

# LATE TESTIMONY

# WINDWARD AHUPUA'A ALLIANCE

From the Peaks of *Na Ko'olau* to the Outer Reefs

*Community-Based Planning  
Sustainable Economic Development  
Restoration, Preservation, Protection & Public Access  
Educational & Cultural Programs*

Committee on Water & Land  
*Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair*  
*Sen. Russell Kokubun, Vice Chair*

Public Hearing  
2:45 PM  
Friday, February 15, 2008  
Conference Room 414  
SB 2836 - Relating To Public Access  
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 the North Shore and Kawela Bay as well as to support locally-owned sustainable economic activities in the more developed areas. Over time, however, its mandate has expanded well beyond these vitally important regional issues.

*WAA* continues to educate & inform residents, visitors, businesses, policymakers & the media all across Hawai'i about expanding public access in appropriate ways to both *mauka* & *makai* lands & bodies of water under the jurisdiction of the *Department of Land & Natural Resources*. We may not be the first NGO to take on these critical issues nor will we be the last, but we will continue to advocate for them before any relevant body whenever the time comes to do so.

Because the bill is not clear as to who would enforce it - the county or state - and which entity - the planning departments, police departments or *DLNR* - would it be possible to insert language in the bill to clarify this. Also, as mentioned in my earlier testimony, can language be inserted in the bill requiring the counties to pass implementing legislation within the next five years and to report back to the *Legislature* as to their progress in doing so. I don't want to see the intent of the bill get caught up in some bureaucratic morass.

*Mahalo* for the opportunity to testify on behalf of this bill.

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LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

SB 2836

Testimony
Status

RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS. WTL
Modifies definitions of "public recreational area" and the offense of obstructing access to public property; defines "public right-of-way."

SB 3189

Testimony
Status

RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS.
Requires owners of privately owned shoreline access paths to keep access to the shoreline open to the public, at minimum, from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Hello, I am a homeowner on Kainui Drive in Kailua which, after crossing Kalaheo, leads right into L'orange Place. Runners, Bikers, Walkers and lots of dogs go by my home each day. It is part of the healthy lifestyle this community offers. Yes, sometimes people park in my yard, and yes, sometimes people put their dog poop into my garbage can, but in general people are very respectful and friendly. In the past I enjoyed walking down my street, down l'orange and to the beach to watch the sunrise or sunset. Just being there in the morning gave inspiration to my day. Since the right of way has closed, I no longer go to the beach there. It is too far to go to the next access and much less safe. While I respect the privacy of the people who live on beach access roads, I don't think it is too much to ask to walk down their street to visit our beloved sanctuary of Kailua Beach. Sharing this beautiful place we live in is why we are called the Aloha State. Let's keep those pathways open during the daylight hours. Mahalo, Kathy Erwin, Kailua.