

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2133

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred H.B. No. 2133 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NATURAL AREA RESERVE SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to preserve the coastal dune ecosystem within the Kaena Point Natural Area Reserve (NAR) on Oahu by prohibiting motorized vehicles within the NAR.

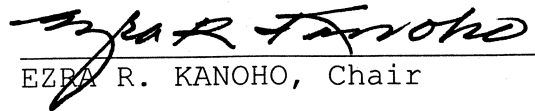
The Conservation Council for Hawaii, Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, Mokuleia Community Association, and several individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources supported the intent of this measure. Several individuals opposed this bill.

Most of the opposing testimony was from individuals who want to continue to use their vehicles in the Kaena Point area. It should be pointed out, however, that this bill only prohibits vehicular traffic within the NAR itself which comprises only 34 acres. Vehicles would continue to be allowed in the Kaena Point area, including the lands within the 779-acre Kaena Point State Park. Vehicular access to this area is somewhat limited due to landslides at both the Mokuleia as well as Keawaula entrance points.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2133 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, &
Ocean Resources,


EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair



