

LATE TESTIMONY

To: REPRESENTATIVE FAYE HANOHANO, CHAIR
REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS LEE, VICE CHAIR
AND THE MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

SUPPORT FOR HCR85 and HR59

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.-CR329

From: Makua Kapi'olani Rees

I am in strong support of HCR 85 and HR 59. As a Makua in Hawaiian Studies I'm very disappointed in the treatment of the Kupunas in the schools and not getting their Hawaiian Studies money to help in their classrooms for their children.

The schools are using the Hawaiian Studies money for their own use and should be held accountable to pay them back.

Mahalo,

Kapi'olani Rees

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STRONG SUPPORT FOR HCR85 and HR59

Honorable Chair Hanohano and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, my name is Edith Kimball and I am in strong support of HCR 85 and HR 59. As a pastor and kupuna, I have taught many children the values I learned from my mother and grandparents about how to survive in Hawai'i while acknowledging ke akua and aloha for all.

I grew up on Moloka'i and learned how to catch fish, crab, get limu, and all the other necessities to supplement the little food that we could buy. I had 5 sisters and 4 brothers. We loved and obeyed our parents and grandparents for simply being there for us and teaching us how to get our own food and gather plants to treat our colds and other ailments.

In the last 50 years Hawai'i has changed. More and more kupuna are dying and so is the knowledge of their times. Today, we have people from many different countries living here with so many different ideas and so many different opinions. All competing for the same jobs, a place to live and even a peaceful place to be. It's an expensive place to live. On O'ahu it's difficult to even find crab, opihi and limu to eat. We all have a right to be here. However, it feels like a slap in the face to hear that the kupuna in the schools are not getting the money and resources that is rightfully theirs. Therefore, I strongly support HCR85 and HR 59 and respectfully ask that you pass the resolutions. Mahalo nui loa.

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RE: **SUPPORT FOR HCR85 and HR59**

From: Wahineka'iu Lum Ho

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 - Time: 9:00 a.m. – CR329

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I strongly support HCR85 and HR59. The people of Hawai'i who gathered at the 1978 Constitutional Convention had the wisdom to propose a Hawaiian education program that ultimately became part of the Hawai'i State Constitution. Part of the language stated, "The use of community expertise shall be encouraged as a suitable and essential means in furtherance of the Hawaiian education program." This part focused on the knowledge gained from the kupuna through implementation of the program in grades K-6 in the public schools. Funding for the program was provided.

Since its inception the Kupuna program was neglected and floundered to the point where an audit was conducted of the program in 2008. The audit confirmed the allegations of Kupuna that the program was mismanaged. More confounding is the fact that the kupuna programs in some schools have not improved since the audit.

Children inherently follow those who care for them. More importantly, they will learn the values they are taught. We live in these islands called Hawai'i. The foundation of the culture is an accumulation of centuries of human contact, the very essence of which is aloha. The kupuna in the schools are part of this unbroken chain of knowledge and understand this and more, for aloha gives us life. Please pass HCR85 and HR59 to acknowledge the kupuna and perpetuate Hawaiian culture.

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Testimony for HAW 3/21/2012 9:00:00 AM HR59

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Comments:

My name is Viva Inouye and I am a registered voter in District 30. As a lifelong Hawaii resident, tax payer and person of Hawaiian ancestry, I am humbly requesting your support in approving HR59/HCR85:

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO COMPLY IN FULL WITH THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S HAWAIIAN STUDIES PROGRAM.

The main reason that I am asking for your support is that since the state auditor wrote the Management Audit of the DOE HSP08-02 in January, 2008, our kupuna and makua have not seen any positive changes or improvements in the overall delivery and implementation of the HSP, which were required by the audit. Instead, the kupuna and makua have no awareness of evidence of a 5-year strategic plan, no revision of the HSP curriculum and any accountability /financial reporting system by the principals in the use of A1 and its funds.

I believe that the teaching and learning of the Hawaiian culture and its spirit of aloha is vital to the survival of not only the people of Hawaiian ancestry but also important to the nation and the world. The Board of Education and the Department of Education play an important role in the Hawaiian Studies Program and complying in full with the findings and recommendations of the Office of the Auditor's Management Audit will help towards the assurance of a strong and viable Hawaiian Studies Program for the generations to come.

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Comments:

LATE TESTIMONY

Date: 03/21/2012

Committee: House Hawaiian Affairs

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: HR 59/HCR 85 REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO COMPLY IN FULL WITH THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S HAWAIIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

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Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) will continue to support the Hawaiian Studies Program as required by law that clearly states: "The State shall promote the study of Hawaiian culture, history and language (by providing) a Hawaiian education program consisting of language, culture and history in the public schools. The use of community expertise shall be encouraged as a suitable and essential means in furtherance of the Hawaiian education program" (Article X, section 4).

The purpose and goals of the Hawaiian Studies Program, established in 1980, have not changed. They have been included and shared at all levels of the Department in publications, resource materials, and information produced by the Department's Hawaiian Studies Program. As recent as Spring 2011, the Department distributed *Ke Kulana Kupuna*: a resource guide for the Kupuna component.

Since 2008, the Department has reported its progress on the recommendations to the State Auditor's Office, the Board of Education and the Hawaii State Legislature. Our last update report was submitted to the Legislature's Audit Committee in February 2011 and to the State Auditor's Office in July 2011.

The Department has just received the Audit Report, *Implementation of State Auditor's 2008 Recommendations, Report No. 12-01, February 2012* and we are in the process of responding to the draft findings.

The Department understands the concerns reflected in this resolution and will work towards raised.addressing the issues raised.

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TESTIMONY RE: HCR #85, HR#59

RONALD WISE

FORMER KUPUNA AT KAPOLEI ELEMENTARY

TO ALL CONCERNED,

I HAVE ATTACHED 3 PAGES OF AN INCIDENT FROM SEPTEMBER 2011. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED BETWEEN MYSELF, A STAFF MEMBER (SASA) AND THE NEW PRINCIPAL OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHERE I HAD BEEN A KUPUNA FOR ABOUT FOUR YEARS. IN SUMMARY, THE CONVERSATIONS WERE CENTERED AROUND QUESTIONS I HAD OF DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN MORE HOURS AND MONIES ALLOWED BY HAWAIIAN STUDIES AND THE LESSER HOURS OFFERED BY THE PRINCIPAL. ALSO IN QUESTION WAS LACK OF FLEXIBILITY IN ACHIEVING THOSE HOURS. NOT AT THAT DISCUSSION, NOR IN THE FUTURE WAS THERE A CHANCE TO RECEIVE ANSWERS. **I WAS DISMISSED FROM MY POSITION THE FOLLOWING DAY.**

UNLIKE THE FORMER PRINCIPAL, THE NEW PRINCIPAL NEVER DISCUSSED WITH US KUPUNA, HER EXPECTATIONS, OUR ROLES NOR ANY PLAN OR CHANGE OF HOURS AND SCHEDULE BEFORE WE START A NEW YEAR IN SEPT. 2011.

SIMILAR TO THE FINDINGS OF HCR 85, I HAD BECOME A WITNESS AND A POSSIBLE VICTIM TO:

- **ABSENCE OF PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION BY THE SCHOOL**
- **A DIFFERENT VIEW OF ME AS KUPUNA COMPONENT NO LONGER ESSENTIAL**
- **USE OF HAWAIIAN STUDIES MONIES AS BEING QUESTIONABLE**
- **LACK OF MONITORING & EVALUATION OF KUPUNA TEACHING IN THE CLASS**

I FULLY SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS STATED IN THE RESOLUTIONS IN HOPE THAT THE HAWAIIAN STUDIES PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE THE PROPER ATTENTION AND TREATMENT THAT IS CURRENTLY LACKING.

SINCERELY,

KUPUNA RONALD WISE

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