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SB 3138**

Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair, Committee on Water and Land
Sen Jill N. Tokuda, Chair, Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

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Testimony in strong support of SB 3138.

Chair Hee, Chair Tokuda, and members of the committees:

I am an employee of DLNR however the testimony that follows is that of my own as an individual.

SB 3138 seeks to amend Act 6, SLH Special Session 2005, by requiring an interim report on the baseline environmental study to be submitted to the 2008 legislature and the final report to the 2009 legislature.

The reason for this extension is that the initial contractor awarded the contract to complete the baseline study was found to have a conflict of interest. The contract was rescinded and contractor paid for the work completed to date.

A second contract was issued based upon the remaining funds available. During the conduct of the study several data gaps were identified. The passage of this bill would allow for the report deadlines to be pushed back a year, and allow for the filling of these data gaps.

There is an appropriation line in this bill as a place holder. Since the identification of data gaps was recently completed, the additional funds required to fill these gaps are unknown at this time.

I ask that pass this bill forward to WAM in order to buy time to identify the appropriate amount needed to fill the data gaps. This study is a very important study that will impact Wai'anae Coast policies for the next twenty years. The results of this study will likely be applicable to similar problems occurring on many coasts in the State.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in favor of SB 3138.

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In Support of SB 3138 Relating to the Waianae Coast

I Georgette Jordan support SB 3138.

As a Waianae community member who has been involved in the process of the Baseline Study for the Waianae Coast, I have come to realize that the study should be supplemented to truly complete the original scope of the work requested. A comprehensive study is needed to provide the proper information for the potential recommendation for an ocean recreation management area which helps preserves the traditional life style while allowing the shared use of our ocean resources with the increased pressure from the visitor industry and possible new recreational uses.

In 2005, the State Legislature heard SB 1262 Relating to the Waianae Coast. The original content of the bill requested an environmental impact assessment to be done for the purpose of determining the effects of current and future activities on the resources from Ka'ena Point to Kalaeloa considering the increase of user activities and conflicts along the coast. The bill was passed in the 2005 Special Legislative Session as Act 6. In the 2006 Legislative Session the work to be performed was appropriated a budget for \$120,000, far less than the \$1M quoted to do.

This study will be a document that will help to provide guidance to best manage the resource well into the future.

Therefore, I urge the committee to support SB 3138.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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