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**TESTIMONY OF KIPUKAI KUALII
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ON**

HB 1931, RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

10:15 a.m.

Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Ing and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments on HB 1931, Relating to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Kauai County Council, Chair of the Kauai County Council Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and member of the National Association of Counties Board of Directors.

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain transferees and successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second. This reform will encourage current lessees to maintain and invest in their residences, and ensure the long-term tenancies to beneficiaries, transferees, and successors of beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended.

For the reasons stated above, I urge the House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs to support this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

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Councilmember, Kauai County Council

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To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

For hearing Wednesday, February 03, 2016

Re: HB1931 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.
Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain transferees and successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

In homage to Archie Bunker, this bill should be given the name "All In The Family." Its obvious purpose is to allow a family to keep a DHHL lease in the family even after the original lessee has died, and the spouse and children have died, etc. -- so long as the successor leaseholder has at least 1/32 Hawaiian native blood and is related to the original lessee from decades ago by blood or marriage. The only way to pry the lease away from the family is if the lease expires after the statutory period of 100 years. Indeed, we are approaching the 100th anniversary of passage of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, so in the next few years we will see leases in Papakolea (the first homestead) beginning to expire. Therefore we will probably soon see legislation automatically extending leases for an additional century, to keep them "all in the family."

How often do we hear that there are tens of thousands of racially certified 50% blood native Hawaiians who have been sitting on the waiting list for decades? Let's give them a lease instead of guaranteeing the inheritance of a lease by grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, etc. whose connection with Hawaiian culture and with the 'aina may be greatly attenuated or virtually imperceptible. The most obvious result of enacting this bill would be to permanently establish a hereditary elite caste among native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiians -- families who got a lease early in the history of DHHL would remain forever an elite group of ali'i while those who placed their names on the waiting list in later years remain consigned to the lower caste maka'ainana with no hope of moving up. People with as little as 1/32 Hawaiian native ancestry but who are blood relatives of existing lessees would have an insurmountable preference over the native Hawaiians of greater than 50% native ancestry who were the intended beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act but now find they have no hope of getting a lease because they belong to a family from the "wrong side of the tracts."

Many Hawaiians believe that the 50% blood quantum requirement in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act is terribly divisive, pitting high-blood natives against low-blood Natives. It's often said that Prince

Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, Territorial Representative of Hawaii who sponsored the HHCA, wanted the blood requirement to be set at $1/32$, which in 1920 would have allowed virtually every ethnic Hawaiian to qualify (although I have not seen actual written evidence to support the legend that he proposed $1/32$). Now that four more generations have occurred, Kuhio's rationale would need to be updated to say the quantum should be $1/512$, to ensure that everyone with a drop of the magic blood is eligible.

But here's my view. I believe that $1/2$ is too high, $1/32$ is too high, $1/512$ is too high, and even one drop is too high. The native blood requirement for a homestead lease on public lands should be zero. During the Republic and early Territorial periods Hawaii had a homesteading law that allowed any citizen of Hawaii, regardless of race, to select a vacant piece of public land, live on that land for a period of years while putting it to good use, and thereby acquire ownership of the land in fee simple. That perfectly fine race-neutral homesteading law fell by the wayside when the well-intentioned but hopelessly racist HHCA was enacted. So now we have a huge bureaucracy costing megabucks to administer in order to ensure that only people of the favored race can establish a homestead on public land; and that they can only lease the land but are denied the most secure way for a family to build wealth -- fee-simple ownership of land. What a shame!

Please defeat this bill.



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1931 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT

COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (OMH)
Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Chair Ing, Vice Chair Lowen and members of the OMH Committee, on behalf of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), I offer testimony in strong support of HB 1931. CNHA supports this bill, which reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain transferees and successors to lessees of Hawaiian Homelands from one-quarter to one thirty-second.

Founded in 2001, CNHA is a Native Hawaii non-profit membership organization with more than 150 voting members. CNHA's mission is to enhance the well being of Hawaii through the cultural, political, economic, and community development of Native Hawaiians. At our Annual Native Hawaiian Convention, we convene a homestead caucus in partnership with the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly and work throughout the year with homestead leaders from across the state.

In 2013, CNHA adopted a policy priority to conduct Beneficiary Consultation with homestead and waitlist beneficiaries to discuss an amendment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to address eligibility and stability of homestead beneficiaries, including blood quantum, how to address conflicts of interests of state versus beneficiary interests, and strengthening the self-determination of beneficiary organizations cited in the HHCA.

In 2014, CNHA worked with the SCHHA to do a round of statewide consultations with homestead leaders to get feedback on the issue of blood quantum. We confirmed that homesteaders support the lowering of blood quantum specifically for successors. However, due to the extensive waitlist where the average age of beneficiaries is 55, it was agreed that the 50% blood quantum is required to apply for the original lease. Beneficiaries of the HHCA agree that until the State Department of Hawaiian Homelands can address the needs of the current waitlist, lowering the blood quantum for the initial lease would increase the current waitlist of more than 20,000 existing beneficiaries whose needs must be addressed.

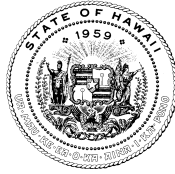
CNHA supports HB 1931 and the reduction of blood quantum requirements for transferees and successors to lessees of Hawaiian Homelands.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
'BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES,
AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

IN SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS, OF

HB 1931 Relating to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act

February 3, 2016

Aloha Chair Ing and members of the Committee:

HB 1931 proposes changes to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, as amended (HHCA) to reduce the minimum blood quantum requirement of certain transferees and successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second.

The Department has a similar bill, HB 2339, as part of the Administration's package that amends section 209 of the HHCA to reduce the blood quantum of certain eligible successors to a homestead lease (children, grandchildren, husband, wife, brothers, or sisters) from one-quarter to one thirty-second Hawaiian.

This bill, HB 1931 proposes a similar change to section 209 but goes a step further and also amends section 208 of the HHCA. This amendment to section 208 would give lessees the ability to transfer their lease to their spouse, child, grandchild, brother, or sister who are at least one-thirty second Hawaiian.

Originally, the HHCA allowed for lessees to leave their lease to eligible successors including a husband, wife, child, grandchild, brother or sister who was at least one quarter Hawaiian upon lessee's death. Because lease succession occurred after the lessee's death, only one lease was succeeded to by the successor or successors.

When the HHCA was amended to allow lessees to transfer their lease to a husband, wife, child, or grandchild who is at least one-quarter Hawaiian, the intention was to provide lessees with the opportunity to give their lease to their 25 percent Hawaiian child or grandchild while they were still living. The amendment also inadvertently created a controversial "loophole" that certain lessees took advantage of

wherein a native Hawaiian individual (50% Hawaiian blood) would receive a lease from DHHL or purchase a lease from a lessee and transfer it to their 25 percent child or grandchild and get back onto the list or purchase another lease for another child or grandchild, potentially securing several leases for their children or grandchildren who were 25 percent Hawaiian.

Some see this “loophole” as unfair to those 50 percent native Hawaiians who have yet to benefit from the opportunity to reside on the home lands. Others see no problem with this practice. Whether DHHL should impose further regulation of this “loophole” through administrative rules is a question that would require consultation with the beneficiaries before a decision is made. The proposed amendment in HB 1931 to section 208 would only intensify the controversy of this practice.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the committee not make any changes to section 208 that deals with transfer of leases and focus on amending section 209 that deals with individuals that can succeed to a lease upon the lessee’s death.

We also suggest one minor amendment. On page 8 line 1 the following language should be included at the beginning of the sentence “**§209. Successors to lessees.**”

While we support HB 1931, we respectfully request that the bill be amended to include the proposed amendments to section 209 of the HHCA and not include amendments to section 208 of the HHCA. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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COMMITTEE ON Ocean, Marine resourced, & Hawaiian Affairs

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TESTIMONY ON HB 1931

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT

Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain transferees and successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second.

I, a successor lessee to my husband's pastoral lease, and grateful steward of the 'aina, testify to SUPPORT House Bill 1931.

Since passage of the Hawaiian Homes commission Act, by congress in 1921, many amendments have been made to improve the management of same, and to increase services and programs for its lessees and applicants. The proposed amendments to this bill allows for expanding opportunities to family members who have invested time, talents, resources, commitment and love for their 'aina, to continue the legacy initiated by their *Kupuna* or *Makua*. All family members invested; there was no distinction on how much Hawaiian Blood Quantum each member possessed per " the paper". Each contributed selflessly and has gained immeasurably.

I will note, here, that when farm lots or pastoral lots were awarded, the lessee accepted lands which were undeveloped, no infrastructure, (ranchers – no water, no fencing, no cattle), no training, no funding. The new awardees, no matter the age, accepted the challenge(s) and have persevered. And, we continue their legacy in working toward self-sufficiency and self-determination.

Passage of HB 1931 will fulfill a Guided Principle to be identified, *Families on the Land for Perpetuity* - Passage of HB 1931 will provide opportunity to retain homestead leases within their families.
Passage of HB 1931 will have no negative effect on the applicants

I will make a suggestion for a friendly amendment at SECTION 6, at the end of the sentence, add if so recommended by the Secretary of the Department of Interior.

I believe the rules allow the Secretary of the DOI to determine whether ratification from Congress is necessary.

Having been a community leader, expanding the successorship base for all families was one of the primary goals to accomplish – working together, we can reach that long awaited goal.

We have identical kuleana – to SERVE and REPRESENT.

I appreciate this opportunity to participate!

Thank You, M Kapuniai,
Waimea, Moku O Keawe

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Paula Aila	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Representative Kaniela Ing Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs HB1931 Wednesday, February 3, 2016 10:15am Conference Room 325, State Capitol My name is Paula Aila, a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act raised in the Waimanalo Homestead. I am testifying in favor of HB1931 because it will protect the legacy of the HHCA to place and keep Hawaiians on the land. Should this bill pass, it will provide the opportunity for Hawaiians of less than 25% to continue on with successorship to stay in the family home or to receive a successorship if a lessee with 50% or 25% should pass. This bill will protect Hawaiian families for generations. Mahalo, Paula Aila Ph: 808-728-8383 email: paula.aila@gmail.com

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**Testimony in Support of HB 1931
with Suggested Amendment
Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs
Wednesday, February 3, 2016**

Chair Ing, Members of the Committee,

The SCHHA states its support of HB 1931, to reduce the blood quantum for successors and transferees, and to maintain the blood quantum for original lessees of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

Founded in 1987, the SCHHA is the oldest and largest coalition of Hawaiian Homestead Associations & native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) advocated by Prince Kuhio and enacted by the U.S. Congress.

More than 30 Hawaiian Homestead Associations and Groups are members of the SCHHA, located in every county of the state, to convene and work together on solutions to challenges facing DHHL and HHCA eligible native Hawaiian families living on trust lands, or waiting to receive an award of trust lands.

In 2013 at the SCHHA annual policy caucus meeting, members adopted a priority to lower the blood quantum of successors and transferees that are ohana to the original lessee.

The amendment we request to HB 1931, is to broaden the eligibility of successorship beyond child and grandchild, or sibling, as currently stated, and to instead establish eligibility of 1/32nd blood quantum for any individual that is related to the original lessee (ie, niece, nephew, and so on). This will ensure that the homestead lease to any native Hawaiian, particularly those that may not have children, to remain in the ohana.

Thank you for your consideration. We want to maximize your work in enacting HB 1931, as we understand that this legislation will indeed require the consent of the U.S. Congress, as required under the 1959 Hawaii Admissions Act, and the HHCA itself. Our hope is that we will not have to return to the Legislature, and then to the Congress, to establish the ohana eligibility we are recommending.

Mahalo.

Robin Puanani Danner
SCHHA Chairman

cc: SCHHA Members & Leaders

**Sovereign Councils
of the**



**Hawaiian Homelands
Assembly**

Representative Kaniela Ing, Chair
Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs
BILL NO. HB1931, HB2339
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
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Aloha, my name is Stephanie Kapuamaeole Kalama Lauifi. I am a fourth generation homesteader in Kalamaula, Molokai. My great grandfather was Henry A. Wise who was one of the original homesteaders. My great grand Uncle was Senator John Wise who went with Prince Kuhio to the US Congress and worked hard to get the HHC Act passed.

Today I represent myself and my family as homesteaders. I also, represent Kalamaula Homesteaders Association as the Vice President. We are in support of these two bills.

If you read the book written by Davianna McGregor, Aina Ho'opulapula: Hawaiian Homesteading, you will come to find out that this movement had started back in 1914 and how much work and compromise they had to do with the Big Five and the US Congress. Prince Kuhio wanted anyone with Hawaiian blood to have land, in his first version of the bill. In the second version, the US wanted 100% Hawaiian ancestry. In the third version, Kuhio came back with 1/32nd Hawaiian ancestry. The final version that was passed on July 9, 1921 and signed into law stating a one-half or 50% blood quantum as a qualification for a lot.

The original homesteaders received lands that were dry and barren, with no water. The original homesteaders persevered and self-sustained themselves and were so successful that after the trial period of 5 years, the HHCA was then extended. Today, I have mango trees that are older than me and are still bearing fruit.

So, this year we are going to celebrate our 95th year and we will be facing an uncertain future. We need to make sure that our families and our next generations have something that can be passed down to them. We work our land just as our Kupuna did, teaching the young about the land and how to malama what we have.

Let's support what Prince Kuhio initially intended in this act, to have Hawaiians on the land. Again, I support HB1931 and HB2339 for our future generations.

Thank you

Stephanie K. Lauifi

In reference to HB 1931 - Aloha, my name is Tanya Mendija and I support this bill to reduce the Hawaiian blood quantum from one quarter to one thirty-second in order to be eligible for successorship to Hawaiian Home Lands.

I am a quarter Hawaiian, but that doesn't make me any less Hawaiian than my father, who taught me to take care of the 'aina that was handed to him from his grandfather. Tutu was among the first homesteaders on the island of Molokai who endured the trials of leaving their homes and sent to a dry barren island to prove that giving Hawaiians back their lands would be beneficial for future generations, and hence the Homestead Act was born.

The blood quantum in Hawaiians today is diminishing. We are a dying race. Soon to be extinct. Let us enjoy, along with future generations, the lands given to us by our ancestors.

From my understanding, the Department of Hawaiian Homes seems to be the only entity I know of that requires a Hawaiian to prove they have enough blood quantum to enjoy the benefits associated with being Hawaiian.

Approving this bill will guarantee my children and their children will be able to enjoy the benefits of being Hawaiian. In a time and age where the cost of living in Hawaii is so unbearable that many Hawaiians are forced to move to foreign lands. Why can't we stay where our ancestor's 'iwi are buried. From the earth we have toiled long and hard to keep. What is Hawaii without its host culture, Hawaiians?

Thank you for allowing me to share my feelings on this matter.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,
Tanya Mendija

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Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha kakou, I stand in FULL SUPPORT and request passage of this bill. This Bill is consistent with the intent of Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole and the HHCA. HB1931 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT. Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain transferees and successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide SUPPORT and testimony. Aloha, Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai, Concerned Wai'anae Resident.

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Michelle Brown	Individual	Support	No

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Agnes Marti Kini	KAFarmers Hui	Support	No

Comments: On behalf of our 50 plus KAFarmers HUI on Anahola Kauai, as their President, I am sending our support for HB1931. Also, in memory of Kahale Smith who burned his house down on DHHL Land with himself in it; because his wife died who was the Hawaiian and he was forced to be removed because of the existing DHHL policy. Change is IMMINENT!!

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Comments: I support the lowering of blood quantum for Successorship to 1\32. Although there are over 40,000 Hawaiians of 50% and higher blood quantum on the wait list as of June 2015, this should not affect the ability for lessees to pass on their lease to their lineal descendants regardless of quantum.

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Roger Kanealii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support decreasing the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain transferees and successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second. This will keep my family on the my homestead lands for generations to come.

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Comments: I am a 4th generation homesteader in Ho'olehua. My great-grandmother was one of the original homesteaders of Kalama'ula, Moloka'i later acquiring her own land in Ho'olehua, Moloka'i. For the sake our kupuna who made the land livable and for the sake our keiki (children) and mo'opuna (grandchildren) who will continue to care for the land, please support our bill to decrease the blood quantum for successorship to 1/32nd or consider perpetuity for generations to come.

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February 3, 2016

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs

RE: House Bill 1931 and 1932, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Budget Quantum and Funding

Aloha Chair Ing and Vice Chair Lowen;

I am the President of Kalama'ula Mauka Homestead Association and represent the *kupuna, aumakua, and beneficiaries* of the Hawaiian Home Lands Act of 1920 from the island of Molokai, Aina Ho'opulapula. We represent one of eight homestead associations on the island.

We humbly ask for your support and commitment to approve HB 1932 and HB 1931 as it would benefit the native Hawaiian communities throughout the State.

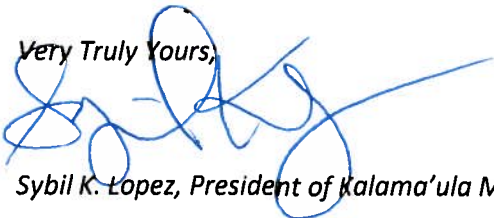
It is your *kuleana*.....to uphold your fiduciary duty and constitutional oath under Article XII, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution:

"....The legislature shall make sufficient sums available for the following purposes: (1) development of home, agriculture, farm and ranch lots; (2) home, agriculture, aquaculture, farm and ranch loans (3) rehabilitation projects to include, but not limited to, educational, economic, political, social and cultural processes by which the general welfare and conditions of native Hawaiians are thereby improved; (4) the administrative and operating budget of the department of Hawaiian home lands; in furtherance of (1), (2), (3), and (4) herein, by appropriating the same in the manner provided by law."

We want to take this opportunity to MAHALO you in advance for your endorsement of HB 1932 and HB 1931. Your KOKUA will greatly impact and benefit all of our native Hawaiian communities throughout the State of Hawaii.

IMUA!!

Very Truly Yours,



Sybil K. Lopez, President of Kalama'ula Mauka Homestead Association

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Aloha, Chair Kaniaala Ing, Vice Chair Nicole Lowen, and other distinguished member of the OMH committee.

My name is Gene Ross Davis, a third generation Beneficiary of the Hawaiian Home Lands and resident of the First and Oldest residential community named Kalamaula (1923), on the Island of Molokai. I am in Strong Support of HB2339 and HB1931, and am requesting your consideration in lowering the Hawaiian Blood Quantum of Successors from one-quarter to one-thirty-second.

My community along with the Homesteaders of Ho'olehua (1924), and that of Keaukaha (1924), has recently celebrated or Ninetieth Anniversary. Our families have thrived upon these lands for 3-6 generations as of this date. We have reached a point in time where our assessment of the future of our families existing upon the land are being challenged.

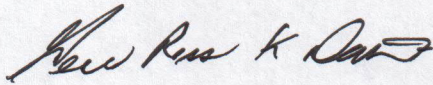
It seems that the inevitable watering of our Coco will surely be to our demise as a people. It will be only a matter of time that each family upon the HHL will be affected, resulting in the removal of said families from the lands of their inheritance. Leading to a bleak future for the descendants of the native Hawaiian being found once again Landless and Homeless.

For this cause our communities have come together to address this concern as best as we could. We have gained community support by having meetings and creating a listing of support. We have utilized the HHC process that addresses community concerns, and had gained Commission support at the state level while remaining transparent.

I humbly ask for your support in this important concern of our people. It is a decision that does not have a financial component or even and

added burden upon this state. But it will take much, something equally as tangible, and may I say, maybe even as difficult or more difficult than a financial obligation, It will take much ALOHA.

With Aloha,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gene Ross K Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a distinct loop at the end.

Gene Ross K Davis

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We the Hawaiian Homeland Beneficiaries, do hereby voice our support through signature with the intent to lowering the blood quantum of successors to less than one quarter Hawaiian. As beneficiaries we must work together to secure the future for our forthcoming generations.

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