

Date: 2/12/08

To: The House Committee on Water Land  
Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs

Re: Hearing Wednesday 2/13/08 9:00 am Rm: 31a  
FULL SUPPORT OF HB 3301

Aloha Chair Ito, Vice Chair Karamatsu  
and committee members.

My name is Feinani Nawakoa, I am born  
and raised in the ahupua'a of Honouliuli.

My ancestors are the original people of this  
place. I have four beautiful children. My  
husband and I have taught our keiki their  
cultural practices and to be proud of who  
they are.

As we all know Honouliuli and Hookena  
are one of the last Hawaiian Fishing Villages  
in this state. Honouliuli is our living classroom.  
at this beautiful place we teach our children  
their oli, mele, hula, haka, holo, from throwing  
net to upena ku, Hula, arts and crafts.

This is also where we teach marine biology, marine  
science, reef ecology, and protection of our marine  
animals our na'au and home.

One of the most important parts of our  
ahupua'a is our fishery. This is our icebox,  
this is what feeds us and nurtures us.

I am here today to ask all of you

TO: THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

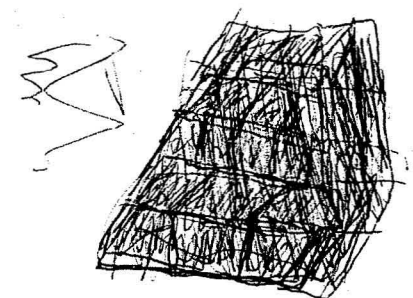
RE: Hearing Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 9 a.m., Room 312

**FULL SUPPORT OF HB3301,**

Aloha Chair Ito, Vice Chair Karamatsu, and Committee Members,

We the undersigned FULLY SUPPORT HB 3301 to designate a Honaunau and Ho'okena community-based subsistence fishing area. Mahalo.

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Aloha Chair Ito, Vice Chair Karamatsu, and Committee Members,

As a frequent visitor to Honaunau Bay, I have observed many local families fishing there for food to take home for their families. My friends who were born in the Honaunau ahupua`a tell me that it has become more and more difficult to catch fish at Honaunau, making it harder to feed their families, thus harder to get by with our high cost of living on the big island.

To reverse this downward trend in both quantities of fish and numbers of species of fish, improved marine management is needed for Honaunau. That is why I have been involved for two years in monitoring human uses of Honaunau Bay. I believe the people who live in the Honaunau community and interact with the ocean every day are in the best position to recommend sound management strategies for their area.

I would like Honaunau Bay to be designated a Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area so that the community can work with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and other stakeholders to determine the very best strategies to ensure that Hawaiian residents, their children and grandchildren can practice their fishing culture forever.

I fully support HB 3301 and urge the committee to pass this bill.

Mahalo nui,

Linda J. Morgan

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Aloha Mai Kakaou,

My testimony is in support of Bill 3301. I was born and raised in Honauau and Ke'e'i area, South Kona. The past twenty five years has been spent between going to school, playing sports, swimming and relaxing at Honauau Beach. Across the Bay is The Pu'uhonua O' Honauau, a pu'uhonua, a place for healing. My mother paddled many years at Keona Honauau Canoe Club and also worked at Hale O Hooponopono, an alternative Learning Center. My Dad also worked there and he surfed at The Bay. So, a major part of my life has been centered at Honauau Bay. Now, I am raising my daughter, who attends Kamihameha Preschool and we spend a lot of time at The Beach.

These past years, I have witnessed an insurmountable amount of people that crowd our little beach area. Tourists continually harass our turtles and dolphins in their resting areas. The road is so crowded sometimes our fishermen and their boats cannot get through. There also has been past safety issues where emergency vehicles had difficulty picking up their victims. The commercial divers bring more people and equipment. There are more zodiacs coming with more tourists. The local fishermen

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the reef, since visitors are unaware of the area or are not paying attention. When the rough, winter surf season is here, there are additional safety concerns.

As a native Hawaiian, whose bloodline is traced to voyages thousands of years past, this is enough. The time has come to embrace the LIGHT of our ancestors to fulfill our Kuleana, our birthright for the next generations to come.

Let us find and work our solutions <sup>from</sup> ~~from~~ within the strengths of those within our community and collaborate our innate resources -

I humbly ask for your support for Bill 3301.

Mahalo a Nui Loa.

Makana Kikoo Low

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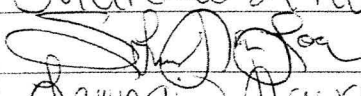
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Aloha Chair Ho, vice chair Karamatsu  
and committee members,

My name is Leinani Nauas-Loa. I am here today to represent Ka Ohana O Kona Hema (The families and communities of South Kona). Our community has become more concerned with our fishery. Our fishermen have noticed a huge decrease of fish in our ahupua'a over the years. We all feel that marine management is needed for Honouliuli. Our community has been actively helping to manage the area for two years now through outreach and education. We have also done Human Use and Biological monitoring with volunteers from our community. We have hosted a local school in this area and have educated them on our ahupua'a. I would like Honouliuli to be designated a Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area so that our community can work with Department

of Land and Natural Resources and other stakeholders to determine the very best strategies to ensure that our children and their children can practice our fishing culture forever.

We fully support HB3301 and urge the committee to pass this bill.

Mahalo Anuioa  
  
Bernadine Hauus-Roa  
Community Coordinator

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to please support and pass this bill 3301.  
It is my privilege and responsibility to  
continue the work that my Kupuna had  
left for us. By designating Honaunou  
and Hookena as a Community Substance  
Area it will allow us to continue to  
perpetuate and teach our culture and keep  
it alive for the future.

Mahalo,

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The bill does not have any effect on the  
Regulation of the community substance  
area. The bill is only a designation.



February 12, 2008

To: House Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources and  
Hawaiian Affairs/  
Representative Ken Ito, Chair/  
Representative John Karamatsu Vice Chair

From: Dolphin Discoveries  
Kevin & Claudia Merrill Pres. & VP

RE: HB 3301

Testimony:

We, Kevin & Claudia Merrill are the owners of Dolphin Discoveries, Snorkel & Whalewatch boat tours in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. Our tours go to both Kealahou Bay and the Place of Refuge for safe snorkeling for our guests. While we fully support subsistence fishing for the local Hawaiian families, we do not believe that guided snorkeling tours have a negative impact on the fish population.

Therefore we ask that you do not pass HB 3301 for the following reasons.

1. This bill would prohibit us from taking tourists for recreational snorkel tours to enjoy the marine environment in a responsible manner.
2. Our company has worked together with Sea Quest rafting to limit the number of boats in the bay at any one time. There are only 2 boats there when we are there snorkeling, we are there for a maximum of one hour a day and our Captains and crew go through training to:
  - a. only allow snorkelers in designated snorkel zone, they are shown where the "zone" is before being allowed in the water and are not allowed in boat traffic area.
  - b. Guests are not allowed in "dolphin rest zone".

- c. They are informed of the fragility of the coral reef system and are not allowed to touch anything or stand on the coral while in the water.
3. Tourism and Ocean activities in Kona make up a large part of the employment sector and there would be many families out of work if these bills are passed .
4. We do support keeping these marine sanctuaries pristine and feel that we contribute by being the stewards of these places.
5. We do suggest that the prohibition of taking fish and marine organisms for commercial purposes continues to be supported and that they continue to be replenishment zones.

Mahalo for considering our testimony in making your decision on this important issue.

Sincerely,  
Kevin & Claudia Merrill  
President and Vice President  
Dolphin Discoveries