



Committee: House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs  
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 325 & Via Videoconference  
Re: **Testimony of the ACLU of Hawai'i in SUPPORT of HCR123/HR115**

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice-Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i ("ACLU-HI") writes in **support of HCR123/HR115**, which requests the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to develop a coordinated support and stabilization pathway for Native Hawaiian beneficiaries experiencing homelessness or extremely low income.

Native Hawaiians are overrepresented in Hawai'i's houseless population and experience food and economic insecurity that further challenges that lead to houselessness. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has a constitutional mandate to serve Native Hawaiian beneficiaries, and the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions carries the kuleana to address houselessness in Hawai'i.

By taking this stance, the State can fulfill its responsibilities to Hawai'i's Indigenous people and create a coordinated effort to safeguard Native Hawaiians from further cyclical issues that lack sustained intervention and accessible support.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
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*With more than 4,000 Hawaii-based members, the mission of the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the United States and Hawai'i State Constitutions through legislative, litigation, and public education work. The ACLU of Hawai'i is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public*

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**HR-115**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Diane Ware	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chairs and Committee Members,

I strongly support this bill to facilitate beneficiaries receiving promised housing benefits before they pass away.

Mahalo,

Diane Ware Volcano 96785

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Testimony for JHA on 4/7/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, STRONGLY OPPOSE KAUHALE ON DHHL LANDS. HOUSING SOLUTION IS A STATE ENTITY WHICH SHOULD SEPARATED FROM DHHL!!

123 HCR REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS AND STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED SUPPORT AND STABILIZATION PATHWAY FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR EXTREMELY LOW INCOME