

April 1, 2008

The Honorable Tommy Waters
And Members
Judiciary Committee

LATE TESTIMONY

Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2008
Time: 2:10 pm

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 360, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE CALENDER FOR CASES THAT INVOLVE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Aloha Mr. Waters,

My name is Randy Awo. I am the Branch Chief for the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement, Maui Nui. I am submitting testimony in support of HCR 360. Each year Hawaii is faced with hundreds of cases that involve the violation of laws that have been established to protect Hawaii's unique natural and cultural resources. As these cases enter into our criminal courts, too often they are not afforded the attention and specialized expertise needed to properly adjudicate these matters.

HCR 360 provides a more effective venue that enables our courts to protect Hawaii's environment by seeking a more consistent and standardized method in hearing these cases by placing these matters into a separate court calendar.

Therefore, I urge you to support HCR 360. Mahalo.

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