



HB451

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

January 31, 2017

10:00 p.m.

Room 312

The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend to the Board of Trustees a position of **SUPPORT** for HB451, which lowers the required Native Hawaiian blood quantum from one-quarter to one-thirty second for certain relatives to be eligible to succeed to a Hawaiian Home Lands homestead lease. This would allow a current homestead lessee to ensure a reasonable level of stability for his or her close family members, who, due to having less than the currently required blood quantum, may otherwise face severe disruption to their housing and business circumstances upon to the lessee's death.

The issue of reducing the blood quantum for successorship was a recurring theme expressed by beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act when the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands ("DHHL") conducted beneficiary consultation meetings on its new proposed rules package. Homestead organizations and individual beneficiaries expressed concerns that immediate family members of homestead lessees may not have the required one-quarter blood quantum to succeed to homestead leases, and face possible loss of a homestead lease that has been in the family for several generations. This measure will help address those concerns, and will create incentives for lessees to invest in their homestead knowing their descendants will succeed to the lease, and provide valuable housing opportunities for their families.

For the foregoing reasons, OHA urges your Committee to **PASS** HB451. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Nicole L. Kinilau-Cano	DHHL	Support	Yes

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LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY
Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs
Hearing: Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 312

IN SUPPORT OF
HB 451, Relating to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act

Rep. Kaniela Ing, Chair
Rep Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

Aloha mai kākou

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges your committee to adopt HB 451 that proposes to reduce the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second. In this regard, we stand by the Dept of Hawaiian Home Lands, (DHHL) and the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homeland (SCHHA) in their support for this bill.

The authors and introducers of this bill recognized that passage of a family home to a successor member of the family ensures the integrity of the "ohana". A house is more than just a building. It is where adults raise their children, where spiritual and cultural values are learned and practiced; it is where love is nurtured; it is where self-esteem is built; it is where we feel most safe; it is where our personalities are developed; it is where memories are made. Thus, it is understandable why families on Hawaiian homelands would wish to retain their home within family.

Prince Kūhiō who is credited for the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act knew this. He actually wanted every Hawaiian to have a home and advocated for a blood quantum requirement of one-thirty-second. We believe he had the vision to know that there would be inter-marriages in Hawaii. Hawaiians should not be penalized for having married non-Hawaiians. Like others, they wish to have their homes passed down to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

We appreciate that the State recognizes its commitment to Hawaii's first people. Your continued support and commitment are needed to help us ensure we can continue to have our people on the lands of our ancestors.

Respectfully

LEIMOMI KHAN, Chair

1/29/17

To: House Committee on Ocean Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs
From: Harry Rodrigues, President, Waiohuli Undivided Interest Lessees, Maui

Aloha e,

Regarding HB451, I am submitting written testimony in support of the lowering of the current blood quantum requirement from 50% to 1/32, for direct descendants of homestead beneficiary successors.

I submit this testimony on behalf of myself, my ohana, and the Waiohuli Undivided Interest Lessees.

DHHL beneficiaries to date are required to be of at least 50% Native Hawaiian blood quantum, and may name a successor to their homestead who is of 25% blood quantum. Those 25% blood quantum recipients of a homestead lease, under the current statute, are unable to name a successor with less than 25% Native Hawaiian blood. This means that successors are unable to pass the family homestead to their less than 25% blood quantum children. This is unacceptable.

Considering the vast numbers of at least 50% blood quantum Native Hawaiian on wait lists spanning generations, or otherwise unable to secure a homestead with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, it does not make sense to lower blood quantum requirements for entry-point beneficiaries. Instead, it is my hope that the department will continue to create opportunities for homestead ownership for these populations, statewide.

With homestead successorship currently allowing for 25% blood quantum, more families are able to get on more land, and communities are thriving on all islands. A problem is developing for these families, however, as these families are unable to pass their homesteads to their children if their children are less than 25% blood quantum. This is not what Prince Kuhio would have wanted for his people, and this is not the intention of the origins of the homestead act. I submit testimony in favor of reducing the current successorship blood quantum to 1/32, so that successors are able to pass to their direct descendants, their children, their existing homesteads. This is important for stabilization of ohana, homestead communities, and island economies. Without this kind of legislation in place, we will surely see fewer Native Hawaiians on homesteads, and greater numbers of Native Hawaiians without resources.

Please accept my testimony with respect to all stakeholders in the blood quantum conversation.

Mahalo,

Harry Rodrigues
President, Waiohuli Undivided Interest Lessees

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REF: HB 451 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT on Hawaiian Home Lands, Successors, Blood Quantum.

Aloha e Representative Ing,

Mahalo nui for receiving me at the Capitol last Monday, when I asked you to consider earmarking \$10 million in homelands CIP funds for Maui infrastructure. That is, \$5 million in the first year of the biennium for 1) the next phase of some 80 Waiohuli undivided-interest lots, and 2) Leali'i 1-B subdivision in Lahaina; and \$5 million in the second year of the biennium for Waiohuli and Honokowai ag lands.

Ke `olu`olu (please) accept my testimony favoring HB 451 to reduce the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian homelands from one-quarter to one thirty-second for three reasons.

First, when spearheading the federal 1920 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, congressional delegate Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole's original intent reportedly was for trust beneficiaries to have a minimum one thirty-second native Hawaiian blood quantum — and NOT the currently mandated 50 percent blood quantum.

Second, I am a 70-year-old grandmother with 50 percent native Hawaiian blood quantum. Like many Maui homestead kupuna, I want grandchildren with less than 25 percent blood quantum to be eligible to succeed sons and daughters as Hawaiian homelands lessees.

Finally, my one-acre Upcountry homestead includes a three-bedroom, two-bath home; a 1,200-square-foot artist's studio/warehouse; two aviaries, and numerous banana, citrus, papaya, `ulu (breadfruit), apple, mango, plum, lehua mamo and other trees — plus a sweeping bicoastal view of the Valley Isle. I hope to leave this homestead legacy to my lineal descendents during the aggregate 198-year lease period to which we are entitled.

Mahalo for considering my testimony in favor of HB 451 that would ordain a minimum one thirty-second native Hawaiian blood quantum for successor lessees of trust lands under the auspices of the 1920 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

Very sincerely yours,

-Kekoa Enomoto
10-year Waiohuli lessee.
Farming & ranching policy director for SCHHA (Sovereign Councils of Hawaiian Homelands Assembly).
SCHHA Maui Mokupuni vice president.
Founding board member, Waiohuli Undivided Interest Lessees Association.

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Patrick L. Kahawaiolaa	Keaukaha Community Association	Support	No

Comments: Aloha mai members of the OMH committee, I am Patrick L Kahawaiolaa a native Hawaiian as defined under the HHCA, 1920 as amended July 9, 1921 and currently serve as the president of the Keaukaha Community Association, a native Hawaiian community celebrating its 93rd year a the second oldest homestead behind Kalamaula/Palaau. KCA is submitting testimony in SUPPORT of HB 451 to lower the blood quantum for certain successors of a lease to tracts of trust lands. KCA realizes this bill will in no way impact those on the wait list, but will for the sake of ohana continuity allow those in an ohana structure to succeed to an award upon the death of the lessee. I can be reached at 808-937-8217 if clarification of our support is needed. Keaukaha Smiles 'Owau Patrick L Kahawaiolaa

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Bill Brown	Pana'ewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association	Support	No

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De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We FULLY SUPPORT this bill. As a primarily native Hawaiian Advocacy corporation, with a vested interest in native Hawaiian issues & Hawaiian Homesteads, we appreciate this effective measure that will help to ensure that native Hawaiians will NOT lose their Homes due to an arbitrary decrease in their blood quantum. Please pass this bill.

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Annelle Amaral	Assn. of Hwn Civic Clubs	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: see attached.

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I, M. Kapuniai, member of SCHHA in Waimea Hawaii, strongly support HB451, a much needed bill for the Hawaiian community.

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

For hearing Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Re: HB451 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.
Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain 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."

There are now 27,000 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!

HB451 proposes to establish $1/32$ as the blood quantum needed to inherit a homestead lease. Did you know that Michelle Obama is $1/32$ Caucasian, and would therefore be eligible to inherit a lease on a Caucasian homestead? Isn't that amazing! See "How the Obama Family Will Benefit from the Caucasian Government Reorganization Act of 2040"

<http://www.angelfire.com/big09a/CaucasianGovReorgAct.html>

Please defeat this bill.

On the next page you will find a copy of a letter to editor published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser of December 22, 2016, from a Hawaiian with $3/8$ native blood.

Keep Hawaiian blood quantum rule

I am not in favor of reducing the Hawaiian blood quantum requirement to 1/32 Hawaiian for the transfer of leases to relatives. I am in favor of the current requirement of 25 percent Hawaiian.

To qualify for Hawaiian Homes land, a person needs to be at least 50 percent Hawaiian. There are 27,000 qualified applicants on the wait list. These people have waited many years to obtain a lease and may not get a lease during their lifetime because Native Hawaiians on the wait list have died while waiting.

They deserve priority before land is transferred to someone who is only 1/32 Hawaiian.

Those who are objecting to the current 25 percent transfer requirement should be extremely grateful for all the years they lived on Hawaiian Homes property.

I am three-eighths Hawaiian. My late mother, Hannah Bailey Pang, was three-fourths Hawaiian. My grandmother Hannah Kaholowaa Kamahele Bailey was pure Hawaiian.

I do not qualify for Hawaiian Homes property, but I am very concerned about those who qualify, are not given a fair chance to obtain such property, and are on the wait list of 27,000.

Bertha Pang Drayson

Wailuku, Maui

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Alexander Akana	Individual	Support	No

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melodyalcon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i do believe that Hawaiian lands must stay In the hands of the Hawaiian people. Now days it's so hard to find people with 50 or even 1/4 % Hawaiian, so I support the dropping of the blood quantum to 1/32 %, but only the beneficiaries.

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Bill Brown	Individual	Support	No

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Natasha Boteilho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in SUPPORT of HB 451. I am unable to submit testimony in person but I would like my voice and vote to be counted. Thank you for time and please vote YES to HB 451.
Natasha Boteilho

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Lori Buchanan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My ohana SUPPORTS HB451. This bill is a priority for all beneficiaries. Mahalo, Buchanan Ohana - Molokai

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Doreen Canto	Individual	Support	No

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Comments: In Support Carl P Jellings Sr

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Jim Cisler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please consider the future of ALL Hawaiians. I am 74 years old. My youngest child is 37 years old with a family and a career that takes him away from these Islands. It is his children, my grand children, as well as my great grand children who can benefit from your decision to make a homestead available to them.

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REF: HB 451 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT on Hawaiian Home Lands, Successors, Blood Quantum.

Aloha e Representative Ing,

I'd like to ask you to please accept my testimony in favor of HB 451 to reduce the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of successors to lessees of Hawaiian homelands from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{32}$.

This personally relates to me as my keiki are less than $\frac{1}{4}$ Hawaiian. I would like to be able to rest assured, knowing that my children will be able to inherit all that we have worked for, and to carry on the legacy in which we hope to continue.

I humbly ask you to consider my testimony in favor of HB 451. Mahalo nui for your time and consideration!

Very sincerely yours,

-Asti Merino

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Comments: Blood quantum is a concept that should be HALTED.

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Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I am in support with reservations. Language needs to specify that the successors are of the lenial descent, only in rare instants of no descendants would collectoral descendants be used.

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Derek Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB451.

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Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

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Lorry A Merino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB451.

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stephen Park	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alvin K Pelayo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I fully support HB451. I am a Hawaiian Homelands Beneficiary. My family and I were blessed in being able to build a home as a lessee. I fully recognize and support that homes and land must be prioritized for those Hawaiians that are of 50% or more blood quantum. For those of us that are in homes or on land that was passed to us from our Kupuna it is a GREAT concern that my ohana will not be able to inherit the same legacy because they do not possess the 25% required quantum. We have a severe homeless situation now in our communities. We have 3 - generations in our home now. If there is no change to the 25% requirement, then when I die my ohana will have very few options on the table for living in Hawaii. Please pass this bill and open the door to opportunity for our future generations. Mahalo for your consideration. Kai Pelayo

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Piilani Akana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the lessening of blood quantum bcuz as the generations inter marry other ethnicities our blood quantum lessens in future generations. If we had enclosed island such as Niihau we couldve preserved our race, but that's not the case.

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I am in support with reservations. Language needs to specify that the successors are of the lenial descent, only in rare instants of no descendants would collectoral descendants be used.

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January 27, 2017

Aloha Kakou,

We, as beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Trust and homesteaders of Moku 'O Hawai'i, Ahupua'a Kawaihae 1, ask that you as our representatives in the Hawai'i State Legislature **support and vote to pass HB451** which reduces the blood quantum for successorship from 1/4 to 1/32.

Reducing the blood quantum for successorship does **NOT** impact those on the Hawaiian Homes waitlist, but allows those who have homestead lands to be able to pass it down to a relative of at least 1/32.

The blood quantum of 1/32 was what Prince Jonah Kalaniana'ole Kuhio proposed in the inception of Hawaiian Homelands for Native Hawaiians. Passage of this bill will allow families to stay on their lands and keep it in the family for the generations to come.

We ask for your support in passing HB451 to help us keep families on the land for the foreseeable future.

Mahalo,

Diane M. Kanealii

On behalf of the families of the Kailapa Community in Kawaihae

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Faith Tuipulotu	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kawai Warren	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Committee Chair ask for your support to reduce the blood quantum for beneficiaries successorship from one quarter to one thirty second. This is important to continue the Hawaiian homes commission act as amended 1920.

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Melissa Rietfors	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a DHHL recipient living in Waimanalo. My husband is also Hawaiian but unable to prove blood quantum due to our ancestors hiding their Native Hawaiian heritage for political and other reasons. My blood quantum is over the 1/4 threshold, but because of my husband's undocumented quantum our children are (on paper) not quantified to inherit our family home, our homestead. I ask that this bill be passed to allow those of us already living on the land to pass our home, our memories, our blood sweat and time invested in our home, down to our children. The goal of the original act was to put Hawaiians on the land. Please don't take away our family land from future generations just because they're not "hawaiian enough" on paper. My ancestors were Hawaiian enough, same to with my grandmother, mother and myself. Now my Hawaiian husband and I should have a right to pass on our homestead to our children. Allow inheritance. Allow this bill. Mahalo, ~Melissa Rietfors

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January 30, 2017

Hawaii State Legislature
Twenty-Ninth Legislature, 2017
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony: Bill HB 451– Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; Hawaiian Home Lands; Successors, Blood Quantum

Dear Senate, House of Representatives, Legislatures and Committee Members:

We are writing to you on behalf of the upcoming hearing of the Bill for an Act HB 451 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; Hawaiian Home Lands; Successors, Blood Quantum.

We are of Hawaiian decedent currently living on Hawaiian Homestead lands in Kalama'ula Molokai.

HB451 is important to us because upon our passing; we want to ensure long-term tenancies to our beneficiaries and successors will ensure our children and future grandchildren can maintain the equity of our home that we've worked so hard to keep through generations.

We all know that interracial marriages within the Hawaiian families create decedents of less than twenty-five per cent, making it almost impossible for our successors and beneficiaries to qualify for Hawaiian Homestead lands just for not meeting the current minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement.

I am hopeful you will recognize how important this is and be supportive of this bill HB451; as allowing for a reduction in blood quantum will allow for our descendants to continue living in our property home for many generations to come.

By approving and passing this bill will also give us peace of mind upon our death; knowing that our children and our grandchildren can be rest assured and live in the home they were brought up in.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Kalani and Noelani Johnston

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Suzanne Marciel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the lowering of blood quantum from 25% to 1/32 for DHHL beneficiaries

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Kalola Kaulili	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill, many Homesteaders have lived on their family homestead for nearly six generations and because of current successor blood quantum may lose the only home they know. This cannot happen!

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Doreen Gaspar	Individual	Support	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Faataatia Lauifi Jr	Individual	Support	No

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carol lee kamekona	Individual	Support	No

Comments: With the high amount of inter-racial marriages and lack of 50% and higher blood quantum native Hawaiians as required by the HHCA, I strongly support this Bill. I would ultimately like to see the blood quantum for Successorship be removed entirely and proof of lineage be used to qualify as a Successor.

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Shaye K Lauifi	Individual	Support	No

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Tanya Lauifi	Individual	Support	No

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W. M. Waipa	Individual	Support	No

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Dear committee members:

I am 37% Hawaiian and is a lessee on my father's property. In the event I leave this earth I am not able to leave my land to my boys because I don't meet the blood quantum requirements.

My 3 sons, my husband and I helped to build 6 houses along with my dad's house back in 2007, with other Molokai families in a self-help program. My dad has a beautiful home, and property thanks to Father, God for 10 years. My parents are in their late 80tys, I am 55 years old, and hope to be around for a long time enjoying what will be my property when my parents go "Home." After I leave this place, I want our hard work and love that went into making our home, to go to my oldest son Bronson. Tell me how am I able to do this when I cannot make the blood quantum requirement?

I will tell you. Lower the blood quantum so that anyone with any amount of Hawaiian koko can enjoy the fruits of their ancestors hard, long awaited, labor. I believe anyone with Hawaiian koko should be able to receive Hawaiian home lands, everyone. Does it make me less Hawaiian compared to a full blooded or 75% Hawaiian like my dad? I say, "no."

I thank Father God, the Great "I AM", Jehovah who has blessed us with such a beautiful place to sow, and grow, and love and pass on to our children. I continue to pray for His will to be done in our lives. He promises to make a way when there is no way, that He will bless us abundantly, and He protects and cares for those who trust in Him. I trust You, Jesus.

Thank you hearing the cries of our Hawaiian people. God bless you all!

*Sincerely,
Janna Lin Kee-Espaniola*

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SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
HB 451
RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT

Aloha Chair Ng and members of the OMH Committee,

As a member and Chair to the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Benefits and Trusts Committee that advocates and monitors Ali'i and Public Trusts, to which we meet with 67 clubs Nationwide annually to discuss and adopt topics related to the Native Hawaiian community. I strongly urge that this committee would support HB 451 however, would highly encourage the committee to reflect on the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, Section 208 (5) which is not included in the measure HB 451. This section mentions the blood quantum for successors and to amend it so that it will be consistent with the proposed language in Section 209.

The resolution adopted by the Hawaiian Civic Clubs stipulates that, "pursuant to the recent Federal Register Rules and Regulations regarding Land Exchange Procedures and Procedures to Amend the Hawaiian Homes Comissions Act, 1920, 43 CFR Parts 47 and 48, RIN 190-AA-98, effective July 12, 2016, encourages the State of Hawai'i enact a law reducing the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement from one-quarter to one thirty-second pursuant to Sections 208 and 209 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act".

Therefore, I ask this committee to support HB451 with recommendations to include changing the language in Section 208 to reflect one thirty-second instead of one-quarter to reflect consistent language throughout the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

Mahalo for your time and consideration to hearing this measure.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
Shane Nelsen
Benefits and Trusts Chair,
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

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Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha kakou, I stand in FULL SUPPORT of HB 451 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT. Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second. This Bill will allow ohana members to continue their residence in the ohana hale. Our Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole did not mean to displace one Hawaiian ohana for another, this Bill fulfills his intent and desire. Mahalo for HB 451 and allowing my manao to be considered. Me ke aloha, Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai HHCA Beneficiary Waianae Valley Homestead Lessee

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Mapu Kekahuna	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you Representing this Bill RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT. HB451 Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second. I Support this measure to secure the future of Hawaiian homeland successors. As we all know the Hawaiian blood quantum of 50 % is far and few today due to the mix race marriages etc. So i am in full support of this measure. Thank you.. Mapu Kekahuna Resident of District 13.. and a Native Hawaiian mix raced kanaka.

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Re: Blood Quantum being changed from one-quarter to on-thirty second.

Aloha,

My name is Minette Kuupoli Fernandez and I am a successor to my mother's Aloimanu property on the island of Kauai. I currently have a house on the property that is used by not only me but by my children and the rest of my family. I have 44% Hawaiian from my mother but my children only have 22%; 3% shy of becoming a successor to my house that I built with my late father with my own two hands. With the current law, it saddens me to think that my own two children will not be able to inherit this house and the property from my mother and then from me.

For that reason, I urge you to change the blood quantum so that my children and family can enjoy this property and the house I have built for years to come.

Much Aloha,

Minette K. Fernandez