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Testimony for TCA on 2/13/2025 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANNIE AUHOON	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In Support

Mahalo Nui

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Submitted on: 2/8/2025 2:31:10 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/13/2025 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cheryl burghardt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

I SUPPORT SB 1051 which designates September as Hawaiian History Month.

This is especially important as each year we honor Queen Liliuokalani for her birthday as well as other important people and places of historical significance to our islands. Along with this declaration, I ask that the legislature put Hawaiian history and recognition of the people of this place at the forefront of the paths and decisions that are made.

C. Burghardt

Kou Oahu

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:01:11 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/13/2025 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sofia Furtado	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo ‘oukou no keia manawa ha‘i‘olelo ma keia Pila 1051 o Ka ‘Aha Kenekoa, no laila hiki i ho‘olaule‘a ‘ana nei o ka mahina Kepakemapa me like “Hawaiian History Month” i ka Moku‘aina o Hawai‘i. Kāko‘o au keia SB1051 a me ka mālama pono nā pila a‘e pili laulā iā nā mo‘olelo o ka lāhui kānaka maoli.

Thank you all for this opportunity to speak on Senate Bill 1051, so that the month of September can be celebrated as "Hawaiian History Month" in the State of Hawai'i. I support SB1051 and other bills generally related to the proper preservation of indigenous peoples' histories.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:08:02 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/13/2025 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaiulani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support the establishment of Hawaiian History Month as an official month of observance. This bill is a vital step toward ensuring that the rich and complex history of Hawaii is recognized, taught, and celebrated throughout the state.

Hawaiian history is integral to understanding the culture, values, and struggles of our people. By dedicating an entire month to honoring our history, we provide a platform to educate both residents and visitors about the profound impact that the Hawaiian Kingdom, its monarchy, and its people have had on Hawaii and the world.

Hawaiian History Month will help foster pride in our heritage, promote cultural awareness, and encourage respect for the ongoing work of preserving and revitalizing our language and traditions. It also serves as an opportunity to reflect on Hawaii's colonial past and the importance of sovereignty and justice for Native Hawaiians.

I urge you to pass this bill to ensure that Hawaiian history is taught, honored, and remembered by all.

Me ke aloha

Kaʻiulani Iaea

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:47:07 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/13/2025 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ellen Awai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB1051 September Hawaiian History Month, although I thought it already was! I'm glad now Senate and hopefully all of legislature supports the correct education of all Hawaii residents and our visitors and not what was shared just because they could write English before the indigenous writings were translated!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:06:31 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/13/2025 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lahilahi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill this because it's important for everyone to learn Hawaiian history, so we can understand our past helps us learn about our ancestors and avoid making the same mistakes again. By learning from history, we can build a stronger future for our community and protect what makes us unique.

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Testimony for TCA on 2/13/2025 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaimipono	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Support of:

Senate Bill 1051: Relating to Hawaiian History Month

Submitted by:

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Addressed to the Committees of Transportation and Culture and the Arts (TCA) & Hawaiian Affairs (HWN),

Aloha nui to the committees addressed above,

My name is Ka'imipono Inofinada and I was born and raised in Kalihi, O'ahu. I am currently a senior at Hālau Kū Māna Public Charter School. I have written this testimony regarding Senate Bill 1051 and my full intention of supporting it. Coming from the perspective of a Native Hawaiian student enrolled in a charter school that designates Hawaiian culture and values as its core education, I write this testimony regarding Senate Bill 1051 regarding its intentions and fully support the passing of the bill in the legislature. Through the possibility of it passing, I hope to see the perpetuation of Hawaiian History and the commemoration of Queen Lili'uokalani grow in school systems.

Since my enrollment as a student in Hālau Kū Māna, I have learned so many components and stories of our history and Her Majesty Queen Lili'uokalani and of her prominence to the Hawaiian people. It is of no mistake that she is revered in our community due to her

actions taken in order to preserve Hawai‘i Nei. While it is unfortunate that the actions of the Overthrow were plotted and enacted against Her Majesty 132 years ago, the ripple effects still affect the Hawaiian Kingdom and Hawai‘i itself as a whole.

If I was enrolled in a DOE school system as I had been before being enrolled in Hālau Kū Māna, it is a possibility that the topic of the Overthrow and Queen Lili‘uokalani would not be as taught commonly in a classroom, if even taught at all. If this were to happen, I would not be able to fully understand my history and identity and the importance of knowing such components. It is unfortunate that the same is still currently happening in school systems statewide.

Through the passing of Senate Bill 1051, it would not only recognize September as Hawaiian History Month and honor Her Majesty Queen Lili‘uokalani but also spread more awareness and inspire the telling of our stories of this land to more audiences in the islands, especially to our people. The story of our people and kingdom should be known to every Native Hawaiian man, woman, and child but not excluding other ethnicities and kingdom subjects present in the islands.

Mahalo for your time and consideration regarding my testimony in full support of Senate Bill 1051.

Me ke aloha, Ka‘imipono Inofinada

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Submitted on: 2/12/2025 10:55:27 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/13/2025 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
katlyn vogl	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The knowledge of Kanaka Maoli is foundational and should be recognized as a statewide month long holiday. It will help for Keiki to have history, knoweldge, and struggles be highlighted while building community among Kanaka.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimmer Horses	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha no Chair and Senators,

I fully support this measure SB1051 because the true history of the Overthrow, the Big5, the Belligerent military occupation, and accurate history from the Kanaka Maoli perspective is pertinent to the Hawaii experience. In this manner, residents and tourists alike will learn what really happened, be able to determine their own conclusions rather than the inaccurate accounting from the American perspective taught in public schools. This is a step in the right direction and long overdue. I hope that all textbooks that teach that Hawaii is a 50th state will also be overturned and announced as false information, fake news.

Mahalo for this bill.

Kimmer Horses