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**TESTIMONY OF KIPUKAI KUALII
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**H.J.Res.55, Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Protecting Family Legacies Act
United States House of Representatives
Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States (SCIP)**

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021
12:00 p.m. EDT**

Via Remote Technology (Cisco WebEx)

Dear SCIP Chair Leger Fernández and Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of H.J.Res.55, Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Protecting Family Legacies Act. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a Member of the Kaua'i County Council, Chair of the Kaua'i County Council's Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Vice Chair of the Kaua'i County Council's Finance & Economic Development Committee, Co-Chair of the Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Association's (SCHHA) Policy Board, longtime advocate for the State of Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) waitlistees, an Anahola homesteader, and an Anahola agricultural lot waitlistee.

Removing barriers for the indigenous residential, farming, and ranching families in Hawai'i to transfer ground leases and assets to their spouses, children, grandchildren, or siblings would make an enormous difference in the economic self-sufficiency of an important county government constituency, as well as provide further housing opportunities and financial stability.

H.J.Res.55 is excellent economic policy that stabilizes generational asset and equity ownership so important to healthy, thriving communities, particularly in rural areas of our country like Kaua'i County.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188 or via E-mail to cokcouncil@kauai.gov.

Sincerely,

KIPUKAI KUALII
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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