

Submitter: Chanel Ledford
On Behalf Of:
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Aloha mai kakou. 'O Chanel Ka'iulani Kaimana Batala-Ledford. My name is Chanel Ledford and I currently hold a seated position on the board of directors for Ka ?Aha Lahui O ?Olekona Hawaiian Civic Club of Oregon and SW Washington (KALO HCC) as secretary and am a current cohort for the Ho'ulu Lahui: Rising Community Leaders, a Legislative Fellowship for youth. Noho mau a Beaverton, Oregon and having lived here in Beaverton, Oregon as a student under the Oregon Department of Education and now having a child in the school system myself, it is prudent that we consider giving as much attention to Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students as it is the same intentions in progress that have been considered and decided upon with other underserved students. Now is the time to pupukahi i holomua, unite in order to progress. Eia a'e no kakou. We are still here and our children shall have a future not just to imagine it. 'Ike aku, 'ike mai, kokua mai; pela ihola ka nohana 'ohana. Our children deserve to be recognized, they already recognize. They deserve to be helped as they will be helping the generations that follow them. Just as a family, it is our responsibility to reciprocate the same response in passion for progress through equity that our youth are ready to demand. I support this bill proposal in all of its entirety. Thank you for your considerations.