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Testimony regarding
SD 3206, SD 2
RELATING TO KAWAI NUI MARSH

March 28, 2008

Chairman Oshiro and members of the Committee:

I am Susan Miller, President of Kawai Nui Heritage Foundation. The Foundation appreciates the efforts of Senator Tokuda in introducing S.B. 3206, but ~~supports amendments~~ that will be presented by Ho'olaulima ia Kawai Nui. We believe these amendments provide a better way of representing various interests on the Advisory Council and also a better statement of the charge to the Council.

Kawai Nui Marsh is not a simple management problem – it has aspects of a wildlife refuge, a cultural monument, an agricultural park (taro), and a recreational area. The Ho'olaulima proposal takes this situation into account.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Regarding SB No. 3206 SD2

Aloha and thank you for allowing us the time to comment on this bill,

Ho'oulima Ia Kawai Nui was formed to bring together several organizations that have been dedicated to the preservation and stewardship of Kawai Nui Marsh for several decades.

Charles K. Burrows, President of 'Ahahui Malama i ka Lokahi, one of our member organizations, has presented four significant observations and recommendations for additional drafts pertaining to the bill, following a steering committee's findings from last week.

These four elements should be considered with care – the same care that a couple of thousand Windward residents have exhibited for several decades with the intention of implementing thoroughly studied requirements to meet the mission of Ho'oulima Ia Kawai Nui.

That mission is simply:

To foster public awareness and understanding of the natural, cultural and scenic resources of Kawai Nui Marsh and environs to ensure the long term protection, restoration and stewardship of the area.

By your committee passing this out, you will contribute to the goals set for Kawai Nui Marsh by school children, their parents and kupuna.

Again, our sincere Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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