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## **COMMENTS** ON HB900 HD2, RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE **OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Committee on Ways and Means

April 7, 2009 Conference Room 211 9:30 am

'ano 'ai kakou,

Chairperson Kim, Vice-Chair Tsutsui, members Chun-Oakland, English, Fukunaga, Galuteria, Hee, Hooser, Kidani, Kokubun, Tokuda and Hemmings of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide vital comments on HB900 HD2. Relating to the Budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for fiscal years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. As spokesperson for 'Aha Kukaniloko/Koa Mana, lineal descendants, Ohana, the traditions and those lineal descendants that we represent would support your decision making on HB900 HD2 with these three amendments:

First

--- request to earmark 1.5 million dollars minus 20% from the OHA general and trust fund appropriations for each of the fiscal years of the upcoming biennium to 'Aha Kukaniloko/ Koa Mana to redress the OHA alternative conflict funds for an attorney program for those Hawaiian families who may have a conflict with representation and/or legal assistance by the OHA, the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawaii Nei [Importantly noting: OHA Trustee Linda Dela Cruz' vision, courage, support and initiative to end this hypocrisy, destruction and disadvantaged legal landscape]

Second --- request amending HB900 HD2 Page 5 Line 19 to read as follows: "the assertion and defense of over one-hundred plus iwikupuna in the possession of 'Aha Kukaniloko/Koa Mana; quiet title..."

[Again noting: the purpose of our request to Committee is to assist us in the funding of this attorney program that is focused on redressing ongoing burial sites violations throughout Hawaii]

Third --- Request amending HB900 HD2 Page 6 Line 1 to read as follows: "...practices; protection of culturally significant traditional cultural properties; and..."
[Additionally noting: this egregious unfairness toward our family iwi remains that must be returned to their proper burial places, and continued delay results in further family and traditional cultural properties (historic properties) being violated, desecrated and destroyed]

On behalf of our benevolent and respected kupuna who taught and trained makua and opio to manage our Ohana kulaiwi [burial places] and iwikupuna [human remains] because we love them for all time.

Please consult with 'Aha Kukaniloko/Koa Mana for any further assistance and discussion our process may afford...

'I'o lako ua mau ke ea o ka 'aina i ka pono

'owau no me ka ha'aha'a

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Please accept my written testimony for hearing on HB900 HD2 for April 7 at 9:30 by the Ways and Means Committee in Room 211. There is also a folder of over 1200 letters submitted with this testimony by students, staff and family of Na Pua No'eau regarding this bill. It was dropped off on April 6. Mahalo. David Sing