

07-1372 HAWAII V. OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

DECISION BELOW: 177 P.3d 884

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 25570

QUESTION PRESENTED:

In the Joint Resolution to Acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of the January 17, 1893 Overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, Congress acknowledged and apologized for the United States' role in that overthrow. The question here is whether this symbolic resolution strips Hawaii of its sovereign authority to sell, exchange, or transfer 1.2 million acres of state land—29 percent of the total land area of the State and almost all the land owned by the State—unless and until it reaches a political settlement with native Hawaiians about the status of that land.

CERT. GRANTED 10/1/2008