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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

MEETING DATE: 3/12/2019

SB 1451 SDI

SUPPORT TESTIMONY

MARCH 9, 2019

Aloha Chair Aaron Johanson, Vice Chair Stacelyn Eli, and
Committee Members,

As President for the 25 Hawaiian Civic Clubs of the O'ahu
Council (Council), we strongly **SUPPORT** resolution SBI451
SDI This bill will reestablish Lā Kū'oko'a, Hawaiian Recognition
Day, as an official state holiday. At the 57th annual convention of
the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, which we are a member,
resolution 2016-36 was passed which calls for the celebration and
respectful remembrance of Lā Kū'oko'a on November 28th of
each year.

This bill would also celebrate to a time in Hawai'i when our kings
and queens of the kingdom were highly regarded by all religious
faiths. For example, Queen Lili'uokalani strongly believed all
religions had their rights and were entitled to equal treatment
and, she showed interested in not only Christian faiths, but also
Buddhism, Hindu, and Shinto.

*Ke One O Kākūhihewa is a native Hawaiian council made up of 25 civic clubs
on the island of O'ahu. Our oldest member, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu
was established by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole on December 7, 1918.*

Sincerely,

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To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
For hearing Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Re: SB 1451, SD1 RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS.
Reestablishes La Ku'oko'a, Hawaiian Recognition Day, as an official
state holiday. Repeals Good Friday as a state holiday. (SD1)

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

It is both funny and sad to see that so many legislators have signed their names in support of this bill, which is deceptively named and would be bad policy. Pandering to anti-American secessionists is a very bad idea. This bill is not about memorializing a success of diplomacy from 1843, it's about supporting a highly divisive cult of activists who want to enlist you as a partisan in an ideological civil war which threatens to rip the 50th star off our flag.

Maybe you'll step away from this bill when you see how your predecessors in the 2007 legislature were lied to and fooled by the same gang now pushing this bill, and then those legislators were justly ridiculed for their pandering.

The following points are proved in detail later in this testimony. Please take the time to read the details.

1. The word "ku'oko'a" does NOT mean "recognition" -- it means "independence". Look it up in the dictionary. Also apply, to two other bills, this lesson on how easy it is to fool you legislators about the meaning of Hawaiian words -- I refer to SB195 and SB642, which would make it law that if a bill "was originally drafted in Hawaiian and the English version was translated based on the Hawaiian version, the Hawaiian version shall be held binding."

2. Look at the reasons openly stated for why Hawaiian independence activists have pushed to revive this holiday. They want the "fake-state" legislature to go on record that Hawaii has always been AND REMAINS an independent nation, or should be re-established as such. If you agree with that agenda then you should resign from the legislature of the STATE of Hawaii, which you have sworn an oath to support and defend.

3. The legislature was badly burned in 2007 when every Democrat voted in favor of officially creating a new permanent holiday every April 30, to be called "Hawaiian Restoration Day." Please note that the perennial April 30 holiday solemnly enacted by the 2007 legislature is not included in the list of holidays in Section 2 of today's bill. Why not? When you read item #4, you'll discover that what you should do is to add the now-official holiday of April 30 to the list in Section 2 WITH A LINE THROUGH THE NAME AND DATE TO INDICATE THAT THIS BILL IS REPEALING IT just as this bill proposes to do with Good Friday.

4. Some of the same people who push today's bill were also pushers of the 2007 bill, knowingly telling falsehoods that President Grover Cleveland had proclaimed April 30 to be a U.S. holiday of fasting and repentance for the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy. You can see for yourselves a 4-page flyer that makes a laughing stock of the legislature for falling for that absurdity, especially after being presented with proof that President Cleveland's alleged proclamation was actually an April Fools [not April 30] satire against Cleveland published as an editorial in an anti-Cleveland newspaper and that the resolution's authors were aware of that fact. Maybe they couldn't imagine that a "reverend" would knowingly and cunningly tell a lie for a political purpose. A webpage provides further details about the actual newspaper editorial, and about the fact that the pushers of the resolution knew their testimony was false.

-----DETAILS PROVING THOSE POINTS-----

1. The meaning of "Ku'oko'a" or "La Ku'oko'a"

I rely upon the large Pukui/Elbert Hawaiian dictionary, (c)1986 version. The entire entry at the top of page 184 says:

"Ku'oko'a. nvs. Independence, liberty, freedom; independent, free. La Ku'oko'a. Independence Day. Ho'ike no ke Ku'oko'a. Declaration of Independence. Ka Nupepa Ku'oko'a. The Independent Newspaper [name of a Hawaiian-language newspaper published in Honolulu 1861-1927]. ho'oku'oko'a. To establish independence. Make independent."

As you can easily see, the word "Recognition" is never mentioned anywhere in the definition of "ku'oko'a." This bill is extremely deceptive when it says (page 1, lines 9-10) La Ku'oko'a was known as Hawaiian Recognition Day, and when the description of the bill in the hearing notice says the bill "Reestablishes La Ku'oko'a, Hawaiian Recognition Day, as an official state holiday."

2. Hawaiian independence activists seek to revive "La Ku'oko'a" as an assertion that Hawaii is now, or should be, a sovereign independent nation. This bill also falsely states that "La Ku'oko'a" was actively celebrated throughout the Kingdom, Provisional Government, Republic, and several years into the Territorial period.

Leon Siu styles himself as Foreign Minister of "Ke Aupuni o Hawai'i, the Hawaiian Kingdom." For many years he has actively traveled to United Nations meetings in New York and Geneva (Switzerland) asking delegates of other nations to publicly challenge U.S. sovereignty over Hawaii. In 2018 his buddies in the independence "movement" staged a publicity stunt nominating him for the Nobel Peace Prize. On November 20, 2018 he authored another in a series of "Ke Aupuni Update"s in the Free Hawaii blog, entitled "Celebrating La Ku'oko'a - Independence Day". His excellency "Foreign Minister Siu" has never referred to the Kingdom holiday as "Hawaiian Recognition Day."

This bill says "Throughout the 1850s and 1870s, Hawai'i celebrated La Ku'oko'a with lu'au, music, and marches. The celebration grew under the reign of King Kalakaua, with formal proclamations sent by official circular to the foreign diplomatic corps in Hawai'i and the Hawaiian Kingdom consuls abroad, informing them of the holiday. The day remained a national holiday under the Provisional Government of Hawai'i (1893), the Republic of Hawai'i (1894-1898), and the initial years of the Territory of Hawai'i."

But the Free Hawaii blog of November 27, 2018 says "After a failed armed attempt by Hawaiians to retake their Kingdom in 1895, the usurpers announced that Lā Kū'oko'a would no longer be celebrated, and the American holiday Thanksgiving Day would be the official national holiday instead. Removing a holiday like Hawai'i Independence Day was a way to cover up and try to destroy the history and identity of the Hawaiian Kingdom and its people. ... Tomorrow's celebration of Lā Kū'oko'a asserts that Hawai'i is still an independent nation, even under prolonged illegal occupation."

A writer of Hawaiian history describes how a very similar Kingdom holiday of even greater importance was hugely celebrated for a few years but then fell out of public awareness just like Ka La Ku'oko'a. July 31, 1843 was the day when King Kamehameha III uttered his famous statement from the steps of Kawaiaha'o Church: "Ua mau ke ea o ka 'aina i ka pono." (Sovereignty has been preserved because it is righteous). For several years this date was actively celebrated as a national holiday: Ka La Ho'iho'i Ea (Sovereignty Restoration Day). Today's sovereignty activists like to say it was a national holiday for all the remaining years of the Kingdom. However, a book friendly to the activists' general viewpoint says otherwise. Helena G. Allen, "The Betrayal of Liliuokalani" (Glendale CA, Arthur H. Clark Co., 1982), p. 61, says the following: "In the afternoon [July 31, 1843] Kamehameha III went in a solemn procession with his chiefs to Kawaiaha'o Church ...A ten-day celebration of Restoration Day followed, and was annually observed. The last of the Restoration Day celebrations came in 1847. The missionary element in the government were thereafter to declare the celebrations 'too expensive.' ... A thousand special riders, five abreast ... were followed by 2500 regular horsemen ... arrived at the Nuuanu picnic ground in a pouring rain, with spirits undampened. ... It was to be the last of such Hawaiian festivities ..."

3 and 4: What happened in 2007 when every Democrat in the legislature foolishly voted to establish a permanent holiday on April 30, called "Hawaiian Restoration Day," despite testimony proving that the alleged historical basis for the holiday was completely false and that the pushers of the legislation knew it was false. Are you legislators today so gullible, and are you prepared to be ridiculed like your colleagues were 12 years ago? See the evidence, and the flyer, in the following two pages.

Read the full text of House Concurrent Resolution 82 (2007)
"PROCLAIMING APRIL 30 OF EVERY YEAR AS HAWAIIAN RESTORATION
DAY." Some highlights are:

"... in a proclamation dated February 25, 1894, President Cleveland declared that "April 30 [of every year] be set aside as a day of solemn fasting, and prayer for the injustice to me [President Grover Cleveland] and my great good sister [Queen Liliuokalani] for her speedy return to the throne" ... the Legislature hereby proclaims April 30 of each year as a special day of remembrance, education, and prayer, for people of all faiths, for Grover Cleveland, a great American who stood for the true values and principles of the United States Constitution, and for "liberty and justice for all"

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2007/bills/HCR82_.htm

See the status tracking of HCR82 as it got enacted:

<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2007/status/HCR82.htm>

Webpage title: "Twisting History -- Reverend Kaleo Patterson knowingly used a fake Grover Cleveland proclamation from 1894, cited it as fact, and used it as the basis for a media blitz in 2006 in Hawaii and on the mainland calling for a national day of prayer for restoration of Native Hawaiians and repentance for the overthrow of the monarchy. He repeated his local and mainland propaganda campaign in 2007 and pushed a resolution through the Hawaii legislature citing the joke proclamation as real. In 2008 the Honolulu Star-Bulletin published a story describing the Cleveland proclamation as a fact and refused to publish a correction. In 2010 Patterson made a trip to Caldwell N.J. in furtherance of his hoax, where the town council gave him a check for \$2920 to defray his expenses." [Caldwell N.J. is the birthplace and tomb of President Grover Cleveland]

Read the gory webpage details at

<http://www.angelfire.com/hi5/bigfiles3/fraudpattersononcleveland.html>

The Goebbels Award For Outstanding Use of Media for Propaganda Disguised As Fact was given to the Honolulu Star-Bulletin for its publication of the false historical information and for its refusal to correct the falsehoods despite proof:

<http://bigfiles90.angelfire.com/GoebbelsAwardHonStarBull042308.html>

See the 4-page flyer poking fun at the 2007 legislature for enacting HCR82, and providing photographic proof that the so-called Presidential Proclamation by Grover Cleveland was actually a sarcastic editorial directed against Cleveland by an anti-Cleveland newspaper.

<http://bigfiles90.angelfire.com/AprilFoolsGroverClevelandHawResoFlyer.pdf>

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS CAUCUS

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
ON SB1451 S.D.1
RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS

Committee on Labor & Public Employment
Hearing: March 12, 9:00 a.m., Conf Room 309

COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
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Aloha, Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Eli, and members

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii is in strong support of SB1451, S.D. 1 that reestablishes Lā Kū'oko'a, Hawaiian Recognition Day, as an official state holiday and repeals Good Friday as a state holiday (SD1), for the following reasons:

- 1) That, historically, Kū'oko'a has been recognized world-wide as the day which affirmed Hawai'i as an independent Nation;
- 2) That Good Friday, while significant, can be represented in the celebration of Lā Kū'oko'a, along with all other faiths, recognizing the historic embracement of all religions by our Ali'i, Notably, Queen Lili'uokalani, a devout Christian, expressed compassion for all religions, including Catholicism, Mormonism, Episcopalianism, Buddhism and Shintoism. Further, the Queen's attendance at Buddha's birthday celebration on May 19, 1901, prevented the possible banning of Buddhism and Shintoism in Hawaii;
- 3) That our Ali'i's dedication to embrace the inclusion of all faiths, religions, cultures and belief systems demonstrates a deep commitment to the spirit of Aloha;

In summary, the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus is in strong support of SB1451, S.D.1 for the above reasons outlined.

Respectfully,

/s/ Leimomi Khan

LEIMOMI KHAN
Chair

SB-1451-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:30:38 AM

Testimony for LAB on 3/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tracey Clay-Whitehurst	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-1451-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2019 7:46:20 AM

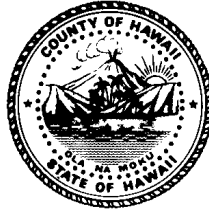
Testimony for LAB on 3/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Gauer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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March 11, 2019

Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
Representative Stacelynn K.M. Eli, Vice Chair
Committee on Labor and Public Employment

Dear Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Eli, and Committee Members:

RE: SB 1451, SD1 Relating to State Holidays

The people of Hawai'i are justly proud of the history of the Hawaiian nation, just as we are also proud of our U.S. history. It is not inconsistent to value both ancestries, and one legacy need not, and should not, be sacrificed for the sake of the other.

I would not have a problem if SB 1451 simply added a new holiday to our calendar. However, I remember that in order to establish Martin Luther King Day, there was a belief that we could not add an additional holiday to our schedule, so this Legislature did away with Columbus/Discoverer's Day. If it still is the opinion of the Legislature that there are "too many holidays," then it is appropriate that Good Friday is the holiday to be eliminated, with such action justified in the name of separation of church and state.

Yet another alternative (but I would defer to the advocates whether such an arrangement would be acceptable or desirable) would be to make Hawaiian Recognition Day the fourth Thursday (or even fourth Friday) in November. That would combine the new holiday with Thanksgiving, with which it would overlap every few years anyway.

So long as the new holiday is adopted in a way that honors our Hawaiian heritage without doing damage to our American heritage, I support such legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim
MAYOR

LATE

SB-1451-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:51:46 PM

Testimony for LAB on 3/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brett Kulbis	Honolulu County Republican Party	Oppose	No

Comments:

While the Honolulu County Republican Party supports the establishment of Hawaiian Recognition Day as a state holiday. We oppose eliminating Good Friday. This is an attack on our faith based communities. What is next Christmas?

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O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities

COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair

Rep. Stacelynn K.M. Eli, Vice Chair

La/DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Hola/TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Wahi/PLACE: Conference Room 309, State Capitol

RE: SB 1451, SD 1, Relating to State Holidays

To the Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair; the Honorable Stacelynn K.M. Eli, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee on Labor and Public Employment:

My name is Melodie Aduja and I serve as Chair of the O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i ("DPH"). Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony on SB 1451, SD 1. The O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities ("OCCLP") hereby submits its testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 1451, SD 1, Relating to State Holidays.**

SB 1451, SD 1, reestablishes La Ku'oko'a, Hawaiian Recognition Day, as an official state holiday. It repeals Good Friday as a state holiday.

On November 28, 1843, at the Court of London, representatives of the British and French Governments signed an agreement, now call the Anglo-Franco Proclamation, formally recognizing the Kingdom of the Hawaiian Islands as a sovereign independent nation-state.

After the great achievement of gaining formal international recognition, King Kamehameha III, thereafter established November 28th as an official national holiday of the Hawaiian Kingdom to be celebrated in perpetuity as La Ku`oko`a, Hawaiian Independence Day.

Native Hawaiians are the indigenous people of Hawai`i and deserve a just relationship with the State and Federal Governments. DPH supports the growth of Native Hawaiian . . . healing practices. It values and wishes to foster the preservation of our host culture. DPH supports the efforts of Native Hawaiians to pursue self-determination. DPH also supports their right to pursue the international rights of Native Hawaiian people.

DPH acknowledges the past injustices and the misguided, harmful Federal and State policies and actions based on outdated and discredited values and beliefs that resulted in the destruction of the Hawaiian Nation's economies, social, and religious systems, the taking of their lands, and the creation of intergenerational trauma that exists to this day. DPH believes that we have a moral and profound duty to honor, respect, and uphold our sacred obligation to the Hawaiian Nation State and the Hawaiian people.

DPH also supports efforts for self-governance and self-determination of Native Hawaiians whose values are the foundation of the Hawaiian Islands. DPH supports proactive actions by the Federal and State governments to enhance Native Hawaiian culture, health, language, and education. We recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices made in service to our county by Native Hawaiians.

DPH supports the continued engagement and empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community in decisions related to county and state affairs. *Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform (2018), p. 15, ln. 32-50.*

For the foregoing reasons, i.e. to value and foster the preservation of our host culture and to honor, respect, and uphold our sacred obligation to the Hawaiian Nation State and the Hawaiian people, OCCLP supports SB 1451, SD 1, and urges its passage out of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Mahalo nui loa
Me ka `oia`i`o

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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SB-1451-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 9:25:08 AM

Testimony for LAB on 3/12/2019 9:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB1451 because it is represents an attack on religion. Modify the bill. Get rid of the part that eliminates Good Friday as a state holiday and keep the part about Hawaiian Recognition Day. Otherwise, vote NO on SB1451.