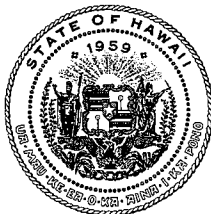
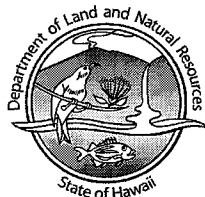


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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON
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**On Senate Bill 2525 – Making An Appropriation For Acquisition Of A Public
Right Of Access To Haena Beach Park**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON
WATER AND LAND
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

February 6, 2008

Senate Bill 2525 proposes to appropriate matching funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to allow the County of Kauai to acquire a safe public access and transit corridor to Haena Beach Park. While the Department supports the intent of this measure, it nonetheless has concerns with the fiscal implications this bill will have on the Executive Supplemental Budget request.

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Ha'ena has been identified as having a
"high statewide significance."¹

The ahupua'a of Haena was designated as a community based subsistence fishery management area in Act 241. We support this needed access which abuts traditional fishing grounds and Haena's community based subsistence fishery management area. Lateral Access along this beach for traditional fishing practices and subsistence life style of the residents is diminished and threatened and non

existent along this stretch of Conservation Beach during much of the winter months. This stretch of outstanding Conservation District Lands in Haena is undergoing unprecedented coastal development. This section is also experiencing coastal erosion that has significantly reduced the size of the public resource and our ability to access the ocean. The beach literally is nonexistent during high tides and surf. Haena's shoreline is directly exposed to the dynamic winter North Pacific swell and regularly experiences huge waves, heavy surging and extensive wave run-up. The shoreline reach faces predominantly northwestward and is exposed to large forceful waves that cause heavy erosion to occur.

The topography here includes a steep erosion scarp that blocks safe lateral access during normal seasonal waves and high tides to Haena's state conservation land. The certified shorelines have been identified at the top of the erosion scarp, safe lateral access is prohibitive during high tides and waves. There is also a large failing sandbag revetment across five of these lots that blocks safe lateral access. And at the same time, new coastal development there is proposed. This section of Haena Conservation Beach has increasingly large numbers of visitors that recreate here. Note this is the most heavily promoted and most heavily frequented area by beach-goers in Ha'ena-Wainiha. We support creation of this safe lateral access pathway from Haena County Beach Park to Access Road "E". The topography prevents safe public transit corridor for visitors and residents during the normal seasonal winter wave season. This valuable resource is subject to high coastal hazards, and traditional safe access is threatened by both natural erosion processes and new coastal development.

The purpose of the Conservation District in 13-5-1 is to regulate land use in the conservation district for the purpose of

conserving, protecting, and preserving the important natural resources of the state through appropriate management and use to promote their long-term sustainability and the public health, safety, and welfare.

This bill upholds the Hawaii State Constitution, which reaffirms and protects all rights customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence, cultural and religious purposes, and possessed by ahupua'a tenants .

In order for the Haena people to uphold and continue Hawaiian traditional land and ocean practices, establishment of a transit corridor to safely continue legal access is needed.

Please ensure the future sustainable use of Haena's exquisite natural resources. We urge passage of this important bill.
Mahalo for your support, Caren Diamond

1 Statewide Recreation Resources
Inventory Principal Swimming Areas,
Clark & Souza, DLNR, Honolulu, 1987.

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