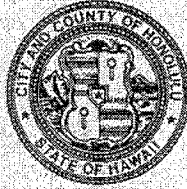


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IN REPLY REFER TO:

February 4, 2008

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
and Members
Committee on Water and Land
State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill 3206, Relating to Kawai Nui Marsh

The Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu supports the passage of Senate Bill 3206, Relating to Kawai Nui Marsh.

The establishment of the advisory council will ensure proper use as well as protection of this valuable wetland.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in favor of Senate Bill 3206.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig I. Nishimura".

Craig I. Nishimura, P.E.
Acting Director and Chief Engineer

c: Office of the Mayor

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Legislative Testimony
SB 3340, RELATING TO KAWAI NUI MARSH
Senate Committee on Water and Land

February 6, 2008
Room: 414

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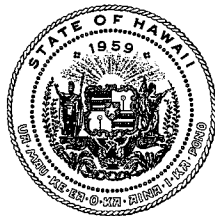
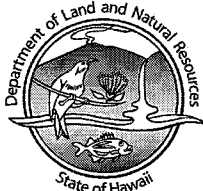
The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) SUPPORTS SB 3206, which would establish the Kawainui Marsh Advisory Council and would appropriate money to support the work of the council.

Over the years, dedicated groups and individuals have spent countless hours in restoration efforts and education of the larger community on the significance of the natural and cultural resources found within Kawainui Marsh. International organizations such as the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands have also recognized the importance of the natural and cultural resources found within Kawainui Marsh, and it has been declared eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The establishment of the Kawainui Marsh Advisory Council, comprised of members knowledgeable in the significance of the marsh, will be a positive step towards updating and implementing the Kawainui Marsh Master Plan and will provide a valuable public forum where the protection and preservation of the natural and cultural resources within the marsh can be discussed and promoted.

OHA urges the Committee to PASS SB 3206. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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

on Senate Bill 3206 – RELATING TO KAWAI NUI MARSH

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

February 6, 2008

LATE TESTIMONY

Senate Bill 3206 establishes the Kawai Nui Marsh Advisory Council (Council) and appropriates money to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) for the work of the Council. The Department supports the intent of this measure, however has concerns with the budgetary impacts this bill will have on the Executive Supplemental Budget request.

The involvement of the community in the planning and implementation of programs in Kawai Nui Marsh is critical to maintain and increase public support for protecting and preserving this unique treasure. The Board of Land and Natural Resources recognized the key need for community support and participation when it included a requirement for community input in implementing the Kawai Nui Marsh Management Program.

In as much, the Department supports the involvement of the different community groups identified in the bill, but would like to suggest four other key participants that were not included in the proposed membership. The Department would suggest including the following representation in the Council:

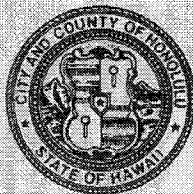
1. One student representative from a Kailua area school as selected by a high school council;
2. One representative from the Kailua Chamber of Commerce;
3. A fourth ex-officio member representing the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and
4. The Administrator of the Division of State Parks (fifth ex-officio member)

The Department also suggests keeping the Council size at a manageable level of 10 voting members and five ex-official members.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

February 5, 2008

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
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State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members:


Subject: Senate Bill 3206, Relating to Kawai Nui Marsh

We wish to provide additional testimony in our letter to you dated February 4, 2008. Besides supporting the intent of Senate Bill 3206, the Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu is willing to participate in the advisory council.

However, it would be more appropriate for the advisory council to take action on certain portions of its plans when Kawai Nui Marsh is under fee ownership of the State. Therefore, we recommend that the effective date of this bill coincide with the transfer date of the Marsh from the City to the State. This will ensure proper use as well as protection of this valuable wetland.

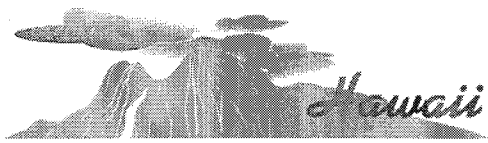
Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in favor of Senate Bill 3206.

Sincerely,


Craig I. Nishimura, P.E.
Acting Director and Chief Engineer

c: Office of the Mayor

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February 6, 2008,

Testimony via email

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

SB 3206

RELATING TO KAWAINUI MARSH

Committee Chair and members:

Hawaii's Thousand Friends, a statewide non-profit land use organization, supports the concept of bringing people together to better facilitate communication between community organizations and with government but does not support the advisory council as proposed.

The fight to protect Kawainui Marsh has gone on for 30+ years and involved many organizations such as Hawaii's Thousand Friends, The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle, Kawainui Heritage Foundation, Conservation Council of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Audubon Society, `Ahahui Malama I Ka Lokahi, the Kailua Neighborhood Board and Hawai'i Trail and Mountain Club, to name a few. Limiting the number of environmental or educational nonprofit organizations on the advisory council to four means that many others will be excluded. The formation of any type of council must be inclusive not exclusive.

Kawainui Marsh is surrounded by many homeowners, several businesses and schools so they too should be included, not just one landowner, in the planning the future of this valuable resource.

The 1982 Total Kawainui Directional Plan was the result of over 50 community organizations and government agencies involvement and that theme of total inclusion has persisted all these years.

Kawainui is a natural resource for all Hawaii's people and planning the future of Kawainui must not be relegated to a few. Kawainui's future depends on all of us.