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**SB332**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for HEA on Feb 24, 2015 14:30PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raj Kumar	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly support SB 332 to establish "October 2 as Mohan Das Karamchand Gandhi Day" in Hawaii. As Gandhi once said, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind." He believed that violence cannot be ceased by violence, it can only be ceased by positive communication, love, respect, humility, kindness, forgiveness, tolerance and acceptance of others". In the midst of difficult circumstances and violence, he still remained calm, peaceful and practiced non-violence. Gandhi believed that peace is divine and eternal. When we make peace within family, our society, and ourselves then it spreads to the world. Passing such an important bill will help youths, adults and the society at large to learn more about who Gandhi was, how his non-violent movement ultimately helped humanity to receive freedom, justice and equality in society, and to follow his preaching of Ahimsa (Nonviolence), which means do not harm, others in your thoughts, words and actions. People should be aware of a great legacy that Gandhi left behind for the future generations to follow. Presently, the world is being threatened by Global terrorism and war. It is time to bring Gandhi's teachings back to the modern world and remind each other that we are brothers and sisters and we all have a purpose to share love, live together and serve humanity selflessly in this world. Gandhi believed that we should never give up hope for peace even it appears to be impossible. As Gandhi once said: "You must be the change, you wish to see in the world, and when we change, the world changes." We need to raise awareness toward nonviolence to maintain peace in the world. I strongly support SB 332 to establish "October 2 as Mohan Das Karamchand Gandhi Day" in Hawaii. As Gandhi once said, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind." He believed that violence cannot be ceased by violence, it can only be ceased by positive communication, love, respect, humility, kindness, forgiveness, tolerance and acceptance of others". In the midst of difficult circumstances and violence, he still remained calm, peaceful and practiced non-violence. Gandhi believed that peace is divine and eternal. When we make peace within family, our society, and ourselves then it spreads to the world. Passing such an important bill will help youths, adults and the society at large to learn more about who Gandhi was, how his non-violent movement ultimately helped humanity to receive freedom, justice and equality in society, and to follow his preaching of Ahimsa (Nonviolence), which means do not harm, others in your thoughts, words and actions. People should be aware of a great legacy that Gandhi left behind for the

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**From:** [Joy Bliss](#)  
**To:** [HEA Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB332 Gandhi Day  
**Date:** Monday, February 23, 2015 12:40:20 PM

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Testimonial RE: SB332 Gandhi Day for submission 02/23/15

I would like to submit support of SB332 to be passed in honor of Gandhi Day which is October 2nd of each year.

I have been a board member on the GIIP for more than 6 years. This organization has taken continued steps to inspire and continue the teachings of Gandhi here in Hawaii and abroad.

He taught the world use nonviolence even though we are faced with many enemies. He believed in changing others with love and kindness. Several world leaders have followed his methods to attain victory in establishing equality, freedom, tolerance and justice for all. His teaching are still applicable today and possibly even more so with the violence that exists in our society today.

People from all walks of life follow his legacy and make a difference in their lives and the lives of others.

Honolulu has already established a statue of Gandhi in front of the Honolulu Zoo to add recognition of this day by the designation of this bill would be instrumental in observing the significance of his teachings.

I hope the senate will agree to highlight the teachings of this great man and teacher by passing this bill. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to support this bill.

Kindest regards

Joy Anne Bliss PhD  
Board Member GIIP  
Honolulu Hawaii

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Joy

Senate Bill 332 to establish "MK Gandhi Day"

Barbara G. Melamed, Ph.D, ABPP

Clinical Affiliate Professor, Psychology Department

Member of the Board of the Gandhi International Center for Peace in Hawaii, member of the Association of Conflict Resolution. (808) 737-7420

Mahatmas Gandhi remains a symbol today along with Martin Luther King, Jr. of maintaining hope that boycotts and peaceful nonviolent demonstrations will prevail I reminding our culture that PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION is still possible. We have celebrated the Birthday of Gandhi, here Honolulu with the participation of our spiritual , legislative leaders and with the appreciation and free memorials by the Hawaii National Band and other school and music/dance groups. Many school children also participate in this event. Our island visitors come out and express appreciation that the ALOHA spirit can be seen and felt by those who demonstrate. In this time of media hype and awful demonstration of what doesn't work we must stand for ACTION that speaks of the needs for peace and demonstrate the activities, which Gandhi philosophy has brought to counter burnings alive, beheadings, and other unimaginable atrocities.

SB332 allows us to make a visible difference. Our radio and TV and media support come because the legislature by passing this bill says it is right...to celebrate the freedoms that we and our compatriots across all nations, beyond all religions believe in the goodness of mankind.

**From:** [Raj Kumar](#)  
**To:** [HEA Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Senators Chun-Oakland and Taniguchi testimony  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 9:28:34 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

Aloha Senator Taniguchi and Senator Oakland,

I am forwarding you email of Dr. Glenn D. Paige, President of Center for Global Non-Killing. He sent a letter about the similar bill in 2013, since his computer was not working so he forwarded his testimony to me.

Please include this testimony for scheduled for SB 332 today. Please let me know if you have any question. Mahalo!

Raj Kumar, Ph.D.,  
President Gandhi International Institute for Peace

**From:** "Glenn Paige" <[cgnv@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:cgnv@hawaii.rr.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Senator Chun-Oakland letter  
**Date:** February 23, 2015 4:55:46 PM HST  
**To:** "Raj Kumar" <[rkumarhi@yahoo.com](mailto:rkumarhi@yahoo.com)>

Raj,

Sorry have had computer problems and unable to access letter to reply. Am sure you will succeed. One thought for Gandhi case--given present concern for global response to violent extremism--and increasing military-political statements that "killing will not stop killing" the Gandhian program is more global in understanding and appeal than Martin Luther King's civil rights emphasis (although King's stood for antipoverty and anti-militarization). . Given Hawaii's world peace aspirations a day to honor Gandhi would be fitting. Gandhi probably better known in world than King. But I have found places where nether one of them is known (e.g. in Africa).

Shanti and Aloha,  
Glenn

Glenn D. Paige  
Chair, Governing Council  
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"Everyone can be A Center for Global Nonkilling"  
"No More Killing!"

**From:** [Eric Matsumoto](#)  
**To:** [HEA Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** FW: October 2nd as Mahatma Gandhi Day in Hawaii  
**Date:** Monday, February 23, 2015 2:06:40 PM

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I am (trying to) resubmitting my testimony as it was returned. See below. Thank you very much.  
Sincerely, Eric Matsumoto

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**From:** Eric Matsumoto [mailto:bishop@honpahi.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2015 1:58 PM  
**To:** 'hearttestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov'  
**Subject:** October 2nd as Mahatma Gandhi Day in Hawaii

Dear Committee,

I humbly submit my heartfelt support for recognizing Mahatma Gandhi by the State of Hawaii with the establishment of October 2 as Mahatma Gandhi Day in Hawaii. We, all, aspire for peace and no one should have to live in fear. The path of non-violence expounded by Mahatma Gandhi is truly noble and should be known by all peoples of the world. By establishing a day in his honor, we provide ourselves, the people of Hawaii, the opportunity to reflect, nurture and share the values of mutual respect and appreciation and love and compassion with and for each other and people all around the world. Like Peace Day in Hawaii, may the State of Hawaii take a significant step in bettering our world by establishing Mahatma Gandhi Day in Hawaii.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop  
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February 22, 2015

Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Testimony on Behalf of  
Senate Bill 332

### RELATING TO MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI DAY

To the Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the  
Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts  
Hearing on February 24, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

Dear Senator Taniguchi, Senator Inouye, and Members of the Committee,

Aloha mai kākou.

The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii supports Senate Bill 322.

As the successor to the Hawaii Council of Churches that was founded in 1927, The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii has been active in seeking peace and social justice where state and church each hold a place in our social fabric.

It is evident from the violence that is scorching large parts of the world that non-violence is the solution that will bring us peace. That is, unfortunately, a long-term process: one that will require continual education, patience, and compassion for one another.

There is no better example of how to live a life of non-violence than that of Dr. Mohandas K. Gandhi – the Mahatma, or "Great Soul," as it has been translated. It is fitting and The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii supports the establishment of this commemoration day in honor of Gandhi as a foundation for teaching our children and ourselves the importance of non-violence as we confront the inequities and hardships of life.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 1.

Respectfully,

Bishop Stephen Randolph Sykes  
*President, The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii*

**From:** [Sundar](#)  
**To:** [HEA Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** In Support of SB332 Bill  
**Date:** Monday, February 23, 2015 12:35:52 PM

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I am the President of ISKCON - Hare Krishna Temple. I am writing this testimony in support of SB332 bill to designate October 2nd as Mahatma Gandhi Day.

We support and promote Gandhi's principal & teachings. We work closely with Gandhi International Institute for Peace and participate in annual events to create cultural harmony with other faith leaders.

Thanks.

Sundarananda Das

President ISKCON Temple, Honolulu.

Phone-808-384-5498.

**From:** [Adele Dufet](#)  
**To:** [HEA Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB332  
**Date:** Monday, February 23, 2015 11:21:07 PM

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I would like to see October 2 established as Mahatma Ghandi Day in Hawaii. I have attended every one of these events in the park and participated fully because I believe in non-violence as a means to peace. Martin Luther King was inspired by Mahatma Ghandi and his example of non-violence which led to his march on Selma and many changes came out of it. I think we need more attempts at unification through peaceful means. This is the spirit that will counter the Colombines and other violent movements in our country. I vote for having a Ghandi Day as a way to give value to peaceful alternatives.

Adele Chu  
Resident of Kaimuki  
(4189 Koko Dr.)  
Honolulu, Hi

**From:** [Allen Wada](#)  
**To:** [HEA Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB 332  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 10:43:16 AM  
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I'm in support of bill SB332 to designate 10/2 as Mahatma K Gandhi Day

Passing such an important bill raise awareness towards non-violence and peace.

Mahalo,

*Allen Wada*



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Castellano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To support this bill further propels Hawaii to the forefront of religious, cultural, and individual expression that it has always pioneered by with the the principal of "Aloha". Thank you for taking this bill into your hearts and making it a part of the wonderful fabric that makes Hawaii what it is today. -David Castellano  
Director/Producer

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I am hereby submitting my testimony in favor of the Bill SB 332. Mahatma Gandhi's contribution to peace in the world in the 20th century India under British rule is a reminder for all of us how peace is important for human survival in the world today. He had inspired not only the people of India but later stalwarts of peace like Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr to advance the cause of peace. The State of Hawaii will pay a proper tribute by recognizing Gandhi's birthday on October 2nd each year.

Thanks you,

Dipankar Sengupta  
Phone: 808 395 7914

**From:** [Raj Kumar](#)  
**To:** [HEA Testimony](#)  
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**Cc:** "Raj Kumar" <[rkumarhi@yahoo.com](mailto:rkumarhi@yahoo.com)>  
**Reply-To:** "Harendra Panalal" <[hpanalal@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:hpanalal@hawaii.rr.com)>

Honorable Senators:

I have been VP of GIIP since its inception in 2006.

We need to do all we can to promote peace and nonviolence in the world.

We need to divert global resources from war to peaceful purposes.

We must reduce hunger, poverty and illiteracy in world.

This is what Mahatma preached all his life, and made India the biggest democracy in the world.

Harendra Panalal, MSE, PE

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To Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts:

I'm writing today in support of Senate Bill 332, relating to Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day. It seems fitting to have October 2 of each year be noted in this way, as Gandhi, who was born on October 2, 1869, strove in India for what Hawaii symbolizes to the rest of the world, in that people of diverse backgrounds and religious beliefs in a free nation are able to live together here in peace, and with aloha.

Because of Gandhi's practice of nonviolence, October 2 is already known generally as the International Day of Nonviolence. Because Gandhi's belief in nonviolence and his concern for others extended to the treatment of farmed animals, as well, October 2 is also generally known as World Day for Farmed Animals.

I support Dr. Raj Kumar's initiative in naming October 2 Mohandas Gandhi Day as a way to celebrate here in Hawaii the values of nonviolence, peace and aloha in our own lives.

With Aloha,  
Lorraine Sakaguchi

Mr. Lyntillus J. Boyd  
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**HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ARTS COMMITTEE**  
**Public Testimony regarding Senate Bill 332 (2015-2016)**

Greetings and Aloha,

I cannot begin this letter without saying a great “thank you” to each and every person who took the time and the effort needed to create this magnificent opportunity. I want it to be known that I am very much in favor of having a bill that will promote the acknowledgment of Mahatma Gandhi for his exemplary role as peacemaker and human rights activist.

As a young boy raised on the city streets of Baltimore, Maryland until the age of 17; I found it to be very hard to find true inspirational figures outside of the hardworking mom and dad in my own family.

I remember coming home from middle school and sitting down to do my homework using encyclopedias like the “World Book”. I became fascinated at my ability to travel to distant places and see different things without even stepping outside of my small little place that we gratefully called home. At that time my mother worked 2 jobs and my little sister and I were cared for by her “girlfriends”, actually they were single moms from the same neighborhood.

I really became fascinated with Gandhi early on. The biggest thing that caught my eye was the fact that he was just as small as I was but I knew that he was a man. Then as I read on and on, I began to realize that this was more than just an ordinary man, he was a teacher, a teacher of peace and non-violence. This meant so much to see and read because as a young African American boy growing up in the civil rights era in Baltimore I would often hear statements of positive messages shared about Gandhi and his actions but never had a chance to understand those messages until I picked up that encyclopedia.

This bill will give kids and the general public a chance to look up the story behind one of the greatest human beings in our lifetime. Not passing this bill would be like turning off a light in a room where kids and people wanted to study or learn. This we cannot do.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to share my heartfelt thoughts regarding this bill.

Respectfully yours,  
Lyntillus J. Boyd

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Maiju Kutty	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My grandfather was a follower of Gandhi and was involved in the non-violent Freedom struggle during his time. He preached and practiced nonviolence all his life and shared Gandhiji's message through his work in the community. We need to encourage fellow citizens to follow the path of peace and non-violence. Gandhiji's teachings may help to cultivate the seeds of love, kindness and nonviolence among children and youths and they can share these values with others in the society. They will become a global citizen and make this world a safe place to live. "There is no Way to Peace... Peace is the Way" I request Hawaii's lawmakers to pass Senate bill-SB 332 to establish "October 2 as MK Gandhi Day in Hawaii."

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**To:** [HEA Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: hearing for SB332 Gandhi Day to be heard on 2/24 in conference room 224  
**Date:** Monday, February 23, 2015 4:04:14 PM

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Aloha honorable Senators,

I am forwarding this testimony for the hearing scheduled for SB 332.

Please include this testimony for SB 332 October 2 as MK Gandhi Day.

Mahalo

Raj

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Ronald Reddick <[reddickr002@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:reddickr002@hawaii.rr.com)>  
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**To:** Raj Kumar <[rkumarhi@yahoo.com](mailto:rkumarhi@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject: Re: hearing for SB332 Gandhi Day to be heard on 2/24 in conference room 224**

Aloha Raj:

Mahalo, for your tireless dedication in leading the initiative to have the Hawaii legislature vote on the question of having Hawaii - one of the most culturally diverse states in the nation , and probably the world- take the lead in recognizing the Mahatma's contributions to human rights for all , regardless of ethnicity, religion or social economic background.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Saleem Ahmed](#)  
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I support SB 332 honoring Gandhi. He was assassinated by a zealot Hindu because Gandhi supported Hindu-Muslim amity. As a Muslim, I particularly applaud Gandhi's position. Had it not been for him, many more people would have lost their lives in the frenzied killing that took place in 1947.

Indeed, Gandhi was a citizen of the world.

We are already blessed by the warm aloha spirit that embraces our islands. This recognition will reinforce what Hawaii stands for.

Saleem Ahmed, Ph.D.

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**From:** [Sarika Notani](#)  
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Honorable Senators,

I am writing this testimony in support of SB 332 bill to designate Oct 2 as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi day.

He has inspired me and many others to lead a peaceful and nonviolent life. His legacy has taught us to be persistent and remain truthful even in hardships and turmoil. There is something for all to learn from his great life. Gandhi once said "My life is my message."

Designating a day to remember him will make more people be aware and to know about him, his life & his good work for humanity.

Thanks.  
Sarika Notani.

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Stefan Jankovic	Individual	Support	No

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**From:** [Wallen Ellingson](#)  
**To:** [HEA Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** testimony for SB332  
**Date:** Monday, February 23, 2015 12:08:30 AM

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Aloha, I would like to have Oct. 2 designated as Mahatma Gandhi Day in Hawaii. I feel that Mahatma Gandhi, like Martin Luther King and other great peace makers of our time, deserves recognition here in the Aloha State. It is important that our children and also future generations never forget the impact Gandhi has had on peaceful non violence as a movement for social change on a grand scale. Designating a special day in his honor would help future generations to remember the importance of “being the change” they wish to see in the world. In other words, living a life of Peace and Non-violence leads to a peaceful world. What better place to exemplify this than in Hawaii, the Land of Aloha?

Sincerely,  
Wallen Ellingson  
Advocate for World Peace

**From:** [Raj Kumar](#)  
**To:** [HEA Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Gandhi Day  
**Date:** Sunday, February 22, 2015 9:59:14 PM

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Honorable Senator Taniguchi and Senator Oakland,

I am forwarding you the testimony of William T. and Maxine Randall. They are followers of Gandhi since 1940. They moved from US to Okinawa and taught nonviolence for 40 years. They retired and moved to Hawaii five years ago. They were featured in one of the articles published in Honolulu Advertiser in October 2010. If you have any question about this testimony, please feel free to call them at this number: 383-7769.

Raj Kumar

This is in support of SB 332 to establish October 2 as M. K. Gandhi Day in Hawaii.

The Mahatma Gandhi is commonly recognized as the Father of Moral Civilization in the Twentieth Century. He gave his life in the work of achieving freedom, justice and peace through love and nonviolence, summed up in the Indian term "ahimsa."

A particular aspect of the great man's activities is vitally relevant today, when moral civilization is being trashed by deeds of unspeakable violence carried out by men and women invoking principles and precepts of a great religion.

In contrast, Gandhi's fellow workers included Muslims, Christians, Jews and Hindus. Moreover, in the formation of his philosophy of nonviolence, known as "satyagraha," he drew heavily on the truth in these and all other religions and philosophies.

Such noble ideas need to be rekindled today. Hawaii could take the lead by proclaiming his birthday, October 2, as M. K. Gandhi Day.

W.T. and Maxine Randall  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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