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*The vision of the Kula Community Association is to preserve open space, support agriculture, maintain a rural residential atmosphere, and to work together as a community.  
The specific purpose of this association is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Kula, to promote civic welfare, and generally to benefit the community of Kula.*

**Testimony before the House Committee on Public Safety and Military and  
Committee on Finance**

DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2008

TIME: 8:45am

PLACE: Conference Room 309

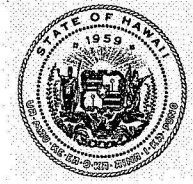
RE: Testimony on behalf of **HB 2740** RELATING TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI  
Appropriates moneys to Maui county for fiscal year 2008-2009 for damage repair  
and mitigation projects necessary as a result of the winter storms of December  
2007.

TO: The Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair of the House Committee on Public Safety  
and Military and Marcus Oshiro, Chair of the Finance Committee

The Kula Community Association thanks you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of HB 2740. The Kona Storm of December 2007 caused considerable damage on Maui, with the worst of it taking place in Kula. The Hawaiian Homelands subdivision Waiohuli was hit particularly hard. Many local homes and businesses suffered wind and flood damage. Compounding the damage was the large amount of debris washed into area gulches clogging natural storm runoff areas creating massive flooding. This natural debris must be completely removed to eliminate the risk of further flooding. The clean-ups efforts currently underway by the state, county, and volunteers are commendable, though an unexpected and unplanned expense. Money is needed to continue mitigation efforts to completely restore the areas hit and to prevent even more damage from occurring during our regular winter rain storms. The Kula Community Association is appreciative of the legislature for recognizing this basic need and requests that these funds be appropriated.

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TESTIMONY OF MICAH A. KANE, CHAIRMAN  
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS

ON H. B. 2740  
RELATING TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI

February 7, 2008

Chair Evans, Vice Chair Har and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2740 which appropriates money to Maui County for fiscal year 2008-2009 for damage repair and mitigation projects necessary as a result of winter storms of December 2007.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports the intent of this bill provided it does not conflict with the Administration's priorities as reflected in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

DHHL has homestead residents in the Keokea and Waiohuli areas of Kula, Maui who suffered property damages as a result of the adverse weather in December 2007. Of particular mention is the Harold Haupu family, whose 3-bedroom home was lifted off from its foundation by the overflowing streams to a lower

portion of their lot. This appropriation could provide much needed assistance for the Haupu's and other families who are faced with the challenge of restoring their home and / or property.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

REPRESENTATIVE CINDY EVANS, CHAIR  
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Thursday, February 7, 2008; 8:45 am  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 309

STRONG SUPPORT – HB 2146 – RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Aloha Chair Evans, Vice Chair Har and Members of the Committee.

My name is Lisa Kehl and I am a Master's of Social Work Student and Research Assistant at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, School of Social Work. I am testifying in support of HB 2146.

As a student of research and program evaluation I have learned that there is little point to implementing a program without building in a process of evaluation. With no evaluation of what is happening, there is no accountability and no way of knowing whether the program is even working. By having Public Safety provide regular monthly reports on the specified indicators, it will be evident as to the effectiveness of their implementation and where energy or intervention will need to be focused to make improvements.

In the private non-profit sector, it has become standard practice to build an evaluation plan into the grant request and budget of a proposed program, especially when large amounts of money are involved. Grantors are no longer willing to give out money to programs without knowing the impact that it is having by requiring evaluation and reports on specified indicators.

It is only logical that the state government request the same level of accountability from Public Safety by providing reports of performance indicators on a monthly basis not only to the government, but also to the people of Hawaii by posting the information on their website.

I encourage you to pass HB 2146. Without this bill there are no strict guidelines to hold Public Safety accountable and to be sure that they are enforcing Community Safety Act 2007.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kehl

**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2740  
A BILL RELATING TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI**

**PRESENTATION TO THE**

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**BY**

**MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE  
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE**

**February 7, 2008**

**Chair Evans and Committee Members:**

**I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am testifying on House Bill 2740.**

**House Bill 2740 appropriates moneys to Maui county for fiscal year 2008-2009 for damage repair and mitigation projects necessary as a result of the December 2007 High Wind and Flood Disaster. The budget submitted by the State Department of Defense did not include additional funding to specifically aid Maui in the recovery process. Maui County suffered the majority of damage caused by the December winter storm and financial assistance would help to speed up the recovery process.**

**A Governor's Emergency Proclamation was signed on December 7, 2007, and was followed by a request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration on January 5, 2008. If approved, a Presidential Declaration will allow the State and County to receive partial reimbursements for emergency response and recovery costs.**

**The department therefore supports the intent of this measure as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. Are there any questions?**

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February 6, 2008

TO: Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair  
House Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

FROM: Joseph Pontanilla, Council Member

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph Pontanilla".

DATE: Thursday February 7, 2008

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 2740, RELATING TO COUNTY OF MAUI**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure. I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support **HB 2740** for the following:

1. A tremendous amount of damage was sustained on Maui as a result of the intensity of this 2007 winter storm.
2. The appropriation will assist in expediting the County's damage repair and mitigation efforts.

I urge you to support this measure.

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