

**HB 2497,**

**SD1**

**Testimony**

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March 30, 2010

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**TO:** Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair  
*Committee on Ways & Means*

**FROM:** M Kapuniai, President

**RE: HB2497, SD1**  
**RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL**  
**PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS**  
Date/Time: Wednesday, March 31, 2010 9:30a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 211  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

We **SUPPORT** this bill.

The issuance of this revenue bond could serve to:

- 1) Clear Hawaiian Homes trust lands of gorse, an invasive plant covering approximately 13,000 acres at Humu'ula, Hawaii
- 2) Provide jobs for beneficiaries, highly skilled and trainees
- 3) Turn an otherwise non-productive plant into a revenue stream
- 4) Prepare trust lands for beneficiary stewardship

We submit this comment for the record and appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process.

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