

## FINTestimony

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Testimony for FIN 3/3/2009 5:00:00 PM HB1552

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### Comments:

As one of six 'ohana facing eviction in 2009, I support HB 1552. A master plan must be developed/implemented, utilizing mana'o from kupuna to keiki, in addition to others who has an interest in the Ahupua'a o Kahana, to reflect growth and changes to date. For AOK sustainability, the continuation of cultural programs, expansion of the lo'i, restoration (not just maintenance) of the Huilua Fishpond, and planting of all fruits/vegetables native to the area, arts/crafts, would provided continued resources for the AOK, as well as to provide "cultural hours" for AOK residents/lessees, thus enabling na 'ohana to meet requirements.

This area has been "designated the AOK. There, I encourage DLNR to review, and to implement an "ahupua'a design, where residents are "scattered" and not limited to "residential" areas as they exist today. If this is indeed a "living, cultural park", the public cannot see the "LIVING" if those facing evictions are forced to relocate to the two areas designated "residential." The AOK has 5,000+ acres. Visit the AOK during the week, on weekends. See how "underutilized" designated "public areas are, and yet DLNR wants to remove the six families for more "PUBLIC" area. AUWE! HOW CAN? NO CAN!!

At minimum, six generations of my 'ohana have resided on this land I call "HOME." My 'ohana participates in ALL scheduled cultural activities, and have much ALOHA for the AINA. In addition, my 'ohana contributes more than 25 interpretive hours per month which is a requirement of lessees. I believe my 'ohana to be an "asset" to the AOK community, as well as the many AOK residents who live, who love this aina, too. KEEP KAHANA 'OHANA IN KAHANA.

Mahalo nui loa!

DA JOHNSONS O KAHANA

Sherrick Kakuzen Johnson  
Sherri Lynn Leimomi Wallace Johnson

(daughter of Danielle Ululani Beirne Keawe, grand daughter of Daniel Francis Beirne)  
Ka'imina'auao Edd Cole Ho'opa'aikapono Johnson Kamalani Micah Francis Ho'ohiwaokaalewanu'u  
Johnson

\*AOK: Ahupua'a o Kahana

Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Support of HB 1552, Relating to Public Lands

Testimony from: Lena P. Soliven

Aloha,

I am a resident of the Ahupua'a o Kahana. My name is Lena P. Soliven. My Ohana and I were one of the six families the State wrongfully tried to evict on October 27, 2008. It surely was one of the most trying and stressful tribulation of our lives.

I strongly support HB 1552. It has mechanisms in place to tackle the problems at hand and the problems and resolve for the future of Kahana. Kahana has been lacking an implementation of a Master Plan. This Bill will mandate that the last Master Plan submitted to the State be updated, revised and put into action.

We are lineal descendents of the Ahupua'a o Kahana. As we look back we see our great-grandparents, grandparents, parents and ourselves, and as we look forward we our children, grandchildren, great-children and ....

We are Hawaiians, living on Hawaiian Lands, living in our Beautiful Hawaii Nei. We live our culture, share our culture and most of all love our culture.

I urge the committee to pass HB 1552. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Lena P. Soliven

Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Support of HB 1552, Relating to Public Lands  
Testimony from: Darryl Soliven

I am a resident of the Ahupua'a O Kahana. We were one of the 6 families wrongfully being evicted by the State on October 27, 2008. I strongly support HB 1522, relating to Public Lands, which would authorize the issuance of residential leases in living parks such as Kahana Valley State Park and establish a planning council to develop a master plan for park.

A Master plan would have alleviated the havoc and emotional roller coaster my family has been on for the past 10 years, coming to a head with the posting of eviction and the bulldozers coming in to take down our homes and clearing us away as if we never existed. We had done everything the State had requested of us, and still.....

This legislation lays a solid foundation for the future of Kahana. I urge you to pass HB 1522, so Kahana can reach it full potential as a living park.

Thank you.

Darryl Soliven

Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Support of IIB 1552, Relating to Public Lands  
Testimony from: Dezmond Soliven

Moha,

My name is Dezmond Soliven and I am one of the children that the state wrongfully tried to evict on October 27, 2008. It really caused us a lot of stress and embarrassment because people didn't know the whole story.

We are one big Ohana in Kahana. Everyone is an Aunty, Uncle, Grandma, Grandpa, and or Cousins. I love Kahana, it is the only place I know as Home.

I support IIB 1522 and I pray you will too.

Mahalo,

Dezmond Soliven

Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Support of HB 1552, Relating to Public Lands

Testimony from: Sheri Lynn Johnson

Aloha,

**I/WE SUPPORT H. B. NO. 1552, RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS**

What I/WE think: A master plan must be developed and implemented, utilizing mana'o from kupuna to keiki, in addition to other entities who have an interest in the \*AOK, to reflect growth and changes to date. For \*AOK sustainability, the continuation of cultural programs, expansion of the lo'i, restoration (not just maintenance) to the Huilua Fishpond), and planting of fruits/vegetables native to the area, arts/crafts, would provide continued resources for the \*AOK, as well as to provide "cultural hours" for \*AOK residents/lessees, thus enabling na 'ohana to meet requirements.

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Mahalo nui loa,

\*AOK: Ahupua'a o Kahana

DA JOHNSONS

ERIK. SHERRI LYNN, KA'IMINA'AUAO A ME KAMALANI