

testimony

From: Bruce Bila [bbila@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 2:37 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Ways and Means Committee SB2423SD1 2-25-2008

We wish to show our support for SB2423SD1 the State of Hawaii to purchase the land at Turtle Bay Resort. This proposal would ensure that what little amount of pristine land on Oahu would remain that way for us, our kids and grandkids. We think this is a truly visionary plan and since land is finite and once developed can never be returned back to its natural beauty. Mahalo Bruce & Trisha Bila

testimony

From: Kelly Vizsolay [vizsolaygallery@cox.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 10:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SB2423 SD 1 Senate Ways and Means Committee Feb 25, 2008 at 10:30 am rm. 211

Senate Ways and Means Committee, February 25, 2008 at 10:30 am. in Room 211

Aloha,

I am writing to you to tell you that I am in total support of the state of Hawaii buying the undeveloped land from Kuilima Resort Co.

We are frequent visitors to the North Shore of Oahu and love this part of the island because of the county feeling. Also, we are past property owners in Kuilima and expect to buy other property in the future for our retirement. Our oldest son lives on Pupukea and he also supports this bill.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for keeping Oahu beautiful.

Aloha,

Kelly and Walter Vizsolay
Laguna Beach,, Ca.

Anthony Vizsolay
Haleiwa, Hawaii



**THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND'S TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SB 2423, S.D. I WITH COMMENTS**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Monday, February 25, 2008, 10:30 a.m., Room 211

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Aloha Chairperson Baker and Vice-Chair Tsutsui:

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The Trust for Public Land (TPL) supports the intent of SB 2423, S.D. 1 Relating to Land Acquisition, which proposes to allocate funds towards the acquisition of undeveloped lands around the Turtle Bay Resort, but has the following concerns. While TPL is in support of section 7 of the bill, which gives the Director of Finance authority to issue general obligation bonds, it would oppose any use of the Legacy Lands Fund to finance the payments of those bonds. Finally, TPL's mission is to support voluntary land conservation, and cannot support efforts to condemn the property against the landowner's wishes.

TPL conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. Nationwide, TPL has five program initiatives: (1) providing parks for people, (2) protecting working lands (farms, ranches, and forests), (3) conserving natural lands (wilderness, wildlife habitat), (4) safeguarding heritage lands (cultural and historical resources), and (5) preserving land to ensure clean drinking water and the natural beauty of our coasts and waterways. In Hawai'i, TPL has worked with public and private partners to conserve over 36,000 acres of land in the State, including Pūpūkea-Paumalū and Waimea Valley on O'ahu, Wao Kele o Puna on Hawai'i Island, Mū'olea Point on Maui, and Lumaha'i Beach on Kaua'i.

First, TPL was as surprised as the Legislature by the Governor's State of the State address and the announcement of an initiative to acquire the Turtle Bay Resort. Nonetheless, we support the bold initiative, and believe that by working in partnership with the Legislature, federal agencies, our Congressional delegation, the community, the business community, and private donors, we can together, achieve our vision of preserving the unique rural character of North Shore, and at the same time, enhancing much needed jobs provided at the existing resort and golf courses.


Second, while TPL supports the State's ability to finance a purchase through a bond, it opposes using the Legacy Lands Fund to leverage the bond. TPL was actively involved in the passage of the Legacy Lands Act, which sets aside a small percentage of the conveyance tax for conservation acquisition projects (currently, roughly \$4.7 million per year). Grant applications are competitively reviewed by the Legacy Lands Commission, which consists of experts in agriculture, land conservation, Hawaiian culture, biology, and other disciplines. These representatives also are geographically dispersed among all four counties. In the past two years, the number of worthy projects has far exceeded the available funds, and every project funded has leveraged matching federal, county or private funds, making the dollars in the fund go

farther. These projects are having willing landowners/sellers, engaged communities calling for the acquisition of these lands, plans to manage the land, and substantial matching funding, and range across all the islands. Using the Legacy Lands Fund to finance a bond for the purchase of Turtle Bay Resort would not be consistent with the goals of the Act, and the render the Legacy Lands Commission useless.

Third, SB 2423's focus on the undeveloped portions of land surrounding the Turtle Bay Resort is a good initial step forward. As it has done with other undeveloped conservation lands (e.g., Moanalua Valley, Pūpūkea-Paumalū), the Legislature can appropriate seed money that can be leveraged against other federal, county and private sources of funding for conservation acquisitions. To the extent that any of the undeveloped lands qualified for Legacy Lands Funds, those parcels would compete with other parcels for the limited Legacy Lands Funds (about \$4.7 million per year) among other projects.

TPL supports SB 2423 with comments/concerns, and is ready to assist the State and other conservation partners in collaborative efforts to acquire the undeveloped lands surrounding the Turtle Bay Resort.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



Lea Hong
Hawaiian Islands Program Director

testimony

From: Maria O'Malley [mariaomalley@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 3:34 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SB2423, SD1

Please support this bill so that future generations can enjoy what we have taken for granted until we almost lost it - the beautiful North Shore of Oahu. We have done so much to harm this planet - here is your chance to preserve the environment and to act as stewards of this beautiful island.

Mahalo Maria O'Malley and family

testimony

From: travish321@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 10:29 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.

These lands represent some of the last wild coastal lands in Koolauloa; one of the last places where one can go to get away from it all, and enjoy uncrowded beaches and waters to decompress and from the pressures of the workweek.

Mahalo for your leadership,
Travis Hylton
Kaaawa, Koolauloa, Oahu, Hawaii

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From: *Scott Werny* [clearwater@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 2:31 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Committee on Ways and Means; Monday 2/15, 10:30 a.m.

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The Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter, an organization representing more than 500 Oahu residents, strongly believes that the environment and character of the North Shore area need to be preserved, and that acquiring these lands, especially now as the owners face foreclosure, is a great way to assure that the land that's been approved for development in the Kawela Bay area will remain undeveloped. Our belief is so strong that the expansion of Turtle Bay would negatively affect the North Shore area that we have spent more than \$10,000 dollars, worked hundreds of volunteer man hours, and have raised awareness internationally across our surfing community through the Surfrider Foundation with the intent of preserving this area. Please move forward with this incredible opportunity to preserve a uniquely wonderful area.

Mahalo for your leadership,
Scott Werny
Honolulu, Hawaii
Co-Chair Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter

Surfrider's O'ahu Chapter is a non-profit grassroots organization run solely by volunteers that has more than 500 members on O'ahu, and is in its 12th year of activism. The O'ahu Chapter actively works to improve ocean water and beach quality, to keep and open access to the ocean for all to enjoy, and to assure that all development on our island is responsible by having minimal impact on our coastal environment. The chapter is one of 80 Surfrider Foundation chapters worldwide with over 50,000 members. For more information, go to: www.surfrider.org/oahu or call 531-SURF.

testimony

From: Katie Laing [laingk@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 2:08 PM
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

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Mahalo for your leadership,
Katharine Laing
Haleiwa, HI

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From: billbraden@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 4:28 PM
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

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Mahalo for your leadership,

William S. Braden
Haleiwa, HI

testimony

From: Kevin Kelly [kevink@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 10:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, February 25, 2008, 10:30 a.m.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN SUPPORT OF SB 2423, SD1, relating to land acquisition.

As a resident of Kahuku, I am one person who may benefit more directly from the passage of this legislation, but as a resident of Hawaii, I am one of the voices from across our state who are increasingly saying 'enough is enough' to further resort development, especially in environmentally sensitive areas. There are better uses for land than hotels and resort that impact communities up and down the coast and I applaud the legislature for its efforts to acquire this important land and preserve it for generations to come.

My community supports the activities of the current resort that employs many friends and neighbors. We also look forward to the continued success of the resort in the future.

Aloha,
Kevin Kelly

testimony

From: Carol Philips [carolphilips1@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 11:37 PM

To: testimony

Subject: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS Monday, February 25, 2008, 10:30 a.m. Conference Room 211 SB2423

Carol Philips
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Haleiwa, Hi 96712

February 24, 2008

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

RE: Strong support of Senate Bill 2423

Aloha Chair Baker and Committee on Ways and Means,

As a life long resident of the Country and a person who has spoken to hundreds of people in my community regarding this issues, I'm writing to express my strong support of SB2523 which will help protect the North Shore of Oahu from over development by purchasing the Turtle Bay property. While some people may feel that it is too expensive for the State to purchase this property, if the proposed development is allowed to go through it will cost the tax payers of Hawaii much more money to pay for the required infrastructure.

Kamehameha Highway is a hundred year old 2-land road that is falling into the ocean in places. The proposed development of Turtle Bay into a major hotel destination would require widening the highway and condemning hundreds of homes in the process, this is not an acceptable out come to the many local families living out here. The cost of this property also needs to me more closely looked at because of the known presence of burial sites, perhaps even mass burials. I know of a local who worked on the original development many years ago, he said "they found iwi every day". Historic records indicate that the area was heavily populated with native Hawaiians prior to and at the arrival of Captain Cook. Subsequently, Hawaii's people died in masses due to disease contracted from contact with foreign sailors, so much so that much of the society collapsed. It's only logical to infer that the survivors living in the area buried their ohana in shallow graves, especially in the soft sand dunes at Turtle Bay. Along these lines the State Historic Preservation Division has made recommendations to reassess the locations of Hawaiian burial sites at Turtle Bay using modern GPS techniques. I believe these recommendations will eventually be enforced because burial sites are part of the public trust, and as such are protected by law. The presence of these burial sites affects the ability of the developers to "build out" as planned and must have a depressing affect on the "market" value of the property.

As legislatures I'm sure you face many difficult decisions daily. When you add the totality of the cost of the infrastructure, the near universal opposition of the community and the nature of the iwi issue supporting this bill is the right thing to do. As you make your decision on SB2523, I implore you to side with the people who live in our rural communities and take a long term look at the cost, both financial

2/24/2008

and social, of not purchasing the property.

Respectfully,
Carol Philips

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Carol Philips, VP of Operations
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If this is sent in error, kindly inform us and delete message. Mahalo!

testimony

From: Y. Fernandez [ynoelani@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 9:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: ATTN: Committee on Ways & Means; Monday, Feb. 25 10:30am

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RE: SB
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SD1

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Turtle
Bay
Hotel
and
Resort
located
in
Kahuku,
Oahu.
(SD1)

Dear Committee:

I am in SUPPORT of SB2423. I have lived here on the Northshore for over 10 years now and

my husband's family 5-generations since the 1930's. I am in support of state acquisition of this property to preserve the rural countryside a precious and finite resource here on Oahu. We need to act now to hold it for future generations.

It is most prudent to sustain a healthy community - conservation entrusts these lands as a natural resource for educational, cultural, recreational and economic purposes.

Please vote in support of this bill.

Mahalo,
Yvette

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testimony

From: Rick Crum [rickQem@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 12:08 PM
To: testimony
Subject: attn: Senator Roslyn Baker - chair, Ways & Means

Senator Baker:

As a 30+ year Hawaii resident and member of IATSE 665, I strongly support any & all efforts by your committee regarding SB 2273 SD1.

Thank you,

Rick Crum
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Senate Ways and Means Committee Hearing on SB 2423 SD1
Monday, February 25, 2008
10:30 am, Room 211

Testimony in Support of SB 2423 SD1


I **strongly support** the initiative to acquire the undeveloped property at the Turtle Bay Resort.

If the State fails to act now that the property is being foreclosed, it might be possible for another developer to come along and build 3500 more resort units 22 years from now, still based on the 1986 approval. The community does not want massive resort expansion and urbanization of the North Shore.

Two-lane Kamehameha Highway cannot support the current volume of traffic, let alone thousands of new cars the expanded resort would generate. Failing to act now may obligate the State to invest billions of dollars later for a new highway to an area that will no longer be rural.

Looking back years from now, people will realize that preserving these lands at Kawela Bay, Kuilima and Kahuku Point was a bargain. Please pass SB 2423 SD1.

Respectfully,



Gil Riviere
65-137 Hukilau Loop
Waialua, HI 96791

testimony

From: Blake McElheny [blakemcelheny@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 2:08 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Please Support SB2423 SD1

Senate Ways & Means Committee
Monday, February 25, 2008
10:30 am Room 211

RE: Please Support SB2423 SD1

Aloha.

Thank you very much for considering this important measure.
Protecting the coastline surrounding Turtle Bay is an important initiative for the State of Hawai'i.
Supporting this measure is a great way to benefit the public.

Thank you.

Take care,
Blake McElheny
Pupukea
808.638.8484

testimony

From: Galen Peterson [petersong@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 6:03 PM
To: testimony
Subject: 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 DLNR 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. The 800+ acres and 5 miles of coastline represent a unique and special natural ecosystem which should be preserved and protected as well as be open to appropriate use by the people of Hawai'i. Expanded resort development use is not consistent with the area.

In the mid 1980's, while doing hydrogeologic field research in the area, I witnessed the unique nature of the caprock freshwater springs/ shoreline interaction, and the contamination and degradation of nearshore water quality from preliminary resort expansion construction. The construction process invariably degrades the environment. Projects once they are built may damage the environment in the long term, from overuse, traffic, sewage disposal issues and others which are not fully resolved.

Kawela Bay is particularly a gem which should be protected as a marine conservaton district. No alteration of the shoreline should occur for resort purposes. Please sieze this oppurtunity to aquire and protect this entire stretch of shoreline from inappropriated development. A comprehensive growth plan for the North Shore, Sunset Beach to Kahuku should reflect the input and will of the people, and they have been vocal and organized in their wishes. Please act on this bill swiftly and realize the window of oppurtunity which presnts itself!

Mahalo,

Galen Peterson

testimony

From: Molly Emmons [brimohi@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 5:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SB 2423 SD1

To:

Senate Ways and Means Committee, February 25, 2008 at 10:30 am. in Room 211.

Please, please yes, yes, yes, by any and all means necessary take the Turtle Bay Property out of the private domain. Best use is protection and preservation in perpetuity!

Do the right thing for our future! Save Turtle Bay!

Aloha, Brian Emmons
1755 Waiola St
Honolulu 96826

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From: sunsetyards@mac.com
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 4:22 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SB 2423, SD1/ Committee on Ways and Means, Senator Baker

To:
THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008

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

"Please allow the State to protect Turtle Bay. Support the purchase of the lands to preserve the area in it's natural state.
Stop the expansion of the resort and save the North Shore from the big development forever
Save the North Shore from this invasion.
The North Shore is a precious gem worth protection."

Thank you
Joy Mcdougall
Haleiwa resident, and voter

testimony

From: JPurcilly@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 3:15 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Ways and Means Committee, Feb. 25, 2008, 10:30 a.m. Room211.

Attention: Senate Ways and Means Committee, February 25, 2008, 10:30 a.m. Room 211:

This letter is sent to request authorization for the state to buy the undeveloped land from Kuilima Resort Company. We owned a home on Ke Nui Road on the North Shore for 7 years and had to sell it and move back to the Mainland due to some health problems. We are looking forward to returning to the North Shore within the next year or two, intending to purchase another home. How sad it would be if the undeveloped property in question were to become commercialized and overbuilt. It would not be "North Shore Country" any longer.

Please allow the state to purchase this property and keep it from developers.

Gay and Joe Purcilly
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Laguna Beach, CA 92651
jpurcilly@aol.com

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testimony

From: Kathleen Pahinui [pahinuik001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 11:41 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of SB 2423 SD1

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

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING
DATE: Monday, February 25, 2008
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

SB2423 SD1

RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION.

Directs 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. (SD1).

Aloha Chair Baker and Vice Chair Tsutsui -

I support SB 2423 SD1 in support of purchasing the undeveloped land around Turtle Bay Resort. It is critical to preserve the land for cultural and historical reasons as well as to make sure that the open views and rural lifestyle that we appreciate and that make living on Oahu worthwhile are protected.

I ask for your support of this important issue.

Malama aina,

Kathleen M. Pahinui
Waialua Resident

Emailed to: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Feb. 23, 2008

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Senate Ways and Means Committee

Hearing Feb. 25, 2008

10:20 a.m., Conf. Room 211

S2423 SD1 Turtle Bay Conservation Acquisition

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Members:

I write in **SUPPORT** of **SB2423 SD1**, which would catalyze the State's leadership role in acquiring the undeveloped lands around the Turtle Bay Resort, makai *and* mauka of the highway.

Due to the sensitive nature of the State-led negotiations, still in an early stage, the amount of funding for this bill should continue to be blank until further indication from the Governor about the need for a base amount for this fiscal year. Some support for the eventual working group, negotiations team, and an independent appraisal may be needed this session in order to move forward post-session toward final acquisition; more substantial legislative support for the purchase itself is likely to be required *next* session.

As a resident of Pupukea, and a founding member of three North Shore community groups – North Shore Community Land Trust, Save Waimea Valley Coalition, and Hui Malama o Pupukea-Waimea – I have worked hard alongside my neighbors and many other committed citizens throughout the islands to protect and steward the rural character of the North Shore. This bill is essential toward achieving “forever rural and sustainable” North Shore-Koolauloa communities, which benefit the entire state.

I strongly commend Governor Lingle's initiative to acquire the Turtle Bay property, as announced in her State of the State Address, and this **complementary bipartisan legislative effort initiated by Chair Hee and his committee**. The proposed bill is visionary, flexible, and timely. It is a vital step toward permanent and responsible public access to and use of this area, as well as preservation of this extraordinary wild coastline. The negotiations and legal actions that lead to the ultimate resolution of the Kawela-Kuilima-Kahuku Point property may be protracted and complex, but with the strong community and governmental support that is already evident, partnerships similar to those that saved Waimea Valley and Pupukea-Paumalu will be created and will be successful.

I also want to note my strong support for the other community efforts to preserve rural lands, such as the Ka Iwi coast and the Galbraith lands, before the Committee at this hearing. All of these grassroots efforts deserve the Committee's support. Thank you.

Denise Antolini

testimony

From: Jeffrey Mironov [jironov@nyc.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 1:59 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Turtle Bay Acquisition

To Whom This May Concern:

Purchasing the acreage of Turtle Bay on Oahu's North Shore as well as the surrounding land is vital to preserving what little there is left of Oahu's coastal wilderness. This action preserves the qualities of Hawaii's uniqueness that is her Treasure and innate value for the people of Oahu as well as for all those who periodically visit her welcome shores. This purchase makes sense both short and long term and I urge you to support Bill 2423.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Mironov
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Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

testimony

From: Elaine Hernal [ewh@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 1:47 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Turtle Bay Resort acquisition

To the Committee on Ways and Means, in regard to S.B. No. 2423 S.D. 1 for the meeting on Feb. 25, 2008 to be held at 10:30 a.m. Conference Rm. 211, State Capitol 415 So. Beretania, this is my testimony in favor of the acquisition of the Turtle Bay Resort by the state of Hawaii.

I have worked at the Turtle Bay Resort for nearly 5 years and have witnessed violations of public access at various times. The state of Hawaii has a better grasp of native Hawaiian rights of access than does the Texas based company currently managing the resort.

My commute to work gets longer as the years pass because of increased traffic to the Northshore. Kamehameha Hwy. is not equipped to carry the number of cars that would flood this area if the Dept. of Permitting and Planning allows the building of 3500 more units at Turtle Bay which appears to have been the plan of Oaktree LLC from the outset.

The hotel at Turtle Bay Resort is rarely filled to capacity and often the workers are put on-call because of low occupancy. 5 more hotels make no business sense at all and will not benefit anyone on the Northshore.

The state of Hawaii can stop this cultural and environmental nightmare from ever happening.

Please act on this matter by supporting the acquisition of Turtle Bay Resort for the preservation of the land and the best interests of the people of Hawaii.

Thank you,

Elaine Hernal
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Waialua, HI 96791

testimony

From: DDRUZ@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 1:24 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SB 2423, SD1

To: Committee on Ways and Means
Re: SB 2423, SD1
Mon Feb 25, 10:30 am

Aloha,

Please support the State's acquisition of the Turtle Bay properties. This is a pivotal moment and will shape the character of the island forever. Traffic, infrastructure and the environment are already stressed to the breaking point. Acquisition of this property at this time is the best way to prevent devastating expansion.

Mahalo,
Dave Druz
59-417 Waka Road
Haleiwa, HI 96712

testimony

From: patricia blair [cris6369@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 8:07 AM

To: testimony

Subject: SB2423, SD1

To Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair, and to Sen Stan S. Tsutsumi, Vice Chair . Committee on Ways and Means. I am writing to support SB 2423, SD1, which relates to land acquisition. I support the Hawaii Legislation appropriating funds to acquire lands owned by Kulima Resort company, Oaktree Capitol. LLS. known as Turtle Bay Resort. I support preserving the aina as a top priority for the Hawaii Government. Thank you very much. Pat Blair, 522 Uluhala St., Kailua, Hawaii. 261-8499

testimony

From: Mary Beth [mbqh@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 7:30 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Bill 2423

As a mother of a Pupukea resident and a frequent visitor, I send my unconditional support for this bill particularly as it applies to Turtle Bay. I realize I am not a voting resident and this may not weigh as much coming from me, but the rest of the country and indeed the world is watching **Senate Bill 2423**.

As a resident of the overdeveloped, unprotected East Coast on the mainland, I implore you to pass this very important bill to protect these beautiful and sacred lands.

Mahalo.

Mary Beth Hueter
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Haddonfield, NJ 08033
856-427-4349

testimony

From: DF [divefish@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 7:15 AM
To: testimony
Subject: To the Senate Funding Committee

This pertains to the hearing scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008.

RE: Senate Bill 2423 RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION

We support this bill specifically as it applies to the acquisition of Turtle Bay.

Mahalo

Larry & Laura Gray
Punalulu

testimony

From: Ann [kaneboy@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 8:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of The Acquisition of Turtle Bay

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

SB 2423, SD1

(SSCR2430)

DATE: Monday, February 25, 2008

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 211

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

I support the acquisition of Turtle Bay by the state.

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From: Amy Cashman [abcashes@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 6:26 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SB 2423 Ways and Means Committee Testimony

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Amy Cashman and I am a resident on the North Shore. I support Senate Bill 2423 regarding land acquisition by the government for the purpose of preservation.

I have watched the North Shore morph into a traffic jammed destination over the past 26 years. I still remember Captain Haleiwa parading around town in defense of the old Haleiwa Theater. To this day, it is inconceivable to me that a McDonald's and what was a 7-11 stand where there was once a rich, historical landmark. I did not think it was justified at the time and I still don't.

Based on that experience, and the drive I share with thousands of other residents, I am writing to urge you to do whatever you can to prevent the loss of our historical, anthropological, and natural environment.

The North Shore Community has successfully fought and won development battles in our neighborhoods. While rewarding, it will be a relief not to constantly look over our shoulders to see who is wielding the next shovel. Vigilance requires tenacity in that, many times, we are not informed until the very last minute about what is to come. It is always a desperate battle with time to establish the importance of what exists and the detriment of over-development.

Allow us to re-channel our energies towards other qualities of life by passing SB 2423. It will eliminate that dreading sensation that what we cherish may be pulled from under us and sold to the highest bidder.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Amy B. Cashman
Pupukea resident

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From: Dominique J Desroches [desroche@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 10:23 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Ways and Means Committee, February 25, 2008 at 10:30 am in Room 211

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support regarding the state purchase of the undeveloped land from the Kuilima Resort Company. Such purchase will not only ease the traffic and population congestion on the North Shore but it will also give future generations a chance to see what Oahu used to look like before all of the widespread development began. At present, the traffic between Haleiwa and Sunset Beach is so bad on the weekends and sometimes during the week that it is extremely frustrating for residents and tourists alike. Further development on the North Shore would only put further strain on an already burdened infrastructure. The appeal of the North Shore thus far has been that it has a country-like atmosphere but this is quickly disappearing. Please do everything in your power to preserve the North Shore by preventing development of the Turtle Bay area.

Thank you,

Dominique Desroches

testimony

From: gotonsbs@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 10:53 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Turtle Bay

Dear Sirs

As a resident of the North Shore and the state of Hawaii, I am very much against expansion of the Turtle Bay property and support the state's buying of the property.

It isn't the case that the island of Oahu has any large recreational areas that you find on the other islands or in other states.

But I think we must take every opportunity to preserve what we have left.

Not everyone can go off island or out of state to experience nature so I think it is our obligation to do this.

Even so, it is just a small area between the high way and the sea, but it is something.

To develop this area into any kind of residential situation of any kind is unthinkable.

Already the traffic is unmanageable. You find yourself sitting in near gridlock for 20 to 30 minutes and for up to 6 to 8 miles.

Realistically, you can't widen the road when you have a corridor of million dollar properties. And why would you widen the road for cars when it is already a recreational area with lots of foot and bike traffic.

I hope our leaders think about this in the same way the city fathers of New York did when they created Central Park. What a huge bargain that turned out to be.

aloha

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testimony

From: Scott Ray [scott_ray_assoc@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 9:42 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Bill 2423 RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION

In Re: Senate Bill 2423 RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
DATE: Monday, February 25, 2008
TIME: 10:30 a.m.

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 2423 RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION. The North Shore does not have the infra-structure to support further development of hotels at Turtle Bay. The State needs to act now to preserve the environment and character of the North Shore.

Thanks you,

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Senate Bill 2423, SD1

Hearing: Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, February 25, 2008 10:30 a.m., Room 211

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THE SENATE THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2008

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of SB2423, SD1:

Honorable Chair Baker, Honorable Vice Chair Tsutsui, Honorable members of the Committee, I am writing in support of SB2423, SD1.

As a former resident and future frequent visitor, I believe the preservation of the undeveloped lands around Turtle Bay Resort is important to the preservation of the environment and uniqueness of the culture of Hawaii.

I have spent many hours admiring the pristine sands, Hawaiian Sea Turtles, and have even had the pleasure of seeing a Hawaiian Monk Seal at Kawela Bay and near Kahuku Point. This beautiful area has provided a place of respite for residents and tourists alike. It was the highlight of the visits of all of my family and friends who came to see me while I was living on this beautiful island. Several of them are currently planning their next trip to the North Shore. There are many environmental reasons and practical, logistic reasons for preserving this land as well.

Please preserve it for the future generations to come. This investment is surely in the public's interest and is much less costly than allowing an out of date plan to go forward.

testimony

From: Kareturnr@aol.com

Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 12:38 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Support of Senate Bill 2423: Committee on Ways and Means

Committee on Ways and Means

Monday, February 25, 2008. 10:30 AM

As a resident of Kuilima Estates, I support the state's purchase of Turtle Bay Resort. This action would preserve a country way of life for the North Shore and is respectful of environmental and cultural concerns. It makes it clear that developer's cannot pave over our state.

Mahalo,
Karen Turner

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testimony

From: Keala Lilie [kealadancer@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 4:30 PM
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.

I think we need to preserve one of the last remaining undeveloped and beautiful coastlines on this island. The North Shore is one of the last remaining areas of its kind on this development-ridden island, and both the locals and visitors love it for just that reason. There is no where else on this island that is quite like the North Shore. Please preserve this stretch of land that is so known and loved by people all over the world.

Mahalo for your leadership,
Keala
Haleiwa, HI