

# SB1495 RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR QUIET TITLE

Senate Committee on Judiciary

February 7, 2019 1:15 p.m. Room 016

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) <u>SUPPORTS</u> SB1495, which seeks to address legal processes that have long been exploited to forcibly sever Native Hawaiian families' connections to their ancestral lands.

Kuleana land parcels (kuleana), many of which have been passed down from original awardees through multiple generations of heirs, often represent the last vestige of the legal recognition originally granted to Native Hawaiian families' traditional tenure of ancestral lands. Today, maintaining a connection to family kuleana continues to be critical for many Native Hawaiians to maintain a connection to their ancestors and ancestral lands, as well as to uphold the traditional practices, lifestyles, and values that derive from their cultural and family heritage.

Unfortunately, legal mechanisms, such as quiet title and adverse possession, have often been used to forcibly sever the connection between Native Hawaiian families and their kuleana. Prior to the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom government, quiet title actions were a beneficial legal tool for Native Hawaiian kuleana awardees to stave-off adverse possession claims made by encroaching large agricultural landowners. However, beginning in the Territorial era, changes to the quiet title process resulted in the use of quiet title actions to dispossess Native Hawaiian families of their kuleana. The current framework of quiet title action continues to leave kuleana vulnerable to dispossession, including through the use of complex and cost-prohibitive legal processes that effectively foreclose quiet title defendants, i.e. kuleana owners, from challenging quiet title actions and adverse possession claims.

SB1495 seeks to address the various means by which the current quiet title framework has been exploited, to unfairly sever Native Hawaiians from lands held in their family for generations; furthermore, this measure attempts to better ensure that families are able to maintain traditional and cultural access to their kuleana parcels, notwithstanding the filing of a quiet title action against them.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to <u>PASS</u> SB1495. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

<u>SB-1495</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 10:32:50 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	Testifying for We Are One, Inc www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

## Comments:

Support protections for Kuleana Land owners.

www.WeAreOne.cc



# BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS February 7, 2019

Senate Bill 1495 Relating to Actions for Quiet Title

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee,

KPAC submits the following testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1495 which provides that where a quiet title action involves kuleana land, any defendant may request mandatory mediation to attempt to resolve the dispute and request consolidation into a single action. However, we do have suggested amendments to strengthen this bill so that it may better fulfill the original intent which is to provide additional protections to traditional Kuleana land owners.

Kuleana lands were granted to Kanaka Maoli tenant farmers between 1850 and 1855 and include gathering, access, and agricultural rights as well as the right to build a dwelling. Only 8,205 Kanaka Maoli received Kuleana lands that account for less than 1 percent of Hawaiian Kingdom lands. Many of these awards were adversely possessed by corporations like sugar and pineapple plantations but a precious few are still in the same families today keeping their ancestral tie to their lands. The Kanaka Maoli peoples own some of the worst socio economic, health and education statistics in the state. For example, we make up almost 40% of the houseless population. Therefore, it is imperative that the State of Hawai'i help Kanaka Maoli stay on their ancestral lands. As people of the land, the well-being of Kanaka Maoli is intrinsically tied to the 'āina.

SB1495 helps keep Kanaka Maoli families on their lands by alleviating the economic stress of defending themselves against Quiet actions. Having paid fees and taxes for these lands for 170 years many of these families don't have the economic means of hiring attorneys for costly court cases to defend their lands. KPAC supports the mandatory provisions in this measure for the following reasons:

- 1. Providing mandatory mediation helps to narrow down issues in dispute lowering costs of litigation especially for parties without attorneys. The sheer number of family members that are usually involved makes this avenue a better route rather than going directly to court.
- 2. Consolidating separate quiet title actions into one for the same kuleana land award will keep costs down for the defendants and prevent the Plaintiff from saying one thing in one case and another in another case.
- 3. Language that states that the Plantiffs shall bear the cost of mediation or other court fees. There should be no situation where the defendants should have to bear the cost of mediation in order for someone trying to quiet title or "legally steal" their lands.

KPAC respectfully request that the House Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs strengthens this measure even more with the following amendments:

1. On page 1 line 6 after Kuleana Lands please add "due to their special status under Kingdom law

and the state constitution"

2. Make it mandatory for persons bringing quiet title action against Kuleana land owners to own at least 50% interests in the kuleana land.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Healani Sonoda-Pale Chair, KPAC

<u>SB-1495</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:12:59 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Hanalei Fergerstrom	Hanalei Fergerstrom Testifying for Na Kupuna Moku O Keawe		No	

## Comments:

Na Kupuna Moku O Keawe are in full support of SB1495....and any companion to it.

Hanalei Fergerstrom Spokesperson for Na Kupuna Moku O Keawe

<u>SB-1495</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 3:00:53 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By Organization		Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Testifying for Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Support	Yes

Comments:

WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL.

#### DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII

Hawaiian Affairs Caucus

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT OF

SB1495, Relating to Actions for Quiet Title Hearing: Feb 7, 2019, 1:15 p.m., Room 016

#### **COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Kenekoa/Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Luna Hoʻomalu/Chair Kenekoa/Senator Kaialiʻi Kahele, Hope Luna Hoʻomalu/Vice Chair

Aloha, Kenekoa Shimabukuro a me Kenekoa Kahele

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaiian Caucus submits the following testimony in SUPPORT, WITH AMENDMENT of Senate Bill 1495 which provides that where a quiet title action involves kuleana land, any defendant may request mandatory mediation to attempt to resolve the dispute and request consolidation into a single action. However, we do have suggested amendments to strengthen this bill so that it may better fulfill the original intent which is to provide additional protections to traditional Native Hawaiian Kuleana land owners.

#### **Mandatory Mediation**

Mediation helps to narrow down issues in disputes lowering costs of litigation for Native Hawaiian kuleana land owners and/or parties without attorneys. Mediation is mandatory if requested for other types of real estate disputes (see HRS 421I-9, HRS421J-13 and HRS 514B-161). The sheer number of family members in Kuleana land cases would make mediation the most cost effective for Native Hawaiian Kuleana Land owners and the State.

#### Consolidation

Consolidating separate quiet title actions into one for the same kuleana land award will keep costs down for the defendants and prevent the Plaintiff from saying one thing in one case and another in another case.

#### Costs

Although costs are not discussed in the Quiet Title statute, when a quiet title action is brought together with a partition action, costs or fees could become blurred.

#### **Amendments**

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus respectfully requests that the House Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs Committee strengthen this measure even more with the following amendments:

- 1. On page 1 line 6 after Kuleana Lands please add "due to their special status under Kingdom law and the state constitution".
- 2. Add this wording to section (f) as number (4) "The plaintiff shall not seek and shall not be awarded the extinguishment or alienation of the defendant's access to or through the land for native Hawaiian cultural and traditional practices or present or historic access to other nearby parcels."

Respectfully,

LEIMOMI KHAN, CHAIR

shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

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yes

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Jamie Kawauchi

My email is jami.kawa@gmail.com

I reside at Naalehu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

yes

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL

1495-Kuleana lands were

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From: <u>Keahi Renaud</u> on behalf of <u>Sen. Maile Shimabukuro</u>

To: <u>shimabukuro2 - Richard</u>

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**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

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Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Kahaka Patolo

My email is <u>kahakapatolo07@gmail.com</u>

I reside at Honolulu Hawaii

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

Native Hawaiian

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1495-Please amend this bill to only allow those with at least 50% interests in the Kuleana lands to take quiet title action.

We are coming for our Lands!

**Additional Comments:** 

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**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

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**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

Chair Kahele

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Kauluwehiokalani Eli

My email is ulueli@gmail.com

I reside at Honolulu, Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Mahina Poepoe

My email is <u>mahinal@hawaii.edu</u>

I reside at Hoolehua, Molokai

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Maile Lavea-Malloe

My email is mlavea@hawaii.edu

I reside at Hilo, Hawaii Island

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

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yes

**Additional Comments:** 

Keep Hawaiian Lands in Hawaiian Hands

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Mary Pale

protestnaiaupuni@gmail.com My email is

I reside at Kaluaaha, Molokai

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

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**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

Chair Kahele

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Michael Hutchinson Sr

My email is mikey\_97606@yahoo.com

I reside at Kapolei Oahu

I am-non-Kanaka Maoli aka yes

non-Native Hawaiian

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL

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**Additional Comments:** Kuleana lands belong in the original awardees ohanas hands

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**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

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Ihara

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Rebekah Luke

My email is rebekahluke@hawaii.rr.com

I reside at Kaaawa, Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

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**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

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Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Sam Kapoi

My email is samkapoi@gmail.com

I reside at Wai'anae O'ahu

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Hawaii State Legislature, February 7, 2019

Senate Bill 1495: Relating to Action for Quiet Title; Kuleana Land; Mediation

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee,

My name is MaryAnn Omerod and I strongly support Senate Bill 1495 Relating to Action for Quiet Title; Kuleana Land; Mediation

Through personal experience, I am a firsthand witness to the ongoing burden our native community is challenged with regarding quiet title land disputes via the court system. In the 1980s, my family was summoned to court to contest a quiet title action lawsuit. We contacted the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC) and were instructed to conduct a title search which became an added expense. Unfortunately, we were unable to complete a comprehensive title search due to the growing costs and requested the title company to draft a letter based on the limited documents that was collected. After incurring most of the legal fees and added expenses to prepare for court, we were instructed by the judge to enter into mediation with the plaintiff. In short, this first case had left my family with a \$10,000 debt owed to NHLC.

The legal and financial hardships my family encountered is not an isolated issue in Hawai'i. History shows us that many of our Kanaka were forced to leave their ancestral lands in search of work in centralized towns. The redirection of rivers for agriculture and the loss of land to ranching created the inability of self-subsistence and a dependence on a monetized economy. This greatly increased the diaspora of a diminishing rural population in the mid-1800s. With Kanaka Maoli being continuously displaced, current generations have become unfamiliar with the existence of their ancestral lands as well as their genealogical connections to these lands. Therefore, as the generations continue, they become more susceptible to the present and ever-growing legal disadvantages. Land acquisition by large entities who seek clear title resulting in lengthy court cases that incur substantial legal fees and research cost. Most families are unable to pay these types of cost and reluctantly forfeit their interest to their lands.

Senate Bill 1495 helps to keep Kanaka Maoli families' rights to their lands by alleviating the economic stress of defending themselves against Quiet title actions. Many families do not have the economic means of hiring title companies or attorneys for costly court cases to defend their lands.

Kuleana lands granted to Kanaka Maoli tenant farmers between 1850 and 1855 include gathering, access, agricultural, and the right to construct a dwelling. Only 8,205 Kanaka Maoli received Kuleana lands that account for less than 1 percent of Hawaiian Kingdom lands. Many of these awards were adversely possessed by corporations like sugar and pineapple plantations while a few are still in the hands of the families who continue to keep their ancestral tie to their land.

With Kanaka Maoli owning the worst socio economic, health, and education statistics in the state, it is imperative that the State of Hawaii help Kanaka Maoli to remain on their ancestral lands. As people of the land, the well-being of Kanaka Maoli is intrinsically tied to the 'āina.

I support the mandatory provisions in this measure as follows:

- 1. Providing mandatory mediation helps to narrow issues in dispute and minimizes the cost to mediation and miscellaneous fees only.
- 2. Consolidating individual quiet title actions into one case for the same kuleana land award minimizing the cost to all parties involved.
- 3. Language stating that the Plantiff "shall not recover costs, expenses or attorney's fees from the defendant" which is necessary when quiet title action is combined with a partition action, to prevent any confusion of costs or fees between the parties.
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Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 1:36 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Christina Goodness

My email is christina38@yahoo.com

I reside at Wailuku, Maui

I am-non-Kanaka Maoli aka

non-Native Hawaiian

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL

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**Additional Comments:** Please consider my inputs in your votes.

shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: LATE: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Monday, February 4, 2019 5:21:11 PM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

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Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is George Purdy

My email is worldcat30@gmail.com

yes

I reside at Lana'i

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

yes **Native Hawaiian** 

I am-Not registered to vote. yes

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Protected persons status!

yes

**Additional Comments:** 

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Jennifer Mitchell

My email is gethawn@yahoo.com

I reside at Kailua Kona, Hawaii

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

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Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Kalani Mondoy

My email is mamoahina@gmail.com

I reside at Los Angeles, California

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

yes

I am-Registered to vote

outside of Hawaii.

yes

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From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: FW: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Monday, February 4, 2019 3:34:22 PM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 2:54 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

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**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

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Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is kalanimoku opunui

My email is kalaniandtaniaopunui@gmail.com

I reside at lahaina maui

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

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yes

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**Additional Comments:** 

I stand to occupy family land to farm and live my culture as a

native Hawaiian

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To: <u>shimabukuro2 - Richard</u>

Subject: FW: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

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Ihara

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Fevella

My name is Kaukaohu Wahilani

My email is wahilanikaukaohu@gmail.com

yes

I reside at Puea Wai'anae

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Need to stop process of quiet claim!!!

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Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Kaylene Sheldon

kauwilamahina@gmail.com My email is

I reside at Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

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To: <u>shimabukuro2 - Richard</u>

Subject: FW: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

Date: Monday, February 4, 2019 3:46:56 PM

From: 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 1:26 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

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Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Michele Haia

My email is km\_10\_10\_81@yahoo.com

yes

I reside at Lahaina, Maui

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

Native Hawaiian yes

I am-Registered to vote in

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**Additional Comments:** 

Please help with our Kuleana land that our family once live

and grow their own food.

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Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Shane Pale

My email is shane.pale@gmail.com

yes

I reside at Kuliouou Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

Native Hawaiian yes

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Subject: FW: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Monday, February 4, 2019 3:46:36 PM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 1:30 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

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Keohokalole

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Shawna Chang

My email is rachawaiian@hawaii.rr.com

I reside at Maui

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

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Keohokalole

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Sheila Young

My email is sheiladahelah@gmail.com

I reside at Hanalei, Kaua'i

I am-non-Kanaka Maoli aka yes

non-Native Hawaiian

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"Time" to do the RIGHT thing

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Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro From:

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Keohokalole

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Simbra Lynn Kanakaole Esperon

yes

My email is haynsunshine101@gmail.com

I reside at Keaau, Hawaii

I am-Not registered to vote. yes

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**Fevella** 

My name is Susan Rosier

My email is 808sue808@gmail.com

I reside at Pahoa, Moku o Keawe

I am-Registered to vote in

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yes

<u>SB-1495</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:49:03 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lindsay Terkelsen	Individual	Support	No

# Comments:

Please pass SB1495 to promote a more equitable process for owners of kuleana land.

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:59:07 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 12:43 AM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Lea Iwamoto

My email is Lea131g@gmail.com

I reside at Honolulu oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL

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Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:06:45 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:24 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Adam Laeha

My email is adam.laeha@gmail.com

yes

I reside at Kailua Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

yes **Native Hawaiian** 

I am-Registered to vote in

yes Hawaii.

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To: <u>shimabukuro2 - Richard</u>

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:04:27 AM

From: 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:53 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Anthony Ching

My email is acsolar808@gmail.com

yes

I reside at Honolulu, Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

Native Hawaiian yes

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yes

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:21:04 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:50 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Beverly Amaral

My email is ikuaalohaz@gmail.com

I reside at Kaneohe, Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

yes

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From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 11:20:03 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 11:12 AM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

**Chair Kahele** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Charmaine Bugado

My email is charmaincita@gmail.com

I reside at Hilo, Hawaii

I am-Other: Kanaka Maoli yes, Kanaka Maoli

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

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yes

From:Sen. Maile ShimabukuroTo:shimabukuro2 - Richard

Cc: Keahi Renaud

Subject: Fwd: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:49:58 PM



Senator Maile Shimabukuro

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**From:** 123ContactForm < <u>noreply@123formbuilder.io</u>>

**Date:** February 5, 2019 at 12:46:45 PM HST **To:** "senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov" <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Fevella	
My name is	Gayle Kaio
My email is	gayle.kaio@gmail.com
I reside at	Keopu, moku o hawai'i
I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native Hawaiian	yes
I am-Registered to vote in Hawaii.	yes

#### I SUPPORT SENATE BILL

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**Additional Comments:** 

Kuleana lands for kanaka maoli only. A quiet title action was taken here in Kona on my tutu's property here in Kona, my family didn't have the money to stop this action cuz of the back taxes. My father-in-law's aina in Laie is being threatened by the Mormon church. Fresh water springs are on the property and that may be one of the main reasons for the church's push. Unlike my ohana, my father-in-laws aina is all paid up. Why do we have to continously fight na po'e haole and the government to live on our land...kanaka not homeless, we houseless..

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:24:26 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:47 AM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is George Purdy

My email is worldcat30@gmail.com

I reside at Lana'i

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

I am-Not registered to vote. yes

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1495-

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# I SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1495-

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# I SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1495-

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<b>Additional Comments:</b>	Please take the time and research this country the Hawaiian
	Kingdom.I have come know and I know I am a protected
	person under this strange occupation.

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:16:23 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:07 AM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Chair yes

Shimabukuro

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Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Halona Fukutomi

My email is halona42@yahoo.com

I reside at Hilo, Hawai'i

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

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**Additional Comments:** Although I am new to learning about kuleana lands, I do

support basic human rights. In all fairness, I was told that with my right to civic duty it seems there is constitution that has rules for protection Of people as a whole.

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:20:09 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:01 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Harry Kapu

My email is Harrykapu3@gmail.com

I reside at Lahaina Maui

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

I am-Registered to vote in

yes

yes

Hawaii.

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Additional Comments:	Heir of apaa , Olala, kua, Kapu,Haia,kekai,john manuia kekai and all that is family.t

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:20:29 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 4:31 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Hilina'i Cummings

My email is jonahbooth77@gmail.com

I reside at Aiea, Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

yes

yes

Hawaii.

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Additional Comments:	Kuleana lands is our relationship to our aina and our culture as well as our genealogy

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:19:52 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:25 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Jacque Sinenci

My email is kaleialoha2017@gmail.com

I reside at Honokohau Valley, Maui

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

yes

yes

Hawaii.

**I SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1495-**

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#### action.

#### **Additional Comments:**

DUE TO THEIR SPECIAL STATUS UNDER KINGSOM LAW AND THE STATE CONSTITUTION, I, JACQUE SINENCI RESIDING HONOKOHAU VALLEY, Maui Nui with deep lineal descent from HANA, MAUI AND LAHAINA, MAUI I AM PROVIDING MY WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN CONCERN OF SENATE BILL 1495 to specifically SUPPORT MY KANAKA MAOLI COMMUNITY AND TAKING CARE OF MY KULEANA AS A KANAKA MAOLI. We have been kept from regaining OUR 'AINA, DISRESPECTED, AND OUR ADVERSARIES HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR A VERY LONG TIME TO DEMOLISH KANAKA MAOLI. NO MORE! NO MORE DESECRATION TO OIR KUPUNA IWI, NO MORE LEASES ON OUR WATER RIGHTS, NO MORE 'AINA FOR SALE, NOW AND FOREVER, NO MORE NEGOTIATIONS ON LEASING OR LAND. NO MORE LAND EXCHANGE, NO MORE SUFFERING, SACRIFICING, ELLIMKNATING OUR CULTURE, VALUES, PROTOCOLS AND EVERUTHING ELSE KANAKA MAOLI! WE WILL ONIPA'A AND WE WILL PREVAIL! KEEP HAWAIIAN LANDS IN HAWAIIAN HANDS!!!!

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:06:01 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:56 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is John Omerod

My email is nomerod@me.com

I reside at Honolulu, Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL

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1495-Please amend this bill to only allow those with at least 50% interests in the Kuleana lands to take quiet title action.

yes

#### **Additional Comments:**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Hawaii State Legislature, February 7, 2019 Senate Bill 1495 Relating to Action for Quiet Title; Kuleana Land; Mediation Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee, My name is John Omerod and I strongly support Senate Bill 1495 Relating to Action for Quiet Title; Kuleana Land; Mediation Through personal experience, I am a firsthand witness to the ongoing burden our native community is challenged with regarding quiet title

land disputes via the court system. In the 1980s, my family was summoned to court to contest a quiet title action lawsuit. We contacted the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC) and were instructed to conduct a title search which became an added expense. Unfortunately, we were unable to complete a comprehensive title search due to the growing costs and requested the title company to draft a letter based on the limited documents that was collected. After incurring most of the legal fees and added expenses to prepare for court, we were instructed by the judge to enter into mediation with the plaintiff. In short, this first case had left my family with a \$10,000 debt owed to NHLC. The legal and financial hardships my family encountered is not an isolated issue in Hawai'i. History shows us that many of our Kanaka were forced to leave their ancestral lands in search of work in centralized towns. The redirection of rivers for agriculture and the loss of land to ranching created the inability of selfsubsistence and a dependence on a monetized economy. This greatly increased the diaspora of a diminishing rural population in the mid-1800s. With Kanaka Maoli being continuously displaced, current generations have become unfamiliar with the existence of their ancestral lands as well as their genealogical connections to these lands. Therefore, as the generations continue, they become more susceptible to the present and ever-growing legal disadvantages. Land acquisition by large entities who seek clear title resulting in lengthy court cases that incur substantial legal fees and research cost. Most families are unable to pay these types of cost and reluctantly forfeit their interest to their lands. Senate Bill 1495 helps to keep Kanaka Maoli families' rights to their lands by alleviating the economic stress of defending themselves against Quiet title actions. Many families do not have the economic means of hiring title companies or attorneys for costly court cases to defend their lands. Kuleana lands granted to Kanaka Maoli tenant farmers between 1850 and 1855 include gathering, access, agricultural, and the right to construct a dwelling. Only 8,205 Kanaka Maoli received Kuleana lands that account for less than 1 percent of Hawaiian Kingdom lands. Many of these awards were adversely possessed by corporations like sugar and pineapple plantations while a few are still in the hands of the families who continue to keep their ancestral tie to their land. With Kanaka Maoli owning the worst socio economic, health, and education statistics in the state, it is imperative that the State of Hawaii help Kanaka Maoli to remain on their ancestral lands. As people of the land, the well-being of Kanaka Maoli is intrinsically tied to the 'aina. I support the mandatory provisions in this measure as follows: 1. Providing mandatory mediation helps to narrow issues in dispute and minimizes the cost to mediation and miscellaneous fees only. 2.

Consolidating individual quiet title actions into one case for the same kuleana land award minimizing the cost to all parties involved. 3. Language stating that the Plantiff "shall not recover costs, expenses or attorney's fees from the defendant" which is necessary when quiet title action is combined with a partition action, to prevent any confusion of costs or fees between the parties. 4. Make it mandatory for persons bringing quiet title action against Kuleana land owners, to own at least 50% interests in the kuleana land. 5. The plaintiff shall not seek nor be awarded the extinguishment or alienation of the defendant's access to or through the land for native Hawaiian cultural and traditional practices or present or historic access to other nearby parcels.

From: <u>Keahi Renaud</u> on behalf of <u>Sen. Maile Shimabukuro</u>

To: <u>shimabukuro2 - Richard</u>

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:07:46 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 6:44 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

**Chair Kahele** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Jolene Carreira

My email is juc3@hawaii.edu

I reside at Hauula, Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

yes

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To: <u>shimabukuro2 - Richard</u>

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:58:19 AM

From: 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:48 AM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

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Chair Kahele

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Jonah Keohokapu

My email is jk96786@gmail.com

I reside at Wahiawa Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

Native Hawaiian

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

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Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:19:11 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:45 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Kaiulani Lambert

My email is kaiulambert@yahoo.com

I reside at Kahalu'u

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

**I SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1495-**

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Additional Comments:	Kanaka face a difficult task in establishing genealogical ties to their kupuna for quiet title actions. The costs to defend these titles and to pay childt these court cases leave many with the only alternative to sell their interest because the outcome leaves them owing the attorneys and court fees.

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:04:02 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 10:18 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Kalani Kalima

My email is kuaaina96795@gmail.com

I reside at Waimanalo, O'ahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

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shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:57:28 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:14 AM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

**Chair Kahele** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Ki'ilani Spencer

My email is keyelani@gmail.com

I reside at Pa'auilo Hawai'i

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Not registered to vote. yes

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yes

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:18:53 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:50 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs

Committee-Chair yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Leonardo Linsky

My email is linsky@hawaii.edu

I reside at Honolulu, Oahu

I am-non-Kanaka Maoli aka

non-Native Hawaiian

yes

I am-Registered to vote

outside of Hawaii.

yes

yes

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1495-

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Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:17:47 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:58 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Louanne Ondo

My email is louanneo570@gmail.com

Hilo,hawaii I reside at

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

yes

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shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:58:41 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:05 AM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

**Chair Kahele** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Maia Dunn

My email is Maia.dunn88@yahoo.com

I reside at New Zealand

I am-Other: Maori yes, Maori

I am-Not registered to vote. yes

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shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:57:54 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 4:43 AM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

yes

Chair Kahele

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Mapuana Lukela

mapuanalukela@gmail.com My email is

I reside at Waianae

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

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**Additional Comments:** I strongly support

shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:06:22 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:53 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is MaryAnn Omerod

My email is naniomerod1@gmail.com

yes

I reside at Honolulu, Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

yes **Native Hawaiian** 

I am-Registered to vote in

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## **Additional Comments:**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Hawaii State Legislature, February 7, 2019 Senate Bill 1495 Relating to Action for Quiet Title; Kuleana Land; Mediation Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee, My name is Maryann Omerod and I strongly support Senate Bill 1495 Relating to Action for Quiet Title; Kuleana Land; Mediation Through personal experience, I am a firsthand witness to the ongoing burden our native community is challenged with regarding

quiet title land disputes via the court system. In the 1980s, my family was summoned to court to contest a quiet title action lawsuit. We contacted the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC) and were instructed to conduct a title search which became an added expense. Unfortunately, we were unable to complete a comprehensive title search due to the growing costs and requested the title company to draft a letter based on the limited documents that was collected. After incurring most of the legal fees and added expenses to prepare for court, we were instructed by the judge to enter into mediation with the plaintiff. In short, this first case had left my family with a \$10,000 debt owed to NHLC. The legal and financial hardships my family encountered is not an isolated issue in Hawai'i. History shows us that many of our Kanaka were forced to leave their ancestral lands in search of work in centralized towns. The redirection of rivers for agriculture and the loss of land to ranching created the inability of self-subsistence and a dependence on a monetized economy. This greatly increased the diaspora of a diminishing rural population in the mid-1800s. With Kanaka Maoli being continuously displaced, current generations have become unfamiliar with the existence of their ancestral lands as well as their genealogical connections to these lands. Therefore, as the generations continue, they become more susceptible to the present and ever-growing legal disadvantages. Land acquisition by large entities who seek clear title resulting in lengthy court cases that incur substantial legal fees and research cost. Most families are unable to pay these types of cost and reluctantly forfeit their interest to their lands. Senate Bill 1495 helps to keep Kanaka Maoli families' rights to their lands by alleviating the economic stress of defending themselves against Quiet title actions. Many families do not have the economic means of hiring title companies or attorneys for costly court cases to defend their lands. Kuleana lands granted to Kanaka Maoli tenant farmers between 1850 and 1855 include gathering, access, agricultural, and the right to construct a dwelling. Only 8,205 Kanaka Maoli received Kuleana lands that account for less than 1 percent of Hawaiian Kingdom lands. Many of these awards were adversely possessed by corporations like sugar and pineapple plantations while a few are still in the hands of the families who continue to keep their ancestral tie to their land. With Kanaka Maoli owning the worst socio economic, health, and education statistics in the state, it is imperative that the State of Hawaii help Kanaka Maoli to remain on their ancestral lands. As people of the land, the well-being of Kanaka Maoli is intrinsically tied to the 'aina. I support the mandatory provisions in this measure as follows: 1. Providing mandatory mediation helps to narrow issues in dispute and minimizes the cost to mediation and

miscellaneous fees only. 2. Consolidating individual quiet title actions into one case for the same kuleana land award minimizing the cost to all parties involved. 3. Language stating that the Plantiff "shall not recover costs, expenses or attorney's fees from the defendant" which is necessary when quiet title action is combined with a partition action, to prevent any confusion of costs or fees between the parties. 4. Make it mandatory for persons bringing quiet title action against Kuleana land owners, to own at least 50% interests in the kuleana land. 5. The plaintiff shall not seek nor be awarded the extinguishment or alienation of the defendant's access to or through the land for native Hawaiian cultural and traditional practices or present or historic access to other nearby parcels.

shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:04:53 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:39 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

**Chair Kahele** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Mervin Chung

mchung25.mc@gmail.com My email is

I reside at Koloa, Kauai

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL

1495-Kuleana lands were

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tenant farmers between

**1850** and **1855** and include

yes

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## I SUPPORT SENATE BILL

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shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:02:09 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:01 AM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Michael Hutchinson Jr

My email is kidzwannago@yahoo.com

I reside at Kapolei, Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Not registered to vote. yes

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL

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**Additional Comments:** I support SB1495

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:23:14 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 12:16 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Nanea Lo

My email is naneaclo@gmail.com

I reside at Honolulu, Oʻahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaiian

yes

yes

Hawaii.

**I SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1495-**

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Only 8,205 Kanaka Maoli received Kuleana lands that account for less than 1 percent of Hawaiian Kingdom lands. Many of these awards were adversely yes possessed by corporations like sugar and pineapple plantations but a precious few are still in the same families today keeping their ancestral tie to their lands.

#### I SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1495-

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action.

shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:02:54 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 11:50 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Rachel Kapu

My email is lehualani@gmail.com

I reside at Lahaina, Maui

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

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Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:02:31 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 11:56 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Robert Srivers-Apiki

My email is hoku67@live.com

I reside at Hilo Hawaii Island

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

yes

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shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:05:20 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:34 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

**Chair Kahele** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Robyn Riedel

My email is rnb20042@gmail.com

I reside at Hilo, Hawaii

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

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shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:03:16 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 11:44 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

**Chair Kahele** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Rochelle Kapu

uilani.kapu@gmail.com My email is

I reside at Lahaina, maui

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

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**Additional Comments:** I am a Kuleana Land Owner today.

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:18:22 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:56 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Rowena Ota

My email is nejo2608@gmail.com

I reside at Keaau! Hawaii

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

yes

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From: <u>Keahi Renaud</u> on behalf of <u>Sen. Maile Shimabukuro</u>

To: <u>shimabukuro2 - Richard</u>

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:02:29 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:58 AM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

.

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

**Chair Kahele** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Fevella

My name is Sandee Pa

My email is protecthawaii@aol.com

I reside at Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

yes

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Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:17:07 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 11:02 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes **Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Shaeralee-Tiare Manosa

My email is smanosa@gmail.com

I reside at Kamalo, Molokai

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

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From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:15:39 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:59 AM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

yes

My name is Shanette Kuhua

My email is nenakuhia03@gnail.com

I reside at Hawai'i

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

I am-Registered to vote in

yes

Hawaii.

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shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:46:11 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:36 AM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

**Chair Kahele** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Shannon Rudolph

My email is shannonkona@gmail.com

I reside at Holualoa, Hawai'i Island

I am-non-Kanaka Maoli aka

non-Native Hawaiian

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL

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**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Fevella

My name is Sharon Willeford

My email is slwsurfing@yahoo.com

I reside at Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL

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yes

**Additional Comments:** 

"Keep Hawaiian Lands In Hawaiian Hands" ~ What Iz would ask of you!

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:21:19 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:32 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Toni Yardley

My email is hawaiinuiloa@gmail.com

I reside at Honolulu, Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

yes

**I SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1495-**

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# I SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1495-

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action.

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:17:26 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:59 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes **Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Traven Apiki

My email is tkapiki@hawaii.edu

I reside at Hilo Hawaii

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

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**Additional Comments:** Finally, for literally decades my family had to fight legal battles

to ensure that my future children and grandchildren can walk over the same lands their kupuna lived upon. For hundreds of years my family lived here in Ka'u and uncertainty of rights to visit family house sites, ceremonial grounds, and even graves kept not just myself and my family, but numerous families across the state from visiting or even maintaining and improving these sites. Words can't express how invaluable these lands are for our families, for the people who have lived and adapted with the surrounding landscapes for centuries. Please push to pass SB1495 so that all future generations may one day experience a people who were able to stay connected with their aina; where the pilina, or relationships among the kanaka maoli and the surrounding ecosystems continued to intertwine and grow into a thriving culture.

From: <u>Keahi Renaud</u> on behalf of <u>Sen. Maile Shimabukuro</u>

To: <u>shimabukuro2 - Richard</u>

Subject: FW: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:27:52 AM

From: 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:37 AM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

**Chair Kahele** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Wai'ala Ahn

My email is waiala.ahn@gmail.com

I reside at Pahoa, Hawai'i

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

Native Hawaiian

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

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**Additional Comments:** Keep Hawai'i lands in Hawaiians hands for future generations

From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

To: <u>shimabukuro2 - Richard</u>

Subject: EARLY: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:03:41 AM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 10:23 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

**Chair Kahele** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Fevella

My name is William Freitas

My email is kukulukuula@gmail.com

I reside at Kailua, Kona

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

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yes

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:22:07 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 1:41 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Yvonne Mahelona

My email is mahelonay@icloud.com

I reside at Nanakuli Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

yes

yes

Hawaii.

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# **Additional Comments:**

I am in the process of finding my Ohana's kuleana lands and an aunt told me that it might have been seized in quiet Title. I will still do my best to see what can be done as my kupuna served to protect our king many years ago. And being able to have that land and use it to provide for my ohana and my community is a dream I hope can come true. I believe you all understand the position cooonization has left many Hawaiians in. Please stand with the native peoples of this land you all serve on. Mahalo nunui.

From: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:20:45 AM Date:

**From:** 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 3:59 PM

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

Committee-Vice Chair Kahele yes

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** yes

**Committee-Senator Ihara** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs** 

**Committee-Senator Fevella** 

My name is Cameron Ahia

My email is maheamoon40@gmail.com

Honolulu, O'ahu I reside at

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native

Hawaiian

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

yes

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From: Keahi Renaud on behalf of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: FW: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:29:59 PM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:12 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Catherine Brooks

My email is catbrooks8888@msn.com

I reside at Kailua, Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

I am-Registered to vote in

Hawaii.

yes

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shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: FW: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:30:29 PM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 12:55 PM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

**Shimabukuro** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** yes

**Chair Kahele** 

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Raquel Aki

My email is kkahi0831@gmail.com

I reside at Kaneohe, Oahu

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

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yes

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shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: FW: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:31:11 PM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:09 AM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

yes

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Vice** 

Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Rita Lei Medina

My email is ritaleimedina@live.com

I reside at Lahaina

I am-Kanaka Maoli aka

**Native Hawaiian** 

yes

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shimabukuro2 - Richard To:

Subject: FW: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495 Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:31:55 PM

**From:** 123ContactForm [mailto:noreply@123formbuilder.io]

Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:51 AM

**To:** Sen. Maile Shimabukuro <senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1495

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Chair** yes

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**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

Affairs Committee-Senator yes

Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian** 

**Affairs Committee-Senator** yes

**Fevella** 

My name is Tamera Heine

My email is liktanur@live.com

I reside at Honolulu, Oahu

I am-non-Kanaka Maoli aka yes

non-Native Hawaiian

I am-Other:Marshallese yes, Marshallese

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