



**SB681**  
**RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 5, 2019

1:15 p.m.

Room 016

---

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment will recommend that the OHA Board of Trustees adopt a position of **COMMENT** on SB681, which would prohibit a member of the Board of Trustees from serving more than two-consecutive four-year terms.

OHA respectfully suggests that it is unclear whether this bill intends to include trustees already sitting on the Board at the time of the bill's effective date, and if so, how the bill would impact sitting trustees who have already been elected for two consecutive terms. If it is the intent of this committee to not prevent sitting trustees who have already served for the maximum terms, we are requesting the language be added to reflect that intention.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

**LATE**

**SB-681**

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 4:48:31 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/5/2019 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>                                                                               | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Raytan K. Vares     | Testifying for<br>Democratic Party of<br>Hawaii-Hawaiian Affairs<br>Caucus Executive<br>Committee | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments:

**SB-681**

Submitted on: 1/25/2019 4:01:13 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/5/2019 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b>   | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Javier Mendez-Alvarez | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**SB-681**

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 1:44:27 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/5/2019 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Victor K. Ramos     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**SB-681**

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 9:26:55 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/5/2019 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b>          | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kenneth R. Conklin,<br>Ph.D. | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

We do not need any more lifer sinecures on the OHA board like Haunani Apoliona, Rowena Akana, or John Waihe'e IV

TESTIMONY OF ESTHER KIA'AINA  
IN SUPPORT OF SB 730 and SB 681 BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 5, 2018, 1:15 p.m., Room 016

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

My name is Esther Kia'aina of Nanakuli, Oahu. I am testifying in support of SB 730, which establishes term limits of not more than three terms or twelve years for members of the Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

I also support SB 681, which prohibits a member of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from serving more than two consecutive four-year terms and permits reelection after an absence of a full four-year term.

Both bills seek to provide checks and balances to the election of Trustees to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Such measures will improve accountability and efficiency and allow for greater opportunities for the diversity of Native Hawaiians interesting in serving our community.

I respectfully urge the committee members to support the passage of SB 730 and SB 681 out of Committee.

Respectfully,

Esther Kia'aina  
[estherkiaaina@aol.com](mailto:estherkiaaina@aol.com)

**LATE**

**SB-681**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:07:01 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/5/2019 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kamuela Werner      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**LATE**

**SB-681**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:53:47 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/5/2019 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Charlene Dierking   | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: