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**From:** EBMtestimony  
**Subject:** FW: A bill for an act relating to shark fins

## LATE TESTIMONY

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**From:** Maxime Veilleux [mailto:maximeveilleux@live.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 09, 2010 4:11 PM  
**To:** EBMtestimony  
**Subject:** A bill for an act relating to shark fins

Maxime Veilleux, Undergraduate student at the University of Guelph, Canada

TO: Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business & Military Affairs  
Chairman Angus L.K. McKelvey  
Hearing on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 8am  
MEASURE SB2169, SD2 IN SUPPORT"

Some things are worth more than money.  
Our Ocean is one of them.  
My biggest passion is sharks, so please ensure their survival.  
You have the power to create a beautiful future.

- Sharks are slow growing and have few young, which makes them particularly vulnerable to overfishing.
- Shark finning is a brutal and wasteful fishery in which the fins (less than 5% of the weight of the animal) are removed while the shark is still alive, and the less-valuable rest of the shark is dumped overboard to bleed to death or drown.
- The shark fin itself is made of cartilage and adds no flavor whatsoever to the soup. It only adds texture, and may pose a health hazard because of its high methyl-mercury content.
- Shark finning results in the deaths of as many as 70 million sharks a year, which is unsustainable

Thank you  
Maxime Veilleux

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**From:** EBMtestimony  
**Subject:** FW: Testimony for SB2169 on 3/9/2010 8:00:00 AM

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Testimony for EBM 3/9/2010 8:00:00 AM SB2169

Conference room: 312  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
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Submitted on: 3/9/2010

### Comments:

Chair Rep. Angus L. K. McKelvey  
Vice Chair, Rep. Isaac W. Choy  
Honorable Members of the House  
Committee on Economic Revialization, Business and Military Affairs (EBM)

I support support SB2169 SD2 (ref. prohibition of shark fin harvesting).

Upon perusal of the two Senate Committee reports, I see that there are all testimonies in support of this measure, even one submitted by a surfer who lost part of his leg due to an encounter with a shark in Hawaiian waters.

At least in Hawaiian waters and also in waters managed by DLNR, this practice should be prohibited. It is a waste of sea life resources and a cruel and unusual treatment of what Kanaka Maoli consider a Hanakua.

This measure was introduced in the Senate by Five good and respected Democratic Party Senators. Reports from Sen. Clayton Hee and Sen. Brian Taniguchi attest to the measure's merits.

Though it has a defective effective date of July 1, 2050, it should be considered for a supportive recommendation to the House and the next Committee. It is a serious measure that will make a Conference Committee decision worthwhile. How much is our Hakamua worth? No Aloha without Hawaiians. We were once One.

Aloha no and mahalo for this opportunity to provide written testimony.

Arvid Tadao Youngquist  
I Love Kalihi Valley (ca. 2009)

# LATE TESTIMONY

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Submitted on: 3/9/2010

**Comments:**

My name is Stuart Coleman, and I am a writer, teacher and environmental activist. I strongly support passage of SB2169 because the practice of shark-finning is barbaric, wasteful and disruptive to the marine ecosystem. Shark populations have declined dramatically because of this practice, and some species may go extinct if laws like this are not enacted. Mahalo for your consideration and action on behalf of the sharks and our marine ecosystem.

Aloha, Stuart

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**From:** EBMtestimony  
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## LATE TESTIMONY

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**From:** Presten Foster [mailto:prestenfoster@gmail.com]  
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**To:** EBMtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony

TO: Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business & Military Affairs

Chairman Angus L.K. McKelvey

Hearing on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 8am

MEASURE SB2169, SD2 IN SUPPORT

Aloha,

My name is Presten Foster and I was born and raised in the Hawaiian Islands, but now live in Ellensburg, Washington, and am registered as a full time student at Central Washington University. I have concerns about shark finning and the long term effects it will have on the biodiversity in our oceans. I have a son along with nieces and nephews living in the Hawaiian Islands who are taught in school about the cultural relevance sharks have on the Hawaiian culture and folklore. What kind of message are we sending to our future leaders, doctors and educators if we teach children about their heritage as our ancestors have taught and then turn around and say or even imply that everything they learned and know of about sharks or marine species in general in regards to their culture is a lie? This type of history sounds repetitive in regards to "Native American Indians", where the Indian belief of being caretakers of the land and everything in or on it. I ask you to consider how your future decisions will affect the present generation as well as the generations to come, remember your children live in the same world as mine does.

Mahalo,

Presten Foster