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TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

On Senate Bill 3135 - Relating to Public Land Trust Revenues

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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Senate Bill 3135 proposes to allocate \$180,000 from the Public Land Trust for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for the repair and maintenance of the Mookini Heiau on the Island of Hawaii. While the Department of Land and Natural Resources supports the intent of this bill, it nonetheless has concerns with the fiscal impact it will have on the Executive Supplemental Budget request.



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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 3135 COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Thursday, February 7, 2008

Chairperson Tokuda . . .

and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawajian Affairs.

I am Leimomi Mo'okini Lum, Kahuna Nui of the Mo'okini Heiau located in North Kohala on the Island of Hawaii. I am a direct descendent of Kahuna Nui Kuamo'o Mo'okini, the first Kahuna Nui and director of the building of this artifact, some 1,500 years ago.

I concur with proposed Senate Bill 3135, the intent of which is to make funds available from the Public Land Trust Revenues "for the repair and maintenance of the Mo'okini heiau on the Island of Hawaii."

I noted that Bill 3135 indicates that the subject funds "shall be expended by the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act." I am assuming that the subject executing department will be required to follow the requirements of ACT 59 regarding the consultation on all matters with the Kahuna Nui of the Mo'okini Heiau, such as the work being considered, whether it be repair or maintenance; to include priority, type of work planned and intended level of all work to be accomplished.

With the assumption that the controls of ACT 59 will be enforced and followed, I fully support the intent of Senate Bill 3135.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

I am prepared to answer any questions the Committee may have . . .