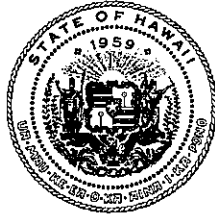
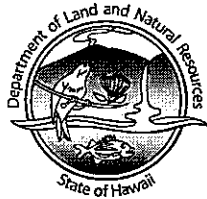


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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON
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on Senate Bill 2189, Senate Draft 1 – Relating To Makua

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
WAYS AND MEANS**

February 25, 2008

Senate Bill 2189, Senate Draft1, establishes a Makua Valley Reserve Commission under the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department). The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) does not support this measure.

The Department believes that Makua Valley is rich in cultural resources and the creation of a Makua Valley Reserve Commission provides a sensitive approach to appropriately managing the Valley however it seems premature since the Army has a lease (GL 3848) with the Department for training in Makua Valley which expires on 8/16/2029. The Department notes that it has not had any conversations with the Army on continuing their use of the Valley after 2029.

Additionally, the Makua Valley Reserve Commission cannot by law have jurisdiction over the proper treatment of burial sites or human remains found in the Valley. The Department's Oahu Burial Council would need to retain its responsibilities under Section 6E-43(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department would ask this Committee to instead support the Department's Supplemental Budget request, which allocates funds to the Department's Historic Preservation Division, to strengthen the State's oversight and support of historic preservation across the State.

Position requests include two Compliance Specialists, which will provide accurate project intake and classification, consistent data base maintenance and help ensure timely responses to public inquiries, as well as, a Librarian to maintain the State Historic Preservation Division's libraries on all islands and provide a consistent filing system for reports.

Additional money is requested for reinternment of iwi in the state inventory on all islands. The funding will allow the department to purchase burial vaults and to pay for labor to reinter the iwi. The Department is also requesting lease rent monies for Hawaii Island staff, which lost its Kona office space and is in need of a permanent office.

testimony

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Please forward the attached testimony to the Ways and Means committee. The hearing is scheduled on Feb. 25, 2008 at 10:30 am, in room 211.

Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Ways and Means

February 25, 2008

10:30 am. Room 211

Testimony is strongest support of SB 2189 SD1.

Chair Baker, and Committee members:

I am an employee of DLNR however the testimony that follows is that of my own, based upon my relationship with and mana'o from my Uncle Ivanhoe Naiwi and Aunty Frenchy DeSoto.

This bill would set up a commission similar to the Kaho'olawe Reserve Commission, eventually managing the Makua Valley Reserve. The commission would also be authorized to facilitate the expedient return of Makua Valley upon the expiration of the Army's lease or sooner if the situation arises.

The Army has not used Makua Valley for training in the past three years. In the last nine years it has not used it for training in six of those nine years. During the remaining three years it used it marginally. By this history and its actions, it has clearly demonstrated that it no longer needs Makua!

The Army has certified every unit that deployed from Hawaii as fully certified during this time frame. These units have been deployed to all parts of the world including Iraq and Afghanistan. By its actions, it has demonstrated that the time has arrived to create such a commission to possibly begin the discussions facilitating the return and transition of Makua Valley back to civilian management.

In 1942 the Army promised Uncle Ivanhoe, after removing his family from Makua at gun-point, that he would be allowed to return, and that Makua would be returned six months after the war. The Army even put it into the lease agreement with the then, Territory Hawaii, and promptly violated that agreement. Please pass SB 2189 SD1 and begin the process of healing and making things pono.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2189 SD1.

testimony

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Aloha mai,

I am submitting the attached written testimony to be heard by the Senate Ways & Means Committee, MONDAY, 25 Feb 2008 at 10:30 AM in Conference Room 211 regarding SB 2189 SD1.

Mahalo for ensuring its delivery to committee.

O au no me ka 'oia'i'o,

Lilette A Subedi