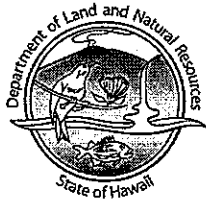


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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON
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ON

Senate Bill 2249- RELATING TO STREAM MAINTENANCE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE

on

WATER AND LAND

January 28, 2008

Senate Bill 2249 proposes to make an appropriation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) for the purchase of \$287,500 equipment to be used to maintain the Pokiwai Stream located in Hauula on the Island of Oahu. The Department supports the intent of the bill as it seeks to assist in the maintenance of Pokiwai Stream, however, the Department notes that it does not have any land management involvement in Pokiwai Stream.

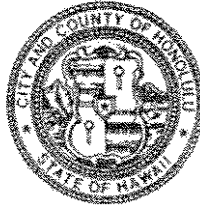
It is the Department's understanding that it is mostly privately-owned except for an easement near Kamehameha Highway in favor of the City and County of Honolulu and the Kamehameha Highway rights-of-way under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation, Highways Division (DOT). As such, this bill might be more appropriately directed to DOT. Should this measure pass, the Department would be more than willing to collaborate with DOT.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

January 28, 2008

The Honorable Clayton Hee
Chair, Water and Land Committee
State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members:

The Department of Facility Maintenance, City & County of Honolulu, supports SB2249 that appropriates funds from the general revenues of the State of Hawaii in the amount of \$287,500 to the State Department of Land and Natural Resources to purchase equipment for the purpose of clearing and maintaining streams to include the Pokiwai Stream in Hauula, Oahu. The purchase of the equipment to clear and maintain streams would allow the State to perform the necessary maintenance of the State owned streams in accordance with HRS Section 46-11.5.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in favor of Senate Bill 2249.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig I. Nishimura".

Craig I. Nishimura, P. E.
Acting Director and Chief Engineer