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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 10:45 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** SB2423 SD1 Relating to Acquisition  
**Importance:** High

Committee on Ways & Means Hearing  
February 25, 2008  
10:30 a.m., Rm 211  
SB2423 SD1 **SUPPORT**

**Good Morning Chair Baker and Committee Members:**

Keep Kahuku Country Inc. is in full support of SB2423, SD1 relating to acquisition of the Turtle Bay Resort undeveloped properties. This bill supports the latest action of the community group reviewing the Ko'olauloa Sustainables Plan which by consensus removed the resort expansion with one objection raised and one stating some buildings might be supported.

We urge you to fund this proposal and list an amount after crossover. Please also include mauka lands that is owned by the Resort as well. Mahalo for your action on this bill and for ensuring the future generations that rural Hawaii can remain for them.

Mahalo nui,

Margaret Primacio  
Spokesperson  
Keep Kahuku Country Inc.

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

From: Robyn Antonucci  
Honolulu Community Action Program, Oahu Head Start  
Assistant Director

Date: February, 25, 2008  
10:30 a.m.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I strongly support the intent of this bill to create an Early Learning Council and the Keiki First Steps Program.

Providing quality early childhood education that promotes school readiness, by enhancing social and cognitive development of children is the foundation needed to succeed in school. Studies are showing that Kindergarten students are lacking in pre-literacy skills. Providing comprehensive services in the areas of education, health, social services and parent involvement is essential in the child's "whole" development. A cohesive workforce is needed to accomplish this for our Keiki.

Act 259 tasked the Task Force to develop a quality system, and the Act 259 Early Learning Educational Task Force's Report certainly did this. Additionally, we need investments in workforce development to ensure our children are being educated by the highly-trained and degreed professionals

I also support the creation of the public-private Early Learning Council that is administratively attached to a state agency. This council will provide the required visionary and professional leadership for quality early learning to flourish and grow in Hawaii.

Now is the time for Hawaii to make a commitment for the future of our children, our communities, and our state. The Task Force's recommended sum of \$10.45 million is an outstanding investment that will reap dividends for years to come.

Thank you,

Sincerely,  
Robyn Antonucci  
HCAP Oahu Head Start  
Assistant Director

THE GENTRY COMPANIES



February 25, 2008

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, and Members  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Senate  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 3168, SD1, RELATING TO  
CREATIVE MEDIA

Dear Senator Baker and Committee Members:

My name is Debbie Luning testifying on behalf of Gentry Homes, Ltd. in SUPPORT of SB 3168, SD1.

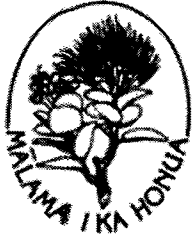
As one of the major residential developers on the Ewa Plain, we are supportive of efforts to enhance economic development opportunities in West Oahu and the quality of life for its residents. Moving UH's Creative Media Program to UH West Oahu would be a tremendous boon to the West Oahu campus, as well as to the many students who are desirous of pursuing this line of work. As the bill points out, the Waianae Searider Productions has successfully demonstrated the transformational power of multi-media literacy to engage its most at-risk students. James Campbell and Kapolei High Schools, Waipahu Intermediate and High School, and Leeward Community College all have wonderful creative media programs, as well. A creative media program at UH West Oahu would allow these students to continue pursuing their dreams of careers in the film, video, or TV industries, and would also complement the planned private film studio in Kapolei.

Please vote to pass this bill out of Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on this measure.

Sincerely,

GENTRY HOMES, LTD.

  
Debra M. A. Luning  
Director of Governmental Relations and  
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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 10:30 A.M.

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### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2423 SD1

Chair Baker and members of the Committee:

The Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, with 5500 dues paying members statewide, supports SB 2423 SD1, exploring approaches to protect the Turtle Bay area in perpetuity. We appreciate the multi-pronged approach to accomplishing this objective that SB 2423 SD1 offers.

As you may know, the Sierra Club is a co-plaintiff in a lawsuit seeking to require a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed resort expansion at Kawela Bay and Turtle Bay Resort. The litigation stems from the massive development planned for Turtle Bay Resort on the North Shore of O'ahu by Kulima. The project contemplates the expansion of the Turtle Bay Resort to some five times its existing size to approximately 3500 total hotel and condominium units. The Sierra Club joins Keep the North Shore Country in its concerns that the Kawela Bay Project—now being undertaken nearly 25 years after the original environmental review was completed—will have significant impacts and cumulative environmental effects which have not been properly evaluated or considered by the County or the developer.

The Turtle Bay area contains breathtaking coastline, sensitive wetland environments, and endangered species habitats. It is a playground for Hawai'i residents as well as visitors. It is also a good area for fishing on the North Shore—but accessibility through the existing "private property" has been raised as a concern. Protecting the Turtle Bay area in perpetuity would serve current and future generations well.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**From:** Babe da Silva [babe@babedasilva.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 3:21 AM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Senate Funding Committee - SB 2423 - testimony relating to land acquisition

Feb. 25, 2008  
10:30 a.m.

As a resident of the North Shore I request that you support this bill. The North Shore is the last piece of country on Oahu.

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**From:** Doug Cole [dougcole@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 24, 2008 9:46 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** I support SB 2423

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Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I support SB 2423 and encourage you to do the same.

I support the existing Turtle Bay Resort and the employment that it provides to members in our community, but I do not think it is sensible to allow the massive expansion project to go forward.

The cost of not purchasing the undeveloped land now will far exceed the cost of mitigating the unbearable traffic congestion that will result if the resort expansion takes place.

How will the State mitigate this traffic? By widening Kamehameha Hwy? Building H-4? Mass Transit?

I cannot begin to imagine how much any of these options would cost, nor can I imagine an alternative solution to the traffic problems that the expansion will create.

The opportunity to avoid these future costs while permanently protecting over 4 miles of spectacular coastline including over half of the beautiful Kawela Bay is before you today. I urge you to make the difficult decision to spend money today in order to save money tomorrow.

Thank you very much.

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Testimony to  
Senate Ways and Means Committee  
SB 2423 SD1,  
February 25, 2008 at 10:30 am, Room 211

February, 24th 2008

To whom it may concern,

I support the bill SB 2423 SD1 because it is important to maintain the rural character of the North Shore. As a resident of Haleiwa, I am concerned with the proposed development and I believe that the purchase of undeveloped Turtle Bay Parcels by the State is a good idea to preserve a healthy north shore/island community.

Mahalo and with warm regards,  
Dr. Kolja Rotzoll

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**From:** Ruey Hwu [hooooray@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 8:02 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Committee on Ways and Means; Monday 2/15, 10:30 a.m.

Re: Testimony in strong support of SB2423 SD1 Relating to Land Acquisition  
Aloha Ways and Means Committee Chair Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Senator Shan Tsutsui and Committee Members,

Please accept this testimony in strong support of SB2423 SD1, directing the department of land and natural resources or any appropriate entity of the State to acquire lands owned by Kuilima Resort Company, Oaktree Capital, LLC, and their successor in interest, commonly known as Turtle Bay Hotel and Resort located in Kahuku, Oahu.

As a resident of Hawai'i, I believe that it is important to preserve the natural beauty of the islands. While we all recognize that the tourist industry is very important for the economic well-being of our state, it is also imperative to consider the effects of further development on both the land and the community at large. I believe that further resort development along the North Shore will ultimately hurt both and strongly support SB2423 SD1 directing the state to acquire the lands owned by Kuilima Resort Company in hopes of preserving it for current and future generations.

Mahalo for your leadership,  
Ruey Hwu  
Honolulu, HI

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