

SB 3137

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Aloha Chair Senator Clayton Hee My Name is Carl Paoo Jellings
from Waianae ,, I would Like to send My Strong Support for SB
3137. as Akule Grounds along the Waianae Coast Have historically
been the most productive fishing areas , I would like support this

measure in hopes We may learn more about these important resources
over these decades even before Captain Cook these west shores of Oahu
provided the Best fishing grounds for our ancestors when huge schools
were spotted Hawaiians as far away as the opposite side of the island
would come and participate in the traditional practices to catch these one
delites after they were caught they were shared amonkst those who
participated in helping and families from the ahapua this goe"s on till
today, We carry the Mana"o for this complex traditional art of akule
fishing, that is why year after year you may see us trying to protect not
only this traditional art but this very important resource and thier
habitats ,,,, Much Aloha Carl Pao Jellings

Aloha Committee

My Name is Carl Pao Jellings

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Committee on Water and Land

Wednesday, February 13, 2008
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 414

In Support of SB 3137 Making an Appropriation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for Akule Fish Monitoring

Chair Hee and members of the committee:

I am Cynthia K.L. Rezentes, a resident of the Wai`anae Coast, and I am in support of SB 3137.

For generations the fishermen of Wai`anae have relied upon the *akule* as a source of subsistence living, whether to directly feed their families or to provide a commercial fishing livelihood.

Over the years near-shore activities have placed pressure on areas once depended upon for harvesting the fish. Some of the fishing grounds have been given up to be able to live, work and play in harmony with one another, e.g. Makaha Surfing Beach area.

Today, we are seeing increasingly more pressures being placed upon traditional harvesting grounds like Makua, Nanakuli, and Kahe Point. These areas are seeing increases in wild-life viewing (i.e. dolphins, snorkeling, diving, etc.) and other activities, e.g. sailing, overnight anchoring, etc. The commercial fishermen who rely upon these areas to harvest the *akule* have noticed declines in catch sizes and opportunities for harvest in the area.

Since a significant amount of the commercially available *akule* in state markets are harvested from the Ka`ena Point to Pearl Harbor region, it is imperative that we understand the current behavior of the fish to better understand how to manage these resources for today and the future.

Therefore, I urge the committee to support SB 3137.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: Don Hutton [donhutton@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 7:43 PM
To: testimony
Cc: William Aila
Subject: Please pass State Bills 3137 and 3138

Gentlemen,

Please pass:

- **State Bill 3137** for an appropriation to the department of land and natural resources for the purpose of monitoring akule fish and,
- **State Bill 3138** for the continuing preparation of the baseline environmental study required to establish the boundaries of an ocean recreation management area between Kalaeloa point and Kaena point, Oahu.

Sincerely yours,

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From: iwalani keliroomalu [keliroomalu@hotmail.com]
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To: ailaw001@hawaii.rr.com; Sen. Fred Hemmings; sen@Capitol.hawaii.gov; All Senators
Subject: Support ~~SB2189~~, SB3137, ~~SB3138~~

Aloha,

I am writing this letter of support for these bills affecting the Waianae community. WE must protect and have representation on our behalf of the community to seek justification and do what is right. We must honor the lands and oceans and choose to protect it from governmental abuses. We can no longer accept the logic and integrity of the military to do what is right. They fail to protect the public and have a mission to the military which they pledge their allegiance to. They must listen to the conscious citizen which question their motives and ensure common sense practices.

We here in Waimanalo share and support the Waianae community as they move forward to help their community in the protection and uses of their treasured aina.

We members of the Positive Re-Action group ask for your help in passing Bills SB2190, SB3137, and SB3138.

Thank you for your time and service.

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

**on Senate Bill 3137 – Relating to an Appropriation to the Department
of Land and Natural Resources for Akule Fish Monitoring**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND LAND**

February 13, 2008

Senate Bill 3137 would appropriate \$25,000 for an akule tagging study along the western and southwestern shores of Oahu. While the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of the measure, the Department nonetheless has concerns with the fiscal impacts it will have on the Executive Supplemental Budget request.

The Department notes that it prepared a report in 1973 analyzing akule data from 1960–1970. The tagging portion of the study looked at movement along the southwestern and western shores of Oahu from 1965–1967. Tagging stations were set up at Waikiki, Honolulu Harbor, Ewa Beach, Pokai Bay, and Haleiwa Bay. From over 10,000 fish tagged with over 800 recoveries, the data indicated that there was little along-shore movement with the majority of fish staying within the area where they were tagged and released. Fishers report to us that the fish will normally move inshore during the day and offshore during the night.

While the Department recognizes that changes have occurred in the nearshore environment over the past 40 years, we feel that the basic behavior patterns of akule as indicated in the above study are still likely to prevail. Therefore, we feel the Legislature should carefully consider whether such work needs to be repeated as proposed in the current measure.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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