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Aloha,

Please include the attached testimony for tomorrow's hearing on the Aha Moku committee legislation. This is sent on behalf of Alice Hewett, President of the Ko'olaupoko HCC.

Mahalo, Mahealani

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# KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 7, 2012

TO:

Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair

Rep. Chris Lee, Vice-Chair

And Members

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

FROM:

Alice P. Hewett, President

Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

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SUBJECT:

Testimony in Support of H.B. 2806, Relating to Native Hawaiians

On behalf of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, I speak in support of House Bill 2806, which would establish an Aha Moku Advisory Committee within the Department of Land & Natural Resources.

As cultural practitioners here in the moku of Ko`olaupoko, our members strongly support the integration of our Hawaiian cultural practices into the laws, rules and regulations governing activities on the Hawaiian islands and surrounding waters. We believe this will be much more practical in ensuring the preservation of our native species and popular land and sea life for generations to come.

We ask your kokua – please pass this bill.

Mahalo for allowing me to share our mana'o.

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Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: Yes Submitted by: Thomas T Shirai Jr

Organization: Individual

E-mail: Kawaihapai@hawaii.rr.com

Submitted on: 2/7/2012

#### Comments:

Aloha,

Attached is my testimony as an individual opposing HB 2806. Previously submitted testimony opposing HB 2806 as Po'o of Kawaihapai Ohana (recognized NHO-Native Hawaiian Organization). Please ensure both testimonies are apart of this measure. Mahalo nui loa.

Thomas T Shirai Jr Mokule'ia, Waialua

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## Thomas T Shirai Jr – Po'o P O Box 601 Waialua, HI 96791

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**February 7, 2012** 

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (HAW)
Rep Faye P Hanohano, Chair
Rep Chris Lee, Vice Chair

**Notice of Hearing** 

DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2012

**TIME:** 8:30AM

PLACE: Conference Room 329

RE: Testimony OPPOSING HB 2806 (Relating to Native Hawaiians)

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee & Committee Members,
My name is Thomas T Shirai Jr and testifying as an individual. I serve on several current Community and Cultural entities such as the North Shore Neighborhood Board 27 (Sub-District 1 – Mokule'ia to Ka'ena), Ka'ena Point Advisory Group (Cultural Delegate) and Mokule'ia Community Association (MCA) as Cultural Advisor. I'm also Po'o of the Kawaihapai Ohana which is recognized by The Department of Interior (DOI) thru their Office of Hawaiian Relations (http://www.doi.gov/ohr/nativehawaiians/list.cfm) as a Native Hawaiian Organization (NHO). Most noteworthy is recognition by the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) as a Lineal Descendant twice (Ahupua'a of Kawaihapai and Paalaa-Kai) along with other Cultural Descendancy for specific geographical areas within Waialua Moku. These recognitions are for caring of specific matters regarding Malama Iwi Kupuna. Lastly my Kupuna were Cultural Informants of Waialua Moku for Bishop Museum. They were featured in Bishop Museum Publications entitled Archeology of Oahu (McAllister-1933) and The Hawaiian Planter (Handy-1940).

The Ahupua'a of Kawaihapai is situated on the Northwest Coastline of Waialua Moku here on the Island of Oahu.

Having shared some of my background, I strongly oppose HB 2806 because it impedes on established kuleana with applicable entities needed to address cultural and community concerns of a specific geographical area which includes State Boards & Commissions such as Island Burial Councils and The Environmental Council or City & County entities such as Neighborhood Boards here on Oahu. Furthermore, it dilutes others with similarity have shared what would otherwise have been Huna (Confidential) for protection of specific and sensitive cultural matters. I strongly advocate for the preservation of a Recognized Lineal Descendant in protection of Iwi

#### Thomas T Shirai Jr Page 2 HB 2806 – Oppose

Kupuna both at the State Level (Chapter 6E) and Federal Level (NAGPRA – Native American Graves Protection Act – Chapter 106).

An example of localized coordination here in Waialua Moku is ongoing restoration for Ka'ena State Park and the Ka'ena Natural Area Reserve (NAR). The Mokule'ia Community Association (MCA) along with support from the North Shore Neighborhood Board 27 was able to coordinate participation from the US Army 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division stationed at Schofield Barracks to successfully remove numerous derelict vehicles and trash debris resulting in large tonnage from the Ahupua'a of Ka'ena. This was accomplished thru usage of the Army's Chinook Helicopters, flatbed trucks and workforce of garrison working alongside our community members.

Since that time at 15 years ago, the Friends of Ka'ena was formed and thru lokahi with Mokule'ia Community Association continued our Kuleana collaborating with legislators at all levels representing our geographical area and entities such as Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR) thru the Ka'ena Point Advisory Group (KPAG) to achieve our optimum of Malama Ka'ena.

Although HB 2806 intent is noted as previously stated it's not needed especially in regards to our State's economy. Funding *DOCARE* is more appropriate because part of *Malama Aina* today is enforcement of rules and regulations.

I would like to share another experience to substantiate opposition to HB 2806 here in Waialua Moku. Approximately 10-15 years ago Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) gave a presentation at the North Shore Neighborhood Board 27's meeting and it was standing room only. There were concerned constituents not from our geographical area who voiced input and in reply to them, a longtime board member welcomed replied emphasizing we (North Shore Neighborhood Board 27) are capable and able to make our own decision. This has been a constant stellar in my community or cultural participation currently as a member of the North Shore Neighborhood Board 27 (Sub-District 1 – Mokule'ia to Ka'ena) and past member of the Oahu Island Burial Council (Waialua Moku Representative – 2000-2004). The attached Honolulu Advertiser (Letter to Editor) is an example of simplistic and effectiveness at a localized level of stewardship.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony opposing HB 2806. Malama Aina.

Thomas T Shirai Jr Kawaihapai Ohana – Po'o

#### Honolulu Advertiser Letter to Editor August 20. 2004

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uses in a natural or wildland setting. Urban uses would not be compatible in this zone
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The Central O'ahu/North Shore Regional Plan also states that a paved highway around Ka'ena Point would not be allowed

RE: An article from The Honolulu Adventiser · Friday, August 20, 2004 9:25:18 AM · Page 6 of 6 WebTV Networks

From the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan: "Protect the natural resources of Ka'ena Point from potentially damaging vehicular traffic and roadway development."

Prom the Wai'anae Sustainable Communities Plan: "Preservation of lands north of Kepuhi Point as open-space lands." In addition, while the plan acknowledges the need for another access road, it never suggests a road around Ka'ena Point as an option.

Ka'ena Point is culturally sacred to the Hawaiian people as the place where souls leave this world and enter the next. There are many cultural remains in the cliffsides and down toward the beach. To build a road in this area would amount to sacrilege and desecration.

Ka'ena Point is a federally recognized and protected natural reserve and, as such, is part of the the Hawai'i Natural Areas Reserve System. It is also a state park. Any road would endanger the area's ecosystem.

In the 2000 legislative session (SCR 160), it was determined by the Department of Transportation that it would cost at least \$500 million to build such a road around Ka'ena Point. Four years later, the cost probably would be at least a third higher. Bottom line: It could cost at least half the entire state operating budget to build such a road.

There is an entire community on the other side of Ka'ena Point that both 'letter writers have failed to take into consideration with their support of this idea. They never asked the Mokule'ia community what we think of this idea, which would have a major impact on our agricultural, conservation and open-land policies, as well as our country lifestyle and quality of life.

For all the foregoing reasons, we strongly oppose the recommendation for a road around Ka'ens Point, and we will be monitoring this issue very carefully in the future.

Mike Dailey, Vicky and Kimo Lyman, Kathleen M. Pahinui, Lloyd O'Sullivan, Stewart Ring and Thomas Sbirai

Mokule'ia residents

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Aloha,

I will be attending the hearing to testify in person.

Mahalo,

Leialoha Kaluhiwa





# O`ahu Council Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs P. O. Box 37874 Honolulu, HI 96837-1122

February 7, 2012

#### TESTIMONY - H.B. 2806 - Relating to Native Hawaiians

Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, 8:30 a.m., Room 329

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Chris Lee and Committee Members,

My name is <u>Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa</u>, and I am here today to offer testimony in support of House Bill 2806, which would establish an Aha Moku advisory committee in the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have lived all my life in the ahupua'a of He'eia. My family and I have always been cultural practitioners within our moku. In recent years, I have attended a number of Puwalu, gatherings of cultural practitioners from all the islands. Among the concerns I heard from other practitioners was the concern that modern, western approaches to protecting our resources did not always work in harmony with traditional Hawaiian ways of ensuring the preservation of the things from our land and sea.

This past year, I was appointed by the O'ahu Council president to serve as a liaison between our cultural practitioners on O'ahu and government agencies. Part of my role is to help improve communication to work toward the same purpose as this bill would provide.

We would like to see traditional Hawaiian practices woven into the policies, rules and regulations of our state and local government — and even the federal government — to make sure that while we protect our island species, we also protect and preserve our cultural gathering rights and use smart Hawaiian ways to accomplish both things.

For example, in the Hawaiian kapu system, we knew that when a certain type of fish was becoming scarce, a kapu was placed to allow the fish to replenish and become plentiful again. Once that occurred, the kapu was lifted and we could gather this fish again. We knew the seasons for gathering and the seasons for leaving the resources alone. This kind of knowledge was very successful and enabled our people to survive on these remote islands for 2,000 years.

We know this can work again, and we feel this bill will help to include "smart Hawaiian thinking" into our state and county rules and regulations concerning protection of island resources.

Mahalo for allowing me to offer my mana'o.

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Submitted by: Office of Hawaiian Affairs Organization: Office of Hawaiian Affairs

E-mail: <u>kealan@oha.org</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2012

Comments:



# HB2806 RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS

House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 8, 2012

8:30 a.m.

Room: 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) <u>SUPPORTS</u>, <u>with Amendments</u> HB2806, which would establish the 'Aha Moku Advisory Committee placed within the Department of Land and Natural Resources for administrative purposes.

Creating an 'Aha Moku Advisory Committee would empower Native Hawaiians to participate in the management of Hawai'i's natural, cultural, and historical resources. It would also aid the State in making better resource management decisions. Local communities that have lived off the resources of their respective ahupua'a and have studied the area's conditions and resources over generations, have the best knowledge on when it is the proper time to harvest, to kapu, to heal, to monitor, to inspect, and to take accountings. Native Hawaiians have centuries of traditional knowledge upon which to draw and have an interest in perpetuating Native Hawaiian traditions and customs and the resources they rely upon, for generations to come.

We suggest a possible amendment to the bill to resolve an apparent conflict. Lines 3 and 4 of page 7 of the bill authorize the aha moku advisory committee to hire an executive director. However, lines 5 and 6 in conjunction with line 22 on that page indicate that the committee's role in selecting an executive director would be purely advisory. If the bill's intent is to give the advisory committee full authority to hire an executive director, we suggest deleting selection of an executive director from the list of the committee's advisory functions.

We also note that in establishing an advisory committee with eight members, the bill creates the possibility of tie votes on issues of critical importance to the advisory committee, Native Hawaiians, the community at large, and the State. We suggest that an odd number be considered.

Therefore, OHA urges your committee to PASS HB2806, with our suggested amendments as appropriate. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2012

Comments:

Soulee Stroud will be at hearing for Assn.



# ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

# HOUSE BILL 2806 RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday; February 8, 2011; Rm. 329

Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano, Vice chair Lee and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Soulee Stroud, President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs here to testify on HB2806 that brings the issue of Aha Moku before us once again in the form of a compelling chronological history. Thank you, Madam Chair, for seeing the value in these concepts and introducing this bill.

The history of the Aha Moku Council has a parallel with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs as our member clubs on all islands have participated in each phase of its growth and maturation. We support this bill and will continue to support the Aha Moku Council and its members in the future as we have in the last few years.

The level of commitment of the Aha Moku members is deep and sincere, and each shares a depth of experience and expertise of generations gone by. The Native Hawaiian practitioner is becoming a rarity, and it would do well for the legislature and broader community to acknowledge this by passing this bill and allowing the Aha Moku to fulfill its destiny.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. We urge the passage of HB2806.

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Submitted by: Mike Kahikina, Legislative Chairman

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Comments:

Reserves our position at this time, will seek input and comments from membership.