



## **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

### **Legislative Testimony**

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House Committee on Higher Education  
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#### **HCR 289: URGING SUPPORT OF STATE FUNDING FOR NA PUA NO'EAU STAFFING AND PROGRAMS.**

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Nakashima, and members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify on House Concurrent Resolution 289 that urges support of state funding for Na Pua No'eau staffing and programs at University of Hawai'i campuses and other sites.

The University of Hawai'i concurs with HCR 289 that Na Pua No'eau is an excellent program that advances Native Hawaiian students in their educational attainment while it builds upon Hawaiian culture, values, and knowledge. This is reflected in the University's 2011-2013 biennium budget request for system level funding for the Na Pua No'eau program as our highest programmatic priority. The University, however, respectfully requests that your committee consider HCR 289 within the context of the budget priorities as they were approved by our Board of Regents in the University's biennium budget request. We support this resolution provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact higher priorities as indicated in our BOR approved budget.

We appreciate the chance to provide testimony on HCR 289.

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Committee on Higher Education

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto

Representative Mark M. Nakashima

RE: HCR 289 Support State Funds for Na Pua Noe'au and its staffing and programs

The Ko'olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports this legislation in addressing state funds for the Na Pua Noe'au staff and programs. We are a non-profit organization with nearly 120 members and life members and was organized in since 1924. Our main goals and objective is the fundraising activities for our scholarship funds for native Hawaiian students and support and encouragement to seek a higher education.

The Na Pua Noe'au program is an excellent program for our native Hawaiian students and it is this kinds of programs that help to nurture and build confidence in our native Hawaiian youth. My husband David Haile Keawe and I attended the commencement exercises for our grandson Kamalani Johnson in Hilo two years ago and was very pleased and honored to be in the presence of the youth programs Na Pua Noe'au offered . It was discouraging thereafter to hear the program was not funded.

The staff and programs are beneficial to our native Hawaiian youth in helping to preserve, to perpetuate, to live a lifestyle in the support of traditional practices of cultural values. In essence these kinds of programs help the native Hawaiian youth identify with a sense of being proud of their heritage, and their language.

Please help to keep a program well deserved in place for our native Hawaiian youth. Programs like this are well worth everyone's time and efforts.

Mahalo

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*ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS*  
TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

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Aloha Chairman Nishimoto, vice chairman Nakashima and members of the Committee on Higher Education. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs here to testify in support of **HCR 289 Urging support of state funding for Na Pua No`eau staffing and programs.**

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is comprised of sixty component clubs in Hawaii and eleven states and the District of Columbia on the continent. Each year we hold an annual convention and conduct several days of business where submitted resolutions are discussed and debated in committees. If they pass out of our committees they are voted upon in plenary session by the House of Delegates.

In 2010 our convention was held in Keauhou, Hawaii and more than fifty resolutions were adopted. One of those resolutions adopted was **#10-19, Urging the State of Hawaii Legislature to Support Funding of Na Pua No`eau Staffing and Programs in the University of Hawaii Biennium Budget.**

HCR 289 is consistent with a fundamental Civic Club policy of supporting Native Hawaiian students to achieve by and through education and we have provided financial assistance to hundreds of students for many years. We ask that the legislature provide the funds to support the Na Pua No`eau program through the University of Hawaii biennium budget.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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**HCR 289**

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As President of the Hilo Hawaiian Civic Club, who introduced this resolution at the Association of Hawaiian Civic Club convention this past November, I would like to reiterate our club's support to HCR 289. The resolution speaks of the impact made by Na Pua No'eau for the past 20 years within our community and the positive effects toward the increased enrollment of our Native Hawaiian students into the University of Hawai'i system. Please support this bill as we truly believe the road to higher education starts while students are still in elementary school. Mahalo for your consideration...

Toni Mallow, Pelekikena

Hawaiian Civic Club of Hilo