



SB786 SD1
RELATING TO THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

February 26, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Room 211

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs offers the following **COMMENTS** on SB786 SD1, which appropriates an unspecified amount of funds to be spent by the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the administration, operation, and outreach of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee has a commendable mission of advising the chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources on such important matters as:

- Integrating indigenous resource management practices with Western management practices in each moku;
- Fostering the understanding and practical use of Native Hawaiian resource knowledge, methodology, and expertise; and
- Sustaining the state's marine, land, cultural, agricultural, and natural resources.

Although the Advisory Committee's mission and efforts benefit all who call Hawai'i home, OHA is currently the sole funder of the committee, and has kept it alive by an infusion of nearly \$250,000 in OHA trust funds. Funding from the state, as this measure proposes, is critically necessary for the Advisory Committee to continue to carry out its mission. OHA believes that it is appropriate for the state to resume funding this important and innovative approach to natural and cultural resource management.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



Ko`olau Foundation

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February 24, 2015

Testimony in Support: S.B. 786 – Aha Moku Advisory Committee Funding

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kouchi and Members of this Committee:

The Ko`olau Foundation offers our strong and heartfelt support for Senate Bill 786, which would – finally – provide funding appropriations for the operations and outreach efforts of the “state-created” Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

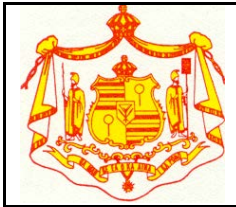
We think you will see, if you should query the Department of Land and Natural Resources, that the Aha Moku Advisory Committee has been a worthwhile investment in good stewardship by the State of Hawai`i. These kupuna, these cultural practitioners from throughout the islands, have been working closely for the past two years with staff from the DLNR.

As envisioned when the Aha Moku was first established, they are helping DLNR find alternative – albeit traditional Hawaiian – ways to manage island natural and cultural resources. They are providing the best of their generational kupa`aina traditional `ike, their knowledge, to improve the regulatory and management stewardship of our state’s precious natural and cultural resources.

The only thing missing has been tangible state support – your share of the appropriations money that is needed to truly realize the best value of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

We strongly urge that you approve this funding and include it in the final budget bill.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o.



Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

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SB 786SD1 RELATING TO THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Thu; 02/26/15; 1:00 pm; Room 211

Aloha Madam Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC), including sixty seven component clubs in all areas of Hawaii and sixteen states on the continent, stands in support of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

Since its inception the AHCC has supported the Aha Moku concept and continues to do so. Always underfunded, the members of the committee have persevered and slowly but surely the committee has begun to make its presence felt. We respect their patience and endurance as once again the committee seeks funding to continue to exist and share their expertise.

Thank you for the opportunity to support SB786SD1.

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KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 24, 2015

TO: Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair
& Members, Committee on Ways & Means

FROM: Alice P. Hewett, President
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

RE: S.B. 786 – Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee – Testimony in Support

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Ways & Means Committee:

On behalf of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, we offer our strong support for Senate Bill 786, which would appropriate funding for the administration and operation and community outreach programs of the aha moku advisory committee.

Since the establishment of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee less than two years ago, we have seen a great deal of progress to realize the value of having this important group of kupuna and cultural practitioners provide valuable guidance to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

On all of the islands, practitioners have come together to offer generational knowledge on wise management of natural and cultural resources, meeting with the staff of DLNR and others and sharing their mana`o to improve the regulatory and stewardship responsibilities of the State of Hawai`i.

Our civic club applauds the work of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee and its executive director for implementing the vision that we all shared to improve efforts to protect our islands' important cultural and natural resources. Unfortunately, the committee has never had adequate resources to carry out all of its duties and to ensure that the committee hears from all of the voices throughout the state. This legislation would ensure the state's share of the cost, which is relatively modest, is funded.

We urge your committee to approve this bill.

Mahalo for allowing us to share our mana`o.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".

Testimony of **Chad Schimmelfennig, Moku O Manokalanipo**

Before the Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Thursday, February 26, 2015

1:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In Support of

S.B. 786 SD 1

Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee
Appropriates funds for the administration and operation of the aha moku
advisory committee and for community outreach.

S.B. 786 SD 1 appropriates funds for the administrative and operational expenses for the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. It appropriates funds for the community education on the Aha Moku system on natural and cultural resource management.

Community education includes community-based meeting coordination and the need for site visit costs as well as other mandatory expenses listed in S.B. 786 SD 1. The only way the Aha Moku system can become fully operational so that the intent of the bill is fulfilled is if the ahupua'a and moku are organized within their site-specific districts. This organization is necessary so that resource concerns that impact that specific site can be addressed and brought to the attention of regulatory agencies.

The ahupua'a and moku communities are comprised of native Hawaiian communities and the general public who are dedicated to the sustainability of Hawaii's natural and cultural resources.

We are strongly in support of the Aha Moku system and urge the passage of S.B. 786 S.B. 1

Mahalo,

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Do the difficult things while they are easy and do the great things while they are small. A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step. -Lao Tzu

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Testimony for WAM on Feb 26, 2015 13:00PM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure and its' intent to help communities address issues with the help of the DLNR. I joined the Aha Moku to represent my community of Hookena. Our organization was founded in 1998 and we helped establish the West Hawaii Fishery Management Area and the West Hawaii Fishery Council. Thus far the Aha Moku has had no impact on our community and there is now an appearance of "in fighting" and dissatisfaction with the Executive Director. This can and should be fixed but not by throwing money at it. I would like to see the money spent to reorganize the Aha Moku by setting clear a measurable goals and promulgating new administrative rules. That should be followed with more out reach to the communities that request assistance. The Aha Moku has not been successful in West Hawaii but it has been effective on other islands due largely to the leadership from those islands.

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Cynthia Nazara , Moku O keawe

I am in support of SB 786 SD 1, relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

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* A'ohe hana nui ka alu 'ia*
It is no great task when done together

Testimony of Dwyann Kamai, Moku 'O 'O'ahu

Before the Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Thursday, February 26, 2015 1:00 p.m.
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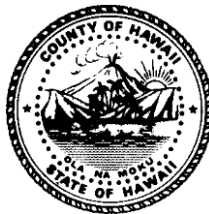
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The ahupua'a and moku communities are comprised of native Hawaiian communities and the general public who are dedicated to the sustainability of Hawaii's natural and cultural resources.

We are strongly in support of the Aha Moku system and urge the passage of S.B. 786 S.B. 1

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February 25, 2015

TO: The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Dru Mamo Kanuha, Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2015; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 786 SD1, RELATING TO AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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I am in support of the Aha Moku system and urges the passage of SB786 SB1.

My Name is Kyle Nakanelua,

I am from the Island of Maui and I would like the Ways and Means committee not to fund this bill.

Mahalo.

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Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC)

Testimony of
Leimana DaMate

Before the Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Thursday, February 26, 2015
1:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In **SUPPORT** of
Senate Bill 786 SD 1
Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Senate Bill 786 appropriates funds for the administration and operation of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee and for community outreach.

The Aha Moku System encompasses the eight main Hawaiian Islands and supports the traditional and generational knowledge of the people who are connected to each of the 43 moku and more than 500 ahupua'a. The system was restored by John Kaimikaua, a noted Moloka'i historian through translations of ancient oral chants from the 9th century, a time where sustainability and protection of resources ensured existence. It was a time where the focus of the people of the land was on survival. Those resource practices were handed down through the generations and many are still used today. The Aha Moku today is centered around sharing that knowledge with those who are now part of ahupua'a communities – the focus is on natural and cultural resource sustainability.

The purpose of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, representatives of each of the eight main Hawaiian Islands is to be the liaison between their islands to the Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to whom recommendations in regards to resources may be made on behalf of their ahupua'a communities. This has been done successfully and reflected in the Legislative Report submitted each year in English and Hawaiian. An administrative structure that ensures this collaboration with the islands and the AMAC has been instigated along with a communications and reporting format.

However, organizing all of the ahupua'a so resource issues can be accurately addressed in each one is daunting because of budget restraints. The AMAC has only been in operation since June of 2013

and yet has completed many of the objectives listed in their strategic plan. This is reflected in the 2014 and 2015 legislative reports.

The AMAC is in the process of community outreach educational efforts on the benefits of the Aha Moku System in its relationship with DLNR, OHA and many other non-governmental agencies, Native Hawaiian organizations, groups and communities. It is open to the public and although is Native Hawaiian in nature, it focuses on protection and sustainability of Hawaii's unique and special ecosystem. Everyone now is a stakeholder in the fortification of our lands and oceans. Aha Moku is a strong partner in safeguarding our assets. However, we need the funding and support of the Legislature to ensure the protection of our wealth – the wealth of Hawaii, the irreplaceable natural and cultural resources that can be found nowhere else in the world.

We humbly ask that the Senate Ways and Means Committee pass SB 786 SD 1.

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Leslie Apiu Kuloloio	Aha Moku Advisory Committee	Support	No

Comments:

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From: Marj Dente <mdente@hawaii.rr.com>
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Subject: I support SB 786 SD 1

To whom it may concern.

I completely support SB 786 to appropriate funding to continue the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. I live in the Waipouli and Olohena Ahupua'a on the Island of Kauai and have been attending meetings of the Puna Moku for many months, learning as much as I can to address the most important issues facing our many Moku and Ahupua'a on Kauai.

This is a very important and extremely relevant Committee. To continue it's work, please appropriate the funding.

Sincerely,

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Testimony of Thomas Hashimoto, the Ahupua'a of Haena, Moku of Halele'a of Manokalanipo, Island of Kauai, Hawaii.

I am the Po'o for Kauai on the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. I support SB 786 that relates to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee for appropriating funds for the administrations and operational expenses and for the community education on Natural and Cultural resource management.

The Aha Moku bill unanimously was passed in 2012 by the legislature and has not yet been funded.

In realizing that this system empowers the people of an ahupua'a in resource and the cultural protection, the office of Hawaiian Affairs instead funded this problem completely. However, I feel that we cannot expect the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to continue to carry the responsibility in the appropriation for the Aha Moku by the legislature forever.

In creating this organization called "Hui Makaainana of Makana" of Haena, we still teach groups of Keiki on our island about the culture and resources and so we are fully supporting this bill and urge this legislature to consider this bill that we feel is very important in this 20th Century.

Now is the time to teach and mālama the aina that our Kupuna taught me and without their funds who will share this knowledge that I have.

In closing I leave this testimony with a chant of Haena by my Great, great Tutu.

Composed by Wahine Keouli Pa, a native of Kalalau and Haena, a chant of love for someone on her homeland or both no one can be sure:

Ka Poli Laua'e

Hawn: Ka Poli Laua'e Ka'u Aloha
English: The bosom of Laua'e is what I love
Hawn: A Makana' Ho'i ae hi'i mai nei
English: That Makana holds and embraces

Hawn: Hi'ipoi'iae Ka Wai'a ma'u e
English: Cherished by the Wai'a ma'u
Hawn: Ka Makani Kaulana o Ka 'aina
English: the famous wind of the land
Hawn: Ua Like a Like me Kanaloa'
English: Kanaloa is very similar
Hawn: Me ka Wai aniani 'o Kapala'e
English: With the reflective water of kapala'e
Hawn: Ma'ema'e ia pua e ka hinahina

English: Attractive is the hinahina flower
Hawn: Ia Lei Makahewi a ka malihini
English: A lei admired by visitors
Hawn: I'ini ka mana'oe 'ike aku
English: My thoughts desire to see
Hawn: I Ka poli kapu o Lohi'au' ipo
English: The sacred bosom of Lohi'au
Hawn: Ku'uipo i ke kai o Ke'e
English: My sweetheart at the sea of Ke'e
Hawn: Kai Hawanawana hone i ka poli
English: Which whispers softly
Hawn: Poli o Kilinoe Ka'ano'i ai
English: The bosom of Kilinoe is what I long for
Hawn: Hoopulu ia nei e keehu kai
English: being drenched in the sea spray
Hawn: 'Akahi ho'i au a 'ike ia
English: I have just recently seen
Hawn: I na kupa Kaulana e ka 'aina
English: The famous natives of the land
Hawn: Haena 'ia mai ana ka puana
English: Tell again my story
Hawn: O Ka Lihilihi o ka poli laua'e
English: of the fringes of the laua'e laden bosom.

Our Kupuna used common knowledge and everything practical for our North shore ohana on his journeys by memorizing the histories that were spoken by the elders of Haena which contained a great wisdom of a way of life passed down within the oldest of Kauai families and it is still alive today.

So we STRONGLY ask for your support today.

Mahalo,

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