

HCR 8
URGING THAT PORTRAITS OF OFFICIALS OF THE PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT OF HAWAIÏ BE REMOVED FROM DISPLAY IN POSITIONS
OF HONOR IN STATE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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Room 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs strongly **SUPPORTS** HCR 8. This resolution pointedly reminds us all that the Provisional Government of Hawaiï was established illegally, immorally, and unjustly in 1893 following the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai`i. The Provisional Government opposed restoration of the monarchy and pursued annexation.

In light of the great wrongs that the Provisional Government perpetuated upon Native Hawaiians, it is jarring and offensive to find portraits of two high officials of that government placed in positions of honor in the rotunda of Aliÿiolani Hale, the headquarters of the State's judicial branch. Both Albert Francis Judd and Walter F. Frear served as justices of the Hawaiï Supreme Court at the time of the provisional government.

By urging the removal of portraits of these and any other officials of the Provisional Government from honorary display in Hawaiï's state government buildings, HCR 8 cannot undo the past. However, removing the portraits would make a clear statement that the Provisional Government and its officials do not deserve to be officially honored.

The resolution acknowledges that portraits that are an integral element of educational, not honorary, exhibits need not be removed. It may at times be difficult to distinguish between educational and honorary exhibits, but the effort must be made.

If we are to collectively move forward as one ÿohana, as one family, then it is paramount that true gestures of

healing occur to help move the spirit of forgiveness and understanding forward. This will help ensure a better and brighter future for all who care deeply about Hawai'i as their home, and for generations to come.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to PASS HCR 8.
Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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SUPPORT
WITH AMENDMENTS

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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Testimony in support of passage of HCR 8 with these two amendments

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1. WHEREAS, a Provisional Government of Hawai'i was
2. Established illegally, immorally, and unjustly after the coup d'état on
- 3 January 17, 1893, to one Queen Liliuokalani of the Kingdom of
- 4 Hawai'i, (also known as the Hawaiian Kingdom, Government of the
- 5 Hawaiian Islands)

- 11 WHEREAS, on December 18 1893 President Grover Cleveland declared
- 12 the Provisional governments existence was neither a government de
- 13 facto nor de jure, and called the acts leading up to the overthrow an
- 14 "act of war" and acknowledged that the government of the Kingdom of
- 15 Hawai'i, a peaceful and friendly people, had been overthrown; and

With regards

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