



HCR 248, RELATING TO ALA WAI WATERSHED

House Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian
Affairs

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** H.C.R. 248, which would request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to evaluate the possibility of using a conservation land trust in the Ala Wai watershed area to establish a continuous corridor in which to implement effective storm water and pollution improvements.

The Ala Wai watershed is located in one of the most densely populated portions of the state. The congested character of the area creates numerous pressures on the environment, especially during heavy rains when runoff and debris flow from the watershed into the Ala Wai canal. The formation of a conservation land trust could possibly help regulate the flow of storm water during these torrential downpours. OHA supports the examination of this option as it carries the potential to help better manage storm water and promote the overall health of the Ala Wai watershed.

OHA urges the Committee to PASS H.C.R. 248. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.