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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
**Sen. Donovan DelaCruz, Chair**  
**Sen. Gil Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF**  
**SB 2134 SD1**  
**RELATING TO TRAINING**

February 23, Friday, 10:30 AM, Conference Room 211, State Capitol

**Papa Ola Lokahi**

is a non-profit Native Hawaiian organization founded in 1988 for the purpose of improving the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians and other native peoples of the Pacific and continental United States.

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*Hui No Ke Ola Pono*

*Hui Malama Ola Na OIwi*

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**Executive Director**

*Sheri-Ann Daniels, EdD*

Greetings of aloha to Chair DelaCruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the committee.

Papa Ola Lōkahi, the Native Hawaiian Health Board, **SUPPORTS** this measure requiring training of government officials in native Hawaiian rights.

The legislature may already know that the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act ([P.L. 111-148, Title 42 USC 122](#)), originally passed by Congress in 1988 and most recently in 2010 within the Affordable Care Act, authorizes Papa Ola Lōkahi, the five Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems, and the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program to raise the health status of Native Hawaiians. We address health disparities in Hawai'i by being involved in policy, research, data & information, development and implementation of programs and initiatives, protection and perpetuation of traditional Hawaiian healing practices, workforce development, and more.

As we monitor programs and policies that impact Hawaiian healing traditions and gathering practices, we are often faced with (re)educating the policymakers and government officials we encounter.

Furthermore, we feel that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, a board member of Papa Ola Lōkahi, is best suited to coordinate these trainings.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2134 SD1.**



**From:** [Uilani Kapu](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please Pass SB2134 SD1  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 6:52:08 PM

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I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2134 SD1, which expands the application of Act 169 (Session Laws 2015) to provide certain additional state and county officials with training on Native Hawaiian and public trust law, through the OHA-sponsored Native Hawaiian Law Training Course. Since 2015, this course has aided in educating certain key policymakers about the State's legal responsibilities towards Native Hawaiians and the public trust. This highly-successful training course continues to provide attendees with a deeper understanding of the State's legal obligations and leaves them better equipped to develop and implement policies involving our natural and cultural resources. The expansion of this course would allow more fully-informed decision-making and enable our state and county officials to better uphold our constitutional mandates. Furthermore, this measure would help to prevent and reduce conflicts and legal challenges when implementing and enforcing policy. Therefore, I respectfully urge the Committee to PASS SB2134 SD1.

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**From:** [Presley Wann](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please Pass SB2134 SD1  
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Mahalo Nui Loa, Presley Wann, a Native Hawaiian

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**From:** [Malia](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for SB2134 SD1  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 9:06:17 PM



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On behalf of my 'ohana,  
Malia Nobrega-Olivera

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*He lei poina 'ole ke keiki na ka makua.*

**From:** [Mehana Vaughan](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please PASS SB2134 SD1  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 10:45:02 PM

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Aloha,

This course has been vital for government officials. I know many who participate in teaching the class, and many who have benefitted from taking them. I support efforts to expand these offerings, which ultimately save money on expensive legal challenges and constitutional missteps by county and state government agencies.

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With much appreciation, Mehana Vaughan

**From:** [Kathy Giffard](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please Pass SB2134 SD1  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 21, 2018 12:06:00 AM

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**From:** [Jessica Fu](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please PASS SB2134 SD1  
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Date: February 23, 2018  
To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Via: Online Testimony Submission  
From: Resource Management Chair Carmen Hulu Lindsey of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Subject: **Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2134 Senate Draft 1**

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Aloha Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

Mahalo for your consideration for this measure. I would like to testify in **support of SB 2134 SD1** – Relating to Training.

As the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is mandated to advocate on behalf of Hawaiian beneficiaries. I am writing in support of this measure that will bring more awareness and clarity to key government stakeholders and policy makers on Hawaii's unique Native Hawaiian and public trust laws through the highly successful OHA-sponsored Native Hawaiian Law Training Course. Requiring this course will lead to more legislation that support of the rights of our people and ensure our lands and resources are protected in perpetuity.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this measure.

Sincerely,

Trustee Hulu Lindsey

Chairperson of the Committee on Resource Management of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs



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**SB-2134-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 3:12:00 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Noalani Nakasone	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senate President Ron Kouchi,

i just wanted to say Mahalo to you

for introducing this bill.

As a Native Hawaiian and resident of Kauai

I strongly SUPPORT this bill and I believe that

the Native Hawaiian Law Training Course will

provide a deeper understanding of the Senate's

Legal obligations and leave attendees better equipped

to develop and implement policies on our natural

and cultural resources. This course will also enable

our state and county officials to better uphold our

Constitutional mandates. Furthermore, this measure

will help to prevent and reduce conflicts and legal

Challenges when implementing and enforcing polices.

Respectfully, I ask that this committee please PASS

HB1745/SB2134. Mahalo!

