# SB 1 LATE TESTIMONY



ALBERT "ALAPAKI" NA HALE-A CHAIRMAN HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, DESIGNATE
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS &
WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING ON

SB 1, RELATING TO STATE RECOGNITION OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THEIR LANDS, ENTITLEMENTS, HEALTH, EDUCATION, WELFARE, HERITAGE, AND CULTURE.

February 12, 2011

Chair Galuteria, Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports the purpose and intent of SB 1 which provides for the establishment of a Native Hawaiian Corporation and Native Hawaiian County Corporations for the purpose of receiving and managing land assets designated for the benefit of Hawaiians.

DHHL supports this legislation as a means to advance Native

Hawaiian self-governance and self-determination. However, the current

language in this bill calls for the alienation of our trust lands

without assurances that protect and preserve the rights of our

beneficiaries and our ability to meet our fiduciary responsibilities.

DHHL cannot support the transfer of lands until this issue is

addressed.

We offer the following amendments for your committees to consider. First, we recommend that the clause reading "The public lands designated as "available lands" in section 203 of the Hawaiian

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<u>Homes Commission Act,"</u> be deleted from the proposed section to be entitled "§10- Native Hawaiian corporation; establishment."

We also recommend that Section 2 read as follows:

"SECTION 2. The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920

shall be amended, subject to approval by the United States

Congress, if necessary, to accomplish the purposes set

forth in this Act in a manner that is expeditious, timely,

and consistent with the current needs and requirements of

the Native Hawaiian people, provided that the rights vested

on the effective date of this Act of those Native Hawaiians

who are eligible to reside on the Hawaiian home lands under

the authority of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920

(42 Stat. 108, chapter 42) are not diminished by the future

transfer lands of lands designated as "available lands" in

section 203 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920."

We do support this and similar efforts to achieve state recognition of a Native Hawaiian entity as an intermediate step for Native Hawaiians to ultimately achieve federal recognition, however, our department must further study this measure and engage in consultation with our beneficiaries to fully understand its impact to our trust and its legal implications.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



#### **Aha Kiole Advisory Committee**

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1 RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, Chair Donovan Dela

Cruz

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m., Room 225

Submitted by: The Aha Kiole Advisory Committee: Vanda Hanakahi, Moloka'i (Chair), Leslie Kuloloio, Kahoolawe, (Vice-Chair); Timmy Bailey, Maui; Winifred Basques, Lana'i; Pi'ilani Ka'awaloa, (Po'o) Hawai'i; Charles Kapua, O'ahu; Sharon Pomroy, Kaua'i; Keith Robinson, (Konohiki) Ni'ihau.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Solomon, and Members of the Water, Land and Housing Committees

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in <u>strong</u> support of S.B. 1, the bill that relates to State recognition of the Native Hawaiian people, their lands, entitlements, health, education, welfare, heritage, and culture.

The Aha Kiole Advisory Committee (AKAC) is comprised of Native Hawaiian natural and cultural resource practitioners – experts in traditional resource methodology handed down from generation to generation. These are Native Hawaiians who have never lost or stopped engaging in Hawaiian traditional ways of protecting and sustaining their 'aina, water and ocean resources. These are Native Hawaiians who know their ahupua'a and moku boundaries according to geographic landmarks. These are lawaia – experts in fishing whether on the shore, in near shore waters, or in the deep ocean who have continuously managed their fish stock and marine habitat. These are mahiai – experts in agriculture, farming, and the protection of endemic species. These are the la'au lapa'au – experts in natural medicinal practices. These are the Native Hawaiians who are the caretakers of the Hawaiian culture and have never stopped living this culture. These are the moku and ahupua'a practitioners, the Maka'ainana who are the members of the forty-three traditional moku in the State.

S.B. 1 provides the recognition by the State of Hawaii, long overdue of the Native Hawaiian people. It is critical that this recognition includes the means and methods to that will further assist with self governance. Too often government loses sight of how important the knowledge

and skills of Native Hawaiians in their own land are. Or, how traditional cultural practices are enmeshed in Hawaiians of today. We support the establishment of a Native Hawaiian corporation which shall be a body corporate and the public arm of the state for the purpose of receiving and managing ceded lands and the income from it.

We offer a friendly amendment to the bill in the section that calls for Native Hawaiian County Corporations. We recommend the establishment of Corporations for each island as each island is distinctly different in resources, geography, cultural backgrounds including dialects in the Hawaiian language and practices. It is important to retain the individuality and unique characteristics of the different islands.

The traditional Aha Moku System, still in use in today's moku and ahupua'a resource framework, is the land and ocean management system used by ancient Hawaiians dating back to the 9<sup>th</sup> Century. The residents of each island adapted to the natural order and balance of the environment to maintain their ecosystem. Descendents of Native Hawaiians generationally connected to the ahupua'a and moku in which they reside continue to hand down this knowledge to their children and grandchildren. S.B. 1 will ensure the uniqueness of each island resources stays intact, and the Native Hawaiian people are empowered to sustain it. A list of the Aha Kiole and Aha Moku representatives is attached to this testimony.

We urge you to support the passage of S.B. 1 and to include our recommended amendment.

Mahalo nui loa,

Vanda Hanakahi, Chair, Moloka'i

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#### Comments:

I supoport the intent of the Bill for State Recognition as discussions and a dialogue needs to continue for our Nativer Hawaiians on the issue of self governance, that is pono. The other versions are mimicks of the Federal Recogniton Bill and this simplier form may be one many can digest. I believe that UN Charter signed by President Obama definitely will open doors for the Naztive Hawaiians to be recogniszed as the indigenous peoples of our lands. Ululani Beirne-Keawe



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For the Hearing of the Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and
Water Land and Housing
Scheduled for Saturday, February 12, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 225, Hawai'i State Capitol

TESTIMONY OF DIRK SOMA, PRESIDENT NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### IN **SUPPORT** OF

# SENATE BILL NO. 1 RELATING TO STATE RECOGNITION OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THEIR LANDS, ENTITLEMENTS, HEALTH, EDUCATION, WELFARE, HERITAGE, AND CULTURE

Aloha kakou:

Founded in 1974, the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce (NHCC) strives to encourage and promote the interests of Native Hawaiians engaged in commerce, services and the professions NHCC members participate in a variety of economic, social and public affairs.

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Our Mission

Mission Statement – To strengthen Native Hawaiian business and professions by building on a foundation of relationships, resources, and Hawaiian values.

In keeping with our mission, NHCC:

- Provides opportunities for networking among members, the people of Hawai'i and those engaged in business and industry.
- Serves as a means to organize the Hawaiian business community into a viable economic and social voice.

 Provides the necessary facilities for members' educational advancement in subject areas relevant to business, industry and commerce. Hawaiian Values & Principles of Conduct for NHCC Members

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The Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce is **IN SUPPORT** of the concepts expressed in Senate Bill No. 1 concerning the State Recognition of the Native Hawaiian People, their lands, entitlements, health, education, welfare, heritage and culture.

We stand ready to help the Committees to work out the processes necessary to effect these concepts, if asked.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in favor of this Bill.

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#### Comments:

As a lineal descendant of Hawaii nationals and a bona fide Hawaii national and tenant of ko hawaii pae aina I object and strongly oppose to the intent and imposition by force and against my will of Senate Bill 1.



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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: SB 1, RELATING TO STATE RECOGNITION OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THEIR LANDS, ENTITLEMENTS, HELATH, EDUCATION, WELFARE, HERITAGE, AND CULTURE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Chair Sen. Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair Sen. Malama Solomon, Vice Chair

> Saturday, February 12, 2011 10:00 am Conference Room 225 State Capitol

Hardy Spoehr, Executive Director

Aloha Chairs Galuteria and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and on Water, Land, and Housing. Papa Ola Lokahi (POL) strongly supports this legislation.

The viability of Native corporate structures within the context of self-determination has clearly been demonstrated throughout the United States in Native communities. In Alaska, Native corporations serve as the economic 'engines' and organizational structures for the delivery of health and education services as well as provide great economic and social benefit to their communities in the form of employment and economic advancement. A land base is one of the critical elements of a successful Native self-determining corporation. This measure offers an exciting and critically new path for the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this measure.

# THE SENATE THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

#### COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

#### COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair

Re: SB 1 – Testimony in **SUPPORT** 

Aloha nui e Chair Galuteria, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Ryan and Vice Chair Solomon,

I would like to share my **support** for SB 1. I do not claim to be an expert in law nor am I the most knowledgeable in matters pertaining to self-determination. I respect other views that my own people have regarding this piece of legislation. It may differ from mine. However, I do know that we all have this feeling in common; we are tired of seeing our people suffer.

I do not believe I am a racist but instead I believe that I am a person who would desire that our Hawaiian people be treated with dignity and respect. Our Hawaiian people allowed others into our home and treated them with dignity and respect, just as the Native Americans and Native Alaskans did to those that entered into their homeland. We are happy that some of their rights . . . and dignity have been restored to them and that they have been allowed to once again govern themselves to the best of their ability. We are only asking for those same things, the same opportunities to be given to us. We opened our hearts to the western world and soon after nearly everything we believed to be sacred was taken from us.

Today is a new day and I believe that the time has come for us as a people to rise again and be given an opportunity to take a hold of our destiny and holomua. I believe in this manao of our kupuna, "Ke paa ke kahua, e paa io no ka hale" (When the foundation is strong, the house indeed will be strong). Hawaiian people are the foundation of this aina and if we are strong, I believe our poe Kepani, poe Pake, poe Pukiki, poe Paniolo, poe Kolea and every other poe malihini that call Hawaii their home now will be strong as well. Hawaiian people do not allow people into their home and then not take care of them. Aole. Instead, we malama them.

I respectfully request that SB 1 be passed. I believe it can give us an opportunity to come together and create our future. It might not be perfect in everyone's eyes but it is one

vehicle that can take us to where we want to go. If we don't pass it, we may not have another vehicle for a long while.

Whatever we decide to do will almost definitely have challenges, but that is okay. We are no strangers to pilikia. We can overcome these pilikia together.

No laila, e ae aku i keia palapala, ia SB 1. Mahalo nui i ko oukou heluhelu ana mai i ua manao nei.

Aloha,

Kama Hopkins

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#### Comments:

Support with Reservations. Will be present at the hearing to provide testimony. Please contact Annie Auhoon at #529-1627 for any questions.

## ke Aupuní O hawaii

#### THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM

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#### February 12, 2011

Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee
Chair Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair Pohai Ryan
Senate Water, Land and Housing Committee
Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Malama Solomon

Re: TESTIMONY OPPOSING SB1

Aloha Kakou,

SB1 suffers from the same numerous flaws that the failed Akaka bill had.

SB1 relies on four patently false premises:

- 1) The insinuation that the nation that existed, the Hawaiian Kingdom, was an aboriginal, indigenous (Native Hawaiian) government;
- 2) The presumption that Hawaiians are indigenous peoples of the United States;
- 3) The exclusion of non-"Native Hawaiians" whose ancestors were citizens and subjects of the Hawaiian Kingdom;
- 4) The claim that the U.S. and the State of Hawaii are the lawful successors of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

#### The truth is:

- 1) The Hawaiian Kingdom was a fully operational, fully recognized, progressive, sovereign, independent, neutral nation. Its body politic consisted of people from many different ethnicities and races, not just "native" Hawaiians.
- 2) Hawaiians have never been and are not today, indigenous people of the United States. Hawaiians are indigenous to Hawaii, to Polynesia and Moana Nui A Kiwa (the Pacific).
- 3) Non-kanaka maoli were also citizens and subjects of the Hawaiian Kingdom nation. They were injured by the loss of their nation just as the kanaka maoili were. Therefore, their descendants are heirs to the Hawaiian Kingdom as well and should not be left out.
- 4) The U.S. is an interloper, a usurper, a kidnapper, an occupier. It has no lawful jurisdiction in Hawaii. The State of Hawaii is the puppet government of the U.S., mostly benevolent, but still a pirate. Now SB1 seeks to form corporations; the modern, civilized name for pirate...

Collateralizing the lands and people as assets under several tiers of corporations will be an even greater atrocity than the current illegal situation. SB1 is an outrageous attempt to further subjugate the Hawaiian people by making them plantation (corporate) slaves again.

Aloha.

Hawaiian National

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#### **TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB1**

February 12 2011

Chair, Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair Pohai Ryan and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Chair, Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair and members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing

Aloha Aina kakou,

The Koani Foundation submits this testimony in OPPOSITION to SB1 on the general principle that it does not address the real issue of the theft of the Hawaiian nation and the extensive injuries that stem from that theft.

We also find the bill is based on inaccurate and misleading presumptions making it impossible to imagine how this could seriously provide any remedy. These flaws stem from a "history" that leaves out crucial information about who has title and jurisdiction.

SB1 does not mention the illegal processes used by the United States to capture the Hawaiian Islands. These important events negate any claims of authority by the U.S. to affect the governance of the Hawaiian Islands, and certainly not the further enslavement of its people and assets into several native corporations. The events and actions listed below prove the United States and its puppet government the State of Hawaii have no jurisdiction in Hawaii:

- The 1893 usurpation ("overthrow") of the lawful Hawaiian Kingdom through acts
  of high treason and sedition by insurgents calling themselves the "Committee of
  Safety" who set up an illegal "provisional government" for the Hawaiian Kingdom;
- The 1893 successful protest lodged by Queen Lili'uokalani resulting in President Cleveland halting the process of U.S. annexation of Hawaii (from the provisional government);
- 3. The 1893 findings of the Blount Report resulting in U.S. President Cleveland's address to Congress admitting that the U.S. had shamefully and unlawfully committed an unauthorized act of war against a friendly nation.
- The 1893 settlement between U.S. President Cleveland and Queen Lili'uokalani that the president would facilitate the return of the Hawaiian Kingdom government to its proper, lawful status.

- 5. The 1894 refusal by the insurgent traitors to return the government of the Hawaiian Kingdom and their defiant response in self-proclaiming a fraudulent replacement government, the "Republic of Hawaii."
- 6. The 1897 second failed attempt at annexation of Hawaii by the U.S., thwarted by protests and lobbying by the Queen and by the "Monster Petition" (Ku'e Petition) with signatures of 90% of the people of Hawaii in opposition to annexation.
- 7. The 1898 fraudulent (treaty-less) "annexation" of Hawaii through a "joint resolution" of Congress executed in collusion with the unlawful "Republic of Hawaii." In essence, the U.S. used an illegal instrument (joint-resolution) to have the illegal Republic of Hawaii, "cede" its non-existent political authority and land titles to the U.S. In reality the whole annexation transaction was a farce; two thieves dividing up the stolen loot. Nothing was "ceded" or transferred. Thus, all political authority and title to the lands of the Hawaiian Islands, to this day, still reside with the lawful Hawaiian Kingdom government and its people.
- 8. The 1959 "admission as a state" was just another contrived pretense to conceal the fraud.

It boils down to this: You cannot "cede" lands you do not own. You cannot transfer jurisdiction you do not have. Therefore, the "State of Hawaii," having no lawful lands or jurisdiction, cannot go forward with this "Native Hawaiian corporations" scheme as proposed by SB1. To do so would be to violate numerous international laws including that of genocide.

Mahalo nui loa, Ehu Kekahu Cardwell Director The Koani Foundation SB 1

RELATING TO STATE RECOGNITION OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THEIR LANDS, ENTITLEMENTS, HEALTH, EDUCATION, WELFARE, HERITAGE, AND CULTURE

Senate Committee of Hawaiian Affairs (HAW)
Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, *Chair* - Sen. Pohai Ryan, *Vice Chair*Senate Committee of Water, Land & Housing (WLH)
Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, *Chair* - Sen. Malama Solomon, *Vice Chair*Public Hearing – Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 am, State Capital, Conference Room 225

Honorable Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Honorable Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land & Housing,

As a Kanaka, I am insulted by this bill and for the record I recommend that you **oppose passage** of SB 1.

This is what I call the "Polly want a cracker" bill. The parrot, representational of our people, are caged/trapped in a lie that practically everyone has bought in to many times over. The cracker is literally this bill, which isn't worth the paper that the cage is lined with and the State, is the person taunting us with that cracker.

My Kupuna, loyal subjects, to the Hawaiian Kingdom, died never seeing their Country restored. My Kupuna witnessed the theft of the 'aina that had been entrusted to them as a kuleana to malama in perpetuity. My Kupuna experienced the oppression of an occupier whose distain for the Kanaka grew, because our people were a constant reminder of their evil actions based on greed. My Kupuna, when they died, passed over a kuleana that will continue to be passed on to our ohana until completed . . . Restore our Country! I don't think they would have approved of the "Polly Want a Cracker" version.

#### In **opposition of SB 1**, I leave you with the following:

Kaulana na pua a`o Hawai`i Kupa`a ma hope o ka aina Hiki mai ka `elele o ka loko `ino Palapala `anunu me ka pa;kaha

`A`ole a`e kau i ka pulima Ma luna o ka pepa o ka enemi Ho`ohui 'aina ku`ai hewa

I ka pono sivila a'o ke kanaka

Famous are the children of Hawai`i

Ever loyal to the land

When the evil-hearted messenger comes With his greedy document of extortion

No one will fix a signature To the paper of the enemy

With its sin of annexation; reorganization;

Justification; pacification And sale of native civil rights

Mahalo, for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me:

Respectfully,

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February 11, 2011

#### Testimony in support of SB01, Relating to the State Recognition of the Native Hawaiian People, Their Lands, Entitlements, Health Education, Welfare Heritage and Culture

Submitted to: The Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing

From: Kitty M. Simonds, President Maunalua Hawaiian Civic Club

Aloha Senator Galuteria, Senator Dela Cruz and members of the Committees,

SB01 proposes to address Native Hawaiian rights by creating a corporate structure to receive and dispose of Public Lands ("ceded lands"). The disposition of ceded lands is under the State Legislature's oversight. The alienation of ceded lands must be approved by the Legislature. This bill proposes to put that authority into proposed county-based native corporations. This would circumvent legislative authority and responsibility as well as make the disposal of ceded lands subject to litigation against that corporation. This would place the burden of oversight of the disposition of ceded lands on the beneficiaries who, because of State Law, have limited legal recourse in litigating ceded lands, Hawaiian lands and ceded lands revenues because the State claims trusteeship over these assets.

We are not opposed to the creation of native corporations but there needs to be a clear additional benefit for native Hawaiians as well as assure the security of these native assets. One clear benefit would be to transfer all of the native funds and assets to the corporation which would reduce the administrative overhead so more funds could be disbursed to and available for native beneficiaries.

We look forward to a continuing dialog on this bill.

#### galuteria1 - Ikaika

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 8:07 AM

To: HWN Testimony

Cc: olindaaiwohi@yahoo.com

**Subject:** Testimony for SB1 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for HWN/WLH 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB1

Conference room: 225

Testifier position: oppose Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Olinda Aiwohi

Organization: Paukukalo Hawaiian Homes Comm Assoc, Inc

Address: Phone:

E-mail: olindaaiwohi@yahoo.com

Submitted on: 2/12/2011

#### Comments:

We as a native a Hawaiian Organization were not and have not been cosulted in the matters of this bill. We oppose these last minute unorthodox efforts by the legislators and so called " advocate" agencies who submit policies without getting input from those who are suppose to be represented. Where is Beneficiary Consultation?

We oppose this bill, strongly oppose. I know this is late n will probably not go on record,

but let it be known that we were informed after the fact .

#### THE COMMITTEE OF HAWAIIAN NATIONALS

P.O. BOX 23055, MAKIKI STATION MAKIKI, OAHU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

#### FREE HAWAII

February 12, 2011

House Hawaiian Affairs Committee Chair Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair Pohai Ryan

Committee on Water, Land and Housing Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB1** 

Aloha kakou,

We, the Committee of Hawaiian Nationals OPPOSE SB1. We view it as an exercise in futility because it is inherently flawed, misleading and based on false premises.

The bill hinges on the so-called "ceded lands." But at no time did the Hawaiian Kingdom ever cede its lands to the United States. There was no "treaty of annexation." As a result, there was no lawful "Territory of Hawaii," and therefore, no lawful "State of Hawaii"; and thus no such thing as "ceded lands." What you have are stolen lands. You cannot create a governing entity to oversee stolen lands.

This exercise of "reorganizing a Native Hawaiian government" is entirely spurious and just another distraction and excuse to delay the real solution to the illegal invasion, annexation and incorporation of the Hawaiian Islands into the U.S. SB1 is the wrong solution for this problem.

The proper remedy for the kidnapping of a sovereign, independent Hawaii is to FREE HAWAII; return and reinstate the Hawaiian Kingdom and its people...not further enslave them into a sub-government of a puppet government of an illegal occupier.

The Committee of Hawaiian Nationals wishes to remind you, the elected officials of the so-called "State of Hawaii," that in fact and in law, the Hawaiian Kingdom still exists and is rapidly approaching reactivation and restoration.

We are so confident of the imminent return of Hawaiian Kingdom, that as a courtesy, we invite you to make plans to vacate your positions as public servants in this illegal puppet government, the "State of Hawaii," and consider serving under the lawful Hawaiian Kingdom upon its return.

FREE HAWAII.

Malama Pono, Pilipo Souza Hawaiian National

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Testimony for HWN/JDL 2/14/2011 3:00:00 PM SB1520

Conference room: 224

Testifier position: oppose Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Puanani Rogers Organization: Individual

Address: Phone:

E-mail: rogersn001@hawaii.rr.com

Submitted on: 2/11/2011

#### Comments:

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

I strongly oppose SB 1520, the way I see it, it is another tactic to keep us under the grip of domestic laws of the State. We are recognized already as the Kingdom of Hawai`i with its own Consitution and Kingdom laws, it still exists. We don't need your recognition. The recognition I would like to see is the State of Hawai`i recognizing their illegalities since the 1898 fake annexation. Recognize the Truth!