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*Community-Based Planning
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Committee on Water & Land
Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair
Sen. Russell Kokubun, Vice Chair

Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Sen. Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Sen. Shan Tsutsui, Vice Chair

Public Hearing
2:45 pm
Wednesday, February 6, 2008
Conference Room 414

LATE TESTIMONY

SB 3206 - Relating To Kawai Nui Marsh
STRONGLY SUPPORT

My name is Shannon Wood, speaking on behalf of the *Windward Ahupua'a Alliance*, a 501c3 Hawai'i non-profit corporation which has several projects in *Kawai Nui Marsh* along its northern section and in the area between the dike & Kailua Town in support of SB 3206.

The bill would establish the Kawai Nui Marsh Advisory Council which would have a number of different functions.

These are the two areas which have been impacted by human activities over the past 75 years ranging from dumping by the military after World War Two to a junkyard which held an estimated 35,000 vehicles to the impacts of current industrial activities in *Kapa'a Valley* as well as a landfill closed in 1996 both of which lie directly *mauka* of the *Marsh*.

The area *makai* of the dike is loaded with invasive mangrove and jammed with a wide range of illegally-dumped materials. Although the *City & County of Honolulu* is removing the mangrove so that we can handle the man-made STUFF, budgetary constraints have kept our combined efforts to a minimum. Still, we move ahead - albeit slowly - because the future health of the *Marsh* and its inhabitants depends upon it.

WAA strongly supports SB 3206 and urges you to support it as well. Mahalo.

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Testimony before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
regarding
S.B. 3206, Relating to Kawai Nui Marsh

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LATE TESTIMONY

Chairman Hee, Vice Chairman Kokubun and other 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 believes it is premature, and that a resolution would better serve the present situation for the following reasons.

- 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. There is no model for an appropriate management structure in Hawai'i, so one will have to be developed or sought elsewhere. Whatever management structure is chosen will affect both the updating of the 1994 Master Plan and the composition of an advisory body.
- Kawai Nui is called the piko of the ahupua`a of Kailua, but it does not exist in a vacuum; there is the need to view Kawai Nui in the context of the ahupua`a, which includes Kaelepulu (Enchanted Lake), and not as an isolated entity. This needs to be taken into account by a management structure and an advisory body.
- There is a need for better and more consistent communication among all the entities involved in enhancement and restoration activities in Kawai Nui and the ahupua`a.

A resolution that

1. charged either DLNR-DOFAW or an existing community organization such as Ho`olaulima ia Kawai Nui with the ongoing responsibility for achieving consistent communication among all the entities involved in enhancement and restoration activities in Kawai Nui and the ahupua`a; and
2. charged the same group with
 - developing a management structure,
 - finding funds for updating the 1994 Master Plan,
 - updating the 1994 Master Plan, and
 - proposing the formation of an advisory body,

would go far toward improving the management of Kawai Nui Marsh.

Ma Kia`i Pono 'O Kawai Nui

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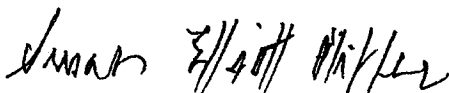
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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify! The Foundation looks forward to working with Senator Tokuda and all concerned to achieve the goal of creating a formal structure for community input into the management of enhancement and restoration activities in Kawai Nui and the ahupua`a,

If your Committee chooses to move this bill, the Foundation has a number of editorial changes to suggest, which we will supply to the Committee within 24 hours. In addition, Section 2 appears to have conflicting methods of appointment; we very much prefer an appointment method that does not require the "advise and consent" process in the Senate. We commend to your attention the appointment method used for the advisory body to the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Program, as shown in 205A-3.5, HRS.

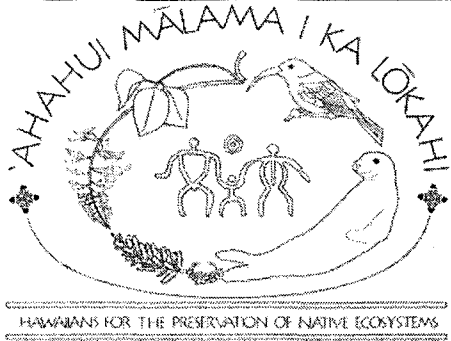


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Senate Committee on Water and Land , Ways and Means
SB No. 3206 - Relating to Kawai Nui Marsh
February 6, 2008
2:45 pm
Rm. 414

Chairperson and members of the Committee,

I'm Charles Pe'ape'a Makawalu Burrows, a member of several Hawaiian and community organizations but I'm here this afternoon to testify in behalf of Ahahui Malama I ka Lokahi, a native Hawaiian conservation organization of 2000 members. Ahahui does support H.B. #3340 as proposed with amendments to support the establishment of a Kawainui Marsh Advisory Council and appropriated funding for its support for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

Ahahui Malama I ka Lokahi has been the leading Hawaiian environmental and cultural organization for the past 12 years in the ecological and cultural restoration in Kawainui Marsh and conducts educational programs for school, college and community groups. Under the DLNR/Division of State Parks, Ahahui is a co-curator with the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club for Ulupo Heiau. It is also the curator for Na Pohaku o Hauwahine and recently signed a contract with the Kailua Bay Advisory Council to maintain a newly landscape Hawaiian garden at the Kailua Neighborhood Park in the Kawainui estuary. We therefore ~~would like to have the following changes made in Section 2 of the new section 171, Kaawai Nui marsh advisory council.~~

~~In Section 2 lines 1 & 2, replace Kawai Nui Marsh Heritage Foundation with "Ahahui Malama I ka Lokahi".~~

On line 5 (3) add Ahahui Malama I ka Lokahi with the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club.

On line 12 (6) add Division of State Parks.

In (e) (1) line 9 – Review and assist in updating and ~~(revising)~~ the ~~(1994)~~ Kawai Nui Marsh Master Plan which should include the Hamakua wetlands, adjacent waterways that enter into Kawainui from Maunawili and Kapa'a Valleys and flow into Kailua Bay (Ahupua'a of Kailua). There must be appropriate funding for the revision of the updated Kawainui/Kailua Ahupua'a Master Plan and approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

On line 15 (4) add Kawai Nui marsh's natural and (cultural) resources.

We as Hawaiian, environmental and community organizations are actively involved in the ecological conservation and restoration of Kawainui Marsh and its sacred sites. We strongly urge this committee to include the Kanaka Maoli organizations such as Ahahui Malama I ka Lokahi and the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club as partners with the State DLNR/DOFW/State Parks to offer the Hawaiian cultural and spiritual guidance and leadership in the restoration and educational programs for Kawainui Marsh. Excellent examples where this partner/stewardship agreement is taking place is at Ulupo Heiau and Na Pohaku o Hauwahine as well as on the Island of Kahoolawe.

Aloha pumehana,

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President, Ahahui Malama I ka Lokahi

Ho`olaulima O Kawainui
Draft agenda for meeting in February 2008

Background:

On the morning of January 15th Chuck Burrows, Ka`imi Scudder, Peter Young, Linda Paul, Bill Sager, and Jill Tokuda's legislative aide met at Chuck Burrows home to discuss the concept of an advisory council for the Kawainui-Hamakua-Kaelepulu wetlands complex and associated ahupua`a. In the course of our discussion we concluded that since there is at present no applicable state-sponsored advisory council model to follow that fits the management needs of this complex resource, it was premature to pass legislation at this time that mandated a particular council structure. We also concluded that the Ho`olaulima group, which is composed of one representative and one alternate from each of the many organizations that have been and continue to be concerned with the protection and preservation of Kailua ahupua`a and wetlands complex, would adequately fill the need for an advisory council at present. We agreed that a supportive resolution for the work of this informal group would best work for now.

We concluded that at the next Ho`olaulima meeting we should talk about broadening the scope of Ho`olaulima's work beyond that of the interpretive plan, which is almost completed. Additional work on the interpretive plan, as well as planning for a visitor center, education center, kiosks, boardwalks and other needed structures, should be assigned to an education committee composed of the people/organizations who have been working on the interpretive plan. We also concluded that Ho`olaulima needs to form at least two additional committees: 1) to explore possible advisory council/management structures that would work for this complex, and 2) to explore possible sources for funding to finance a revision of the 1994 draft Kawainui Marsh master plan that was prepared by a consultant but never approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources and is now out of date.

Following adjournment of the discussion group, Chuck, Kaimi, and Linda put together a draft agenda for the next Ho`olaulima meeting proposed for February 2008

Draft Agenda:

- Pule
- Report on the interpretive plan
- Report on the progress of the transfer of marsh lands from city to state
- Other issues that Ho`olaulima should be concerned with in terms of the management needs of Kawainui, Hamakua, Kaelepulu, and the watersheds and canals that are part of the Kailua ahupua`a:
 - a) A proposed committee to explore management structures that exist on the mainland, which utilize multiple organizations and government agencies.
 - b) A proposed committee to identify funding sources for a revision of the 1994 draft master plan for Kawainui Marsh
 - c) A proposed committee to draft a resolution to be introduced in the legislature in March that will keep Kawainui on the radar screen.