

## LATE TESTIMONY

## Papa Ola Lokahi

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## Papa Ola Lokahi

is a non-profit Native Hawaiian organization founded in 1988 for the purpose of improving the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians and other native peoples of the Pacific and continental United States.

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TESTIMONY: HB 400, Relating to the Budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Hardy Spoehr, Executive Director

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 10:00am Conference Room 308 State Capitol

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the House Committees on Finance. Papa Ola Lokahi (POL) strongly supports this measure.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is an integral agency to Native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiian organizations in our State of Hawai'i. It provides a focal point for all of us who are involved in the Native Hawaiian socio-economic spectrum.

We ask that you provide OHA your complete support, particularly as all Native Hawaiian federal resources are threatened with complete elimination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important measure.