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Subject: Testimony for SB2441 on 3/16/2010 2:15:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/16/2010 2:15:00 PM SB2441

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/16/2010

Comments:

Thanks for hearing SB2441. I support SB2441. If the Hawaiian Monk seal is to survive here on the main Hawaiian islands it is important for this bill to pass so that they may have a chance. As the numbers increase There is a greater danger these innocent animals will be killed by those feeling threatened by dwindeling fish and crustations in our Ocean. Mahalo for your help!
William Snyder

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Testimony for WLO 3/16/2010 2:15:00 PM SB2441

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Comments:
Testimony in SUPPORT of
SB 2441, relating to endangered species

Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for hearing SB2441. My name is David Dinner. I am in strong support of SB 2441 which establishes the crime of intentional or knowing taking of a Hawaiian monk seal as a class C felony.

It is critical that our legislature take action against the three recent seal shootings. The Hawaiian monk seal population is so critically endangered that every intentional killing is a sad loss to the species' recovery. Increased penalties would serve as a deterrent for future killings. It sends a strong message that we will no longer allow this senseless violence against our beloved and endangered seal.

I urge this committee to support SB2441 and show that our legislature is committed to helping in the recovery our critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal, our official state mammal.

Mahalo,

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Comments:
Testimony in SUPPORT of
SB 2441, relating to endangered species

Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for hearing SB2441. My name is Susanne Hancock. I am in strong support of SB 2441 which establishes the crime of intentional or knowing taking of a Hawaiian monk seal as a class C felony.

It is critical that our legislature take action against the three recent seal shootings. The Hawaiian monk seal population is so critically endangered that every intentional killing is a sad loss to the species' recovery. Increased penalties would serve as a deterrent for future killings. It sends a strong message that we will no longer allow this senseless violence against our beloved and endangered seal.

I urge this committee to support SB2441 and show that our legislature is committed to helping in the recovery our critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal, our official state mammal.

Mahalo,

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Kauai Healing Arts Directory: <http://www.kauaihealing.org> • Lightline directory:
http://GoKauai.com/garden/health_wellness.html

Hawaii Health Guide: <http://www.hawaiihealthguide.com> • Inspiration Journal:
<http://www.inspirationjournal.com/contact.html>

Holistic Hawaii Directory: <http://www.holistic-hawaii.com> • <http://therapist.psychologytoday.com/34437>

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 2441, relating to the critically endangered Hawaiian monk seals.

Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for hearing SB 2441. My name is Kim Steutermann Rogers, and I am in strong support of SB 2441, which establishes the crime of intentionally or knowingly taking of a Hawaiian monk seal as a class C felony.

It is critical that our legislature take action against these three recent seal shootings. The Hawaiian monk seal population is so critically endangered that every killing is a real blow to the species' recovery. Increased penalties would serve as a deterrent for future killings. It sends a strong message that we will no longer allow this senseless violence against our beloved and endangered seals. In passing this legislation, you will also help protect the people of Hawaii on our public beaches.

I live in the community of Anahola on Kauai where I volunteer many hours a week for numerous organizations that monitor and protect many of Hawaii's precious endangered species—organizations like the Hawaiian Monk Seal Conservation Hui, Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, ReefCheck, the Marine Mammal Stranding Network and Malama Maha'ulepu.

I would specifically like to address my involvement with the Hawaiian Monk Seals and how the killings of two—or three if you count the near-term fetus that also expired—affected me and my fellow volunteers.

Last year, when the male seal known as "I-19" was found dead and floating in the shoreline on Kauai's west side, I was called to help with the necropsy. Because that case is still under investigation, I won't say much about it, except that as I gazed at the sleek four-and-a-half-year-old marine mammal lying dead on the table, I noted how beautiful he looked. His face came to me in my dreams for several days after that. The day before he was killed, we volunteers had included him in our semi-annual Hawaiian Monk Seal count, and we were hopeful for his future, because he had reached a critical age that bode well for his long-term survival.

We volunteers figured the killing of I-19 was a fluke, an isolated incident that would not happen again. Sadly, we were wrong.

One morning at sunrise, a month later, I headed out to a remote north shore beach. I was hoping to find a female and her newborn pup. A pregnant seal had been spotted on this particular beach the evening before. *She was big*, I was told. But she wasn't there. Later that day, I received another call. A pregnant female—K06, the one I had searched for that morning—had been shot.

Again, I was asked to help with the necropsy. I helped drag K06 from the beach and transport her to a makeshift necropsy station. I helped bagged and tag tissue and organ cultures, as we carved the largest seal I had ever seen into bits and pieces.

We searched her body for a bullet that an x-ray showed was there. We found it just inside the placenta lining—inside her womb alongside a perfectly-formed, three-foot long male pup. But that bullet hadn't impacted the fetus. The pup wasn't killed by a bullet. I held the pup in my hands, as I realized he died of suffocation as his mother's life seeped out of her due to another bullet that blasted in one side of her chest cavity and out the other.

Hawaiian Monk Seals are federally protected species. And, so, we volunteers continually ask why our state and federal government aren't doing more to protect them.

We volunteers wonder about our own safety and when we head out to a beach—and remember Kauai has many remote beaches—we wonder whether we will meet harm.

We volunteers are frustrated when we see seals harassed—by dogs roaming unleashed on the beach, by snorkelers in the water—because we see our warnings go unheeded. Unheeded because people are either a) uneducated about these endangered animals; or b) feel no repercussions will come to them, because, hey, even an admitted killer of a Hawaiian monk seal got off with what we volunteers see as a very light sentence.

Our endangered species make Hawaii special. Visitors come from around the world to see our native birds, our endemic marine life and rare plants. Please help preserve our host culture and our livelihood by passing SB 2441. Please do the right thing.

I urge this committee to support SB 2441 and show that our legislature is committed to helping in the recovery of our critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal, our official state mammal.

Mahalo,
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Submitted on: 3/16/2010

Comments:

Please give this incredibly rare and highly endangered animal the highest level of protection that the state of Hawaii can infer. Pass this bill to protect the Monk Seal. Thank you.

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From: Beryl Blaich [blaich@aloha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 10:43 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 2441, relating to endangered species

Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for hearing SB2441. I am Beryl Blaich. I reside in Kilauea on Kauai, and I am in strong support of SB 2441 which establishes the crime of intentional or knowing taking of a Hawaiian monk seal as a class C felony.

I work with non profit Malama Maha`ulepu which focuses on preservation of a special, undeveloped coastal area here on the southeast side of Kauai. Five monk seal pups have been born at beaches at Maha`ulepu since 2001. I have witness the dedication of the monk seal volunteers, the vulnerability of the seals and the effectiveness of NOAA's effort to protect and to learn about this amazing, so endangered seal.

It takes so many people hours to give a seal a good start, to monitor how they are doing, to remove hooks, to do research, and to educate all of us. And then, in an instant, a seal can be killed. When that is unintentional, it is one thing. But when it is done intentionally, such action is a crime. It does warrant more than the minimal penalties.

Please enact the legislation to make intentional taking of a Hawaiian monk seal a class C felony.

Thank you,
Beryl Blaich

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Subject: in support of SB 2441

March 16, 2010

Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 2441, relating to endangered species

To: Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito, and Judiciary Committee Members:

My name is Wendy Raebeck. I'm in strong **support** of SB 2441, making the crime of intentionally harming or killing a Hawaiian monk seal a class C felony.

The horrific recent monk seal shootings demand that we take action against further threats to these few remaining creatures that only WE Hawaiians can protect. Increased penalties would send the clear message that we will no longer allow violence against seals, and would also establish greater commitment to protecting all our natural surroundings. As we move into the 21st century and human populations grow, we're going to have to more zealously safeguard the creatures, the land, and the water. Every measure to this effect helps educate both adults and children about the value and rights of the non-human world that thrills and sustains us.

PLEASE SUPPORT SB2441. Show that our legislature is committed to protecting the magnificent monk seal, our official state mammal.

Thank you!

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Subject: SB 2441

**estimony in SUPPORT of
SB 2441, relating to endangered species**

Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for hearing SB2441. My name is _____. I am in strong **support** of SB 2441 which establishes the crime of intentional or knowing taking of a Hawaiian monk seal as a class C felony.

It is critical that our legislature take action against the three recent seal shootings. The Hawaiian monk seal population is so critically endangered that every intentional killing is a sad loss to the species' recovery. Increased penalties would serve as a deterrent for future killings. It sends a strong message that we will no longer allow this senseless violence against our beloved and endangered seal.

I urge this committee to support SB2441 and show that our legislature is committed to helping in the recovery our critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal, our official state mammal.

Mahalo,

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Submitted on: 3/16/2010

Comments:

The Hawaiian Monk Seal is one of two animals endemic to Hawaii, the other being the Hawaiian bat. Both creatures have been in the Hawaiian archipelago long before the first human settlers. Now, our Monk Seals are critically endangered largely due to human activity, including intentionally harming or killing.

We, the undersigned, are on the front lines daily on the Eastside of Kauai, from Aliomanu on the near north shore to Nukolii on the south end of the east shore. In this length of coast line, we search for hauled-up seals, respond to calls from the Hotline, put up protection zones of signs and ropes, offer education to visitors and Islanders alike, Occasionally we deal with people who do not respect the seals.

Islanders know so very little about their seal because the seals are fairly recent arrivals to the main Islands. Many of them cherish the seals, appreciate their presence, and cannot understand the penalty was so light for the man who killed a full term, pregnant female Monk Seal last year. Also, many voice, "why is not more being done for their protection?" Many visitors keep up with news of Kauai on-line, and express astonishment disgust about the killings and the sentence.

Our Monk Seals are living fossils and a part of the circle of life in our Hawaiian Islands. Please do your part to ensure the circle is unbroken for future generations.

Mahalo nui loa,

Lloyd and Mary Frances Miyashiro, Kapaa, Hawaii

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Subject: testing

Please increase the punishment for those killing monk seals. Our family likes to walk out to the end of Kaena Pt. to view monk seals in a quiet way, and we consider them a precious asset to our Hawaii. We want our grandchildren to continue enjoying the beauty of monk seals and how they persuade us to be aware of the aina.

Regards,
Sara Drost

From: Arnold Nurock [anurock@aloha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 12:53 PM
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Subject: Support of SB 2441 Protect Endangered Monk Seals

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Time: 2:15 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 325

**Testimony in SUPPORT of
SB 2441, relating to endangered species**

Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for hearing SB2441. My name is Arnold B. Nurock, M.D.. I am in strong **support** of SB 2441 which establishes the crime of intentional or knowing taking of a Hawaiian monk seal as a class C felony.

It is critical that our legislature take action against the three recent seal shootings. The Hawaiian monk seal population is so critically endangered that every intentional killing is a sad loss to the species' recovery. Increased penalties would serve as a deterrent for future killings. It sends a strong message that we will no longer allow this senseless violence against our beloved and endangered seal.

I urge this committee to support SB2441 and show that our legislature is committed to helping in the recovery our critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal, our official state mammal.

Mahalo,

___Arnold B. Nurock, M.D.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2010

Comments:
Testimony in SUPPORT of
SB 2441, relating to endangered species

Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for hearing SB2441. My name is Susan Scott. I am in strong support of SB 2441 which establishes the crime of intentional or knowing taking of a Hawaiian monk seal as a class C felony.

It is critical that our legislature take action against the three recent seal shootings. The Hawaiian monk seal population is so critically endangered that every intentional killing is a sad loss to the species, recovery. Increased penalties would serve as a deterrent for future killings. It sends a strong message that we will no longer allow this senseless violence against our beloved and endangered seal.

I urge this committee to support SB2441 and show that our legislature is committed to helping in the recovery our critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal, our official state mammal.

MAHALO!

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Time: 2:15 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 325

**Testimony in SUPPORT of
SB 2441, relating to endangered species**

Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for hearing SB2441. My name is Kathleen Cooney

I am in strong **support** of SB 2441 which establishes the crime of intentional or knowing taking of a Hawaiian monk seal as a class C felony.

It is critical that our legislature take action against the three recent seal shootings. The Hawaiian monk seal population is so critically endangered that every intentional killing is a sad loss to the species' recovery. Increased penalties would serve as a deterrent for future killings. It sends a strong message that we will no longer allow this senseless violence against our beloved and endangered seal.

I urge this committee to support SB2441 and show that our legislature is committed to helping in the recovery our critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal, our official state mammal.

Mahalo,

Kathy Cooney
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COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Time: 2:15pm

Location: State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2441, relating to endangered species

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Har, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this extremely important matter regarding the increased protection of the Hawaiian monk seal. I am in strong support of SB 2441 which establishes the crime of intentional or knowing taking of a Hawaiian monk seal as a class C felony.

My name is Kim Gropper. I am student in the masters of social work program at University of Hawaii at Manoa. My undergraduate degree was in environmental biology. I continue to have a passion for the protection of our environment and the species living here. I have been a resident of the Hawaiian islands for ten years. I have lived on Kauai, Big Island, and now am a resident of Oahu. I have had the extreme privilege of witnessing Hawaiian monk seals on the beaches of Kauai and Big Island. This experience is one that I treasure deeply in my heart. They are a majestic site to behold.

I was outraged and deeply saddened to hear that three adult seals and one unborn baby seal were killed in the past year. It is hard to imagine that a person could commit such an act. However, there are people living on our islands that lack the respect, knowledge, and ability to make appropriate choices. Unfortunately, the Hawaiian monk seal cannot be here to speak out for itself and its species. Thus, we as humans living in Hawaii must take a stand. It is my hope that an increased level of punishment for harming the seal will further deter people from this terrible act.

The time for action on this issue is now. We must not wait until it is too late and another important species is lost forever. The Hawaiian monk seal population is already critically endangered. Let's not allow their decline to go any further. Instead, we must immediately stand up as people who care for the land, ocean, and creatures of Hawaii and put a stop to senseless violence against the Hawaiian monk seal.

Again, I ask the committee to support SB2441 and protect the critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal by showing people that violence against the seal will not be tolerated any longer.