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Sincerely,



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February 4, 2009

To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair  
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From: KEONI K. ACARD

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Sincerely,

Keoni K. Acard  
Royal Oahu of Kamoharui  
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February 4, 2009

To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair  
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From: Roland P Ahuna Sr

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Sincerely,

Roland P Ahuna Sr Room # 6  
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To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair  
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House Hawaiian Affairs Committee

From: ARTHUR W.K. Aiu

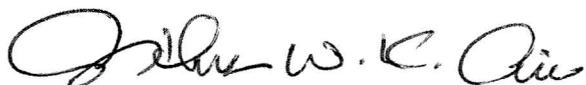
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Sincerely,



ROYAL ORDER OF KAMEHAMEHA I

February 4, 2009

To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair  
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From: Lincoln Victor

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Sincerely,

  
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February 4, 2009

To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair  
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House Hawaiian Affairs Committee

From: MILTON ANDERSON

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*Milton Anderson, ROYAL ORDER OF KAMAHAMETAI*  
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February 4, 2009

To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair  
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House Hawaiian Affairs Committee

From: McMillion C. Kalahiki

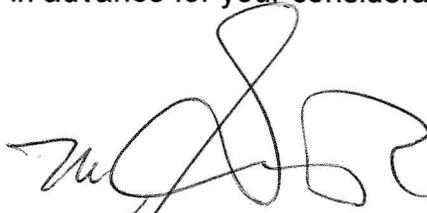
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I thank you in advance for your consideration. I urge you to please vote in support of HB 1841.

Sincerely,

  
Royal order of Kamehameha I  
Chapter VI  
mckc-kalahiki@doh.hawaii.gov

February 4, 2009

To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair  
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From: Jesse K. Makani, Jr

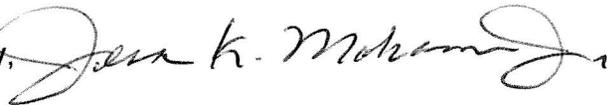
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*NINIA @ HAWAII.PD.COM*

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84-961 Lahaina St.  
Waianae, Hi. 96792

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