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Before the

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

on

Monday, March 10, 2008

9:00 A.M.

SB 2423, SD2 RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION

Chair Ito and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Governor Lingle on SB 2423, SD 2 in support of this measure that provides tools for the acquisition of lands at the area known as Turtle Bay on Oahu's North Shore. We appreciate the House scheduling this hearing to provide this legislative vehicle, should it be needed, for this significant undertaking.

Before discussing the specifics of SB 2423, SD 2, I would like to provide some history behind the Governor's State of the State Address when she introduced the idea that the State, in collaboration with private, public, and non-profit partners, should purchase the 850-acre Turtle Bay property. For several years the Lingle-Aiona Administration has been monitoring activities on the North Shore. Governor Lingle has long been troubled by the proposed development of a major resort complex in this area and the impact this would have both on the public infrastructure and the quality of life for Oahu residents and visitors.

She was encouraged last year by two significant purchases of land supported by the North Shore community. A coalition of community, public, and non-profit organizations came together to preserve the Waimea Valley and to purchase Pupukea-Paumalu. During her State of the State Address the Governor recognized several of the community leaders who were instrumental in these efforts.

When it was announced that the Turtle Bay creditors filed a foreclosure lawsuit against the Turtle Bay owners, Governor Lingle recognized this was the opportune time for

the State to publicly express its interest in preserving and protecting nearly five miles of pristine coastline and some of the last remaining open space along the North Shore.

The Legislature also has long recognized the significance of this area and in 2006 proposed House and Senate Resolutions calling for the rigorous reexamination of the expansion of the Turtle Bay Resort. While neither of the 2006 resolutions passed, in 2007 the Legislature enacted HCR 194 that requested the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the House Committee on Labor to convene a joint hearing on the impacts of the Turtle Bay Resort expansion on the vibrant North Shore of Oahu. Unfortunately, this joint hearing never took place.

In 2008 we have the opportunity to join together, Legislative and Executive branches, private and non-profit, community-based and national, federal and local, to save this unique and special place.

SB 2423 SD 2 is modeled along the lines of the successful Kukui Gardens legislation that allowed the preservation of affordable housing in downtown Honolulu. First, it provides unspecified sums for the Governor, or her designee, to negotiate with the current landowner, Oaktree Capital Management, and to enter into cooperative agreements with other entities to help acquire the property. Second, it further authorizes the issuance of an unspecified amount of general obligation bonds for the possible purchase of the property and provides that these bonds shall not lapse until June 30, 2010. And, it authorizes the use of eminent domain powers should an agreement not be reached.

While it may not be necessary to use these legislative tools to acquire this property, this bill provides an avenue should non-legislative solutions not succeed.

We are concerned that the description of the properties in Section 2 of the bill limits the State's ability to acquire the resort and accompanying developed portions held by Kuilima Resorts LLC. Governor Lingle has made it clear that the State does not intend to operate a hotel or manage condominiums and golf courses. However, it is necessary and prudent for the State to have the ability to acquire both the improved and unimproved lands. We recommend Section 2 and each reference in the bill to "unimproved lands" be revised to state "improved and unimproved lands."

We also suggest that the language in Section 6 be amended to allow the use of private investment or donations, federal funds, special funds, public lands, and other assets both to carry out the negotiations as well as to acquire Turtle Bay. Governor Lingle has been encouraged by the outpouring of support she has received from a wide variety of organizations and entities who want to help in this endeavor. Recently, Governor Lingle met with Secretary Dirk Kempthorne about federal assistance from the Department of the Interior. We have also been encouraged by support from charitable organizations, including the Trust for Public Lands. We ask that this legislation, if it is enacted, allow for the maximum flexibility in how resources are brought to this project.

Some have voiced concerns that Governor Lingle has not presented a specific plan to purchase the land or describe what will be done with the property. That is true because she recognizes it should not be her plan, but the community's plan. As a first step in shaping this vision, Governor Lingle held a "Talk Story" on March 4th with over 500 members of the community to hear their thoughts and ideas on this proposal.

This proposal touches our entire State and requires discussion and input from all sectors. The Governor has just announced the formation of an Advisory Working Group to help serve as a communications channel for this effort. As stated on prior occasions, the Governor will not negotiate this transaction through the media. Additionally, the Governor has had a long-standing policy of preferring to negotiate land transfers rather than exercising eminent domain powers.

In summary, for too long and too often important pieces of rural Hawaii have been sold to the highest bidder and developed into something that forever changed the essence and character of the area. Governor Lingle has spoken often and eloquently about the need to transform our economy into one that no longer depends upon the sale of land, to one based on the brainpower of our residents. As we work on this transformation, it is crucial to preserve elements of Hawaii's lifestyle and identity. Preserving Turtle Bay is an important part of this effort. We look forward to working with the Legislature, members of the public, federal agencies, national organizations, and even international organizations to pursue the truly worthy goal of preserving Turtle Bay.



**THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND'S TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SB 2423, S.D. 2 WITH COMMENTS
House Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs
Monday, March 10, 2008, 9:00 a.m., Room 312
WLHtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov**

Aloha Chairperson Ito and Vice-Chair Karamatsu:

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) supports the intent of SB 2423, S.D. 2 Relating to Land Acquisition, which proposes to allocate funds towards the acquisition of the Turtle Bay Hotel and Resort and its accompanying undeveloped lands (inclusive of the mauka parcels), but has the following concern. 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, 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 could compete with other parcels for the limited Legacy Lands Funds (about \$4.7 million per year) among other projects.

Third, TPL also supports authorizing the Governor to acquire the developed portions of the resort to give her maximum flexibility.

TPL supports SB 2423 SD2 with the comments/concerns, and is ready to assist the State and other conservation partners in collaborative efforts to make this acquisition happen.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lea Hong".

Lea Hong
Hawaiian Islands Program Director

Ko'olauloa-North Shore Alliance

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Monday, March 10, 2008

9:00 am, Room 312

Testimony in Support of SB 2423 SD2

On behalf of the Ko'olauloa-North Shore Alliance, I submit these comments in **support of SB 2423 SD2**.

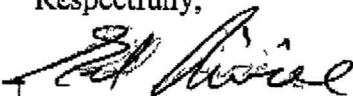
The Ko'olauloa-North Shore Alliance is a network of 25 organizations who support the initiative to preserve the undeveloped lands mauka and makai of the Turtle Bay Resort. We applaud the Legislature for understanding the importance of moving this bill forward to provide options in this complicated, but attainable effort.

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 SD2.

Respectfully,



Gil Riviere

Chair, Koolauloa-North Shore Alliance

The Ko'olauloa – North Shore Alliance

A Vision for Turtle Bay: Forever Country

For the benefit of present and future generations throughout Hawai'i and the world, a diverse and committed group of individuals, associations, businesses, and leaders have joined together to strongly support the permanent protection of the undeveloped lands mauka and makai of the Turtle Bay Resort in the moku of Ko'olauloa on the North Shore of O'ahu.

We welcome your support for keeping Kawela Bay, Turtle Bay, and Kahuku Point "Forever Country." With aloha, we support:

- A non-partisan initiative to preserve the rural character of Ko'olauloa and the North Shore by acquiring the Turtle Bay Resort through creative partnerships that will protect in perpetuity the undeveloped areas and coastline.
- Enhancing the existing hotel, golf courses, and related businesses at Turtle Bay and protecting quality jobs for local employees and residents.
- No further resort development on the site in recognition of its cultural and historic importance, environmental sensitivity, and the "carrying capacity" of the infrastructure in the area such as the already heavily used Kamehameha Highway.
- Transforming the North Shore-Ko'olauloa economy to one more reliant on the intellectual capacity of our people and upon sustainable use of the 'āina.
- Preserving this unique part of "country" for the perpetual enjoyment of Hawai'i residents and visitors.

www.KNSAlliance.org

February 29, 2008

The Ko'olauloa – North Shore Alliance

1. Adopt-A-Beach Hawaii
2. Beach Access Hawaii
3. Defend Oahu Coalition
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5. Hawaii State Bodysurfing Assoc.
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16. North Shore Community Land Trust
17. Punalu'u Community Association
18. Save Our Surf
19. Save the Sea Turtles International
20. Save Waimea Valley Coalition
21. Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter
22. Sunset Beach Community Association
23. Surfrider Foundation, Oahu Chapter
24. Trust for Public Land
25. Waiahole-Waikane Community Association

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From: *Scott Werny* [mailto:clearwater@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 9:15 AM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: Testimony Supporting SB2423 SD2; WLH Meeting 3/10/08, 9 a.m. Conf. Rm. 312

Aloha Committee Chair Rep. Ito, Vice Chair Rep. Karamatsu, and other committee members,

On behalf of the Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter, representing more than 500 members on Oahu, I would like to submit our strong support of SB2423 SD2, relating to land acquisition. Acquiring the land surrounding the Turtle Bay Resort is in the best interests of our members, as well as for all Hawaii residents and visitors alike. The foreclosure proceeding represents a great timing opportunity that should make a purchase more affordable.

The mission of the Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter is 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. Large scale development has lead us to create large areas of reduced ocean access, as can be experienced in Waikiki or Ko Olina, for example. It is not in anyone's best interests to create more areas like these. These areas tend to drastically and negatively alter our coastal environment. Clearly, residents want to preserve the natural environment and rural character of our "country" for all to enjoy, now and into the future.

Please foward this legislation that will allow us to take appropriate steps to preserve this unique area.

Mahalo,

Scott Werny

Co-Chair Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

March 10th, 2008, 9:00 A.M.

(Testimony is 1 page long)

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2423 SD2

Chair Ito and members of the Committee:

The Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, with 5500 dues paying members statewide, supports SB 2423 SD2, exploring dedicated funding approaches to protect the Turtle Bay area in perpetuity. We appreciate the multi-pronged approach to accomplishing this objective that SB 2423 SD2 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.

From: Windward Ahupua`a Alliance [mailto:info@waa-hawaii.org]
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 11:38 AM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: SB2423 SD2 - RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION

Shannon Wood, *Interim President*

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9 am

Monday, March 10, 2008

Conference Room 312

SB2423 SD2 - RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION
STRONGLY SUPPORT

Aloha, My name is Shannon Wood, speaking on behalf of the *Windward Ahupua`a Alliance*, a **501c3** Hawai`i non-profit corporation, which was established in July, 2002, to create the **Ko`olau Greenbelt & Heritage Trails System** in order to restore, protect & provide public access to the *mauka* (mountain) lands on the Windward side of O`ahu along the base of *Na Ko`olau* up to **Kawela Bay** encompassing the two *moku* of ***Ko`olau Loa*** and ***Ko`olaupoko***. as well as to support locally-owned sustainable economic activities in the more developed areas.

Over time, however, *WAA*'s mandate has expanded well beyond these vitally important regional issues.

WAA now works to educate & inform residents, visitors, businesses, policymakers, and the media all across Hawai`i about using **Smart Growth** planning principles which promote sustainability. We want to thank this **Committee** and the entire *House* for moving forward the two **Smart Growth** bills which are now before the *Senate* for its consideration

WAA stands in strong support of **SB2423 SD2** because it would dovetail beautifully

with our expanded mission as well as our original vision to preserve, protect, and expand public access from the mountains to the outer reefs..

WAA became involved in the current *Turtle Bay* issues back in January, 2006, when we first testified on bills which would have required a new **EIS** by *Oaktree*. We've marched and picketed and attending community meetings right from the very beginning right up through last week's **Talk Story** session with the Governor.

Back then, the issues I raised were transportation, sewer, water, and power infrastructure needs which had not been updated in 20 years. Isn't it interesting that they are still hanging around.

WAA urges the passage of **SB2423 SD2** and wants to take part in future discussions. Please note that there are both private & federal financing resources which could be made available to support the purchase. I will be glad to share this research with the both the *Legislature* and the residents & businesses which will be directly impacted by what happens along the shore.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on behalf of **SB2423 SD2** .

From: Gil Riviere [mailto:riviereg001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2008 5:18 PM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: WLH Hearing on SB 2423 on Mar 10

Here is my testimony in support of Support of SB 2423 for the Monday, March 10, 9 a.m. hearing in WLH

Mahalo.

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From: MauiBandB@aol.com [mailto:MauiBandB@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, March 07, 2008 9:20 PM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: SB 2423, SD2

Dear Members of the House of Representatives thank you for your interest in preserving the sense of place of our Kahuku Kuilima Laie community. As a long time homeowners at Malaekahana I am supporting KNSAlliance's Vision statement. And especially how the bill supports the public interest statewide in preserving open space in our rural communities.

Please support this bill by passing and moving it quickly to the tourism and Culture Committee. To dove tail the Governor's initiative.

"This is a once-in-a-generation chance to preserve both a lifestyle for thousands of residents, and a part of Hawai'i that millions the world over have come to love and identify as the real Hawai'i. Now is the time and place to preserve our natural environment and our heritage. The Turtle Bay property is the place and now is the time."

Mahalo

Tom and Keoni Fairbanks

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From: Peregrine St Germans [mailto:stgermans@stgermans.com]

Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 12:51 AM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: Kawela Bay

Dear Sir

I have a house on North Shore at 59-811 Kam Hiway where I spend 4/5 months each year. I would like to register my wholehearted support relating to the Land Acquisition at Kuilima Turtle Bay. Apart from the development itself I have deep reservations about the additional infrastructure necessary to complete any major tourist expansion in this lovely area. I congratulate Gov. Lindle on taking this initiative.

Yrs etc Peregrine St. Germans

Port Eliot, St Germans, Cornwall, UK. PL12 5ND

From: Karenturnr@aol.com [mailto:Karenturnr@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 8:11 AM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: Testimony

Re:SB 2423 SD 2,

I support the passage of this bill.
Karen Turner, Kuilima

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From: Dbram71@aol.com [mailto:Dbram71@aol.com]

Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 9:07 AM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: Support for Senate Bill 2423 Regarding Land Acquisition (Kuilima / Turtle Bay)

Aloha, Committee Chair Ken Ito,
and Members of Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs
Committee:

I write in support of Senate Bill 2423, SD 2, Regarding Land Acquisition (Kuilima / Turtle Bay). You and the other members of the House have the opportunity to join in an historic effort to preserve a portion of the North Shore of Oahu for the future of our state and those who follow us. You can be an integral part of the process, and your actions in support of the Bill will send a powerful signal to all that Hawaii cares about its future and will judiciously balance the demands of tourism with the needs of the residents who live and work to make our state better.

This land acquisition plan can work, and there is growing momentum throughout the state to seek creative and realistic ways to accomplish the task. The Koolauloa / North Shore Alliance is but one example of those individuals, groups of individuals, and groups of groups who see great potential in the acquisition plan and are prepared to work to achieving the potential. Without the support of our state government, the efforts to find support will be greatly hindered if not permanently limited.

Now is the time for you to act. I ask you to support the Bill, pass it forward, and work to have the House pass the Bill.

Mahalo,

David Bramlett
Haleiwa
Hawaii Resident

From: Gilda Price [mailto:gilda.price@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 9:24 AM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: Testimony for SB 2423 SD2

I want to thank the Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee in the House for acknowledging and supporting these very important initiatives. I support the KNSA Alliance Vision Statement and the bills that supports the public interest statewide in preserving open space and rural communities. It is vital that we preserve our heritage for our future generations and we support Governor Lingle's proposal for the state to acquire these lands owned by Kuilima Resort Company, Oaktree Capital, LLC and their interest. I hope that you will support this bills and move it to the Tourism and Culture Committee. As a resident with family roots going back to the Filipino immigration movement in the 1900's, I hope you will help us preserve our lands and our dreams.

Testifier: Gilda Carlos Price, Colonel USAF (Retired)

Committee these comments are directed to:

House of Representatives, The 24th Legislature Regular Session of 2008 Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Waters

Hearing on: Monday, March 10, 2008 at 0900

Location: Conference Room 312, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Measure Number: SB 2982 (SSCR2297) and SB 2423, SD2 (SSCR2749)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeffrey Mironov [mailto:jmironov@nyc.rr.com]

Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 9:31 AM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: Re: Bill SB 2423 SD 2

Dear Representatives,

I much appreciate the House for it's support and most certainly see and am aware of the Houses critical understanding and support of Bill SB 2423 SD 2, relating to the Land Acquisition of Kuilima/Turtle Bay which will be heard on Monday, 3/10/08. I am in support of the KNS Alliance Vision Statement and very much appreciate how the bill supports the public interest statewide in preserving open space and rural communities.

I have been a North Shore resident since 1982 and am intimately aware of the importance of wild and undeveloped areas on Oahu given the degree and intensity of over development that has dramatically changed the natural landscape on much of the island.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Mironov

-----Original Message-----

From: Everett [mailto:emagnuson@earthlink.net]

Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 9:59 AM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: Support for Hawaii acquisition of th Turtle Bay Resort land

To whom it may concern,

This email is to confirm my support of the acquisition of the land surrounding the Turtle Bay resort as alluded to by the Senate Bill below:

SB 2423, SD2

(SSCR2749)

Status

RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION.

Directs the governor, or the governor's designee, 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. (SB2423 SD2)

WLH, TAC, FIN

Sincerely,

Everett Magnuson

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From: CHARLOTTE MURPHY [mailto:kczmurphy@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 11:02 AM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: Turtle Bay

I would like to thank the House for it's support and hope we can count on you for future support in this very important issue. The growth on the North Shore over the last 10 years has been overwhelming for our community, our roads and resources. In line with the KNSAlliance statement, I am strongly in support of this bill and appreciate the Governor taking this issue to heart and hearing the people. This bill supports the public interest. How much more of Oahu must we give up to these kinds of developments? Where will it stop? I work in the hotel industry in town and drive for over an hour 5 days a week so I can come home to this rural area, that is, my home away from "developements". Please I implore you to give support to this issue. Please keep this alive and pass on to the Tourism and Culture Comittee
Please support the governors efforts. She has this right.

Warm Aloha,
Charlotte Murphy

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From: Jeannine Johnson [mailto:jeannine@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 11:56 AM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Strong Support of SB2423 SD2 (Turtle Bay)

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Rep. Ken Ito, Chair
Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair

Re: SB 2423, SD2 - RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION
Hearing: Monday, March 10, 2008, at 9 am in Conference Room 312

Dear Chair Ito and Vice Chair Karamatsu,

I strongly support the purchase of the undeveloped lands surrounding the Turtle Bay Hotel and Resort. I am very pleased that Governor Linda Lingle shares a vision of preservation of our 'āina for future generations, just as former Governor George Ariyoshi did by land banking key properties on the Windward side.

"The land is a living thing. It's like putting a price on a human life. Our state motto should be more than something we make kids memorize in the fifth grade. It should be more than the words on the government seal. Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono. The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness." (Lee Cataluna, November 16, 2003)

Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono! Mahalo for your support of SB2423 SD2.

Aloha,

Jeannine

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(Unite in Order to Progress)

Kent Fonoimoana
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March 8, 2008

Re: SB2423 SD2. SSCR2749 Hearing to be held on 3/10/08 at Room 312 of Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S. Beritania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813.

Aloha Mr. Ken Ito, Committee Chairman:

As a small Business owner and lifelong resident of the North Shore, I would like to add my input on the Governors proposed initiative to have the State of Hawaii purchase the property currently owned and operated by Oaktree.

I would like to testify in support of the measure to be heard in your committee at the above date.

As there is no advisory committee yet formed to discuss potential land use and function of the property, my comments will be germane to issues yet to be determined by said committee.

My comments will be brief, and scripted to a degree.

Thank you very much for the privilege of being part of the process,

Kent Fonoimoana-area resident

Ps. If I forgot to add some needed information in this application for testimony-please respond to this message by email to Kent@trisland.com

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Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 3:23 PM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: Testimony

Aloha Chairman Ito and representatives,

My name is Deelynn Ka'aha'aina and I am a teacher at Kahuku High and Intermediate School. I am writing to support SB2423. The people gathered in Kahuku on Tuesday March 4, 2008 to voice their opinion of this important legislation. It is in the public's interest to protect and preserve Hawaii's historic and cultural heritage. Governor Lingle spoke of how our precious island is constantly battling the issue of development versus preservation. I would also like to add that Hawaii battles with keeping its citizens here when we face the rising cost of living, suddenly moving to the mainland becomes a necessary contemplated reality. The development of this land brings with it the fear of this community turning into Waikiki. As a resident of this beautiful country side, we would like to preserve its beauty. The big picture is centered in the decision to pass on the cultural heritage of the aina. Development of this land, one of the few coastal areas on Oahu that maintains its beauty would be a great loss to our keiki and future posterity. Please vote and support the passage of this SB2423.

Mahalo for your kokua,
Deelynn Ka'aha'aina

-----Original Message-----

From: Marvin Heskett [mailto:mhesketts@mac.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 5:12 PM
To: WLHtestimony
Cc: Scott Werny
Subject: Testimony for SB2982, WLH HSH FIN SB2423, SD2

Marvin Heskett, Co-Chairperson Oahu Chapter Surfrider Foundation

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Rep. Ken Ito, Chair
Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair

DATE:
Monday, March 10, 2008
TIME:
9:00 a.m.

SB 2982
(SSCR2297)
AUTHORIZING THE RESALE OF RESERVED HOUSING UNITS BY THE HAWAII
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.
Allows the Hawaii Community Development Authority to resell reserved
housing
units as defined in section 206E-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

WLH, HSH, FIN
SB 2423, SD2
(SSCR2749)

Aloha Honorable Representative,

I appreciate your spending time to consider this written request. I am writing first as a father living in downtown Honolulu. From this perspective I see the value of wild space. When I see my nearly 3 year old son light up and come to life when he steps into the natural world, away from concrete, I know that I have done something good for him and his development. All people, when they find a place of natural beauty and serenity respond with a sense of relief and gratitude. It is only natural in our high speed and developed lifestyles to need to return to nature periodically. As my son develops, I want him to have these special wild places to return to and bring his own child to enjoy the way he was able. The North Shore of Oahu is one of these special places and you have been given the wonderful opportunity to try, while representing us, to preserve it.

I am writing also as a surfer and an environmental advocate. This area of Oahu is one of the finest places on the entire planet to observe waves in their splendor. It is a truly unique place where two of Nature's most beautiful and spectacular forces meet to produce a show seldomly seen anywhere else. It is a world resource and should be guarded by it's inhabitants with fierce loyalty. Keeping this place a special and beautiful place will help Oahu remain a destination for all of the planet's tourists, seeking an escape from overcrowded and over developed locations everywhere else. We owe it to ourselves as well as surfers, travelers, photographers and anyone seeking a chance to get away and enjoy the world as it is in its raw form.

Please do anything you can in your power to help preserve Kawela Bay and its surrounding environs. Take a small amount of your personal time to make a profound and lasting effect that you can be proud of.

Thank You,

Marvin Heskett
Co-Chair Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter

From: David_Jay/KAHUKUHI/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
[mailto:David_Jay/KAHUKUHI/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us]
Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 5:23 PM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: SB 2423 SD 2, Relating to Land Acquisition (Kuilima / Turtle Bay)

Aloha,

I support this bill and the how the bill supports the public interest statewide in preserving open space and rural communities.

Mahalo nui loa
David Jay
Special Education
Kahuku High School

From: Kathleen Pahinui [mailto:pahinuik001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 8:56 PM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of SB2423 SD2

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 10, 2008
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PLACE: Conference Room 312
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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Rep. Hermina M. Morita
Rep. Cynthia Thielen

SB 2423, SD2
(SSCR2749)

Status

RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION.

Directs the governor, or the governor's designee, 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. (SB2423 SD2)
WLH, TAC, FIN

Aloha Chair Ito and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of SB2423 in support of acquiring the lands owned by Kuilima Resort Company, Oaktree Capital, LLC in order to preserve the cultural and historical importance of this area. In addition, it is important to preserve the open spaces and rural character of the Island of Oahu. Visitors come to the North Shore to get away from the bustle of Waikiki and the manicured resort of Ko Olina. All three areas serve important market segments and each should be preserved to continue to serve these diverse visitors.

By acquiring these lands, the State and community will be able to preserve this precious area for future generations – local and visitors alike.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Kathleen M. Pahinui
Waiialua Resident, North Shore, Oahu

From: cab spates [mailto:cabspates@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 9:20 PM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: sb2423502

Thanks for acknowledging this bill in regards to development on the north shore I'm in support of this bill. Mahalo!

From: annetakinn@aol.com [mailto:annetakinn@aol.com]

Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 10:12 PM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject:

I and all of my extended family heartily support SB 2423, SD2 to save the Kuilima-Turtle Bay property from the currently planned development. We hope the State will find a way to preserve it for all of us.

Aloha, Annetta Kinnicutt

341 Iliaina St.

Kailua, Hawaii 96734

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Dr. Kolja Rotzoll
66-126 Awai Lane
Haleiwa, HI 96712

Testimony to
Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee
SB 2423 SD2 - Regarding Land Acquisition (Kuilima / Turtle Bay)
March 10 at 9 a.m.

March 8th 2008

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my gratitude towards the House for its support of the bill SB 2423 SD2. I strongly support the bill because it is important to maintain the rural character of the North Shore; and in this way, the public interest is supported statewide in preserving open space and rural communities. As a resident of Haleiwa, I am concerned with the proposed developments by outside investors 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 for residents and visitors alike. Besides, the existing infrastructure does not allow expansions considering that the Kamehameha Highway is already used beyond its capacity.

Mahalo and with warm regards,
Dr. Kolja Rotzoll

From: kc connors [mailto:kcstuff@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 1:54 AM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: SB 2423 SD 2, Relating to Land Acquisition (Kuilima / Turtle Bay)-Support

Dear Distinguished Members of the House,

Thank you for supporting SB 2423 SD 2, Relating to Land Acquisition (Kuilima / Turtle Bay) it is vital for preserving the future of Hawaii.

I would like to strongly add my support for the Ko'olau Loa-North Shore Alliance Vision Statement. Acquiring Turtle Bay will be an asset for the entire State of Hawaii. The swift acquisition will:

PREVENT A COSTLY TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE:

Oaktree Capital's current Mega-Development plans at Turtle Bay would have tremendous repercussions for the beautiful country environment on the entire Windward side of Oahu. As you know, the narrow, spectacularly beautiful Kamehameha Highway is the only road that runs up entire Windward side to the North Shore.

Already Kam Hwy is often clogged with traffic, especially on weekends, rush hour and good surfing days. Additional traffic from the development of Turtle Bay would cause complete traffic gridlock up and down the entire coast. A single accident completely paralyzes the entire region for hours.

If the Turtle Bay expansion does go through, I fear that inevitably Kamehameha Hwy would have to be widened and the beautiful Kooloa mountains would then have to be dynamited at many points. In addition, because the EIS is 22 yrs old, many of us local residents are very concerned that we would be saddled with the absolutely enormous cost of widening the road, upgrading the infrastructure, moving homes and destroying our beloved little towns.

PRESERVE AFFORBALE HOUSING:

The luxury units being planned for Turtle Bay would be way too expensive for most local people and would accelerate the high cost of housing. Local families who have lived in Ko'olau Loa for generations

would be displaced. In addition, Water resources, Watershed capacity and other infrastructure would be severely affected.

PRESERVE CURRENT JOBS in TOURISM, PRO-GOLF & our FILM INDUSTRIES:

Scenic Turtle Bay and Kawela bays are vitally important for our Tourist, Golf and Film Industries-and preserving the current jobs in these industries.. Pro-Golf in Hawaii is also already in jeopardy. Saving Turtle Bay is not just a “nice thing” for local people, it is crucial for keeping Hawaii as a World Class Tourist & Golf destination.

Already in the recent issue of National Geographic’s travel magazine said that Oahu is already “in serious trouble” as a vacation destination” because of the overcrowding

In addition, our Film & TV Industry uses the spectacular nature on the North Shore as a backdrop, would be severely damaged. Many TV and Movies are filmed at Turtle Bay, using the pristine beaches as their setting. If these beaches were developed, the Film Industry would move to Thailand, and Hawaii would lose those high-quality, interesting film jobs.

PROTECT HAWAII'S ENDANGERED SPECIES:

The pristine beach at Turtle Bay is a Birthing-Area for our Endangered Monk Seals. Hawaii has more Endangered Species per square mile than any other place in the world. The Hawaiian Monk Seal is one of the world’s most endangered species. There are an estimated 1200 Hawaiian Monk Seals, but their numbers are declining.

Our Monk Seal “N7” gave birth and nursed her pup in safety for 54 days at Turtle Bay. If the unique protected shallow inlet at Turtle Bay were overrun with thousands of tourists, our monk seals would have to choose another spot along Oahu’s well-developed shore, and nurse their pups further out in a less protected, more dangerous area.

Endangered Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles are also frequently spotted at the bays. There has also been some speculation that there are Endangered Sea Turtle nests at Turtle Bay. Sea Turtles’ nests in the

sandy areas are very fragile. If there were thousand of tourists tromping on the beaches, the nests would not survive.

PRESERVE the NATURAL BEAUTY OF HAWAII for FUTURE GENERATIONS:

The beauty of Ko'olau Loa and the North Shore, our beaches and wildlife should be preserved for both local people and visitors to come and enjoy for generations.

Thank you for moving this bill quickly forward so that Turtle Bay will be acquired, and the Best of Hawaii will be preserved for our children and grandchildren.

'GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.'

Joshua 1:9 (esp at Turtle & Kawela Bays:-)

In His Spirit,

KC Connors, Ka'a'awa, HI

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From: Mary Jo Buell [mailto:alohamjb@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 6:56 AM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: SB 2423 SD2 - Water, Land,Ocean Resources - Turtle Bay Land Aquisition

To our Legislators, my comments are in favor of the Turtle Bay Land Acquisition of 850 acres. I have lived on the North Shore for 36 years. I believe that it is a special coastline for all different reasons. We could develop it and have houses etc. with great views, or we could leave it as it is for the most part and let it be a unique outdoor destination. Every island should have an area like the North Shore of Oahu...the great green open space. These islands are amazing without anything on them. Since that is impossible, saving parts of them will enhance and save areas for our children to come to say "this is what it must have been like back then".

Thank You for your support in SB 2423. Without your support, it won't happen. Because we all live here and grasp the idea of "paving paradise" as wrong, this grand idea of the governor will work. As she said it will be complicated, but we have a strong group of people willing to put other things aside and do what it takes to make this a possibility.

I want to add that I love the current hotel and all of it's ammenities, I just don't want it to be expanded.

I also believe that the Kahuku property with the golf course should be protected as well.

Sincerely,
Mary Jo Buell
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Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

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From: Ann [mailto:kaneboy@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 8:21 AM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: Testimony SB 2423, SD2(SSCR2749)

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 10, 2008

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Turtle Bay Hotel and Resort located in Kahuku, Oahu. (SB2423 SD2)

I support this bill.

I want to thank the House for its support and their role as a critical partner in this effort.

I support KNSAlliance's Vision Statement and how the bill supports the public interest *statewide* in preserving open space and rural communities.

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From: Phil Kinnicutt [mailto:leafishing@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 8:29 AM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: SB 2423, SD2

I support SB2423, SD2.

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/Bills/SB2423_SD2_.pdf

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Mar. 9, 2008

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House Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

Hearing Mar. 10, 2008

9:00 a.m., Conf. Room 312

S2423 SD2 Turtle Bay Conservation Acquisition

Dear Chair Ito, Vice Chair Karamatsu, and Members:

I write in **SUPPORT of SB2423 SD2**. Passage of this bill by WLH would represent a significant contribution by the Committee to the bold leadership already shown by the Senate and the Governor in supporting the community initiative to protect the lands around Turtle Bay.

I am a resident of Pūpūkea, Director of the Environmental Law Program at the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai`i at Mānoa, and a newly appointed member of the Governor's Working Group. I am also a founding Board member of the North Shore Community Land Trust, which was actively involved in catalyzing the public-private partnerships that recently protected the 1,100-acre Pūpūkea-Paumalū property. NSCLT is a member of the Ko`olauloa-North Shore Alliance, which is a network of over 25 groups supporting a common vision for preservation of the mauka and makai lands around Turtle Bay.

I support passage of the bill and amendments to ensure that all undeveloped and developed lands are appropriately included within the ambit of the bill. **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. The bill should continue to give the Governor the full range of tools necessary to conduct serious and timely negotiations with the owner and creditors of the property.**

The negotiations and legal actions that lead to the ultimate protection of this property may be complex, but I am confident that they will succeed. I am pleased that the House can be part of this important effort to keep the country "country forever."

Thank you.

Denise Antolini

From: Alapiodorr@aol.com [mailto:Alapiodorr@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 9:03 AM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: SB 2423 SD 2, Relating to Land Acquisition (Kuilima/Turtle Bay)

House of Representatives
The Twenty-Fourth Legislature
Regular Session of 2008

Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

Dear Representatives,

As long time residents of the North Shore we feel that it is of the utmost importance to preserve, maintain and protect the undeveloped lands mauka and makai of the Turtle Bay Resort. Thus we strongly support
SB 2423 SD 2, Relating to Land Acquisition (Kuilima/Turtle Bay).

Should the uniqueness and natural beauty of Turtle Bay be further compromised then the future of tourism itself on the North Shore is at stake.

The amount of development over the last 20 years has pushed the infrastructure to it's carrying capacity limits. More development will surely push this already overtaxed infrastructure beyond it's limit.

We, an agricultural business entrepreneur and an RN who have both worked and lived in this community for over 25 years, care deeply about the health and well being of both the people and the environment of the North Shore.

Thank you for your time,
Jeffrey R. Dorr & Nanette E. Dorr

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From: mark manley [mailto:mkmkby@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 9:19 AM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: Testimony

Dear Representatives, I ask that you support SB2423SD2 and pass it through your committee. Please give the Governor the opportunity to organize the Community to begin the process to negotiate the purchase of the Turtle Bay Properties. I am a lifelong resident of Kawela and the Iwi and Cultural Sites must be saved. I support the Existing Hotel and its employees but we can't handle 3500 more rooms and condos, the infrastructure would cost the State a fortune. Please help us, the Citizens of Hawaii. Mahalo, a hui hou, Mark Kahuokapono Manley, Pahipahialua (Defend Oahu Coalition PO Box 416 Kahuku, HI 96731.)

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From: Blake McElheny [mailto:blakemcelheny@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 12:51 PM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: Support for SB2423 SD2

House Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

Monday, March 10, 2008

10:00 a.m., Conference Room 312

RE: Support for SB2423 SD2 Turtle Bay Conservation Acquisition

Dear Chair Ito, Vice Chair Karamatsu, and Members:

Thank you for hearing this important measure.

I am in strong support of SB2423 SD2 as this initiative will provide significant benefits to the public.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Blake McElheny

Pupukea

638-8484

-----Original Message-----

From: Kim Johnson [mailto:kim@jackjohnsonmusic.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 10:41 AM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: Senate Bill 2432 - letter of support

Dear Representatives,

I am sending this letter in support of Senate Bill 2423 regarding the land acquisition of Kuilima / Turtle Bay on the North Shore of Oahu.

Thank you for supporting the residents of Hawai'i in our hopes to utilize the land in a way that will benefit everyone. I believe that the KNSAlliance's vision statement is well thought out and responsible. The existing hotel provides important jobs for the community but further development would strain the infrastructure of this rural area.

Residents and visitors from all over the world come to the northern point of O'ahu to see the magnificent green mountains on the land and the blue mountains in the ocean. We now have a once in a lifetime opportunity to protect this inspirational area for future generations.

I encourage you to support this bill.

Aloha,
Jack Johnson

NS Resident and Musician

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Gallagher [mailto:gallaghek007@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 9:30 PM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: Testimony

SB 2423

I strongly support the acquisition of the lands known as the Turtle Bay Resort as outlined by Governor Lingle. Her vision will enhance the North Shore and the island of O'ahu as great tourism destinations, and will give locals a way to enjoy a wonderful piece of our island which is now only accessible illegally.

Karen Gallagher

-----Original Message-----

From: Telma [mailto:ocean808@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 1:19 PM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: SB 2423 SD 2

I support this bill.

I think that we have ways of saving money in this state by looking on environment impact.

The state could think in promoting a campaign on saving electricity. Oahu alone waste so much unnecessary electricity. You could make people aware of how much money the state can save in reducing the number of street lights, or simply turning at list half of them after a certain hour of the night. Just a suggestion. If was true that lights diminish violence, big cities would not have any violence.

I am sure we the people, can help and do our part to preserve our so beautiful North Shore.

Tahink how the North Shore Oahu attracts so many people from around the world. It is its beatiful white sandy beaches, crystal clear ocean and green mountains. If we keep developing this place a chaos is going to happen in the short and long run. We are going to end up losing our tourist coming which would be a great impact on Hawaii's economy. People really leave their homes and travel hundreds of miles and spend lots of dollars to see beauty and not another concrete jungle. Tahnk you so much for your attention.

Aloha,

Telma Boinville

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-----Original Message-----

From: Telma [mailto:ocean808@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 1:21 PM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: SB 2423 SD 2

I support this bill.

Please let the North Shore keep its beauty of being a country.

Tahnk you so much for your support.

Aloha,

Kevin Emery

Haleiwa resident

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From: Joy Silver [mailto:joyofpilates@mac.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 11:57 AM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: support for SB 2423 SD 2

Dear WLH Committee Members,

I am writing to support SB 2423 SD 2. I would first like to thank the House for its support, as it is a critical partner in this effort of land acquisition. I support how the bill supports the public interest statewide in preserving open space and rural communities. I strongly support of KNSAlliance's Vision Statement and feel that it must be carried out for current and future generations worldwide.

I urge that you support this bill by passing it, keeping it alive and moving it quickly to the Tourism and Culture Committee. This will work in parallel to the Governor's initiative and her working group. Working together we can keep this a special place for all to enjoy.

Mahalo,

Joy Silver

Haleiwa