

# WINDWARD AHUPUA'A ALLIANCE

From the Peaks of *Na Ko'olau* to the Outer Reefs

*Community-Based Planning  
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COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

*Rep. Ken Ito, Chair*

*Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair*

PUBLIC HEARING

9 am

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Conference Room 312

SB 1891 SD1- RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS

STRONGLY SUPPORT

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

My name is Shannon Wood, the interim president of the *Windward Ahupua'a Alliance* based in Kane'ohe. We either sponsor or work with other organizations on a wide range of community service projects all across Hawai'i.

So many times we've run across damaged lands with huge chunks of soil dug out by over-sized tires. On several occasions, we've been threatened by the owners/users of these vehicles when we've asked them to discontinue their activities.

We, along with private landowners and the *Department of Land and Natural Resources*, try to control these types of activities in and abutting *Kawainui Marsh* but to little avail. Just last weekend, more than 40 motorcyclists went up into *Ulumawao Ridge mauka* of Kapa'a Quarry Road, but by the time the police arrived, the bikers were long gone have exited onto Kamehameha Highway nearly two miles away from their entry point.. Even if they'd been caught, what would have been the consequences? Nothing.

Although we recognize that off-roading can be fun and enjoyable, the activity needs to be conducted in appropriate areas, not isolated lands where endangered species - both plant and animal - are.

We urge that you pass out SB1891 SD!. *Mahalo* for the opportunity to submit our testimony in support of SB 3206 - SD2.

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Dear Sir:

Please make it illegal for people to drive on the beach. Give law enforcement to authority to stop this wild behavior. It is dangerous. I totally support this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Papish". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Mary Papish  
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To: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs

From: Malcolm and Tara McLean – Kailua, HI 96734

Date: Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Subject: Support of Bill **SB 1891, SD1**

I am writing as a concerned citizen and parent about the situation with big trucks driving recklessly around beach parks and actually on the beach it's self. These are beaches where families and small children are playing. These truck drivers are acting careless and show a lack of respect and concern for the safety of others.



We spend every weekend at the beach and often have our outings spoiled by these large vehicles speeding down the trails and the beach them selves. They don't slow down for beach goers or at the site of children. There was an instance when I was assembled with a party of friends, all with small children playing and they just raced by us not evening slowing down with kids running around. It is despicable and wouldn't be tolerated on normal roads why should it be different on public beaches and parks.

My family shouldn't have to be concerned about our safety when at the beach. There should be some rules set for the 4 – wheelers and big trucks.

Please consider passing bill SB 1891, SD1

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Malcolm and Tara McLean



Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1891, SD1**

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00am  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

Dear Chair Ito and Committee members,

My name is Jasmyn Sarns. I am testifying in support of SB 1891, SD1.

My husband and I go to Bellows Beach Park at least 2 or 3 times a month with our 2-year old toddler. Several times we have seen people with 4x4's racing up and down the beach at high speeds. This obviously creates an extremely dangerous situation and pollutes the atmosphere for all the people who are just trying to enjoy a day at the beach. I'm sure I can speak for many parents and people in general that Hawaii's beaches should be protected so they are safe and clean especially for children and future generations.

The beach provides a place for a lot of healthy activities like swimming, surfing, camping, relaxing with friends and family; it's a place where children can enjoy playing outdoors. What will happen to our culture if our places of refuge are allowed to be overtaken by dangerous and polluting activities like drag racing? As a parent it is devastating to think that I can't bring my children out to swim in the ocean and play in the sand because they might get killed by racing truck. Please pass Senate Bill 1891, SD1 and protect our beaches so they are safe and clean for the future of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jasmyn Sarns  
Kailua