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LATE TESTIMONY

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COMMENTS OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

HB 785 HD 1 SD 1 (PROPOSED), RELATING TO PRODUCTION OF RECORDS

April 2, 2013

Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committees: The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) provides the following comments on the proposed Senate Draft 1 of this measure.

The department is on record as a supporter of the Act 195, but we have concerns with new language in Section 2 of the proposed draft. This language that would automatically include in the roll any Native Hawaiian already verified as Hawaiians through the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. At its regular monthly meeting, and at the request of the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission, the Hawaiian Homes Commission authorized the dissemination of information to DHHL beneficiaries regarding the NHRC's efforts to voluntarily enroll Native Hawaiians for the purpose of reorganizing a Native Hawaiian government. While we are working with the NHRC to inform our beneficiaries, it is important that our beneficiaries, and all Native Hawaiians, be able to make a choice to enroll. Since this amendment does not allow for a choice to be made, we respectfully request that Department of Hawaiian Home Lands HB 785 HD 1 SD 1 (Proposed) JDL, 4-2-2013 Page 2

you strike the phrase "or the department of Hawaiian home lands" from page 3, lines 21 to 22.

Section 3 of the proposed draft repeals Section 3 of Act 195 (2011) that mandates the amendment of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, (HHCA) to accomplish the purposes set forth in Act 195 in a manner that is consistent with the current needs and requirements of the Native Hawaiian people and the current beneficiaries of the HHCA. Since no amendments to the HHCA are required to accomplish the purposes of the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission, we support the repeal of this language.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments.

April 2, 2013

Testimony in strong opposition of HB 785 SD1

Aloha Chair Hee and members of the Senate Judicial Committee.

My name is Juanita Mahienaena Brown Kawamoto and I strongly oppose HB 785 SD1. I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

- 1. The excessive amounts of monies spent on the Native Hawaiian roll call with such poor and minimum results clearly shows the lack of trust and understanding from the greater Native Hawaiian community concerning the Kana`ioluwalu program.
- The continuance to fund or encourage this program will only create a greater distrust in this project and waste more dollars on an issue that is not well received or supported.
- 3. Funding, time and energy would be better spent on promises made when OHA was conceived and developed to educate our Native Hawaiian people about our rights to nationhood. genealogy, independence or integration.
- 4. Act 195 was not designed to become a vehicle for permanent legislation but as a entry level for OHA to design a better plan to gather our Hawaiian community through understanding and education
- 5. Kana`ioluwalu is a poorly conceived program that works only to voice the control of the State of Hawaii and the chosen few.
- 6. Good strong leadership will provide the native Hawaiian community with the desire to stand and be counted. We need to find the leaders who are respected and regarded for their wisdom, compassion and perseverance for the will of the people, that is what will bring our people together.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Juanita Mahienaena Brown Kawamoto Native Hawaiian citizen advocate

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SHERRI LYNN LEIMOMI WALLACE JOHNSON	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We do not support the intent of HB 785 HD1 or its companion bill SB 1015. (add WALLACE, KAHIAU T.P., WALLACE JOHNSON, KA'IMINA'AUAO E.C.H, WALLACE JOHNSON, Kamalani M.F.H). MAHALO NUI LOA!!

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pono Kealoha	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: NO TREATY/NO ANNEXATION ILLEGAL OCCUPATION NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES ON A SOVEREIGN NEUTRAL KINGDOM NATION <u>http://hawaiiankingdom.org</u>

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