

**KOREAN AMERICAN COALITION OF HAWAII (KACOH)**

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**RE: HCR 33, NOVEMBER 22 AS “KIMCHI DAY”**

Aloha Chair Lee, Dear Friends and Legislators:

We the KACOH strongly support HCR 33 and thank you for this public hearing.

In light of celebration of 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Korean immigration to Hawaii this year, the above resolution designating November 22, 2023 as “Kimchi Day” is very fitting and appropriate.

That would be a great way to recognize the contribution of Korean immigrants have made in Hawaii.

In addition, given the huge surge of K-food, K-Pop, and K-Drama in recent years, celebrating Kimchi, which most prominently represents K-food and culture, is a fantastic way to recognize everything that is Korean.

We the KACOH, therefore, loudly support and applaud your efforts and send out deepest thanks.

Respectfully,

S/ James Lee

James “Kimo” Lee, esq., pres. of KACOH

Benjamin Park

Member of KACOH

Senator Chris Lee, Chair

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

**Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts**

**HCR 33**

Designating November 22 as **Kimchi Day** in the State of Hawai'i

Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:00 pm

State Capitol Conference Room 224

415 South Beretania Street Honolulu HI 96813

**In Support**

Maui Korean Community Association has been serving the needs of local Korean Americans and working closely with the Maui Korean War veterans for almost 40 years. In supporting of Kimchi Day Hawai'i, we celebrate the journey of early immigrant workers from Korea to Hawai'i 120 years ago, and the cultural harmony in sharing of Korean heartbeat, *Kimchi*. We ask that the designation of Kimchi Day will be passed in the State of Hawai'i, and the future festivities of Kimchi Day may invite old & new recipes of living the 808 style even more.

Big Island, Hawai'i is the birthplace of the first commercialized bottled kimchi, *Kohala Kim Chee* in the United States. Hannah Sun Nai Kim was a daughter from a Korean immigrant family who arrived at Honolulu Harbor in 1904, and she got married and started her kimchi business 25 years later in Hilo, Hawai'i. Looking back helps us chart our map of collective stories for our next generations. In celebrating the gifts from many different heritages, we can all continue to participate in the constant making & keeping of the *Aloha* State.

In closing, the designation of Kimchi Day in the State of Hawai'i will serve our communities from different roots to connect closer and celebrate harder. Let us bring our Papaya kimchi, Persimmon kimchi, and some Bok Choy kimchi to our communal table on November 22 every year before Thanksgiving.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit the testimony!

Jeannie Archer/Director

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**HCR-33**

Submitted on: 4/12/2023 9:44:22 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/13/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Francis C. Park	Testifying for Peaceful Unification Advisory Council Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Sen. Chris Lee

Chair of Transportation and Culture and the Arts Committee

Aloha Senator Lee,

I and my organization is strongly support HCR33 as the Kimchee is one of the most popular and healthy food not just in Hawaii but globally.

The people in Hawaii eats Kimchee more often than anywhere else in the world except Korea. Kimchee is not just Korean food and has become one of the popular healthy food that loved by people all over the world. As the multi-ethnic society, enacting "Kimchee Day" in Hawaii will strengthened friendship between the ethnic groups and that Hawaii will become the center of Kimchee culture internationally.

We love Kimchee!

Francis Park

President of the Peaceful Unification Advisory Council Hawaii

**HCR-33**

Submitted on: 4/12/2023 6:10:11 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/13/2023 3:00:00 PM



<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Soo Chae	Testifying for The United Korean Association of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kimchi is a traditional Korean dish that has become popular around the world. It is made from fermented vegetables, typically cabbage, mixed with various seasonings and spices. Kimchi has been recognized for its health benefits, including its probiotic properties and high vitamin and fiber content.

Hawaii has a significant Korean population, and Korean cuisine has become an essential part of the state's food culture. Designating November 22 as "Kimchi Day" in Hawaii could serve as a celebration of Korean culture and its contribution to the state's culinary landscape.

Additionally, the designation of a day to celebrate Kimchi could promote cultural exchange and understanding between Hawaii and Korea. It could also encourage tourism and economic activity, as visitors may be attracted to Hawaii's celebration of Kimchi Day.

Overall, the designation of November 22 as "Kimchi Day" in Hawaii could be a way to celebrate the cultural diversity of the state and promote the benefits of Korean cuisine.

**HCR-33**

Submitted on: 4/10/2023 6:07:56 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/13/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Why choose the day Kennedy was assassinated? Please choose another day!

04/12/2023

Student Baldwin High School

RE: HCR 33 and 34, November 22, 2023 AS "KIMCHI DAY"

Aloha Chair Tam and Legislators:

I, a student of Baldwin High School strongly support HCR 33 and 34, and thank you for this public hearing.

Embracing the many culture differences and practices has been a valuable aspect when representing various communities. I too belong in one and provide many social and economic benefits.

I fully recognize the dedication Korean community has put in Hawaii. Some involve, food, songs, and knowledge of ones familiar language.

With this, celebrating the impact of the Korean culture has been a huge influence in the Hawaiian society and should be appreciated.

Me, a student at Baldwin High School strongly support HCR 33 and 34 with greatest enthusiasm and thank you for all the dedication.

Sincerely,

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**HCR-33**

Submitted on: 4/11/2023 1:46:27 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/13/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Amanda Chang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the passing of Kimchi Day. In supporting of Kimchi Day Hawai'i, we celebrate the journey of early immigrant workers from Korea to Hawai'i 120 years ago, and the cultural harmony in sharing of Korean staple *Kimchi*. We ask that the designation of Kimchi Day will be passed in the State of Hawai'i, and the future festivities of Kimchi Day benefit the locals and visitors.

**HCR-33**

Submitted on: 4/11/2023 10:59:58 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/13/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Young sun shishido	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Will be wonderful to have kimchi day that's good for learn other culture and food .



**HCR-33**

Submitted on: 4/12/2023 9:09:32 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/13/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jung Park	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In honor of the 120th anniversary of Korean immigration to Hawaii, it would be meaningful if a Kimchi Day was designated in Hawaii.

Jung W. Park

**H.P. BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL**

**1650 W Kaahumanu Ave, Waikulu, HI 96793**

RE: HCR 33 Designating NOVEMBER 22, 2023 as “KIMCHI DAY”

Aloha to whom it may concern,

I, Trisha Mae Sonido a student from Baldwin High School Korean II strongly support HCR 33. I support November 22, 2023, As “Kimchi Day” in the state of Hawaii because I think it would bring Koreans in the state of Hawaii together. It would be a great way for Koreans to get together and celebrate one of their specialty. It would be a great way to recognize the contribution of Korean Immigrants in Hawaii.

I, Trisha Mae Sonido, loudly support and applaud your efforts and send our deepest thank you.

Respectfully,

Trisha Mae Sonido

Genesis Casanova  
HP Baldwin Highschool

RE: HCR 33, NOVEMBER 22, 2023 AS "KIMCHI DAY"

Aloha Chair Tam and Legislators:

My name is Genesis Casanova & I strongly support HCR 33 and thank you for this public hearing.

In light of the celebration of the 120th anniversary of Korean immigration to Hawaii this year, the above resolution designating Nov.22, 2023 as "Kimchi Day" is very fitting and appropriate.

As most know there has been a surge of popular Koreans and their music. Many find interest in their culture. A main dish Koreans have is Kimchi, celebrating a staple dish as a way to recognize the many Koreans on the Hawai'i islands.

I strongly support HCR 33 and would be beyond grateful if you could make this happen.

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Respectfully,

Genesis Casanova CO/2025 Of Baldwin Highschool.

## Baldwin High School

RE: HCR 33 and HR 34, NOVEMBER 22, 2023 AS “KIMCHI DAY”

Aloha Chair Tam, Dear Friends, and Legislators:

Hello, I am Jade from Baldwin High School and I strongly support HCR 33 and HR 34, and thank you for this public hearing. In light of the celebration of the 120th anniversary of Korean immigration to Hawaii this year, the above resolution designating Nov.22, 2023 as “Kimchi Day” is very fitting and appropriate. That would be a great way to recognize the contributions Korean immigrants have made in Hawaii. In addition, given the huge surge of K-food, K-Pop, and K-Drama in recent years, celebrating Kimchi, which most prominently represent K-food and culture, and is a fantastic way to recognize everything that is Korean. I am Jade, therefore, loudly support and applaud your efforts and send our deepest thanks.

Respectfully,

Jade Floyd

Apr. 12, 2023

H.P. High School  
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RE: HCR 33 and HR 34, NOVEMBER 22, 2023 AS “KIMCHI DAY”

Aloha Chair Tem and Legislators:

I, Phillip Agonoy, student at H.P Baldwin High School, strongly support HCR 33 and HR 34. In celebration of the 120th anniversary of Korean immigrants coming to Hawaii, I am in support of Nov.22, 2023 becoming “Kimichi Day”. It will recognize the contributions that Koreans have given to not only Hawaii but America as a whole. It is a great opportunity to celebrate Korean culture and the importance it has had on western society.

I, Phillip Agonoy, strongly believe that this bill will give the Korean community the recognition they deserve.

Sincerely,

Phillip Agonoy

4/12/23

**RE: HCR 33 Designating NOVEMBER 22, 2023 as “KIMCHI DAY”**

Aloha e TCA chairperson and committee members.

My name is Amy Ancheta, a Korean Language Teacher at H.P. Baldwin High School on the island of Maui. I am writing this letter in support of the bill HCR 33, the designation of November 22, 2023 as the “Kimchi Day.”

In 2020, Korean Language class started with 55 Korean level 1 students here at Baldwin High School. Now we are offering Levels 1, 2, 3 with students embracing the Korean language and culture.

Korean culture has been an integral part of local culture since the first arrival of Korean immigrants on January 13, 1903 and Kimchi is one of the representative symbols of Korean culture. As a first generation Korean immigrant, I appreciate the support of the local government to be inclusive for many diverse cultures in Hawaii.

I fervently support the bill HCR 33, the designation of November 22, 2023 as the “Kimchi Day.” Thank you so much for your time and effort in moving the bill forward.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Amy Ancheta  
Korean Language Teacher  
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**HCR-33**

Submitted on: 4/12/2023 9:47:11 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/13/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anica Ancheta	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: House Concurrent Bill 33 Designating November 22, 2023, as “Kimchi Day” in the State of Hawai’i.

Dear TCA Chair and Legislators,

My name is Anica Ancheta, a Korean-American citizen living in Hawai’i and a junior attending Henry Perrine Baldwin High School, and I am testifying in support HCR 33 and HR 34.

Kimchi is at the forefront of the growth of popularity and awareness of Korean culture. There is a rich history of the Korean diaspora in Hawai’i, especially since it is where the first significant wave of immigration to the United States occurred. In light of the 120th anniversary of the 1903 occasion, designating a statewide Kimchi Day is an appropriate celebration of Korean culture in Hawai’i.

As a second-generation Korean immigrant, I have seen firsthand the effect of Korean culture on local communities in Hawai’i. From loanwords in Hawaiian Pidgin to eager discussions of Korean cuisine and music, it is clear that Korean culture has contributed much to this state’s culture. I am in fervent hope that this resolution, if passed, will raise awareness of the importance of inclusivity and recognition of the diverse cultures of Hawai’i.

This testimony would not be complete without including the Korean class at Henry Perrine Baldwin High School, the only Korean language and culture program at a Maui high school. It started in 2020 and has grown large in size, rivaling that of the long-running Spanish and Hawaiian programs at Baldwin. Students’ display of interest in a Korean language and culture class illustrates just how prominent Korean culture is in Hawai’i. Thus, Kimchi Day reasonably recognizes Korean contributions to our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Respectfully,

Anica Ancheta

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Aloha Chair Tam, Dear Friends, and Legislators:

I, Arlee Mae from Korean class at Baldwin Highschool, strongly support "Kimchi Day". For the celebration of the 120th anniversary of Korean immigration to Hawaii this year, the above resolution designating November 22, 2023 as "Kimchi Day" is very fitting and appropriate. That would be a great way to recognize the contributions Korean immigrants have made in Hawaii. In addition, given the huge surge of K-food, K-Pop, and K-Drama in recent years, celebrating Kimchi, which most prominently represent K-food and culture, and is a fantastic way to start introducing everyone in Hawaii to recognize part of Korean culture.

I, therefore, loudly support and applaud your efforts and send my deepest thanks.

Respectfully,

Arlee Mae Tabisula, a student in Korean Class from Baldwin Highschool

**HCR-33**

Submitted on: 4/12/2023 9:55:05 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/13/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Taylor Taguchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

RE: HCR 33, NOVEMBER 22, 2023 AS “KIMCHI DAY”

Aloha TCA chairperson and committee members:

My name is Taylor Taguchi, a Junior year High School student attending Maui's H.P Baldwin High School. I am writing this letter in full support of the HCR 33 bill, designating Nov. 22, 2023, as "Kimchi Day."

Korean culture is valued in the state of Hawaii and has continued to grow over the years. Especially in recent times, Korean culture has spiked in popularity, growing the ability to connect our communities.

Kimchi is what I believe is one of the leading representations of Korea. The common and affordable food was and is a staple that all enjoy. But the implementation of Kimchi Day is much more than our adoration of fermented cabbage, it is a representation of Koreans and those who immigrated to Hawaii with dreams and aspirations.

Being in support of the HCR 33 bill, I thank you for your time taking this bill into consideration.

I continue to applaud your efforts and send my deepest thanks.

Respectfully,

Taylor Taguchi

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**RE: HCR 33 and HR 34, NOVEMBER 22, 2023 AS “KIMCHI DAY”**



Aloha Chair Tam, Dear Friends, and Legislators:

My name is Justin Marcos, a Korean II student at Baldwin High School. I am writing this letter to strongly support HCR 33 and HR 34. In light of the celebration of the 120th anniversary of Korean immigration to Hawaii this year, the above resolution designating Nov.22, 2023, as “Kimchi Day” is very fitting and appropriate. That would be a great way to recognize the contributions Korean immigrants have made in Hawaii. In addition, given the huge surge of K-food, K-Pop, and K-Drama in recent years, celebrating Kimchi, which most prominently represents K-food and culture.

I, Justin Marcos as a student at H.P. Baldwin High School, therefore, loudly support and applaud your efforts and send our deepest thanks.

Sincerely,

Justin.

**HCR-33**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 9:34:21 AM

Testimony for TCA on 4/13/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jamaica Alexa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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RE: HCR 33 and HR 34, NOVEMBER 22, 2023 AS “KIMCHI DAY”

Aloha Chair Tam and Legislators:

My name is Jamaica Alexa Derige, a student from Baldwin High School strongly supports HCR 33 and HR 34 to make Nov.22, 2023 as “Kimchi Day”. That would be a great way to recognize the contributions Korean immigrants have made in Hawaii. In addition, Kimchee is featured in almost every meal and also K-pop, K-food, and K-drama are getting recognized by everyone. Therefore, having “Kimchi Day” would not only help boost K-food but also Korea’s culture.

I, Jamaica Alexa Derige as a student in Baldwin High School therefore, loudly support and applaud your efforts and send my deepest thanks.

Respectfully,

Jamaica Alexa Derige